

# THE REDEEMER REPORTER - JUNE, 2018

## 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASS



*Date of Confirmation: 4-29-18*  
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 Carly Wages, Karson Lechner  
**[Top Row L - R]**  
 Hunter Rood, Pastor Allison,  
 Pastor Akers, David Hawk



## MISSION POSSIBLE SERVANT EVENT JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup>

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is hosting high school youth and their adult counselors for Mission Possible XIII, our youth servant event. This year's theme is "Heart of a Servant." The pool of participants will be smaller this summer, but there are still many ways that you can assist. Talk to Jill Lowden or Pastor Akers if you would like more information.

**"THE ARMOR OF GOD" BY PRISCILLA SHIRER**  
*"The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer Ladies Bible Study will meet Tuesday evenings in Mission Hall at 6:30 PM, starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. Renee Young will facilitate. Contact Renee Young or the church office if interested so we can order enough books.*

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"REDEEMER REPORTER" DEADLINE IS THE  
 SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
 PLEASE CONTACT BEV BEAHR'S AT THE  
 CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE  
 INFORMATION.

### LCOR / RLS ROOM CHART

<b>MH</b>	Mission Hall	<b>Misc.</b>	Miscellaneous Rooms
<b>FH</b>	Fellowship Hal	<b>S</b>	Sanctuary
<b>CL</b>	Church Library	<b>SCR</b>	School Conference Room
<b>CR</b>	Choir Room	<b>SR</b>	Sitting Room
<b>AER</b>	Adult Ed Room	<b>PRA</b>	Per Room Availability

## PASTOR AKERS JUNE MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

### *Some Survive*

*Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Psalm 124:4-5*

My son, Ben, and his family have been assigned to vicarage (internship) at St. John Lutheran Church in Orchard Park, NY, a suburb of Buffalo. They will live about 45 minutes away from Niagara Falls. That, along with the verse from Psalm 124 got me thinking.

In 2003 Kirk Jones survived going over Niagara Falls without a protective device. In June of last year, Jones' body was found in the Niagara River. Police say that he died after apparently trying the stunt again in an inflatable ball.

Police reports say there have been three kinds of people who have gone over the falls without protection and lived. Let's see, in 2009 there was a 30-year-old fellow from Ontario who failed at committing suicide. Then, in 2003, Jones went over the edge as part of a stunt. Finally, there was a seven-year-old boy whose boat had capsized.

The truth be told, there are not three types of survivors. There's only one kind of survivor. All of these survivors are people whose time on this earth is not yet over. You might call it incredible luck. But I'd rather say it was God's intervening hand.

Have you ever been to Niagara Falls? What are the odds on surviving a fall over the falls? Pretty slim, I'm guessing. Of course, the odds on going over the falls and living

are infinitely better than expecting to get into heaven without Jesus as your Savior. We've already seen that some people, for whatever reason, manage to make it over and through a drop over Niagara. But there is nobody who is going to get into heaven without the Savior's blood-bought forgiveness.

This leads me to two questions:

1. Why would anyone in the Christian church not throw a rope to someone who was spiritually adrift, being swept along to certain disaster? It ought to be as unthinkable as withholding a life rope from a person who is about to be swept over Niagara's precipice.

2. And the second question?

Why would anyone not take hold of and desperately cling to the Savior?

I can only think of one answer to that question: the person doesn't think he is in any kind of danger. He doesn't understand the imperative of holding fast to the Christ.

Well, I guess we don't have to understand why people don't want the Savior. Understanding is not our job. Our job is to keep calling out a warning ... and tossing out the lifeline provided by the Savior. Who knows? Maybe someday they'll grab hold.

In Christ,

*Pastor Barry Akers*



**ONLINE CALENDAR**

<http://www.lcorkokomo.org/fpcal.php>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUNE SENIORS



**ED GULLION**  
*June 1*



**JOYCE IRISH**  
*June 1*



**CAROL NORDMAN**  
*June 3*



**MARY TETER**  
*June 3*



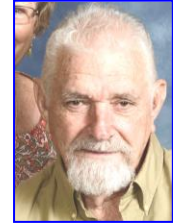
**RUTH ALLISON**  
*June 4*



**JANE KINCAID**  
*June 5*



**SKY TOWNSEND**  
*June 5*



**BILL SPOON**  
*June 6*



**PASTOR JIM WASMUTH**  
*June 6*



**WALLY FAHLING**  
*June 7*



**BOB HOCH**  
*June 8*



**GENE MILLER**  
*June 15*



**PAUL BASTAICH**  
*June 16*



**FLORENCE MOELLER**  
*June 17*



**DICK ARDREY**  
*June 18*



**DEL LUECKE**  
*June 19*



**JESSIE HORNSTEIN**  
*June 22*



**JIM LEMKE**  
*June 23*



**DICK KELLER**  
*June 25*



**OTIS PORTER**  
*June 30*

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 / 6:00 - 8:30 PM

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## **SHIPWRECKED VBS: RESCUED BY JESUS**

Join us **July 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 pm**. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Sign up in the narthex or go to:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/lcor>.

## ***CHURCH LIBRARY FEATURED BOOKS FOR JUNE***

***The Magnolia Story*** by Chip and Joanna Gaines. Get to know the stars of HGTV's *Fixer Upper* up close and personal. This wholesome couple shares how they met, their first project and everything that followed.

***Play the Man*** by Mark Batterson. In this inspiring call to something greater; Mark Batterson helps men understand what it means to be a man of God by unveiling seven virtues of manhood. Mark shares inspiring stories of manhood, including the true story of the hero and martyr Polycarp, who first heard the voice from heaven say, "Play the man." Mark couples those stories with practical ideas about how to disciple the next generation of men who will put God first, family second, and career third.





**THANK YOU FROM  
PASTOR PETER & MELISSA ADELSEN**

*O LORD, I love the habitation | of your  
house, and the place where your | glory  
dwells. – Psalm 26:8*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for 100 years in Kokomo is such a blessing.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer has had a profound impact on me, the city of Kokomo and its surrounding community throughout those years and there are more great years to come!

I was honored to preach on Mother's Day weekend. Melissa and I enjoyed being back home again in Indiana and seeing familiar faces. This congregation is blessed to have two amazing pastors, who care for their flock: Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers. I am thankful for the warm welcome we both received at all three services. We are thankful for all the support and prayers the congregation has asked God on our behalf.

We are also thankful for all the support we received from this amazing congregation during my years at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. This congregation is certainly a blessing to the wider Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in its support of its seminaries and colleges.

As a member of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, I met my wife Melissa and now we find ourselves in Minnesota serving our Lord and Savior. I have been blessed by God to serve in team ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, Minnesota.

Thanks again for your prayers and support and may God continually grow His flock at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer!

Let us pray: Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Christ,

*Pastor Peter Adelsen and Melissa Adelsen*

**ATTENTION GOLFERS:**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual LLL Golf Tournament will be held on **June 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Arbor Trace Golf Club in Marion. Our profits from this event will again be used to offset our Mission Possible costs. Teams are currently being formed, so consider joining us. Information is available at the Welcome Center. Or, please contact either, **Wally Fahling, Jim Lemke** or **Vivian Heronemus** for more information.

## RLS 7 & 8 GRADE CLASS TRIP ADVENTURES by Mrs. Tucker

Dear members of Redeemer,

Another class trip for our seventh and eighth graders has come and gone. If it were not for you and your support, these trips would not be possible. So it is only right and proper to offer our thanks and gratitude to you for your prayers, donations to our rummage sales, and monetary support at dinners and other fund raising activities. These events would not happen without you.

I thought I'd share a little of the events of May 16-19 with you. Day one saw us leaving school at 7:00 A.M. and heading to Cincinnati. We spent the day at Newport on the Levee- the Aquarium, a private encounter with Simon, the penguin, a mile over the Ohio River and back on foot on the Purple People Bridge, dinner and games at Gameworks, off to our hotel, swimming in the pool, devotions at 10 P.M. and off to bed. Thursday we went to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center for most of the day, then we changed and got "dressed up" and had dinner at Buca di Beppo's and then to the Cincinnati Theater to see *Treasure Island*

performed by off-Broadway actors. That was cool! Back to the hotel at 11, devotions, and off to bed. Friday we went to the Creation Museum for part of the day, the Cincinnati Art Museum to see the Terra Cotta Warriors from China, and then to the Reds-Cubs baseball game. We had to leave before the game started due to the rain delays, so we went back and swam in the pool and then headed to bed. Saturday we spent the day at King's Island dodging the rain and then home to Kokomo.

So again, thanks to you and to our parents and teachers for making this trip possible. We had a great time-it was worth all the work and folding of clothes!!

Sincerely,

The classes of 2018/2019

Sam, Savannah, L.J., David, Reagan, Katie, Selia, Jensyn, Conner, Grace, and Gavyn

(Mrs. Miller, Miss Lavrenz, and Mrs. Tucker, too)



	<b>JUNE 2018 SCHEDULES</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SUN.</b>	<b>SUN.</b>
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
2 & 3	<b>NOT AVAILABLE</b>		
9 & 10	<b>AT PRINTING OF</b>		
16 & 17	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>		
23 & 24			
<b>DEACONS</b>	Larry Sullivan	Tim Brubaker	Terry Gotshall
		Mark Pearson	Chris James
<b>USHERS</b>	Larry Sullivan	Tim Brubaker	Jim Heinzman
	Ken Irwin	David Baird	Dick Ardrey
	Greg Sullivan	Dick Keller	Kyle Bedwell
		Mark Pearson	Todd Brandenburg
		Dave Takacs	Roger Davis
		Curt Welke	Dave Gaylor
		Mitch Yeakley	David Kirubakaran
		Skip Youngdale	Tom Stout
<b>GREETERS</b>	Volunteer Needed	Dave & Diane Turner	Bill Tucker

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TELLERS</b>	
4	Ellen Benziger, Nancy Trout, Ross Morkal	
11	Vivian Heronemus, Betty Fahling, Sharon Morkal	
18	Teddi Heinzman, Joanne Kraase, Mary Quinn	
25	Marla Gilbert, Marjie Sullivan, Cindy Galford	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>SANCTUARY STEWARDS</b>	<b>COLOR</b>
3	Ellen Benziger & Teddi Heinzman	Green
10	Kitty Davis & Caroline Howard	Green
17	Debby Durr & Amy Shrack	Green
24	Anna Gaunt & Jane Sipe	Green