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The Evangel



April 2023

Preparing
FOR
Easter

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia with Palm Processional with children and Holy Communion



10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer with Palm Processional with children and Holy Communion



Maundy Thursday, April 6th

6:30 p.m. Joint Worship Service at Redeemer with Holy Communion, students receiving their First Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 7th
6:30 p.m. Joint Worship Service at Concordia with Concordia Choir singing



Easter Sunday, April 9th

8:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion (no fellowship following the service)



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



God's work.
Our hands.



Saturday, April 8th
 10:00 a.m. Sign in
 11:00 a.m. Hunt Begins
 12:00 p.m. Prize Giveaway
 Location: North Park in Alden
 For toddler age to 10 years old.

This community event includes prizes, treats, activities, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Come join the fun and celebrate Easter!

Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water

To honor Earth Day we will include a time of Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water during our worship service on Sunday April 23, 10:30 am. This offers us, as Christians, an opportunity to reflect on the significance of our connectedness to water, seeds and soil, and the people whose livelihoods depend on these elements. God created water, seeds and soil, we give thanks to God for the life essentials he provides. Plan to share in a celebration of God's creation.



Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

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

Next Quilting Dates:
April 4th and 18th

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



Students Receiving **First Communion on April 6th**

Ethan Bendickson

Son of Janelle Jacobs

KyAnna Besser

Daughter of Rachel and Jeremy Besser

Preston Hendrickson

Son of Jenny and Matt Hendrickson

Jade Huper

Daughter of Terri and Jim Huper

Andrew Petersen

Son of Michelle and Grant Petersen

Reece Soost

Daughter of Steph and Scott Soost

Griffin Troska

Son of Brooke and Matthew Troska



Confirmation 2022/2023

Living Out Our Baptism

Wednesday Confirmation Classes

-7th and 8th Grade Class will be held on April 19th from 5:45 to 7:15 pm and April 26th from 5:45 to 7:15 pm.

-9th Grade Class will gather at 6:30 pm on April 5th

Sunday, April 30th is our 10:30 am Confirmation Sunday Worship Service. Celebrating the Affirmation of Faith for Cody Christensen, Cameron Holst, Alyvia Newman, Landen Purdy, and Logan Williams.



Faithful Fridays After School - High Seas Expedition

Bible Point:
God's Word is Life Changing.

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?

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

When?

April 21st 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.

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*) or a paper form is available at the Church Office. Suggested donation is \$5 per child for Faithful Friday After School event.

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

Thank you!

Easter Flowers— If you would like to purchase an Easter plant in honor or in memory of someone special for our Easter Garden, they may be purchased from the Altar Guild for \$18.00. Please fill out the form at church and place it, together with your check written out to the Altar Guild, in the offering plate or drop off at Church Office **Request and payment must be received by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jake Fawcett	4/1	Mike Huper	4/15
Megan Gooden	4/1	Sam Jahnke	4/15
Journey Olson	4/3	Strauss Langrud	4/15
Riley Hassing	4/4	Jadyn Harty	4/18
Sheila Jahnke	4/4	Daniel Hollund	4/18
Carson Hoenisch	4/4	Derek Hensche	4/19
Ben Jahnke	4/5	Anna Sorensen	4/19
Donna Timm	4/5	Kendra Mathiason	4/22
Aspen Soost	4/6	Jake Weitzel	4/22
Annika Riebe	4/6	Cameron Holst	4/23
Tyren Bolinger	4/7	Alexa Newman	4/23
Lavonne Newman	4/8	Jennifer Marth	4/24
Grant Petersen	4/8	Marci Harty	4/25
Jarod Bush	4/9	Brittany Gottberg	4/26
Jenni Mattson	4/11	Ainsley Peterson	4/26
Diane Duncan	4/12	Wyatt Heise	4/27
Jon Jahnke	4/13	Robert Gilbert	4/28
Mike Jensen	4/13	Allie Jacobs	4/28
Courtney Janzig	4/14	Ava Cummings	4/29
Candy Johnson	4/14	Erin Cummings	4/29
Ryker Burris	4/15	Deb Hemmingsen	4/29
Ann Huper	4/15	Joey Larson	4/30

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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Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

April Worship Services

2: Aspen Soost and Makalynn Weigel
6: Rylin Troska and Cael Boldt
9: Danika Diekmann and Addison Mattson
16: Toby Soost and Luke Gooden
23: Aspen Soost and Rylin Troska
30: Danika Diekmann and Cael Boldt

April

Dean Sorensen and Jerry Jahnke

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship April Servers

2: Sunday School
9: *Easter Sunday No Fellowship*
16: *Someone needed*
23: *Someone needed*
30: *Someone needed*



LECTORS

April

2: Nikki Weber Knutson
6: Kevin Opseth
9: Candy Pierce
16: Glen Mathiason
23: Nikki Weber Knutson
30: Darlene Sorensen



April

Missy Rasmussen
Tara Roberts

New Business -

1)Rad Zoo Event on Friday, June 16 –Theme for VBS is Pets Unleashed. Anna has been in touch with Donna Schmidt from Morin Lake Days committee & with Rad Zoo. \$295-\$345 based on number of attendees for an hour show, where we also provide a pop up tent for shade for animals. Motion made to sponsor with up to \$345 out of Faith in Action. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.
2)Add to April agenda to discuss if we want to do a float again for Morin Lake Days.
3)Easter Church Service times – 8:30 at Concordia & 10:30 at Redeemer, no fellowship
4)Joint Council – Both Josh Sorensen and Grant Peterson affirmed to serve on the joint council. Josh will ask Tara Roberts if she wants to continue.

Committee Reports

Christian Education—Faithful Fridays Event—March 24th 5-10pm

Youth—Random Acts of Kindness Night was on February 26th Kids had a great time. Did 20 birthday bags for the food shelf

too. Youth wants to do a lock in sometime in March. Pastor waiting to hear from Kayla on some date options.

Missions & Outreach— March Food Campaign Special Offering Sunday, March 26th

Endowment— Met on February 6th. Minutes provided.

Property— No updates. Josh will reach out about getting a meeting set up.

Music & Worship— No updates.

Other Items –

Joint Council meeting March 22 at Redeemer following Lenten Service

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Month End Finances

February Inc./Exp.

Income: \$13,613.07

Expenses: \$14,684.82

Council Minutes March 2023



- 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
March 8, 2023

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm.

Opening devotions given by Nikki.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Curt Guenther, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Grant Petersen, and Brady Gooden.

Absent: Janelle Jacobs, Tonya Hansen, Tara Roberts, and Jerry Reyerson

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from February 15. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report – Pastor's Report – Lent has been going wonderfully. About 50 attendees each week for the Lenten meals which is great. Planning for first communion classes starting on March 19. In April, Pastor will be taking vacation later in the month. For an installation for Pastor's new call, Pastor Kristi and Pastor Matt of the Synod Office are talking about date options. Councils as Leaders gathering is on March 19 and Pastor is presenting a workshop there. Stephanie Johnson from Concordia will be attending. Redeemer council is welcome to attend too. It is from 1-3pm. Lots of different workshops to attend on different topics.

Old Business –

- 1) Hand rail for altar steps – Curt is looking at the drawings and hopes to get back to them on Friday.
- 2) Furnace Update – Google nest thermostats are activated and we are keeping them set on economy mode based on church usage. A positive difference has already been felt with more consistent temperatures with the new furnace. Will review final bills in April for the project.
- 3) Directory – Should be getting them in about 6 weeks after issues with the vendor that multiple congregations including ours had to deal with.

Calendar of Events for April 2023

<u>Sun. 4/2</u>	Palm Sunday 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, Palm Processional and Sunday School students sing 4:00 pm First Communion Class
<u>Tues. 4/4</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/5</u>	6:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 4/6</u>	Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Redeemer with Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar, and celebration of First Communion for our students
<u>Fri. 4/7</u>	Good Friday 6:30 pm Good Friday Joint Service at Concordia
<u>Sun. 4/9</u>	Easter Sunday 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion No Fellowship or Sunday School
<u>Mon. 4/10</u>	6:00—7:45 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Frolic Event for families w/children 0 to 3 yrs old.
<u>Tues. 4/11</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/12</u>	2:00 pm John Barron Funeral Service
<u>Sun. 4/16</u>	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
<u>Mon. 4/17</u>	5:00 pm Endowment Committee Meeting
<u>Tues. 4/18</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/19</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Fri. 4/21</u>	3:30—6:00 pm Faithful Friday After School Program
<u>Sun. 4/23</u>	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship—Blessing of Seed, Soil & Water 1:00 pm Youth Group Bowling Event leave from Redeemer
<u>Mon. 4/24</u>	6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Tues. 4/25</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/26</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Parish Council at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 4/30</u>	Confirmation Sunday 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Affirmation of Faith for our 9th Grade Confirmation Students



Note: Sunday School will still start at 9:45 a.m. and dismiss prior to the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday

Sunday School Happenings: Think Spring!

April 2 ~ *Kids Sing Lesson "Holy Week"

April 9 ~ Easter: NO CLASS

April 10 ~ Frolic Family Event, "Clap, Sing, Dance!" at 6 p.m.

Apr. 16 ~ Lesson "Doubting Thomas"

April 21 ~ Faithful Fridays After School Activity, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

April 23 ~ Lesson "The Road to Emmaus"

April 30 ~ Lesson "Early Believers"

LAST Christian Coin Store

Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade! Visit www.goodearthvillage.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE:

**RLC VBS,
Pets Unleashed
June 11-13**



Classroom Organizers/Leaders

Preschool-1st Grade: Tana Christensen & Michelle Petersen
Grades 2-4: Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel
Grades 5-6: Erin Cummings & Kayla Roberts
Sunday School Leader: Anna Sorensen
Council Representative: Tonya Hansen



You're Invited!

WHO: All families with children 3 and under

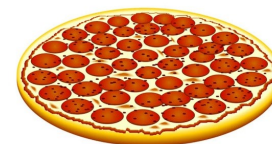
WHAT: Frolic Family Event

WHEN: Monday, April 10 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden

DETAILS: We invite you for pizza and family activities as we explore our second theme~ "Clap, Sing, Dance—Movement & Praise. Join us as we connect with one another in fun and fellowship. Activities provided for older siblings. No RSVP necessary.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group



Join us for our Youth Group event for Concordia and Redeemer students (in 6th through 12th grade). You are invited to gather together on **Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm at Redeemer to head out for our Cosmic Bowling Event.** Cost will be \$5.00 per student. Please email or text (507-360-1224) Pastor Kristi if you are planning to attend so

we can plan for transportation for everyone. Invite a friend to join you for bowling!! We will have a meal together after bowling and hope to return home by 4 pm.