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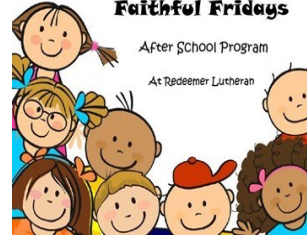


REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faithful Fridays

After School Program

At Redeemer Lutheran



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 Christian Education leaders.

What is it?

Friday after school activity for students PreK-6th grade. After school snacks, activities, music, supper, and FUN will be provided. Special guest RAD Zoo will be joining us for our first Faithful Friday event in February!



When?

Friday, February 21st, Afterschool (3:30) - 6 p.m.

Where?

After school, students can meet in the cafeteria and walk with Miss Michelle and Miss Emily 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.

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer website/E-News/FB page/Remind*) or paper registration form at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



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

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 2025 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, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2025 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, 2025.



QUILTING GROUP

Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

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

**Next Quilting Dates:
February 4th, February 18th,**

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

insert will likely be done in February.	January 23 at 6:30 pm at Redeemer
<u>Endowment</u> —Next meeting in February.	Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:50 pm.
<u>Property</u> — Last meeting January 13 th . Next meeting Monday, March 10 at 5pm.	
<u>Music & Worship</u> — Ash Wednesday is March 5th	Next meeting is Wednesday, February 19th at 7:30 pm.
<u>Other Items</u> –	Council Duties: For February – Nikki Weber-Knutson
-Redeemer Council to meet immediately after the Annual Meeting to elect officers for the Council.	Respectfully submitted by Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary
-Joint Council meeting to be held	

Year-End End Finances

Income: \$175,590.57

Expenses: \$184,582.63



We are currently looking for new items for our Christian Coin Store for Sunday School!

Christian Coins are handed out to students for demonstrating kindness, sharing God's word with others, acts of service and attendance.

Suggested donations include: fidgets, play-doh, small puzzles, coloring/activity books, individually wrapped snacks or monetary donations. Thank you!



Council Minutes

January 2025

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Unapproved Church Council Minutes
 January 22, 2025

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Opening devotions given by Tonya Hansen.

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

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from December 11. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –

-Administrative Assistant Transition – Brittany is transitioning well into her new role

-Blue Earth River Conference on Sunday, February 16th at Redeemer – Pastor will extend invitation for an opportunity for volunteers to serve coffee/make bars
 -Ash Wednesday and Lenten worship schedule – Ash Wednesday March 5, Concordia open to having one Ash Wednesday service here at Redeemer and then rotating the following Wednesdays between both churches similar to last year

Old Business –

-Annual Meeting January 26th

New Business -

-Confirmation Sunday date April 27th
 -Council electronically voted via email, making the decision to approve adding Brittany Carlson to the church bank accounts while removing Kurt Mylenbusch. "Corporate Authorization Certificate for Safe Deposit Form" also completed at the Council meeting approving adding Brittany to that.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Frolic Family Event on January 26th 9:30 am.

Faithful Friday on Friday, February 21.

Rad Zoo booked for Faithful Friday.

Youth—Bowling went well with 18 kids in attendance. Skating on Feb 9th in Albert Lea. Have been inviting 4th & 5th graders too and the older kids have been so welcoming!

Missions & Outreach– Disaster relief



Tanya Hemmingsen	2/1	Evan Guenther	2/15
Ana Guenther	2/3	Lori Janzig	2/15
Steve Haukoos	2/3	Maggie Evans	2/16
Maverick Babcock	2/6	Emily Hassing	2/16
Cody Christenson	2/6	Tammy Newman	2/17
Nathaniel Phelps	2/6	Cassie Wasmoen	2/17
Sam Jacobs	2/8	Anne Jahnke	2/22
Emilee Weigel	2/8	Kenlee Carlson	2/23
Trevor Kluender	2/9	Jenny Hendrickson	2/23
Carol Linde	2/12	Samantha Armstrong	2/24
Bill Mitchell	2/12	Bryn Nelson	2/27
Madison Hendrickson	2/13	Noah Nelson	2/27
Linda Wasmoen	2/13	Dan Reindal	2/27
Sam Hallman	2/14	Ross Huper	2/28
Ava Diekmann	2/15		

Personnel

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

Contact Information

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- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church



Growing Disciples – Discipleship in the New Testament – a Bible Study on Luke -Acts

“What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?”

This study will seek to base an answer on the way Jesus interacted with his first disciples.

We will focus on Jesus’ interaction with his disciples

as it is revealed by the physician, Luke, in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In these sessions we will look at both the way the disciples first came to follow and how they grew in their relationship with Jesus.

The purpose of this study is to go beyond simply understanding Jesus’ ministry with his earliest followers. The goal is to look at our own discipleship in light of Jesus’ relationship with his first disciples. Even more, we want to discover how that relationship can grow in depth and practice as we follow Jesus.

The call to discipleship is an invitation to journey with Jesus. This journey involves many steps. As disciples follow, they move from an early childlike relationship with Jesus to a deeper commitment of faith and practice. Like a toddler’s first tentative steps, the disciples’ walk is not always predictable or necessarily in one direction. Some steps move the disciple forward, some backward, and some may not seem like directional steps at all.

The six sessions of this study invite you to a deeper walk with Jesus through an examination of six key components of discipleship — *Followers, Learners, Ministers, Living Examples, Witnesses, and Leaders*. As we work through this study, we will want to recognize the progression as one that leads to deeper levels of commitment. At the same time, we want to affirm the winsome work of the Holy Spirit, who always seems to delightfully surprise us by inviting people into the journey at different places along the way.

Join us at any step of our journey. The Bible Study sessions will be held on these days:

February 10	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 1: <i>Followers</i> – at Redeemer
February 13	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 1: <i>Followers</i> – at Concordia
February 17	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 2: <i>Learners</i> – at Redeemer
February 20	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 2: <i>Learners</i> – at Concordia
February 24	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 3: <i>Ministries</i> – at Redeemer
February 27	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 3: <i>Ministries</i> – at Concordia
March 3	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 4: <i>Living Examples</i> – at Redeemer
March 6	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 4: <i>Living Examples</i> – at Concordia
March 10	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 5: <i>Witnesses</i> – at Redeemer
March 13	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 5: <i>Witnesses</i> – at Concordia
March 17	6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 6: <i>Leaders</i> – at Redeemer
March 20	2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 6: <i>Leaders</i> – at Concordia

How To Be A Disciple:

*The Reflections of a
Contemporary Twelve*

A Six-Part Drama Series

By John Wolf

Lent 2025



How To Be a Disciple - Lent 2025 Dramas Series

We journey through Lent this year with a familiar cast of characters: Andrew and Mary, James and John, Thomas and Peter, and others. But their stories are brought into our contemporary world. What does it mean to be a disciple—to follow Christ—during Lent and throughout the rest of the year?

In these dramas written by John Wolf, these disciples will struggle and explore their call to discipleship. By hearing the stories of these disciples, we reflect on our own callings to be Christ’s disciples in

the world. How do we share God’s love each and every day: at home, at church, and with those that we encounter? These dramas help us to see that discipleship isn’t just something that we do, but is a gift from God.

Join the following pastors and congregations, beginning Wednesday, March 12th, as we walk the way of Lent and explore the life of discipleship:

Rev. Dr. Jeanette Bidne, Trinity Lutheran Church, Blue Earth, MN
 Rev. Josh Enderson, Hayward & Trondhjem Lutheran Churches, Albert Lea & Austin, MN
 Rev. Matt Griggs, Central Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN & East Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN
 Rev. Kristi Mitchell, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden, MN & Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea, MN
 Rev. Peg Marose, Good Hope Parish of Bricelyn & Kiester, MN

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



Feb. 5 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Class at Redeemer
Feb. 5 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr Class at Redeemer
Feb. 12 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Class at Concordia
Feb. 19 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Class at Redeemer
Feb 26 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Class at Redeemer
Feb 26 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr students and mentors 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.



Note: 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:

Feb. 2 ~ Lesson “*Jeremiah*”

Feb. 9 ~ ***Kids Sing*** Lesson “*The Disciples*”

Feb. 16 ~ **President’s Day Wknd NO CLASS**

Feb. 21 ~ **Faithful Friday** After School Activity,
Special Guest RAD Zoo! 3:30-6:00 pm

Feb. 23 ~ Lesson “*Joseph Feeds His Family*”
Christian Coin Store

Last month, we sent home offering envelopes for each child. Please contact the church office if you have not yet received your child’s offering envelopes.

How much can we collect for the month of February?



Youth Group Ice Skating!!

The Youth Group has chosen to go ice skating in February. We are planning on Sunday, February 9th to head to Albert Lea and enjoy time outdoors. 4th through 12th grade students are asked to gather at 2 pm at Redeemer. Please wear warm winter gear and bring your skates if you have them but skates will be available at the rink. You must RSVP to Pastor Kristi or Kayla by February 7th so we know how many people and vehicles to plan for transportation. Invite a friend to join you. Parents if you are able to help with driving please let Pastor Kristi or Kayla know. Contact information for Pastor Kristi – cell - 507-360-1224 or Kayla Seedorf — cell 507-402-9790.

LENT 2025

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

Concordia and Redeemer congregations will be sharing in joint worship services that will be alternating locations throughout the Lenten Season beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on March 5th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

For our mid-week Lenten services, we will begin with a light meal at 5:45 each week, rotating the location of the meal and service. Volunteers are needed in each congregation to assist in providing the light meal (perhaps soup or hotdish, bread or sandwiches, chips, bars or cookies, etc.) Please see sign-ups at each congregation.



Wed., March 12th —Lenten Week 1

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

Wed., March 19th—Lenten Week 2

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Redeemer

Wed., March 26th—Lenten Week 3

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

Wed., April 2nd—Lenten Week 4

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Redeemer

Wed., April 9th—Lenten Week 5

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia



SAVE THE DATE:

RLC VBS, *Serengeti Trek*
Key Verse: “I know the greatness of the Lord” Psalm 135:5

June 20-21

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Family Celebration Sunday, June 22 during MLD worship.

Please note the new DATE and TIME for this year’s VBS!

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

February

2: Owen Gooden & Wesley Diekmann
 9: Preston Hendrickson & Logan Honstad
 16: Reece Soost & Jade Huper
 23: Griffin Troska & Caleb Mattson

February

Brady Gooden
 Luke Gooden

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship February Servers

2: Preschool and Kindergarten Class
 9: Jacobs Family
 16: *Someone needed*
 23: Dan and Sue Reindal & Max Borge



LECTORS

February

2: Mike Bute
 9: *Someone Needed*
 16: Roger Pestorius
 23: Radley Miller



February

Lori Miller
 Colleen Jahnke

Calendar of Events for

FEBRUARY

<u>Sun. 2/2</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/3</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Lord's Prayer Session 4 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/4</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/5</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 2/6</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Lord's Prayer Session 4 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 2/9</u>	8:30 am Worship -Kids Sing in Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Youth Group Ice Skating—Leave from Redeemer
<u>Mon. 2/10</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 1 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/11</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 2/12</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 2/13</u>	7:00 am—3:00 pm A-C Preschool Screening 2:00 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 1 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 2/16</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—President's Day Weekend 2:00 Blue Earth River Conference Assembly—Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden, MN
<u>Mon. 2/17</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 2 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/18</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/19</u>	5:45 -7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 2/20</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 2 at Concordia
<u>Fri. 2/21</u>	3:30 -6:00 pm Faithful Friday After School Program
<u>Sun. 2/23</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/24</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 3 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/25</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 2/26</u>	5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 3 at Concordia 7:30 pm 9th Gr Students and Mentors Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 2/27</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Disciples Session 3 at Concordia