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2023

November

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



All Saints Sunday will be November 5th, 2023. Please join us for our worship service at 8:30 am as we remember those saints who have died in the past year and those who have been baptized since our last All Saints Sunday.

We remember and honor:

Deaths (funeral date):

- Loretta Wacholz February 6, 2023
- John Barron April 12, 2023
- James "Jim" Marth June 27, 2023
- Donald Hansen July 8, 2023

Baptisms (baptism date):

- Braelynn Elaine Sousa August 20, 2023
- Tessa Kay Barickman October 1, 2023



A reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th, 2023. Set your clocks back 1 hour!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



God's work.
Our hands.

Calendar of Events for November 2023

<u>Weds. 11/1</u>	5:45 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 9th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 11/5</u>	All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School
<u>Mon. 11/6</u>	6:30 Bible Study-Revelation- Session 1 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 11/7</u>	Election Day 9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 11/8</u>	5:45 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 11/9</u>	2:30 Bible Study-Revelation -Session 1 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 11/12</u>	8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 3:00-5:00 pm Pie & Ice Cream Social Fundraiser
<u>Mon. 11/13</u>	5:00 Endowment Committee Meeting 6:30 Bible Study-Revelation- Session 2 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 11/14</u>	2:00 pm Women's Study Club in Fireside 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 11/15</u>	5:45 7th/8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 Church Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 11/16</u>	1:30 Bible Study-Revelation -Session 2 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 11/19</u>	8:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 5:00 Youth Group Gathering at Concordia
<u>Mon. 11/20</u>	5:30 pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30 Bible Study-Revelation- Session 3 at Redeemer
<u>Tues/ 11/21</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 11/22</u>	1:30 Bible Study-Revelation -Session 3 at Concordia No Confirmation Classes—Thanksgiving Break 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Service at Redeemer. Fellowship to follow the service.
<u>Thurs. 11/24</u>	Thanksgiving Day—Office and Church Closed
<u>Fri. 11/25</u>	Office and Church Closed

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shop for nearly a year now.
-Pie and Ice Cream Social/Silent Auction – Will be held on November 12. Tara created some great flyers and the group selected one to use for promoting the event. Tara will look into them being printed for us to get posted around town and also in Wells and Albert Lea. Pastor will send electronically to some other churches too. Tara will also ask about cost for printing some bid sheets similar to what Tonya has done in the past with silent auctions. Tonya offered to help set up the silent auction. We prefer to have donations here by Thursday, November 2. Can still drop off morning of November 5. Items will be set out on November 5 but we will continue to accept items up to the 12th. Pastor is handling ordering paper supplies for the event. She will work to line up some folks to help coordinate. Josh will look into purchasing ice cream or getting some donated.

New Business –

-Snow removal from church parking lot and sidewalks – Josh will look into some options and Tonya will check with Hemmingsen on the parking lot.
-December 10 worship service time change to 10:30 am for the Christmas Program – Concordia's council approved the change. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed for the service time change.
-Jack Korman ground down

sidewalk by west side. After winter we should look into other sidewalk by northeast entrance.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Sunday school is off to a great start. Family movie night on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed to purchase appropriate license for showing movies.
Youth – Next gathering is October 29 at Redeemer.
Missions & Outreach – no update
Endowment – no update
Property — New refrigerator in church kitchen after issues with current one. Oven repaired at parsonage. Front sidewalk has been ground down. Will need to look at northeast sidewalk since that one was in worse shape.
Music & Worship— Redeemer will be hosting Thanksgiving Eve fellowship after service. Pastor will look into getting some volunteers to help with fellowship and we will likely serve bars.

Other Items –

Parish Council meeting October 25 7:30 pm at Redeemer

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:46 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Council Minutes October



- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- TONYA HANSEN
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- BRADY GOODEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council
 Minutes
 October 18, 2023

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Opening devotions given by Tonya Hansen.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Tara Roberts, Nikki Weber-Knutson, and guest Radley Miller.

Absent: Janelle Jacobs, Jerry Reyerson, Brady Gooden, Curt Guenther, and Grant Petersen

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from September 20. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report – Ring doorbells

have been installed. Christmas Treasures fundraiser is doing very well! On November 26 there will be a bridal shower at the church. Pastor and Kurt may both be away that day so Pastor will coordinate with Josh to be sure the church can be opened as needed. On Saturday, December 16, there will be both a baptism and a family event held at the church. The congregation elected a Nominating Committee of four back in January (Lori Miller, Wayne Jacobs, Neil Pierce, and Dan Reindal). Pastor and Josh will need to meet with them in early December. In November the Executive Committee will need to have an initial meeting for the budget. Next month, council will also discuss the audit team. Pastor's continuing education went well.

Old Business –

-Monies from insurance policy from Marie Petersen - Radley Miller attended the meeting to share details of the insurance policy. Redeemer is the owner of the contract/life insurance policy and has full control over the use of the funds. We will continue to discuss how we use those monies to honor them and care for the needs of the congregation.

-Handrail for altar area – no update, Nikki will follow up with Curt to have him reach out again since we have been waiting on the

November Calendar continued . . .

Sun. 11/26

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 Worship

9:30 Fellowship

9:45 Sunday School

11 am-4 pm Bridal Shower for Katrina Skov-Luther Hall

Mon. 11/27

6:00 pm Frolic Family Night

Tues. 11/28

4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf

Wed. 11/29

No Confirmation Classes

Set-up and Prep for the Hanging of the Greens Service



Miles Kleinschrodt	11/1	Natalie Schmidt	11/12
Dan Kluender	11/1	Kendal Soost	11/14
Beth Gilbert	11/2	Elynn Johnson	11/17
Dianne Kleinschrodt	11/3	Dean Sorensen	11/17
Steve Sorensen	11/3	Mikayla Wasmoen	11/17
Brayden Kluender	11/4	Blakely Jacobs	11/18
Dave Schmidt	11/4	Josh Sorensen	11/18
Donna Schmidt	11/5	Jenny Tummire	11/18
Josiah Hedensten	11/6	Blake Steinberg	11/19
Mike Lein	11/6	Sara Reindal	11/20
Dolly Lindeman	11/6	Sandra Bendickson	11/21
Ann Purdy	11/6	Jamie Bachtle	11/23
Kinley Besser	11/7	Andrew Jacobs	11/25
Tianna Mithun	11/8	Treyton Olson	11/25
Steph Soost	11/8	Lacy Petersen	11/25
Jennifer Steene	11/8	Chris Petersen	11/26
Cody Hollund	11/9	Mary Reyerson	11/26
Joel Behle	11/11	Debbie Jacobsen	11/27
Curt Guenther	11/11	Alexis VanEngelenburg	11/27
Jake Janzig	11/11	Candy Pierce	11/28
Paul Meyer	11/11	Barb Christensen	11/30
Elizabeth Troska	11/11	Wanda Stern	11/30
Eunice Newman	11/12		

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

November Acolytes

5: Addison Mattson & Logan Honstad
 12: Rylin Troska & Griffin Troska
 19: Luke Gooden & Reece Soost
 22: Cael Boldt & Ethan Bendickson
 26: Jade Huper & Aspen Soost



Altar Guild November

Sue Reindal
 Tana Christensen

November Lectors

5: Nikki Weber-Knutson
 12: Kevin Opseth
 19: Roger Pectorious
 22: Glen Mathiason
 26: Mike Bute

November Ushers

Dan & Sue Reindal
 Oakley & Jason Christensen

Coffee Fellowship - November Servers

5: Sunday School
 12: Servers needed
 19: Servers needed
 22: Servers needed
 26: Servers needed



Personnel

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

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Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group

Youth Group for Redeemer and Concordia students in 6th through 12th grade are invited to gather together on **Sunday, November 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**. We will gather at 5 pm at Concordia Lutheran for a meal (walking tacos, dessert and beverages), share in a devotion, games, and then create Thanksgiving cards and a craft to be given to the homebound seniors of our two congregations.

Please email or text (507-360-1224) Pastor Kristi or Kayla Roberts (507-402-9790) if you are planning to attend so we can plan for enough food and supplies. You are always encouraged to bring a friend with to Youth Group!

Reserve the date of Dec 17th 2–5 pm at Redeemer for our Cookie Baking & Ornament Making Youth Group gathering!

Hope you can come and join us!



On **Sunday, December 3rd** for our 8:30 am worship service we will mark *the beginning of the Advent season* with a service for the *Hanging of the Greens*. Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means “coming.” We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ’s arrival. This is also a time of preparing our homes, our churches, and our communities for the celebration of Christ’s birth, Christmas.

During the 8:30 am service on December 3rd we will tell the story of our Advent and Christmas decorations, we will decorate our sanctuary, we will hear scripture, sing songs that connect us to the Advent story, and we will celebrate the gift of life in Holy Communion. Thank you to Tana Christensen and Sue Reindal for their help in coordinating this worship service and the many volunteers who help make it possible!

Please mark your calendars for our First Sunday of Advent and the Hanging of the Greens, December 3rd!



* Sunday School follows the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday, starting at 9:45 a.m. and dismisses at 10:30 a.m.*

Sunday School Happenings:

Nov. 5 ~ Lesson “Be Humble”

Nov. 12 ~ Lesson “Ten Bridesmaids”

Nov. 19 ~ Lesson “Parable of the Talents”

Nov. 26 ~ Lesson “Sheep and Goats”/Advent

Christian Coin Store

Nov. 27 (Mon.) ~ **Frolic Family Event**, “Big and Little” at 6 p.m.

Dec. 3 ~ Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 6 (Wed.) ~ Christmas Program Practice, 6-7:15 p.m.

Dec. 10 ~ “Stellar Christmas” **Christmas Program** at 10:30 a.m.

Note Time Change for Worship

Students please arrive at 9:45 a.m.

Dec. 17 ~ Lesson “John the Baptist Proclaims Jesus’ Coming”

Please note weekly lessons are included in Pastor Kristi’s weekly e-news. November 19 and 26, 4-6th Grade will be focusing on service projects and memory work.

NEW THIS YEAR



On the week of your birthday, celebrate with us during fellowship time following our worship service. Bring a silver coin for each year you turn and help fill our birthday cake!

For example, if you are turning 8, bring 8 silver coins of your choice and place them in our special birthday cake. All are welcome to participate!

**STARTING THIS MONTH -
Frolic Family Event!**

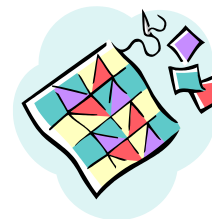


All families with children 3 and under (children not yet in Sunday School) are invited to join us **Monday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m.** for pizza and family activities.

This will be the first of three classes offered throughout the year to connect with our young families and little ones.

Our first theme is “*Big and Little – God Made Us All*”. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Additional upcoming Frolic Family dates are: January 22 and March 4.

Quilting at Redeemer!



The Busy Fingers Quilters will be gathering on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am in Luther Hall. No special requirements needed to participate.

**November dates are :
Nov 7th and 21st**

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

Community Generosity



The Alden Area Food Shelf benefited from the green thumbs of local gardeners this year. As soon as the gardens began to produce early summer, individuals began to share. In the month of September alone over 300 pounds were donated to the food shelf by community members. With the change in seasons local fresh produce is anticipated to decline. There are many local gardeners with green thumbs to thank.

It was with a grateful heart that the food shelf staff welcomed the local producers’ generosity and thoughtfulness. As the number of families that come to the food shelf increase it is even more advantageous to live in a community that cares and shares.

September Financial Report

Income: \$11,516.88
Expenses: \$17,125.71

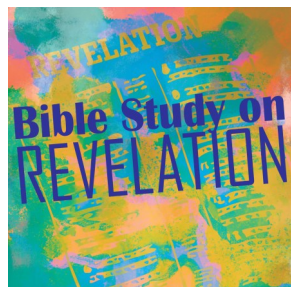
CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

for 7th, 8th and 9th Grade:

- Wed. Nov. 1 5:45-7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Wed. Nov. 1 7:30-8:30 pm**
9th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Wed. Nov. 8 5:45-7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Class at Concordia
- Wed. Nov. 15 5:45-7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Wed. Nov. 22 No Confirmation** – Thanksgiving Break
- Wed. Nov. 29 No Confirmation Classes**—
Assist with Set-up and Prep for Hanging of the Greens



Please call or text Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224 or email at pastor@redeemeralden.com if you have any questions about confirmation.



Join Us for Adult Bible Study –

“How to Read the Book of Revelation”

The Book of Revelation through the centuries has been like a magnet—it both attracts and repulses. Because of its unusual language and imagery, it has often been neglected. Perhaps for the same reasons, it is interpreted in vastly different ways. This Bible Study provides a brief introduction to the book and some clues on how to read it. We will

explore the imagery and purpose of Revelation as well as its interpretive life through the centuries in theology, politics, worship, music, and popular culture. We will hear from Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago through video presentations as she shares her teachings and insights with us on the book of Revelation and then we will share in discussion and biblical reflection.

We will gather on these dates:

- Nov 6 6:30 pm Session 1 at Redeemer**
- Nov 9 2:30 pm Session 1 at Concordia (note time change)**
- Nov 13 6:30 pm Session 2 at Redeemer**
- Nov 16 1:30 pm Session 2 at Concordia**
- Nov 20 6:30 pm Session 3 at Redeemer**
- Nov 22 1:30 pm Session 3 at Concordia**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship



God is the source of all good things, and we will remember that by gathering on Thanksgiving Eve for worship and fellowship. This is a wonderful time to center yourself in prayer and thanksgiving as the holiday season begins.

A joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran congregations will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, November 22nd at Redeemer Lutheran**, and the service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. A special offering of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and household items will be gathered during this service and given to the Alden Food Shelf.

December Christmas Program December 10, 2023— CHANGE of Worship Service Time to 10:30 am



On December 10th we will be having our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will switch worship service times with Concordia on this Sunday, so **Redeemer will worship at 10:30 am on December 10th** and Concordia will worship at 8:30 am on December 10th.

“Spirit of Christmas”

Monetary and other donations Being accepted through November 30th.

At this time of the year, our thoughts begin to turn to Christmas and the local Spirit of Christmas program. This wonderful project, started by the late Mary Grasdalen, helps bring Christmas to families in need in the Alden-Conger School District (including families open enrolled at Alden). Cash donations are very welcome and will be used to purchase clothing items for the older children and food baskets for families. If you would prefer to donate a gift item, the program always needs socks of all sizes, gloves, games, colors and coloring books, Lego's, Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars, Barbie items, stuffed animals, or just about any other toy item you might like to give. A special offering will be taken on Sunday, Nov. 26th during our worship service. If you are unable to be here on Nov 26th, financial offerings for Spirit of Christmas can also be sent directly to the Church Office. Thank you for your support. It is wonderful to know that we can help area families to have a joyous holiday season.

