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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please help us "Un-Decorate" the church on Wednesday, January 8th at 5:45 pm. Hope you can join us—"many hands make light work!"



Thank you!!



January 26th
We will begin with a worship service at 8:30 and then move directly into the Annual Meeting.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

Calendar of Events for January 2025

<u>Wed. 1/1</u>	New Years Day - Office and Church Closed
<u>Sun. 1/5</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Tues. 1/7</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 1/8</u>	5:45 pm Undecorating the Church 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 1/12</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School—Kids Sing at Concordia at 10:30 12:30-5:30 pm Youth Group Event to Mankato 6:30 pm Bible Study Session 1 at Redeemer
<u>Mon. 1/13</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Tues. 1/14</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<u>Weds. 1/15</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 1 at Concordia
<u>Thur. 1/16</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
<u>Sun. 1/19</u>	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 6:30 pm Bible Study Session 2 at Redeemer
<u>Mon. 1/20</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Tues. 1/21</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th grade Conf. Class at Redeemer
<u>Weds. 1/22</u>	7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thur. 1/23</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 2 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/26</u>	8:30 am Worship Annual Meeting Immediately following worship Fellowship Following the Annual Meeting 9:30 am Frolic Family Coffee Hour –Birth to 3 year olds 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/27</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Session 3 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/28</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/29</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Conf. Class at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 1/30</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 3 at Concordia



January 26th will be our Annual Meeting. We will meet at 8:30 for worship and move directly into the Annual Meeting. For those who would like to attend through Zoom you will be able to begin to log into the Zoom link at 9:00 am. The Council members will then take your names down to add you to our quorum total for the meeting.

Participation in our meeting can take place in 3 ways: in-person at the church; using your computer, pad, tablet or smart phone to log in to Zoom; or call in using your phone.

Business items for the agenda will include general elections and consideration of the proposed 2025 Budget. A quorum for the meeting is 15% of the active voting members.

A detailed letter will be sent to all congregation members after the first of the year which will include greater detailed instructions for the Zoom option for the meeting. The Zoom link will also be posted on our website and E-News in January. If you need any assistance with these directions for logging on via Zoom or have questions about our Annual Meeting process please contact Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224; Josh Sorensen at 507-269-5687; or Grant Petersen at 507-402 8099.

THANK YOU!!



Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group



Join us for our Youth Group event for Concordia and Redeemer students (in 4th through 12th grade). You are invited to gather together on **Sunday, January 12th at 12:30 pm at Redeemer to head**

out for our Laser Tag and Bowling Event at the WOW!

Zone in Mankato. Cost will be \$10.00 per student. Please email or text Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224 or Kayla Seedorf (507-402-9790) if you are planning to attend so we can plan enough transportation for everyone. Invite a friend to join you!! We will have a meal together as well and hope to return home by 5:30 pm.



WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 8 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer

Jan. 8 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Class at Redeemer

Jan. 15 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Concordia

Jan. 22 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer

Jan. 29 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer



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

Personnel

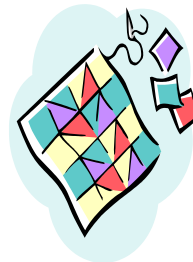
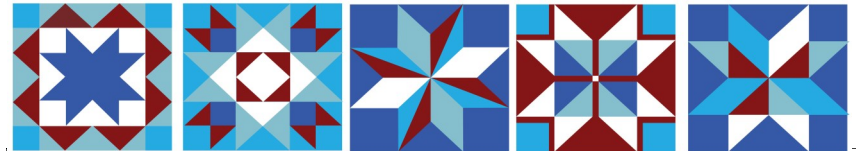
- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Brittany Carlson, Admin. Assistant
- Dave Rasmussen, Custodian
- Shirley Newman, Financial Secretary
- Shirley Newman, Ann Purdy & Helen Steene, Organists

Contact Information

- Office: 507-874-3343
- Pastor's Cell: 507-360-1224
- Email: rlc@redeemeralden.com
- Pastor's Email: pastor@redeemeralden.com
- Web site: www.redeemeralden.com
- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church

JANUARY Birthdays

Mike Honstad	1/3	Amy Newman	1/21
Jeremy Besser	1/4	Brady Gooden	1/22
Neil Pierce	1/5	Matt Hallman	1/23
Chuck Erickson	1/6	Troy Newman	1/24
Adam Skov	1/8	Brexton Sousa	1/24
Scott Jahnke	1/9	JoAnn Behle	1/25
Samantha Lein	1/9	Alex Jacobs	1/28
Rosie Rasmussen	1/9	Matt Jensen	1/29
Callen Peterson	1/11	Jessie Bolinger	1/30
Carrie Hintz	1/13	Darcy Newman	1/31
Alison Newman	1/16		



Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting at 9:00 am in Luther Hall, no special requirements needed. Help is needed if you have some spare time. If you have any used mattress pads or blankets, the quilters can use them for fillers.

January Quilting Days

January 7th
January 21st

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

January

5: Ava Cummings & Caleb Mattson
 12: KyAnna Besser & Maci Harty
 19: Andrew Petersen & Luke Gooden
 26: Ethan Bendickson & Emilee Weigel

January

Bob Newman & Steve Newman

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship January Servers

5: Jacobs Family
 12: Ross & Kelly Skov
 19: *Someone needed*
 26: *Someone needed*



LECTORS

January

5: Glen Mathiason
 12: Roger Pestorius
 19: *Someone needed*
 26: *Someone needed*



January

Cheryl Newman
 Steph Soost

at 10:30 with a meal to follow.
Youth— Youth Group this Sunday Dec. 15th at Redeemer 3-5 pm.

Missions & Outreach— No update

Endowment— No update
Property— New dishwasher installed at parsonage. Josh still has on his to do list to get another flooring estimate.

Music & Worship— Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm at Redeemer, 5:30 pm at Concordia. No Christmas Day Service. Service of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 29th at 9:00 am.

Other Items -

-Parish Council Meeting January to be determined (at Redeemer)

-Annual Meeting set for January 26th

-December 25—Jacobs family using the church

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:19 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm at Redeemer

Council Duties: For December – Christmas Eve 4:00 pm service—Ushers and Communion Assistants Lined Up.

-For January – Tonya Hansen

Respectfully submitted by
 Nikki Weber-Knutson,
 Secretary



Month End Finances November

November Inc./Exp.

Income: \$13,779.20

Expenses: \$13,702.09



Council Minutes

December 2024

- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- BRADY GOODEN, TREASURER
- MIKE BUTE
- TONYA HANSEN
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- DEREK PETERSON

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council
 Minutes
 December 11, 2024

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Derek Peterson, Mike Bute, Josh Sorensen, Brady Gooden, Grant Petersen, and Tara Roberts

Absent: Janelle Jacobs and Tonya Hansen

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from November 14. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report.

Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Pastor's Report –

-Vacation days December 26-Jan 2. Lay leaders for Sunday, Dec. 29th 9:00 am at Redeemer. Glen Mathiason to help lead the service of Lessons and Carols. Dave will be able to lock and unlock the church on Dec. 29. -Kurt's last day is December 20. He is meeting with Dave this week to go over custodial duties.

Old Business –

2025 Proposed Budget - Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed to share at the annual meeting.

New Business -

-Dave Rasmussen begins as custodian this month. Welcome Dave!

-Update on Administrative Assistant Position – Council agrees to adjusted office hours agreed upon between candidate & pastor.

-Annual Reports are due to the Church Office by January 10th.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Christmas Program Sunday Dec 15th



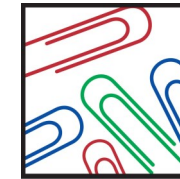
Welcome to Brittany Carlson, who is our new part-time Administrative Assistant. We are very grateful to have Brittany joining the staff of Redeemer. Please take time to stop in and

welcome Brittany!

With the change of staffing at Redeemer we will be changing the office hours for the church just a bit. We thank you for your patience as we all work to meet the needs of our church with this adjusted schedule.

Church Office Hours:

Monday	9 am—12 pm
Tuesday	8 am—10:30 am
Wednesday	9 am—12 pm
Thursday	8 am—10:30 am
Friday	Office Closed
Saturday	Office Closed
Sunday	Open during worship hours



Office Hours

If you need to connect with Pastor or the Church Office at times other than the scheduled hours you are always welcome to leave a message on the Office Phone—507-874-3343 or call/text Pastor Kristi's cell—507-360-1224.

Church Building Hours—The Church building will be open the following times:

Monday through Friday	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday	Building Closed
Sunday	7:15 am to 12:00 pm

It will also be open later in the evening for scheduled events. Please refer to our monthly calendar. Dave Rasmussen is our new part-time custodian who will be caring for the building opening and closing times.

These schedules may be subject to change due to holidays, vacations, seasons of the church year or other needs.

The Church Council, Pastor Kristi and our Church Staff thanks you for your support and patience as we transition to these schedule changes.



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:

Jan. 5 ~ “Jesus the Word”

Jan. 12 ~ “Jesus’ Baptism”

Kids will sing at Concordia at 10:30 am service.

Sunday School will end at 10:15.

Jan. 19 ~ “Wedding at Cana”

Jan. 26 ~ (Birth –3) - 9:30 am

Frolic Family Coffee Hour

Jan. 26 ~ “Jesus Goes to Nazareth”

Christian Coin Store

Join Us for Adult Bible Study – “The Lord’s Prayer”



We will explore the various petitions of the Lord’s Prayer, the scripture foundation for the Prayer, and what the Prayer means for us today. Hope you can participate in our new Bible Study as we delve into the Lord’s Prayer. No experience necessary and all are welcome!!

We will gather on these dates:

Monday, Jan. 13	6:30 pm Session 1 at Redeemer
Thursday, Jan. 16	2:00 pm Session 1 at Concordia
Monday, Jan. 20	6:30 pm Session 2 at Redeemer
Thursday, Jan. 23	2:00 pm Session 2 at Concordia
Monday, Jan. 27	6:30 pm Session 3 at Redeemer
Thursday, Jan. 30	2:00 pm Session 3 at Concordia
Monday, Feb. 3	6:30 pm Session 4 at Redeemer
Thursday, Feb. 6	2:00 pm Session 4 at Concordia



***NEW THIS YEAR – (Birth-3 y.o.)**

Frolic Family Coffee Hour*

All families with children 3 and under (children not yet in Sunday School) are invited to join us **Sunday, January**

26th at 9:30 a.m. following worship for coffee and donuts. Join us for a morning of coffee, fun and fellowship.



*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2025.

**Volunteers
Needed!**



Please prayerfully consider serving on a committee of Redeemer Lutheran. Share your gifts in helping to lead our congregation. There are committees that have non-elected participation and others with elected terms of participation. If you would like information about any of the following committees please contact Josh Sorensen our Council President or

Pastor Kristi. God’s mission and ministry in our community and the world are best carried out when we work together!

Non-elected committee participation

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| Worship and Music | Youth |
| Property | Christian Education |
| Stewardship | Mission and Outreach |

Elected terms of participation

- Church Council
- Endowment Fund Committee
- Nominations Committee