

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2022
December

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

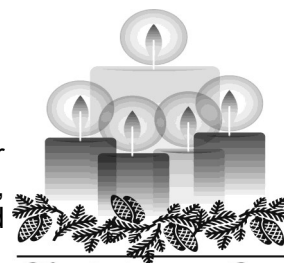


**Sunday
December 11th
10:30 a.m.
NOTE SERVICE TIME
CHANGE**

The children will help lead us
in worship and share the
"Wonderful Christmas" story!
Join us following the service
for a walking taco meal and
birthday cake for Jesus.

Christmas Eve Worship Services
December 24, 2022
4:00 and 10:30 pm at Redeemer
5:30 pm at Concordia

Join us as we celebrate the Birth of Our
Lord in worship with singing carols,
hearing the Word, candle lighting, and
sharing in Holy Communion.



Christmas Eve

Please Note: No worship service on Sunday, December
25th—Christmas Day at either Redeemer or Concordia



Calendar of Events for December 2022

<u>Thur. 12/1</u>	9 am—12 pm BERC Pastor's Meeting
<u>Sun. 12/4</u>	2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice 5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 6-7:15 pm Christmas Program Practice 7:30 pm 9th Gr. Conf. Class at Redeemer
<u>Weds. 12/7</u>	
<u>Sun. 12/11</u>	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:45 am Christmas Program Practice 10:30 am Worship—Christmas Program 11:30 am Fellowship 5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<u>Weds. 12/14</u>	
<u>Sun. 12/18</u>	4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship and Discussion time regarding Ministry Partnership with Concordia 9:45 am Intergenerational Christmas Activity 2—4 pm Youth Group at Redeemer 7:00 pm Church Council meeting
<u>Weds. 12/21</u>	No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break
<u>Sat. 12/24</u>	Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Redeemer 5:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Concordia 10:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 12/25</u>	Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed No Worship Service at Redeemer or Concordia
<u>Wed. 12/28</u>	No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break
<u>Sun. 1/1</u>	9:30 am Joint Worship Service—Holy Communion and Service of Lessons and Carols at Redeemer 10:30 am Christmas Cookie Potluck Fellowship No Sunday School—Christmas Break

Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Pastor's Report – Will be on vacation December 26 – January 1. Concordia would like pulpit supply to do communion. Council approved. Fall conference went well.

Old Business –
-Hand railing on steps to altar – no updates.
-Ministry Partnership Update – Dec 4th meet with Pastor Matt Larson from the Synod Office, 2-4pm at Concordia. Dec 18 fellowship & conversation after worship regarding the possibility of the making the partnership a parish agreement.

New Business -
-2023 Budget discussion – Discussed and will review again at December meeting
-Thanksgiving Day – Wayne Jacobs & family want to use basement for family thanksgiving due to last minute need. They will have it cleaned & ready for the bridal shower on Saturday. Council approved and agreed to waive fee since we are not providing custodial staff.

Committee Reports
Christian Education— October 28 Faithful Friday with 14 kids went well. Pastor, Kayla & Lori met with plans for grades 6-12, different events each month. Frolic event November 21st. Christmas Program December 11th at 10:30am.

Youth— November 20th at Concordia
Missions & Outreach– Spirit of Christmas-Special Offering Sunday, Nov. 20th.
Endowment– Met on November 14th – giving \$250 to Spirit of Christmas – will get minutes next month
Property—no updates other than those addressed earlier in tonight's meeting
Music & Worship—Hanging of the Greens Service for Sunday, November 27th

Other Items –
-Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service— Wed. November 23 at 7:00 pm at Concordia with pie fellowship following
-Thanksgiving Day – Office and Church closed
-Joint Council Meeting November 30th, 7:30pm at Redeemer
-December 11th Sunday School Christmas Program as part of worship service at 10:30 am

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 10:05 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Council Minutes November



- 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
Unapproved Church Council
Minutes
November 16, 2021

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

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Wayne Jacobs, Curt Guenther, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Tara Roberts, Lori Miller, Janelle Jacobs, and Grant Peterson. Guests Glen Mathiason and Brian Jacobs from the Property Committee and Kurt Mylenbusch, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Jerry Reyerson

Review of boiler update/changes – Discussion with Glen and Brian from the Property Committee and Kurt from the church office.

Entire group agreed this will be a cost savings down the road from boilers not being on all the time and is a smart change to make.

Brian questioned the register at the

top of the steps and if that would be an issue. Group thinks it could be bypassed but we may need to re-look at it after the work is done to see the impact. Motion made to replace thermostats from the Maintenance Budget, seconded, and motion passed. Motion made to approve Jim & Dudes & Reindal Electric's bids for updating the boiler system. Motion seconded and approved.

Property Committee – Brian asked about the dirt pile outside. Pastor said Griffin is going to take care of it. Nikki mentioned to Brian and Glen that the council has been handling several property issues the past year. She asked the committee to make it a priority to start meeting regularly. Glen indicated they would like some new committee members so there are more people to help. The council said we can try to get some new members but in the mean time, the committee still needs to meet regularly to stay on top of property issues. Pastor will put in the newsletter that we are looking for new members but the council will also consider if there are members who would be great to consider as well.

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from October 19. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

KyAnna Besser	12/1	Paulette Rasmussen	12/17
Alex Burris	12/1	Landon Mattson	12/18
Steve Schmidt	12/2	Christina Peterson	12/19
Bob Newman	12/3	Aidan Cummings	12/20
Jon Duncan	12/5	Jerry Jahnke	12/20
Scott Hemmingsen	12/8	Ethan Bendickson	12/21
Thelma Niebuhr	12/8	Merv Boettcher	12/21
Missy Rasmussen	12/8	Jenny Jensen	12/21
Lori Meyer	12/9	Dustin Gilbert	12/22
Alicia Schewe	12/9	Jordan Hallman	12/23
Jeff Larson	12/10	Owen Gooden	12/24
Sierra Babcock	12/11	Brian Jacobs	12/24
Chuck Schroeder	12/11	Bob Hansen	12/25
Paul Weigel	12/11	Brandon McTague	12/26
Colleen Jahnke	12/12	Alyvia Newman	12/27
Everett Stadheim	12/13	Steve Newman	12/28
Rylin Troska	12/13	Kaylee Wachlin	12/28
Dylan Bakkedahl	12/14	Betsy Bakken	12/29
Brinley Jacobs	12/14	Rachel Bakken	12/29
Alicia Roberts	12/14	Emma Kleinschrodt	12/29
Sindi Fulton	12/16	Dave Sime	12/29
Ross Skov	12/16	Julie Diekmann	12/30
Ron Wilder	12/16	Kelly Honstad	12/30
Brooke Soost	12/16	Bill Hintz	12/31
Haley Johnson	12/17	Betty Steele	12/31

October Financial Report

Income for October \$ 15,742

Expenses for October \$ 12,540

Personnel

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

Contact Information

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- Pastor's Email: pastor@redeemeralden.com
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- Sunday School Facebook: Alden Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

December Acolytes

4: 8:30 am Rylin Troska & Danika Diekmann
 11 10:30 am Luke Gooden & Aspen Soost
 18: 8:30 am Logan Honstad & Cael Bolt
 24: 4:30 pm Toby Soost & Makalynn Weigel
 24: 10:30 pm Addison Mattson



December Ushers

Ross Martinson &
 Craig Williams

Altar Guild December

Paulette Rasmussen
 Sue Reindal

December Lectors

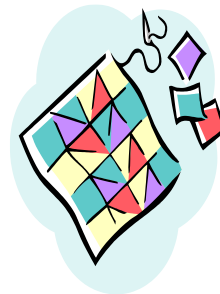
4: Mike Bute
 11: No reader needed
 18: Candy Pierce
 24: 4:00 Glen Mathiason
 24: 10:30 Reader Needed
 25: No reader needed

Coffee Fellowship - December Servers

4: Steve & Cheryl Newman, Dan & Sue Reindal
 11: Radley and Lori Miller
 18: Bryson Family in Honor of Arlene & Bill Bryson
 25: No fellowship time
 January 1: Someone Needed



Advent—Devotional Booklets available in the Church Narthex for anyone who would like to take one home and use through this Advent Season.



The Busy Fingers Quilters will not be gathering in December. We thank them for their great work on 10 quilts that were donated to the Spirit of Christmas project for our Alden community!

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

Join us for Worship on Sunday, January 1st at 9:30 am for a Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols. This will be a joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran at Redeemer.



For our fellowship time after worship on the 1st we are inviting you bring some Christmas cookies or treats to share. Enjoy a "Christmas Cookie Potluck" Fellowship!

Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2023.

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

Worship and Music
 Property
 Stewardship
 Mission and Outreach
 Christian Education
 Youth

Volunteers Needed!



Elected terms of participation

Church Council
 Endowment Fund Committee
 Nominations Committee

IN HONOR OF _____

By: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

By: _____

PLEASE CHECK WHERE YOU WANT YOUR GIFT USED:

_____ Faith in Action Fund _____ General Fund

Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group



Our next Youth Group event is Sunday December 18th—2 - 4 pm. Join us at Redeemer church as we work on making Christmas cookies and ornaments to be given to our homebound members of each congregation. Contact Pastor Kristi or Kayla Roberts, our Youth Group Assistant if you have any questions about our Youth Group event.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Dec. 7 5:45—7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 7 7:30-8:15 pm**
9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 11** 9th Gr Student and Mentor **gathering time cancelled** due to Christmas Program Day.
- Dec. 14 5:45—7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia
- Dec. 21 and 28** No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break



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

Ministry Partnership Conversation—



The Church Council invites you to a time of conversation about our ministry partnership with Concordia Lutheran Church and the consideration of creating a permanent ministry partnership with the Concordia congregation. On Sunday, December 18th during fellowship time, Council leaders will share in a conversation and have time for questions and answers about the possibility of moving to a permanent and on-going ministry partnership with Concordia Lutheran. You are also welcome to connect with any of our Council members or Pastor Kristi at anytime if you have questions about our ministry partnership with Concordia.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way to make the Hanging of the Green's Service turn out so nice! We appreciate all of you that took time to help!

Merry Christmas,

~ Tana Christensen and Sue Reindal





***NEW TIME:** 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.*

***EXCEPTION* Dec. 11 – Christmas Program Sunday!**

Sunday School Happenings:

Dec. 4 ~ Christmas Program Practice

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

**Dec. 11 ~ “Wonderful Christmas”
Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m.**

Note Time Change for Worship

Students please arrive at 9:45 a.m.

**Followed by Birthday Cake
and meal to celebrate Jesus’ Birthday!*

Dec. 18 ~ Intergenerational Christmas Activity

Dec. 25 ~ No Sunday School Class

Jan. 1 ~ No Sunday School Class

Jan. 8 ~ Sunday School Class Resumes, “Jesus’ Baptism”

Classroom Organizers/Leaders

Preschool-1st Grade: Tana Christensen & Michelle Petersen

Grades 2-4: Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel

Grades 5-6: Erin Cummings & Kayla Roberts

Council Representative: Lori Miller

Sunday School Leader Superintendent: Anna Sorensen



LET A LIGHT SHINE

Tree Lighting Ceremony Sunday, Dec. 18th during Worship

Let A Light Shine this holiday season for a remembered loved one or special person in your life by lighting one or more of the white lights on our Christmas tree. The cost is \$5 per bulb.

Please **complete the reverse side** of this form, then place it and the money in the offering plate, return it to the office, or mail it to the church **by December 11th.**

We join you in honoring/remembering your loves ones
and are grateful for your gifts.

COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE

