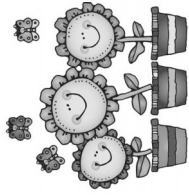


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May

2022



*Mother's Day
May 8th*

*Sunday School students
sing in worship and will
host an Ice Cream Social
after worship for
Fellowship Time.*

May 22nd

*We will be honoring our
High School graduating
seniors during our wor-
ship service on Sunday,
May 22nd at 8:45 am. The
Endowment Fund Com-
mittee will also be an-
nouncing their 2022 schol-
arship recipients.*



In Memory of America's Armed Forces

*For all
who gave
their yesterdays,
a thank you
today --
on this
Memorial
Day.*



*Memorial Day
May 30th*

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



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

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

May Worship Services

- 1: Alyvia Newman & Toby Soost
- 8: Landon Purdy & Rylin Troska
- 15: Cody Christenson & Aspen Hendrickson
- 22: Logan Williams & Addison Mattson
- 29: None needed

May

Dave Mulson & Radley Miller

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship April Servers

- 1: *No one signed-up.*
- 8: Sunday School Ice Cream Social
- 15: Ruthann & Brian Gaard, Dorothy & Bob Johnson, Suzanne & Steve Williams
- 22: *Someone is needed.*
- 29: *No one needed*



LECTORS

May

- 1: Radley Miller
- 8: *Someone needed*
- 15: Darlene Sorensen
- 22: *Someone needed*
- 29: *None needed*



May

- Karen Erickson
- Jacque Sorensen

Jim & Dude's to replace the compressor inside. Will pay \$500 from memorial gifts property fund & the rest from general budget property. Motion accepted, seconded, and passed.

New Business -

- Affirmation of Confirmation Students - Ashley Newman, Nick Korman, Madison Hendrickson, and Landon Mattson. Motion accepted, seconded, and passed.
- Acknowledgement of Dan Erickson's request to have their family removed from membership as they are attending another congregation.
- New Member Sunday May 15 - Pastor has a few families interested in joining so will invite them and others who have visited or expressed an interest.

Committee Reports -

- Christian Education - Lock in held April 8 - 30 attended with 20 staying overnight. Another successful event! Next Faithful Friday will be May 6. Last Sunday School is May 8 (Mother's Day) and we will have an ice cream social. Vacation Bible School is June 19-21. SS leaders are considering using the SPARK digital content in the fall. Will discuss in the fall possibly having a youth advisor for the older kids.
- Youth - Honoring Graduates on Sunday May 22 during worship.
- Mission & Outreach - no updates
- Endowment - Met on April 11. Selected scholarship recipients which will be announced on May 22.
- Property - Repair work needs to be completed on the parsonage upstairs bathroom exhaust fan. Advised Pastor

to order parts for \$60. Jerry & Wayne will see about repairing when the parts arrive. Some water is also coming in the utility rooms at the parsonage. Josh will take a look at it. Drain clean out for church is missing cap by NE entrance by the street. Curt will take a look at it on Friday.

Stewardship - no updates
Worship & Music - no updates. Will have a future conversation with Concordia about a possible choir together.

Other Items -

- April Dates
- April 24 - Confirmation Sunday 8:45am
- April 28 - Extra Photo Day for Directory 2pm-8:30pm
- May Dates
- May 1 - Spring Clean-Up Day following a short worship service
- May 6 - Faithful Friday after school program 3:30pm
- May 8 - Mother's Day - last SS - kids sing in worship
- May 21 - Carlson family baptism
- May 22 - Honoring of our Graduates and scholarship recipients during worship
- May 29 - Memorial Day Weekend

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:58 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 18 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

March Financial Report

Income \$18,274.81
Expenses \$13,460.12

Council Minutes April 2022



- 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 Church Unapproved Church Council April 18, 2022 Minutes

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Opening devotions given by Grant Peterson.

In attendance were Josh Sorensen, Curt Guenther, Tara Roberts, Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Jerry Reyerson, Wayne Jacobs, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Grant Peterson, and Lori Miller.
Absent: Janelle Jacobs
Guest: Kurt Mylenbusch

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from March 16. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report – Will be on vacation May 30-June 5. Pr. Erica Cunningham has agreed to provide pulpit supply. Kurt is starting to work on an updated membership letter. Membership directory will be done in conjunction with the photo directory.

Old Business –

- Fundraiser Meal Review: Great turn

out and great food! Take-out orders were popular. Raised \$2,033. Nikki will draft thank you letter to the editor for all those who contributed. Josh will get list of contributors from Dave. Thank you for everyone's help!

- Ministry Partnership with Concordia: Proposal of one alternating service for the summer. Idea came about after so much success with the alternating Lenten services. Would start May 29 and go through Labor Day. Proposed start time of 9am for service. This is our opportunity to experiment with the change and see how it goes. Motion made, seconded, and motion passed.

- Mutual Ministry Team – Proposing 3 people at our congregation. An opportunity for our congregation to share thoughts and concerns with the ministry team. They will communicate/partner with Pastor to be a support and to help with any needed resolutions. This is already in our constitution as a recommendation from ELCA. Pastor will send out information for the council to review and we will discuss at our next meeting.

- May 1st Spring Clean-Up Day: Short prayer service followed by trimming trees & bushes (here and at the parsonage), wash outside windows, clean gutters, pick up sticks, and pick up debris in parking lot.

- Follow-up report on church furnace information: Kurt Mylenbusch shared details about our current boiler system and options that Kelly from Jim & Dude's shared, which may create more efficiency and cost savings. Josh & Kurt will talk with the property committee and possibly have Kelly talk with the property committee too. We will likely get some quotes to look at our options.

- Drinking fountain repaired: \$900 for

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deb Pedersen	5/1	Lenny Diekmann	5/21
Kaden Erkkila	5/2	Dillan Lein	5/21
Samantha Knutson	5/5	Leah Kluender	5/22
Dave Reindal	5/6	Rose Lein	5/22
Parker Hemmingsen	5/10	Mike Bute	5/24
Mason Wangen	5/12	Kevin Opseth	5/24
Sam Reindal	5/13	Craig Williams	5/24
Karina Erickson	5/14	Derek Fischer	5/25
Candy Sorensen	5/14	Renae Linn	5/25
Danika Diekmann	5/15	Stacy Williams	5/25
Max Sorensen	5/16	Charlotte Banton	5/26
Al Besser	5/18	Hanna Wach	5/26
Mason Honstad	5/19	Sheila Burris	5/29
Amy Wachlin	5/19	Wade Steene	5/29
Griffin Erkkila	5/20	Kane Purdy	5/30
Heather Haukoos	5/20	Sue Reindal	5/31
Jerry Janzig	5/20		

Welcoming New Members

If you have been worshipping with the Redeemer faith community and would like to become a member, we want to formally welcome you to our congregation on May 15th during the 8:45 am worship service. Please contact Pastor Kristi or the Church Office if you are interested in becoming a member of Redeemer.



Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Kurt Mylenbusch, Admin. Assistant
- Trent Nelson, 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
- Sunday School Facebook: Alden Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School

Calendar of Events for May 2022

<u>Sun. 5/1</u>	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
<u>Mon. 5/2</u>	6:30 pm Joint Council Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 5/3</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Wed. 5/4</u>	5:45 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
<u>Sat. 5/7</u>	Synod Assembly in Mankato
<u>Sun. 5/8</u>	<u><i>Mother's Day</i></u> 8:45 am Worship
<u>Weds. 5/11</u>	5:45 pm Confirmation Picnic
<u>Sun. 5/15</u>	8:45 am Worship with Welcome of New Members
<u>Wed. 5/18</u>	7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Sun. 5/22</u>	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion- Honoring our Graduates
<u>Wed. 5/25</u>	7:00 pm Joint Council Meeting at Concordia
<u>Sun. 5/29</u>	9:00 am Worship at Concordia Lutheran
<u>Mon. 5/30</u>	<u><i>Memorial Day</i></u> Office Closed



Graduating Seniors at Redeemer

We will be honoring our High School graduates during the Sunday Worship Service on May 22 at 8:45 am

*Samantha Armstrong
Paige Diekmann
Karley Guenther*

*Kane Purdy
Caleb Sorensen*

We hope that you will be open to the work of the Holy Spirit as we explore this ministry and worship option for the summer. We know that worship attendance in the summer for any congregation tends to decrease, so this will give us an opportunity to gather a few more folks together in one place as we worship. An added bonus will be some energy savings as we utilize only one sanctuary each week. Offerings given in church envelopes or checks written to a specific congregation or ministry will always be given to the designated church or ministry. Loose offering will remain with the church of that Sunday morning service.

As we gather for worship and fellowship beginning May 29th what a great opportunity to get to know other folks, connect with well-known friends, or be present with family members. Offering fellowship each Sunday means that we will share in the need to serve coffee and refreshments. Watch for the sign-up sheets in each location.

This "Holy Experiment" may have some challenges for us, and there may even be some failings along the way. Some folks might struggle with worship that is not in their home church. These are all normal aspects in the process of change. However, if we keep prayerfully supporting one another in God's ministry here in this area and we caringly move through the challenges, struggles, and failings together, God will honor us just as we honor him.

If you have any questions about this new summer worship schedule please feel free to contact one of the Council presidents or Pastor Kristi. Thank you for your willingness to journey with us in this ministry partnership.

In the peace of Christ,

Josh Sorensen

Redeemer Council President

Chris Sorensen

Concordia Council President

Pastor Kristi Mitchell

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the classroom leaders and volunteers who have helped with this year's Sunday School! The time and effort you have put into the program is greatly appreciated!

God's blessings to you all!



April 28, 2022

Dear Concordia and Redeemer Faith Communities,

We are giving thanks to God and to all the people in our two congregations for helping to make our new ministry partnership so successful these past couple of months. Right away in March when we began alternating our Wednesday Lenten worship services, folks from each congregation were heading to the other church for meals and worship. That is a wonderful gift of ministry for our area. Thank you!

Because of the successful beginning, and since this is a "Holy Experiment" that we are trying, the two Congregation Councils have voted to try another worship experience for this summer. Beginning on Sunday, May 29th we will be alternating locations for our Sunday morning services. We will begin worship at 9:00 am every Sunday and follow worship with a time of fellowship at each location. There will be communion at each worship service, which will offer communion twice a month for each church. This is the usual practice for both congregations.

The schedule will look like this:

- May 29th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- June 5th 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- June 12th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
- June 19th 9:00 am Morin Lake Days – Worship by the Lake
(At Redeemer if bad weather) Scouts will serve fellowship after worship. VBS begins at Redeemer in the evening.
- June 26th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion - VBS begins for Concordia in the evening.
- July 3rd 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- July 10th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- July 17th 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- July 24th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- July 31st 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- August 7th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- August 14th 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- August 21st 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- August 28th 9:00 am Redeemer with Holy Communion
- September 4th 9:00 am Concordia with Holy Communion
- September 11th we will return to worship in each congregation on Sunday morning.



Wear your work clothes to Worship on May 1st and then help clean up around the church property.
 Worship at 8:45 am
 Clean-up to start right after worship.
 Bring work gloves and tools that might be helpful for trimming the bushes and cleaning out the plant areas. Everyone welcome to help!
 Thank You!!

Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

The quilters are planning one more quilting day on

May 3rd at 9:00 am in Luther Hall.

It is time to box up quilts to share with others. The **quilters are in need of boxes**. If you have some boxes to donate please bring them to the Church Office **by May 6th**.



QUILTING GROUP

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



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

**Alden Conger High School
LeVerne Carlson Fitness Center
Alden, MN**

**Friday, May 6, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: AldenCommunity to schedule an appointment.



Note: Sunday School follows the 8:45 a.m. Worship Service each Sunday, starting at 10:00 a.m. and dismissing at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School Happenings:

- May 1** ~ Lesson "Saul to Paul"
- May 6** ~ Faithful Fridays After School, 3:30-6 p.m.
- May 8** ~ Mother's Day Service *
- Kids Sing in Church***

Following the service, (No Regular Sunday School Class) - Come down to Luther Hall with your family and make your own Ice Cream Sundae and sign up for Redeemer's Summer Bible School!

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 Sunday School leaders.



What is it?

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

When?

Select upcoming Fridays ~ **May 6th** 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*) or included paper format and return to Redeemer Lutheran Church. 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!

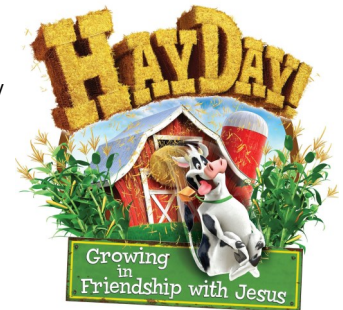
SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events

June 19-21 ~ HayDay VBS

HAY THERE! This year at VBS, get ready for acres of fun as kids grow in friendship and learn that Jesus will always love us! Calling all children currently in Preschool - 6th grade, join us down on the friendly farm at Redeemer's VBS! Our *HayDay* begins Sunday, June 19th and continues through Tuesday, June 21st. Supper will be provided beginning at 5:45 p.m. every evening and served until 6:10 p.m.

This year's *HayDay* VBS schedule is:

- Sunday, June 19: Children's Activities/Meal 5:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- Monday, June 20: Children's Activities/Meal 5:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 21: Family Celebration, 6 p.m. Special Program with supper and family activities to follow.



Registration fee is \$20 per child (includes t-shirt and meals). Please make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church. We will have a special registration Sunday, May 8th after worship. Advanced registration is preferred by June 12th. See attached *HayDay* Registration Form in this month's Evangel or register online. Check out our Facebook page for additional details.

Students currently in 7th - 12th grade are also invited to join in the *HayDay* fun and volunteer as a member of the crew assisting as leaders/helpers throughout the week. Students and parents, if you are interested in volunteering or have additional questions, please contact Anna Sorensen. A donation sign-up for VBS supplies will be passed

**** VBS is looking for clean peanut butter jars and lids, any size! Please drop off at the church office. ****

Thinking about Summer Camp? Check out Good Earth Village!
Many options are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade!
Visit www.goodearthvillage.org for more information.