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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ash Wednesday Service
March 2nd 7:30 pm
Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion

As we begin our ministry partnership with Concordia Lutheran Church on **March 1st**, a reminder we will be moving our **worship service to 8:45 am**, our **Fellowship time to 9:45 am**, and our **Sunday School time to 10:00 am**.



Daylight Saving
Time March 13th
Spring Forward—
Turn you clocks
ahead 1 hour.



Redeemer Lutheran Church



God's work.
Our hands.

Church Office hours
Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd

6:00 p.m. service at Concordia with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

7:30 p.m. service at Redeemer with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, Mid-Week Lenten Suppers and Services – We will use an alternating schedule for these services with a light supper followed by a worship service. Volunteers are needed in each congregation to assist in providing the light meal (perhaps soup, bread, bars or sandwiches, chips, cookies, etc.) We are planning for about 50 people at this time. The Wednesday Lenten service theme will be “Cross Purposes”.

March 9th at Concordia– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship
(We have volunteers for this meal. Thank you!)

March 16th at Redeemer– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

March 23rd at Concordia– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

March 30th at Redeemer – 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

April 6th at Concordia – 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Holy Week Worship Schedule -

Palm Sunday, April 10th

8:45 a.m. Service at Redeemer with Palm Processional with children

10:15 a.m. Service at Concordia with Palm Processional with children

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

5:30 p.m. Service at Concordia with Holy Communion, students receiving their First Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

7:00 p.m. Service at Redeemer with Holy Communion, students receiving their First Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 15th

5:30 p.m. Service at Concordia

7:00 p.m. Service at Redeemer

Easter Sunday, April 17th –

8:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion
(no fellowship following the service)

10:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion

Coming in April— Redeemer Pulled Pork Fundraiser Meal



The Church Council is hoping you will join them on Sunday, April 3rd for an evening meal and fellowship that will also be a general fundraiser for our congregation. Four of our Council members will be the cooks for the event, smoking the meat to provide pulled pork sandwiches. Beth Wilder has agreed to organize the meal and volunteers for the day. We are hoping to have a bake sale during the mealtime as well. So we will be looking for some wonderful goodies to be donated for the event!

The meal will take place Sunday, April 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm or until the meat is gone.

Take-out meals will be available during the serving time that day.



The menu will include pulled pork sandwich, potato chips, salad, pickle, a sweet treat, and beverage. A small plate option will offer a slider size sandwich or Conger Meats hot dog, chips, small salad, pickle, sweet treat, and beverage.

The cost is \$10 for regular plate and \$5 for smaller plate
(there are no pre-sale tickets for the meal.)

Please contact Beth Wilder (507-391-0379) if you would be willing to assist with the meal in some way, provide a sweet treat for the dessert, or provide something for the bake sale.

The Church Council looks forward to hosting a fun event of fellowship, food and fundraising for our congregation!



Are you signed up for our weekly E-News? If not, please email Kurt Mylenbusch at rlc@redeemeralden.com to have your name and email added to our weekly email newsletter. Your email is kept private and only used for church communications.



March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota

This March, Redeemer Lutheran joins food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity.

The Alden Area Food Shelf will be participating in the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign during the month of March.

It is the only annual statewide food and fund drive of its kind in Minnesota. During the month of March 300 food shelves around the state come together with congregations, businesses, community groups, schools and others to restock food shelves to help feed our neighbors in need. Every dollar collected locally goes directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf to purchase food.

The donations of money and pounds of food collected by the food shelf, and the number of clients served locally will determine the percentage of dollars Alden Area Food Shelf will receive from Minnesota FoodShare.

During the worship services at Redeemer during March you will see Mission Envelopes in our pews. Please use these envelopes for your donations. Checks written out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and noted to the Alden Area Food Shelf will be given directly to the food shelf at the end of the campaign. Monetary donations can also be given directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the containers marked for the food shelf at Redeemer. Please call Birgitt Langrud at 383-9057 or Rita Korman at 383-6913 if you have questions.

Thank you for helping to fill the shelves at the Alden Area Food Shelf during the month of March and throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

The Alden Food Shelf is open each Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 pm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ron Jahnke	3/1	Brook Troska	3/19
Gloria Jorgenson	3/2	Linda Barron	3/20
Jayne Linn	3/2	Jackson Besser	3/20
Lily Haler	3/3	Mark Newman	3/20
Jane Bute	3/5	Radley Miller	3/21
Phyllis Martinson	3/5	Isabelle Bakken	3/23
Michael Reyerson	3/5	Brian Gaard	3/23
Ruthann Gaard	3/6	Elaine Jahnke	3/25
Shirley Newman	3/6	Rick Jorgenson	3/25
Levi Sorensen	3/6	Jerry Reyerson	3/25
Chrissy Reindal	3/9	Jesse Korman	3/26
Paisley Foley	3/10	Shannon Petersen	3/26
Colton Williams	3/10	Dugan Soost	3/27
Isaac Sorensen	3/11	Ross Hemmingsen	3/28
Grace Erickson	3/13	James Sorensen	3/28
Glen Mathiason	3/14	Dalton Bradley	3/29
Griffin Troska	3/14	Kate Bradley	3/29
Lynn Mulso	3/15	Darcy Sime	3/29
Jade Huper	3/16	Shannan Nelson	3/30
Mark Gilbert	3/17	Marie Petersen	3/30
Al Schmidt	3/18	Nikki Weber-Knutson	3/31
John Rasmussen	3/19	Bob Mathiason	3/31

Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Kurt Mylenbusch, Admin. Assistant
- Trent Nelson, Custodian
- Shirley Newman, Financial Secretary
- Shirley Newman, Ann Purdy & Helen Steene, Organists

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- Sunday School Facebook: Alden Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

March—Sundays

6: Cameron Holst & Rylin Troska
 13: Alyvia Newman & Addison Mattson
 20: Landon Purdy & Aspen Hendrickson
 27: Cody Christenson & Toby Soost

March

Curt Guenther
(as additional person is needed)

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship March Servers

6: Soost and Newman families
 13: Max Borge & Carl and Paulette Rasmussen
 20: *Someone needed*
 27: Sam, Will, Jillian, and Janelle Jacobs



LECTORS

March

6: Carolyn Martinson
 13: Roger Pestorius
 20: Kevin Opseth
 27: Candy Pierce



March

Rose Lein
 Ginner Boetcher

Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Scholarships

PEARL E. SCHMIDT NURSING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding a nursing scholarship to a 2022 graduating high school senior or person who has successfully completed one year of education in an RN program. All applicants must be pursuing a career as a registered nurse. Scholarship award criteria includes academics, church and community involvement and demonstrated leadership. Redeemer Lutheran church members have first priority if they have met all criteria. Applications available at the Church Office. Deadline for submission of application is April 1, 2022.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2022 graduating high school senior who is, or will be, attending a college or a post-secondary school of higher education. Scholarship award criteria includes academics, church and community involvement and demonstrated leadership. Redeemer Lutheran church members have first priority if they have met all the requirements. Applications available at the Church Office. Deadline for submission of application is April 1, 2022.



Month End Finances

January Inc./Exp.

Income: \$ 10,114.39
 Expenses: \$ 12,751.95



Confirmation 2021/2022

Living Out Our Baptism

7th/8th Grade Confirmation

There are no Confirmation classes during the month of March. Students are expected to participate in the Lenten meals and services. This is a great opportunity to work on worship notes.

9th Grade Confirmation

9th Grade students and mentors will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 10:15 in the Fireside Room.




First Communion Education for 5th Grade students (or any other older students that have not had communion instruction) and their parents will be held jointly for both Concordia and Redeemer congregations beginning in March.

Together we will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion, learn about the communion ware of each congregation, create a special craft for each student, and make communion bread that will be served the night of your First Communion.

- **Sunday, March 20th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer** for both congregations
- **Sunday, March 27th 4 to 5:30 pm at Concordia** for both congregations
- **Sunday, April 10th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer** for both congregations

Students will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service at their congregation. Thursday, April 14th – 5:30 pm Concordia Lutheran and 7:00 pm Redeemer Lutheran.

Please contact Pastor Kristi if you have questions about the First Communion classes.



The next Redeemer Burger Night Fundraiser at the American Legion will be on **Friday, March 4th from 5 to 7 pm**. Serving hamburgers and pork burgers for \$5 and hot dogs for \$3. Includes chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and condiments. You can call the American Legion and arrange for a take order as well. Funds raised will help support the Faith in Action Fund at Redeemer.

Contact the Church Office if you would like to help with this burger night! Thank you!!



Busy Fingers

Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am
Luther Hall, no special requirements needed.

Next Quilting Dates:
March 1st and 15th

If you have any used mattress pads or blankets, the quilters can use them for fillers.

QUILTING GROUP



Please watch for detailed information coming in our weekly e-news, bulletin announcements, and April Evangel regarding our Easter Flower orders for April!



Flowers on the altar on March 27th will be in memory of Marjean Jacobs who would have been 90 years old this month. They are given by her family.

Council Minutes February



- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- WAYNE JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- LORI MILLER
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- GRANT PETERSEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council Minutes
February 16, 2022

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi with an opening prayer.

In attendance were Josh Sorensen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Curt Guenther, Grant Petersen, Tara Roberts, Janelle Jacobs, and Pastor Kristi Mitchell.

Absent: Jerry Reyerson, Lori Miller, and Wayne Jacobs

Reviewed Secretary's Report including meeting minutes from January 12 & the special meeting on January 30. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Pastor's Report – Has spent time with the Council and office admin at Concordia Pickerel Lake. Will

be meeting with the organist and admin soon as well. Has already met with leaders regarding Sunday School and Confirmation, and even started pastoral care. No upcoming days off for Pastor.

Old Business –

Fundraiser Meal – Discussed details of meal including menu of pulled pork, chips, salads, buns, bars and condiments Beth Wilder to coordinate the meal and volunteers. Dave Mulso to assist with acquiring some of the food donations. Josh, Wayne, Dave, and Grant will smoke the meat. Meal will be \$10 and we will also offer a slider/hot dog meal plate option for \$5. No tickets sold ahead of time. Will plan for 150 people, have option for containers to go, and will also have a bake sale. Josh will call Dave to discuss next steps and Pastor Kristi will talk with Beth. Motion to hold meal on Sunday, April 3 from 4:30 -6:30 (or until meat gone). Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Ministry Partnership with Concordia begins March 1, 2022. There was a motion to accept the ministry partnership details as outlined, with discussion and decisions made on specific items below. There was a motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Faithful Fridays - After School

Who?

Students PreK-6th grade - Redeemer Sunday School students are encouraged to invite a friend to join them! The after-school events will be led by our Sunday School leaders.

What is it?

A new Friday after school/evening activity for students PreK-6th grade. After school snacks, activities, music, supper, and FUN will be provided.

When?

Select upcoming Fridays ~ **March 4th** and **May 6th** from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Where?

After school, students can meet in Miss Nicky's room (preschool room) and walk with leaders to the church. Drop-off at the church, for younger students not in school at that time will also be available at 3:30 p.m. Evening activities end at 6 p.m. ~ students to be picked up at the church.

Faithful Fridays - Holyword Studios Lock-In

Bible Point: *God loves us.*

Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Optional pick-up at 8 p.m. for students under 3rd grade. **Students under 3rd grade **must** have a parent present to spend the night.**

What is it?

For this event, our students (who are encouraged to bring a friend) are invited to join us for the evening or stay all night. The Sunday School leaders will provide the programming and supervision. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and breakfast) and a movie!

When?

April 8-9. Check-in will be from 5:30-6 p.m. on Friday, April 8th. Students under 3rd grade, who do not have a parent to stay with them overnight, will need to be picked up at 8 p.m. Pick-up time on Saturday, April 9th is 10:00 a.m.

Where?

Redeemer Lutheran Church

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer website, E-News, or FB page for the link*) or use the included paper registration in this Evangel and return to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$5 per child for Faithful Friday After School event and \$10 per child for Holyword Studios Lock-In.

RSVP preferred at least two days prior to the event start date. Thank you!

Sunday School News



Note: Time change for Sunday School
Class will now begin at 10:00 a.m. and dismiss at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Happenings:

Think Spring!

March 4 ~ Faithful Fridays

March 6 ~ Lesson "Tempted"

March 13 ~ Service Project Sunday

March 20 ~ Lesson "Parable of the Fig Tree"

Christian Coin Store

March 27 ~ Lesson "The Prodigal Son"

NEW THIS MONTH ~ "Faithful Fridays"

(see info on the next page)

SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events



April 8 ~ Holyword Studios Lock-In



June 19-21 ~ VBS

Classroom Organizers/Leaders

Preschool/K: Tana Christensen

Grades 1-2: Michelle Petersen

Grades 3-4: Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel

Grades 5-6: Erin Cummings & Kayla Roberts

Cradle Roll: Sue Reindal

Council Representative: Lori Miller

Sunday School Leader & Music: Anna Sorensen

Holy Week Plan: Concordia will have services at 5:30 pm while Redeemer services will be at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday: No fellowship will be held.

Confirmation Sunday: April 24 with an 8:30 am service.

Plan for joint council: Grant Peterson and Tara Roberts volunteered to serve with President Josh Sorensen.

New Business -

Installation Date for Council Members will be on March 6. Council sign-up sheets for duties and committees routed to members at the meeting for completion. More discussion regarding committees will take place later. Mission Focus Area for upcoming months – reviewed list of previous mission areas of focus and discussed using the list as our emphasis over the next 12-18 months. We will involve the Mission & Outreach committee as we discuss further. In March, we are talking about the food shelf and we would like to connect with Good Earth Village before summer.

Committee Reports – Will discuss committees in greater detail next month.

Christian Education - Met on February 13. VBS dates set for Sunday, June 19 – Tuesday, June 21, times TBD. Discussing several potential upcoming events such as an after school program on a few Fridays, a lock in, and

special kick-off event in the fall for Sunday School.

Youth – Next FIRE event is February 27, WOW Zone Bowling Event.

Mission & Outreach – No meeting. March FoodShare for Alden Food Shelf

Endowment – Met on February 6, 2022 scholarships applications are available. Minutes of meeting were shared. Past scholarship recipients Katie Bradley Kacey Johnson both passed their RN

licensure exams. Discussion about interest income for outreach projects will continue at next meeting.

Property – No meeting. Drinking fountain compressor has been running constantly. Kurt Mylenbusch has contacted Glen Mathiason and will call Heath to look into it.

Stewardship – No meeting

Worship & Music – No meeting

Other Items –

Welcomed new council members Janelle Jacobs & Nikki Weber-Knutson.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Calendar of Events for March 2022

<u>Tues. 3/1</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Weds. 3/2</u>	7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service No Confirmation classes
<u>Fri. 3/4</u>	5—7 pm Redeemer Burger Night Fundraiser at the Alden American Legion
<u>Sun. 3/6</u>	8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 am Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School
<u>Weds. 3/9</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Worship at Concordia
<u>Sun. 3/13</u>	Daylight Saving Time 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School
<u>Tues. 3/15</u>	9:00 Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Weds. 3/16</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Worship at Redeemer 7:30 pm Redeemer Church Council
<u>Sun. 3/20</u>	8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 4:00 pm First Communion Class at Concordia
<u>Weds. 3/23</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Worship at Concordia 7:30 pm Joint Council Meeting at Concordia
<u>Sun. 3/27</u>	8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 4:00 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer
<u>Weds. 3/30</u>	2:00—8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photography 5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Worship at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 3/31</u>	2:00—8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photography

Calendar of Events for April 2022

<u>Fri. 4/1</u>	2:00—8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photography
<u>Sat. 4/2</u>	10 am—4 pm Pictorial Directory Photography
<u>Sun. 4/3</u>	8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 am Fellowship 10:00 Sunday School 4:30—6:30 pm Pulled Pork Fundraiser Meal at Redeemer

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE -

It is time for a **new pictorial church directory**. Universal Church Directories will be helping with the photography and directory. Our dates for photography will **Wednesday, March 30 through Saturday, April 2**. Please contact Kurt Mylenbusch if you have questions about the directory. Church Office phone # is 874-3343.



Online scheduling for your photography appointment is open—go to www.ucdir.com, click on the “schedule appointment” icon, enter our Church Code = mn123. Then enter Member password = photos. *(Please note that the website scheduling is closed from midnight Friday to midnight Sunday so there are no duplicate scheduling issues with Sunday morning in-person.)*

Today we will have in-person scheduling process in the Narthex before and after church. Hope you will schedule your photo time soon!

