

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

April 30 & May 1, 2016

Welcome to this sacred time of praising and praying together; of singing, speaking and listening together; of being strengthened together in faith, for service. Amen. Please introduce yourself to **Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers**, and complete the information in the Rite of Fellowship pad located on the pew. **Large print services** and **assistive listening devices** are available from the ushers or at the Welcome Center. For **Pastoral Care** please call **Pastor Allison** or **Pastor Akers** at the church or at home. A



Sitting Room [in the east wing] and a **Nursery** [in the west wing] are available for infants through age three during each worship service. **If little ones become restless during the service and are disturbing other worshipers, please take them out of the service until they have settled down. Thank you!** "The Lutheran Hour" can be heard every

Sunday at 8:00 AM on WIOU 1350 AM, sponsored by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER / REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL 705 SOUTHWAY BOULEVARD EAST, KOKOMO, INDIANA 46902	
Church Phone: 453-0969 Church Fax Number: 864-6470 Rev. William Allison, Pastor Rev. Barry Akers, Associate Pastor Jonathan Guse, DCE Ruth Lavrenz, RLS Principal	School Phone: 864-6466 E-Mail: LCOR@Redeemerkokomo.org Home Phone: 457-0346 Home Phone: 457-5539 Church: http://lcorkokomo.org/ RLS: http://redeemerlutherschoolkokomo.org/
SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS] SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM	

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS & MUSIC

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller	
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary Stewards			Anna Gaunt Susie Yeakley

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION / MUSIC

Saturday-5:30 PM - 95 / Sunday-8:15 AM - 110 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 145 = 350

Prelude - "Christ is Our Cornerstone" - arr. Callahan / Choir - "God Be In My Head" - John Rutter / "From the Day You Were Born" - Nagy / Offertory - "Jesus, Lead Thou On" - arr. Paul Manz / Postlude - "The Son of God Goes Forth" - arr. Gordon Young

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Timothy Guse, Mike & Tracy Spinner, John Goshinska, Betty Cowgill, Rob Reason, Lori Seaman, Kristen Cain, Susan Hermes, Holly Lamb, Dick Dunkin, Darlene Foesch, Kori Wood, Heather Hartman, Jack Garner, Pam Richardson, and Marilou Reason.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - LEE VANDRE

Lee Vandre is this week's honored shut-in.

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The congregation is invited to help celebrate **Shirley Heinzman's 80th birthday** on **Saturday May 7th, 2016** from **1- 4 PM** at Walnut Creek Banquet Hall on Colter Drive.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION - YOU'RE INVITED

*In honor of **John Wasmuth's** confirmation, please join **Pastor Wasmuth and Family** for an Open House celebration in Mission Hall on **Sunday, May 1st** from **2 - 4 PM.***

✠ 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 2016 ✠

During **this Sunday's 10:45 AM** service, we welcome as communicant members by the Rite of Confirmation the following young souls: **Brooke Amsbury, Kendall Dunkin, Garrett Engelder, Rebecca Foesch, Matthew Harrison, Tate Hubbert, Maya James, Michael Kline, Michael Kosberg, Grace Kuhlman, Ruth Martin, Brianna Newby, John Wasmuth.**

CONFIRMATION BOOKLET / GIFT

The congregation will present our confirmands with a wooden figurine of Jesus with their name and confirmation verse engraved on a golden plate. If you would like to learn more about the Rite of Confirmation, please pick up a booklet in the Narthex. These booklets will be especially meaningful to our confirmands, their families and sponsors.

THANK YOU!

Many people added their loving touch to confirmation this year. Thank you to all of the women in the church who served as "Secret Pals"; ladies who made the red stoles; those who planned, setup and served the confirmation banquet on Witness Night; and to Roger Davis for taking confirmation pictures. Well done good and faithful servants!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are a gift from the 2016 8th Grade Confirmation Class. The confirmands' floral offering is given to glorify God for sending the gift of His Spirit, and in gratitude to their Lord to Whom they pledge allegiance this day.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES / SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:30 AM

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS GOD-CONNECTS

We have formed a new adult membership class featuring a new video-based curriculum called God-Connects developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This course will teach the foundations of the Christian faith for the person who has never heard it, or for anyone who wants to review it. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. If you know someone who may be interested in attending, please consider inviting him or her. This new class will be team taught by Pastor Allison, Pastor Akers, and Jonathan Guse. We will meet in the Resource Room of Redeemer Lutheran School.

NOT A FAN

Are you a fan or a follower? This class, based on Kyle Idleman's book with the same name, challenges you to consider what it really means to call yourself a Christian. Take an honest look at your relationship with Jesus. This new class will be team taught by Pastor Akers and Jonathan Guse. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

LIVING BEYOND YOURSELF - EXPLORING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

This Beth Moore study looks at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself. This Bible study geared for the women of the church is led by Ginny Hingst, Renee Young, and Tracy Brandenburg. It continues to meet in Mission Hall. This week the ladies are discussing Week 8 - DVD.

FAITHWEAVER NOW: PRE-K & K

All Toddlers through Kindergarten-aged children are invited to join Mrs. Melanie Waggoner in the Preschool room across from the Nursery.

FAITHWEAVER NOW: ELEMENTARY

Students in grades 1-4 are welcome to join Mrs. Ashley Schneider in the 3rd/4th grade classroom to experience the Word of God.

FIRM FOUNDATION: MIDDLE SCHOOL

All 5th-7th grade students are invited to join Mr. John Hubbert in the 7th/8th grade classroom as we continue to look at the Bible as one big narrative (story). The Bible is the greatest story ever told and you are invited to take part in it! For all students looking toward 8th grade Confirmation, this is the place to start!

STRONG TOWER: HIGH SCHOOL

Join Mr. Kyle Street and Mr. Brent Seaman during the Bible Study hour in the youth room upstairs for a closer look at the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

MAY BOARD / OFFICER MEETINGS

Board of Christian Outreach – Sunday – May 1 – 12:00 PM – Church Library
Board of Property – Monday – May 2 – 7:00 PM – Sitting Room
Board of RLS – Wednesday – May 4 – 5:30 PM – School Conference Room
Board of Deacons – Wednesday – May 4 – 5:30 PM – Mission Hall
Church Council – Wednesday – May 11 – 6:00 PM – Church Library
Voters' Assembly – Wednesday – May 18 – 7:00 PM – Mission Hall

RESCUE MISSION BIRTHDAY PARTY GIFTS

Redeemer will be providing gifts again this year for the Rescue Mission Birthday party that will be held in June 2016. This is something we have been doing every other year. We need to start collecting items for the gifts now. We have been requested to provide 100 gifts for women and 110 for men. This year, instead of collecting a different item each month, we are asking that you take a bag and fill it with the items to be included in each gift. Please see the display and instructions on the table in the Narthex or call Cindy Sewell if you have any questions. Our congregation has always been very generous, so "thank you" in advance.

BRAVE BY RLS - PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

ARTWORK:

The artwork in the narthex is student art work from our preschool through eighth grade students. This past Friday evening, we had our first annual Fine Arts Festival. We wanted to share their talents with you as well.

RUMMAGE SALE:

The rummage sale is coming up on **Saturday, May 7**. Don't forget to stop in and see what kinds of "treasures" you might find! All proceeds go to help our 7/8 grade pay for their class trip to Cincinnati.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:

This next week we celebrate teacher appreciation week. We appreciate our teachers here at Redeemer Lutheran School. Thank you for all of your hard work and your passion for our students, Mrs. Combs, Mrs. Waggoner, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Allison, Miss Claucherty, Mrs. Grecu, Mrs. Dunkin, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Gaunt, Mrs. Anders, Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Guse. We are so blessed to have you on our team!

VOTERS' MEETING:

At our special Voters' meeting this past Monday evening, the Voters extended calls to **Erin Ponder** from LaPorte, IN., to teach PE and be our athletic director. We also extended a call to **Alicia Wilkie** to serve as our third grade teacher. Alicia is from Del Ray Beach, FL. Please keep these teachers in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

END OF YEAR COUNTDOWN:

It is hard to believe that we are on the final leg of this school year. We will end the school year on Thursday, May 26. On Sunday, May 29, we will have 8th grade graduation at the 8:15 AM service. This year we will graduate ten students.

YOUTH CENTRAL

BUBBLE SOCCER!!!

All 8th-12th grade students are invited to join us on **June 26th** for Bubble Soccer at **Darrough Chapel Park!** This event will take place from **3-7 pm** and the cost is **\$10!** **You must sign up for this event!** When you sign up, there is a link to a waiver that must be turned in as well! Please turn that into Jonathan Guse! Parents are welcome to come as well! There will be a cookout while everyone is playing! If you have any questions, please see **Jonathan Guse**. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/zfhm2lu> to sign-up today or follow this QR code!



☺ **Walk your child through the service before it starts.** Look over the bulletin; point out what will be happening and how your child can participate. This may mean teaching him a refrain of a responsive reading or teaching him a phrase from a hymn or chorus and asking him to listen for it. You may want to pray with your child before the service starts.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	9:00 AM	Spring Landscape Day	Outside
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Classes	RLS Resource Room / Mission Hall / Fellowship Hall
	9:30 AM	Elementary / Jr. High - High Sunday School	RLS / Youth Rooms
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship / 8 th Grade Confirmation	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Board of Christian Outreach	Church Library
	2:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	2:30 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	7:00 PM	Board of Property	Sitting Room
Tues.	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	1 & 6:30 PM	Diabetes Class	Church Library
	5:30 PM	Board of Deacons	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Board of RLS	School Conference Room
	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Fri.	3:00 PM	RLS Rummage Sale Setup	Fellowship Hall
Sat.	8 AM - 2 PM	RLS Rummage Sale	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Peter Anders - May 9
Shirley Heinzman - May 12
Carlyn Laubenstein - May 14
Ellen Benziger - May 16
Rosemary Griffis - May 17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT OUR REDEEMER - JUNE 12 - 16, 2016 / 6:00 - 8:30 PM

VBS is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars for **June 12-16, 2016**, from **6:00-8:30 pm**. Children aged 3-5th grade (as of this past school year) are welcome to attend as participants, while children who have finished 6th grade-adults are needed as station leaders, station helpers, and crew leaders. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you are willing to help with VBS in any capacity, you may also sign up at the Welcome Center. We hope to see you there! We are going to be offering VBS shirts this year for a suggested donation of \$5.00. Please indicate your child's size on his/her registration form. In order for your child to have a 2016 VBS shirt, we need to have his/her registration form and shirt size **no later than Wednesday, May 4th, 2016**, in order to have the shirts back in time for VBS. Questions? Contact Kaila Claucherty at kaila.claucherty@yahoo.com.

2016 GRADUATES

COLLEGE GRADUATES

PURDUE UNIVERSITY - MAY 14

*Jake Wiechmann - Degree in Agriculture Systems Management
Sarah Frey - Degree in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences
Jenna Lubben - Degree in Tourism and Hospitality*

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY - ST. LOUIS, MO - MAY 13

*Mark Simon - Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology
Minor in Forensic Science*

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY - LONG ISLAND, NY - MAY 15

Andrea Simon - Master of Arts in Forensic Linguistics

HIGH SCHOOL / 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL - GRADUATION DATE - JUNE 5, 2016

*Emily Baird
Emily Harvath*

HAMILTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL - GRADUATION DATE - JUNE 4, 2016

Sarah Sipe

KOKOMO HIGH SCHOOL - GRADUATION DATE - JUNE 3, 2016

Kirsten Frey

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 4, 2016

*Michelle Hunkeler
Miranda Rood
Dillon Waggoner*

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 3, 2016

*Jason Barton
Brandon Connerton*

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL - JUNE 3, 2016

*Stephanie Benziger
Sara Cleary
Avery Hill
Clairanne Lechner
Abby Renken
Paige Schneider
Stephen Schneider
Cali Shepherd*

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL - MAY 29, 2016

*Karlie Burkhart
Abigail Carmen
Jacob Cunningham
Kendall Dunkin
Garrett Engelder
Grace Kuhlman
Ruth Martin
Dylan Maynard
David Price
John Wasmuth*

PASTOR ALLISON'S TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE CLASS WILL NOW MEET WEEKLY AT 10:00 AM IN MISSION HALL. THEY ARE STUDYING THE BOOK OF ACTS.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Acts 16:9 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." God does all the saving of the Macedonians - but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?



4051 S. Lafountain Street - Kokomo

**HALF MOON
GIVE-BACK DAY**

Monday, May 16, 2016

Benefits Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer's National Youth Gathering Participants.

Half Moon will generously donate 10% of the entire day's proceeds to support students attending N.Y.G. in July.

(Includes gift card purchases!)

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Beef Up the Mission!



How do you find the meat to prepare 120,000 meals each year? At local 4H auctions! Meet us at any nearby 4H livestock auction this summer and help us 'Beef Up the Mission'! All meat we receive from the auctions will help us feed those we serve in our dining room. We depend on this meat to get us through the fall and winter months when food donations are down. You can help us by purchasing a steer/hog at one of the auctions, or donate \$\$ to go towards a purchase, or you may donate the cost of the processing of the animal. It all adds up! It's a great way to help those who are hungry in our community.

Thank you for caring about the homeless, hungry, and hurting in our community!

5th Sunday Focus 'UNDY Sunday' May 29th

Help those less fortunate students get ready for the next school year by donating any school age size undergarments. These garments include; socks, t-shirts, panties/underwear, boxers and briefs. Remember, some school age children wear adult sizes. Undergarments are often the last items a family buys. They can be expensive to a family who is already struggling to keep afloat financially. You may drop off items at our main entrance 321 W. Mulberry St.

Text **INVEST** to **55678** for special coupons and promotions for our Care&Share store.

Changes in the Assistance Program.

Beginning April 4, changes were made in our Assistance Programs. For those who come for help with clothing, food pantry and household items all the qualifications for assistance will be at the main office at 321 W. Mulberry Street. The changes are being made to better assist those who come for help and to have more opportunities to minister to their physical and

spiritual needs.
Assistance Hours:
Mon to Thurs 9:30 AM - 2 PM, Fri by appointment only.



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Offer Excludes: Furniture, New Items, & Appliances

Expiration Date: 07/30/2016

