

**"MANY WHO ARE
FIRST WILL
BE LAST,**



**AND THE LAST
WILL BE FIRST."**

MARK 10:31, NRSV

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22 & September 23, 2018

God has showered us with love, and we respond by uniting in worship. **Welcome, one and all!** 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 bulletins** 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 [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS]
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM**

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Juanita Martin-Davis	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Sanctuary Stewards			Marie Harvath
Nursery			Patti Stout Cora

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

5:30 PM - 86 / 8:15 AM - 164 / 10:45 AM - 119 = 369

Prelude - "Trumpet Tune" - Henry Heron / **In His Service Ladies** - "Come, O Lord, and Overflow Us" & "You Are Emanuel" / **Offertory** - "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" - arr. C.W. Ore
Postlude - "Festal Song" - W. Walther

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flowers on the Lord's altar this weekend. **Juanita Martin-Davis** with praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for His many blessings and in honor of **Graham's** birthday. Also by **Gene & Pearl Miller**, in celebration of their 1st wedding anniversary, and in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Pat Osman, Jean Moon, Raymond Young, Marilou Reason, Sharon & David McPike, Peggy Day, Steve Olson, Delia Overia, Jack Dean, Bob Braswell, Al Sparling, Betty Pohlman, Mary Harper, Michel Peterson, Carl & Joan Swift, Pam Youngdale, Heather Portman, and Sharon Lecher.**

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK – LOIS REAMS

This week, our honored shut-in is Lois Reams.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – SEPT. 23, 2018, 9:30 AM

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHER[S]
Pre-School, Pre-K, Kdg.	RLS Kindergarten Room	Ashley Schneider
1 st – 2 nd Grades	RLS 3 rd Grade Room	Mindy Conner
3 rd – 4 th Grades	RLS 4 th Grade Room	Stephanie Gross
<i>In Sunday School, the children learn the story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10) and how the Good News comes to us as it did to them. Talk about how in church we receive the Good News that, although we are judged unrighteous and deserving of death, God mercifully declares us holy, righteous, and innocent because of Christ. "What does this mean for our daily lives?" is a good question to discuss as a family.</i>		
5 th – 7 th Grades	RLS 5 th /6 th Grade Room	Steve & Cindy Sewell
<i>Wanted: A Few Good Detectives! Investigate the case for Jesus. Cold-Case Christianity for Kids: Investigate Jesus with a Real Detective. This week's lesson: Chapter 3 - "Think Circumstantially."</i>		
8 th Grade Confirmation	RLS 7 th /8 th Grade Room	Ms. Ruth Lavrenz
<i>Lessons 9 & 10, The Ninth and Tenth Commandments.</i>		
High School	Youth Room (top of stairs)	Steve Gaunt & Jerry Hartman
<i>Begin Chapter 4- "Facing Our Challenges, Conquering Our Fears."</i>		
1 st and 2 nd Timothy and Titus	Mission Hall	Pastor Allison
<i>Today's class is Lesson 9, "Christian Warfare."</i>		
"God-Connects"	Adult Education Room	Pastor Akers
<i>Today's topics of study are "Who Is Jesus" and "Who is the Holy Spirit?"</i>		
"Way of the Master"	School Conference Room	Kyle Street

LADIES BIBLE CLASS – "GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY – JOSHUA"

*Ladies' Bible Study meets **this Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 10:00 AM** in Mission Hall. Coffee and fellowship are at 9:30. This week Pastor Allison and the ladies are discussing **Lesson 2 – "Crossing the Jordan"** from "God's Word for Today – Joshua".*

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS – "GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY – JOB"

Pastor Allison's Tuesday Evening Bible Class continues this week, **Sept. 25 from 6 – 7 PM** in Mission Hall. The course of study is "God's Word for Today – Job". **This Tuesday**, our discussion is **Lesson 2 – "Looking into Secret Sins – Part 1"**.

BUDDY BAG PACKING – THIS MONDAY – SEPT. 24 – 5:30 PM

***Buddy Bags** (a ministry of Kokomo Urban Outreach) are weekend food bags that provide children with 6 weekend meals plus one snack. Proper nutrition on the weekend helps ensure school success. A group from Redeemer has been helping pack Buddy Bags once a month for the past several years. We usually pack around 700 bags that go to Darrough Chapel, Pettit Park, Sycamore and Elwood Haynes schools. We have a wonderful core group but would love for others to join in! Our first packing date for this school year is **Monday, September 24 at 5:30 pm**. The address of the warehouse is **720 N. Webster**. To get to the warehouse, from Washington St. turn west onto Monroe St. then turn north (right) onto Armstrong. The warehouse is on the left. Contact **Cindy Sewell** if you would like more information about helping with this outreach.*

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

The weekend of September 29 & 30 is our next 5th Sunday loose change collection. All loose change in the offering plates will be donated to the LWML as mites to fund current missions. So, check your pockets and purses and add those coins to the offering plate. [This does not take the place of the ongoing contributions placed in the new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

BAKE SALE! - THIS SUNDAY

The students going to the LCMS National Youth Gathering next July are holding a bake sale in the Extended Care Room **this Sunday, September 23rd [today] after early service and before and after late service.** There will be lots of tasty choices. Thank you for supporting the youth as they prepare for this spiritual and fun week.

SENDING SALVATION FELLOWSHIP DAY - OCT. 6 / 6 AM - 9 PM

Everyone is invited to Cross America on **Saturday, October 6th**! You are welcome to come anytime from **6 AM to 9 PM.** Our goal is to have Redeemer members/RLS families there at all hours! You can come for a treat or meal at Doubting Thomas Café, and/or pack crosses to go across America, while we fellowship as a whole congregation and school. If someone would like to sponsor a zip code, we can send the crosses we pack to that certain zip code. Facility tours will be available. Please note, a sign-up sheet for **Greeters** is at the Welcome Center. A Greeter is someone who welcomes our church and school families. If you have any questions, please talk to **Natalie Schneider** or **Lori Seaman.** **Cross America is located across from Menards in Kokomo at 840 Daniel Dr.**

ACOLYTE SIGN-UP SHEET

An acolyte sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Dates are available **now through January 20, 2019.**

LADIES KOINONIA - BEGINS NEXT THURSDAY - 9:30 AM

If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may have the appearance of truth, they are lifeless and leave us empty in the end. Join us **Thursday mornings** from **9:30-11:00 AM** for Ladies Koinonia, where author **Kyle Idleman** will help us dive into the book of Galatians. Pastor Akers is leading our study.

FIRST FRIDAY

Volunteers are needed to help with Our Redeemer's booth at **First Friday, October 5th.** We will be passing out free popcorn and invitations to our upcoming Trunk or Treat. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to **Pastor Akers** or **Amy Shrack.**

MENTORS NEEDED: HELPING HEARTS MENTORING

We have an immediate need for mentors! There are currently 7 students requesting a mentor that we do not have mentors for. Do YOU have **30 minutes a week** to share Christ's love with an RLS student? Contact **Cindy Sewell** or **Steve Gaunt.**

PRAYER MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY MEMBERS

It is another college year and a time when many youth choose to enter into service to our great country. We have a prayer ministry to help keep our youth strengthened in their faith walk as they venture forth. **ADDRESSES / EMAILS** are needed for anyone wishing to have a prayer partner who will pray for him/her and send encouraging notes throughout the year. Please contact **Kaila Akers.** Thank you!

PRAYER WARRIORS

Our College/Military Prayer Ministry is seeking prayer warriors to encourage and strengthen our youth in their faith walk as they take new steps towards independence and plan their future. Please contact Evelyn Baird for further details at Please contact **Kaila Akers**. Thank you!

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and Redeemer Lutheran School are in need of a part-time custodian. If you are interested in applying, or you know of someone who might be, please contact any member of the Board of Property. Members are: **Larry Wiechmann, Todd Brandenburg, Melanie Waggoner and Ned Trout.**

SPEAK UP! By RLS Principal Ruth Lavrenz

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. ALWAYS be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you for the reason for the hope that you have...” 1 Peter 3:15

HOG ROAST/BOOK FAIR:

Friday, September 28, 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 run until around **8:30 PM**.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:

We will celebrate Grandparents Day on Friday, October 5. 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.

RLS - PTO PLASTIC LID COLLECTION:

RLS - PTO is collecting plastic lids towards making a bench for the playground. It is a great way to be environmentally responsible and recycle! We will need about 400 pounds of plastic lids to make a bench. A collection box is available in the Narthex. If you, your family and friends can start collecting plastic lids, we will soon meet our 400 pounds of lids goal! Acceptable caps are medicine caps, milk jug caps, detergent caps, hair spray caps, toothpaste tube caps, deodorant caps, drink bottle caps, ketchup/mustard caps, cottage cheese lids, mayonnaise jar lids with paper removed, peanut butter jar lids with paper removed, cool whip container lids, coffee can lids, butter container lids, prescription bottles with labels removed!

YOUTH CENTRAL

PATHWAYS - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

*Pathways will meet **this Sunday**. Hope to see you there!*

<i>Sept. 23rd</i>	<i>4:00 - 6:00</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Sept. 30th</i>	<i>4:00 - 6:00</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Oct. 7th</i>	<i>4:00 - 6:00</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Oct. 14th</i>	<i>4:00 - 6:00</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Oct. 21st</i>	<i>4:00 - 6:00</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>

GROUNDS - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

*Grounds will meet **this Sunday**. Hope to see you there!*

<i>Sept. 16th</i>	<i>6:30 - 8:30</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Sept. 23rd</i>	<i>6:30 - 8:30</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Sept. 30th</i>	<i>Noon - 12:30</i>	<i>NYG Meeting - Mission Hall</i>
	<i>6:30 - 8:30</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
<i>Oct. 7th</i>	<i>6:30 - 8:30</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
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NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

All students currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering. If you have not been able to attend any of the informational meetings that have been held, you may still attend. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the Adult Education Room. We will hold our last informational meeting on **September 30th after late service in Mission Hall**. Registration forms and a **\$100.00** deposit will be due on or before **October 1st**. Please contact **Tami Brooks** or **Pastor Akers** if you have any questions.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 26th from 6-8PM

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

The Board of Christian Outreach needs your help as we use our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event to engage the unbelieving world in the Good News of Jesus Christ! HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- * CARS- We need a minimum of 20 decorated cars and owners to distribute candy.
- * CANDY- Large bags of individually wrapped chocolates/candies needed. Some "peanut free" candies needed. A donation tub will be located in the Narthex.
- * HELPERS- Needed for setting-up/serving popcorn & apple cider/activities/mingling with participants/answering questions/directing inside traffic/looking for opportunities to evangelize/cleaning-up.

Organized games and a magic show in the gym will entertain families after guests visit cars in the parking lot. All volunteers must be able to arrive by 5PM. Last year we shared 150 Family Devotion bags, and we ran out within the first hour. This year, we are preparing for at least 250 families! This is a huge outreach event, so please consider serving in some way and being a part of the FUN and sharing the LOVE OF CHRIST with our community!

Car volunteers, contact Kaila Akers ASAP:
765-513-6619 or kaila.akers@gmail.com.

Contact Amy Shrack ASAP if you can help in any other way:
765-628-6065 or a.shrack@comcast.net.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
TRICK OR TREATING,
SNACKS AND FUN ACTIVITIES!**

When: Friday, October 26th from 6-8PM
Where: Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
705 E. Southway Boulevard
Kokomo, IN 46902



A FREE FAMILY EVENT

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Adult Bible Classes	Mission Hall/Adult Ed Room/RLS Conference Room
	9:30 AM	Sunday School / 8 th Grade Confirmation	RLS / Youth Room
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
	5:00 PM	Recital	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	5:30 PM	Buddy Bag Packing	720 N. Webster St.
	6:30 PM	Quilt Class	Mission Hall
Tues.	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	9 - 12	Church Library Staff	Church Library
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6 - 7 PM	Tuesday Evening Bible Class	Mission Hall
	6:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
	11:45 AM	Brass Band Practice	Choir Room
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 PM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
Sat.	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Elizabeth Anders - Oct. 1
Beverly Miller - Oct. 2
Art Peirce - Oct. 3
Betty Cowgill - Oct. 7
Pearl Miller - Oct. 8
Phil Wehmeyer - Oct. 9

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mark 9:32 - "But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask Him." The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.

Visit the church web site at 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.

