



**NATURAL EVANGELISM - IMPROVE YOUR SERVE TOGETHER**

**September 16 & September 17, 2017**

**Welcome to worship!** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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. Please note that the **deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesdays by noon.** Thank you.

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**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS]  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

	<u>SAT. 5:30</u>	<u>SUN. 8:15</u>	<u>SUN. 10:45</u>
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor Akers	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
<b>Organist</b>	Juanita Martin-Davis	Juanita Martin-Davis	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Volunteer Needed	Daniel	Megan Madison
<b>Sanctuary Stewards</b>			Ellen Benziger Teddi Heinzman

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - BUDGET INFORMATION**

Saturday-5:30 PM - 56 / Sunday - 8:15 AM -96 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 253 = 405

**CHRISTIAN LOVE, SYMPATHY, PRAYER AND SUPPORT**

Our Christian love, sympathy, prayer and support go to two families at the loss of loved ones this past week. **Ginny & Bill Hingst and Family** at the death of Ginny's father, **Howard Caldwell** in Indianapolis. Also to **Florence Moeller, Barb Moeller, Mary Moeller and Family** at the passing of their husband, father, and our brother in Christ, **Dick Moeller**.

**HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTIONS**

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is joining in the relief efforts for those effected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. **Through the month of September**, door offerings will be collected at the end of each service. Please make checks payable to **Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer**. **Last weekend's collection was \$1222.30.** Thank you for your generosity in helping others.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY DURING DICK MOELLER'S FUNERAL SO THE CHURCH STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.**

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**PASTORS OUT OF TOWN**

Pastor Allison and Pastor Akers will be out of the office **this Tuesday**, attending a Pastors' Conference in Logansport.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Two families are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend. **Ralph & Lois Grotrian**, by God's grace, were privileged to celebrate **65 years of marriage on September 7<sup>th</sup>**, and are thankful for the support and help from this congregation and their wonderful family members. Flowers are also given by **Ruth Luecke, Kyle & Debbie Street, Dave & Evelyn Baird** and their **children** in loving memory of their husband, father and grandfather, **Woody Luecke** in honor of his **September 16<sup>th</sup> birthday**.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT**

We remember **Mary Bastaich, Cena B, Mike Bridegroom, Caryl Lamb, Sharon Harruff, Will C, Doris Temme, Robert Molkentine, Ralph Grotrian, Jayne Frey, Nancy Jones, Heather Hartman, Nancy Philips and Delia Overia.**

**SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - BILL SPOON**

**Bill Spoon** is this week's honored shut-in.

**HOLY BAPTISM**

During Sunday's 10:45 AM service, **Cooper Ross Creason**, son of **Nathan Creason** and **Tiffany [Todd] Creason** will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - THIS WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM**

Voters' Assembly meets **this Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in Mission Hall. All communicant members, age 18 and over are eligible and encouraged to attend.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK! - 9:30 AM ON SUNDAY - WELCOME TO ALL!**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TEACHER[S]</b>
2's and under w/parents	Church Nursery	Jonathan & Breanna Guse
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	RLS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Sharon Mugg
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades	RLS 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Stephanie Gross
<b><i>Today in Sunday School, we study "Elijah Is Taken to Heaven." Elijah, like Enoch before him, was taken into heaven alive. Jesus, who is our great Elijah, ascended alive into heaven for us and our salvation. You might discuss, "Why was Elisha concerned about Elijah's departure from earth? In what way was Jesus' ascension into heaven different from Elijah's?"</i></b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	RLS 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room	Pastor Allison
High School	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Zack Conner
<b><i>The High School youth begin a new discussion over the series, "Can I Ask That"? 8 Hard Questions about God and Faith. This week's topic is "Can I Trust the Bible".</i></b>		
Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall	Pastor Akers

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### **BUDDY BAG PACKING TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 25**

Redeemer volunteers will be packing Buddy Bags for Kokomo Urban Outreach again this school year. We pack weekend food bags for Pettit Park, Elwood Haynes, Darrough Chapel and Sycamore schools. Our first packing date is **Monday, September 25** at **5:30 pm**. The address of the warehouse is **720 N. Webster**. All are welcome! Contact **Cindy Sewell** for questions or directions.

***DUE TO MONDAY'S FUNERAL, HANDS OF LOVE FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 IS CANCELLED!***

### **LADIES' KOINONIA CONTINUES THURSDAYS**

Ladies Koinonia meets **Thursdays** at **9:30 AM** with Pastor Akers in Mission Hall, with the topic "**Quiet Heroes of the Faith.**" In a time of great challenge, Quiet Heroes of the Faith highlights men and women in the Bible who overcame extraordinary difficulties. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people - people like you - to do His extraordinary work. These lessons will introduce you to the cultural setting and life story of a biblical character, examine the joys and challenges that person faced, and show how God forgave, sustained, and empowered that person to serve Him. Concluding activities will lead you in reviewing God's blessings in your own life.

### **PASTOR ALLISON'S WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY START UP DATES**

***Tuesday Evening Bible Study begins on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7 PM in Mission Hall. Class topic to be determined.***

***Ladies Bible Class will meet for the first time this year on Tuesday, September 26 at 10:00 AM in Mission Hall. Please watch future bulletins for more information on class discussion.***

### **LUTHERAN WOMEN IN SERVICE**

LWIS [Lutheran Women in Service] will begin this year on **Tuesday morning, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 AM** with fellowship and a general meeting at **10:00 AM**. **Please bring men's and women's deodorant for the homeless kits.** We invite all women of Our Redeemer to join us ladies. We will meet in Mission Hall. Our group of women are busy serving in all sorts of ways here at church and elsewhere. Come and help serve the Lord.

### **PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY MEMBERS**

*A member of LCOR would like to be a prayer warrior for your loved one during the year. We understand that life is a challenge and we would like to be there for them. A prayer partner will be available by their agreed upon method of communication for prayer requests and encouragement. If you believe your loved one would like to be paired with one of our warriors, please contact **Evelyn Baird**. If you know someone who would like to be on the list but may not see this, please have them contact me or send me their information. Thank you!!*

We have begun rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata "Night of the Father's Love", which will be presented on **December 16** and **17** at the regular worship services. This is a joyful and compelling musical which we did several years ago. **We need more singers, including children.** If you are interested in joining us, please contact **David Britton**.

### **BIRTHDAY CARDS TO NORMA HITESHEW**

***Norma Hiteshew will turn 93 on October 2. We know Norma would love to get cards from her Redeemer family. Thank you.***

**SHHH...by RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz**  
***"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10***

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**HOG ROAST:**

Don't forget, **Friday, September 22**, is our annual hog roast/book fair. The hog roast is a free will donation which will benefit our scholarship program. The book fair will benefit our school library. Please mark this date on your calendar. Serving for the hog roast will begin at **5:30 PM**. The book fair will be open at that time and until around **8:30 PM**.

**SUBSTITUTES:**

*We continue to have a need for substitute teachers. If you have a teaching license or a sub license and would be willing to be on our list for subs, please contact the school office. Also, if you would ever be willing to help as an aide in our preschool room or the school office, please call the school office and let us know. We can give you more details at that time.*

**GRANDPARENTS DAY:**

We will celebrate Grandparents Day on **Friday, October 6**. If you would be willing to match up with a student who may not have a grandparent here that day, please contact the school office and we will get you partnered up with a student.

**SCHOOL MUSICAL:**

*Mark your calendars for **Friday, November 3!** That is the day of our school musical about Martin Luther. This is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary so we will be performing, "Echoes of the Hammer." We will be having two performances that day, one at **1:00 PM** and the evening performance at **7:00 PM**. More information will follow.*

**RUMMAGE SALE:**

Another thank you is in order for the generosity of our church! Our 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade students raised over **\$1800** on this past week's rummage sale. This money goes into their account to help cover costs for the class trip later this year. Thank you for your donation and thank you to the wonderful people who came out early to help set up for the rummage sale. You are awesome!

**SCRIP:**

*"Are you concerned about your credit card getting hacked? Are you afraid of scanners being placed on gas pumps? SCRIP can help alleviate your concerns. Pay at the pump with a card purchased from SCRIP. Pay for your groceries or your meal with a card from SCRIP. Use our cards not yours. Stop in the Extended Care room and either buy what we have on hand or place an order. I am there every Sunday morning after 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> service. I hope to see you. **Michelle Engelder.**"*

**THE BIRDS ARE BACK!**

Our seventh and eighth graders have purchased a large flock of baby pink flamingoes. They are adorable and available to land in any yard of your choice!! They will be here until the end of May. All monies raised will go towards our class trip at the end of this school year. If you would like to



'flock' someone for a special occasion or just for fun, you can talk to any **seventh or eighth grade student, Mrs. Miller, or Mrs. Tucker.** We also have "Flock Insurance" that you can purchase for \$25 that will protect your property from an invasion. Birds are available for **\$10 for a flock of six; \$20 for a full dozen;** or larger groups up to **30 for negotiable prices.** You can pick up a PINK order form at the Welcome Center in church, in Mrs. Tucker's office at school, or from one of the students or teachers. We do like to have at least two-days-notice before a delivery. If you have any questions, call the school or talk to Mrs. Miller or Mrs. Tucker.

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### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

*Romans 14:7 - "For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." We just don't belong to ourselves: we belong first of all to God and through Him we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church; as a neighbor you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.*

### YOUTH CENTRAL

#### PATHWAYS AND GROUNDS- MS & HS YOUTH GROUPS

Looking forward to seeing everyone **tonight [Sunday]!** Both groups meet for PAINTING, Bible study, fellowship, and games!

	<b>Pathways</b>	<b>Grounds</b>
Sunday, Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	PAINTING PARTY 2-8:30 pm (Dinner provided!)	
Sunday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 29 <sup>th</sup>	---	9 pm-12 am
Sunday, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4-6 pm	6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	6-9 pm	---
Sunday, Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reformation Celebration - Lunch & Movie	

### IDYG - HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING

All high school students are invited to sign-up for the 2017 Indiana District Youth Gathering! This event will be hosted at **Holy Cross Lutheran Church** in Indianapolis the weekend of **November 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.** *We have the choice of staying one or two nights, so please indicate your preference on the sign-up sheet.* The cost is **\$50 + lodging.** **Sign-up by October 1<sup>st</sup>!** This is a weekend of games, study, and service projects in the city! Make sure you don't miss out!

**If you have any questions about any student ministry activities, please see *Jonathan Guse.***

### YES WE CAN!

*Thank you to all who participated in Yes We CAN! Redeemer raised 1,687.2 pounds of food in pre-collection! In all, the Mission received over 8 TONS of food last Sunday and more in the days since! You have provided many meals for those in need! Thank you!*

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteers** are needed to staff the nursery for the **10:45 AM** worship service. If you are interested, please sign-up at the Welcome Center! Questions, see **Jonathan Guse**.

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION!

*You've probably heard the buzz about this year marking the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation! This year, we're going to mark the date with some special activities here at Redeemer! Join us on **October 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>** during the Sunday School hour for the Reformation Walk as we bring the Reformation to life! Then on **October 29<sup>th</sup>**, join us for a day filled with Reformation activities! **Kathy Tucker** will give her famous Luther presentation during the Sunday School hour. Then, following late service, we will have a lunch of grilled brats/hot dogs followed by a showing of the newly released film **Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World!** If you have any questions, see **Pastor Akers, Jonathan Guse, Beth Dinkel, Kitty Davis, Sheryl Hartman, or Debbie Street!***

## SIMPLY GIVING - A WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!

Visit the church web site at [www.lcorkokomo.org](http://www.lcorkokomo.org) and select the **On-line Giving** link in the left column to set up your account. Once set up, you can also use a smart phone and the QR code image here to go directly to the giving page.



<b><u>THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER</u></b>			
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE / EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	Nursery / RLS / Youth Room
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Class	Mission Hall
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Communion	Sanctuary
	3 - 7 PM	Dick Moeller Viewing	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	8:30 AM	Room Occupied	Church Library
	10:30 AM	Dick Moeller Funeral	Sanctuary / Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Member Function	Church Library
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	9:30 AM	Lutheran Women in Service	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub / Boy Scouts	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Voters' Assembly	Mission Hall
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	5:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Deaf Bible Study	Church Library
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary