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The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches

Concordia and Redeemer congregations will be sharing in joint worship services that will be alternating locations throughout the Lenten Season. Please note the following schedule of joint worship services through Holy Week.

Wednesday, Mid-Week Lenten Suppers and Services – We will begin with a light supper at 5:45 pm followed by a worship service at 6:30 pm. 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.)

March 8th at Redeemer– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Meal providers/servers needed.

March 15th at Concordia– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

March 22nd at Redeemer – 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Meal providers/servers needed.

March 29th at Concordia – 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2nd (services in each congregation)

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

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

Mundy Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 p.m. 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. Service at Concordia

Easter Sunday, April 9th (services in each congregation)

8:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion (no fellowship)



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

Church Office hours
Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
507-874-3343

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 2023 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, 2023.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2023 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, 2023.

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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Puzzle!

Slow down and uncover this message
and Bible verse, using the code below.

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Answer: We must talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Created for Community: A Midweek Lenten Series

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together “with the whole church”. It goes on to state that “we are created for communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.” Though many communion Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of “repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love,” Lent is also a time for deepening of community.

In the early church, the weeks before Easter were a time in which the whole community took responsibility for the training of catechumens. Not only were the catechumens enriched by this formation, but those already within the community were strengthened in their faith along with them.

Using readings from Mark’s gospel, we will use the “Created for Community” series during for our midweek Lenten services. It invites the assembly to reflect on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

Week 1—In Community with Creation

Mark 4:35-41 *Jesus calms a storm.*

Week 2—In Community with All the Saints

Mark 9:2-8 *Jesus is in conversation with those who have gone before him.*

Week 3—In Community with Our Neighbor

Mark 2:1-12 *A community comes together to bring a neighbor to Jesus.*

Week 4—In Community with Those on the Margins

Mark 5:1-20 *Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins.*

Week 5—In Community with Christ

Mark 10:32-45 *Jesus reminds us that we are walking the way of the cross.*



Ron Jahnke	3/1	Brook Troska	3/19
Alan Fredrickson	3/2	Linda Barron	3/20
Gloria Jorgenson	3/2	Jackson Besser	3/20
Jayne Linn	3/2	Mark Newman	3/20
Lily Haler	3/3	Radley Miller	3/21
Jane Bute	3/5	Isabelle Bakken	3/23
Phyllis Martinson	3/5	Brian Gaard	3/23
Michael Reyerson	3/5	Elaine Jahnke	3/25
Ruthann Gaard	3/6	Rick Jorgenson	3/25
Shirley Newman	3/6	Abby Reyerson	3/25
Levi Sorensen	3/6	Jerry Reyerson	3/25
Chrissy Reindal	3/9	Jesse Korman	3/26
Ryan Wach	3/9	Shannon Petersen	3/26
Paisley Merritt	3/10	Dugan Soost	3/27
Colton Williams	3/10	Ross Hemmingsen	3/28
Isaac Sorensen	3/11	James Sorensen	3/28
Glen Mathiason	3/14	Dalton Bradley	3/29
Griffin Troska	3/14	Kate Bradley	3/29
Lynn Mulso	3/15	Janiah Marth	3/29
Jade Huper	3/16	Darcy Sime	3/29
Mark Gilbert	3/17	Shannan Nelson	3/30
Eleanor Hintz	3/18	Sarah Heise	3/31
Al Schmidt	3/18	Nikki Weber-Knutson	3/31
Tim Hensche	3/19	Bob Mathiason	3/31
John Rasmussen	3/19		





CHANGE of Worship Service Times for March and April 2023

The Sunday worship schedule will be as follows:

March Worship Schedule

Sunday School times will remain at 9:45 for each congregation according to each church SS schedule. Fellowship time at Redeemer will be held at 9:30 am PRIOR to worship.

Sunday, March 5th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer Holy Communion

Sunday, March 12th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer

Sunday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer Holy Communion

Sunday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer

April Worship Schedule

Sunday School times will remain at 9:45 for each congregation according to each church SS schedule. Fellowship time at Redeemer will be held at 9:30 am PRIOR to worship.

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

Easter Sunday, April 9th

8:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion

(no fellowship)

Sunday, April 16th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer Holy Communion

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia

10:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer

Sunday, April 30th

8:30 a.m. Service at Concordia

10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday Service at Redeemer

needed. (Note: in past years, it hasn't been needed due to strong donations.) Pastor will let Lori Miller & Don Bryson know.

-Request for Cub Scouts to continue to use storage closet at Redeemer – The three cub scouts in 1st grade are registered with the Albert Lea group since we lost our charter for Alden. Eric Karr is asking permission to meet here and continue using storage closet. We will also close checking account under Cub Scouts/Ann Bryson's name and our church name. That money will move to a regional Scout account so those monies are available to them when needed. We would be the facility they use vs. being their charter church. They meet here 2x/month. All agreed, no issue continuing with them meeting here and using storage closet.

-Update Council Information Sheet & Council Duties Sign-up – Pass around completed during meeting.

-March Campaign for Alden Food Shelf—March 26th Special Offering - Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed to do a special offering for the Alden Food Shelf.

-Kids Table for Luther Hall – Josh is looking at getting 2 tables and 16 stackable chairs for a great place for our young children to gather during fellowship and other events. He will be sure to get tax ID when purchasing and will use designated Sunday Coffee fund for this. He may look at office supply stores as well since we get some good prices through some of

those too.

-The council designates \$2,400 furnishing allowance from Pastor's salary.

Committee Reports

Christian Education—Faithful Fridays Event—February 24th 3:30-6 p.m Kids did a great job singing last Sunday.

Youth—Random Acts of Kindness Night—February 26th 6:30 at Concordia. Will be buying various gift cards and giving out cards from the church with a nice message along with the gift cards.

Missions & Outreach– March Food Campaign

Endowment– Met on February 6th. Great conversation, officers elected, confirmed scholarship amounts and were able to increase the amounts as well. Next meeting in April to review scholarship applications.

Property— No updates.

Music & Worship – No updates.

Other Items –

Joint Council meeting Feb.22 at Redeemer following Ash Wednesday Service

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:18 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Month End Finances

January

January Inc./Exp.

Income: \$13,907.19

Expenses: \$12,932.85



Council Minutes

February
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 February 15, 2023

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

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Curt Guenther, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Tonya Hansen, Tara Roberts, Grant Petersen, Jerry Reyerson, and Brady Gooden. Guests from the Christian Education Committee included Anna Sorensen, Tana Christensen, Michelle Petersen, Kayla Roberts, Nicky Weigel, and Erin Cummings. Absent: Janelle Jacobs

Christian Education Committee – Council and members from the Christian Ed committee had good conversation about goals the committee has to engage parents and children and also discussed how to have the best communication moving forward between the council and the committee.

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from January 18. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –

- Councils as Leaders Synod Event Sunday, March 19th, 1 pm in Albert Lea. Council is welcome to attend.
- Lenten Worship Schedule – starts next Wednesday, February 22 here at Redeemer, Pastor will invite people to provide a light Lenten meal before service (2 times at Redeemer).
- Letter will be mailed out to the congregation re: service time changes, in addition to the info being in the Evangel & e-newsletter.
- Conversation about how we may support local fire victims, waiting for information to see how we may be able to assist.

Old Business –

- Ministry Partnership—Service time switch for March and April, 8:30 am for Concordia and 10:30 am for Redeemer. Sunday School time remains the same 9:45 am-10:30 am. Fellowship will be held before worship at 9:30 am.
- Hand rail for altar steps – Curt continues to work on this and is making progress

New Business -

- Support requested for community Easter Egg Hunt April 8th – Don Bryson asked if we would like to support again. Agree to offer up to \$200 from Samaritan Care fund if



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

No Wednesday night classes during March. Students will be participating and assisting with Lenten worship services.

Sunday, March 12th—9th Grade Students and Mentors meet with Pastor Kristi at 9:30 am at Concordia following worship service. **Note location change**

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

Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

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

Next Quilting Dates:
March 7th and 21st

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



QUILTING GROUP



First Communion Education for 5th Grade students (*or any other older students that have not had communion instruction*) and their parents will be held at Redeemer beginning in March.

Together we will learn about the sacrament of Holy Communion, learn about the communion ware of each congregation, create a special craft for each student, and make communion bread that will be served the night of your First Communion.

****Sunday, March 19th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer**

****Sunday, March 26th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer**

****Sunday, April 2th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer**

Students will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service at Redeemer Lutheran on Thursday, April 6th, 6:30 pm

Please contact Pastor Kristi if you have questions about the First Communion classes.

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

March

5: Toby Soost & Luke Gooden
12: Cael Boldt
19: Rylin Troska & Luke Gooden
26: Danika Diekmann & Addison Mattson

March

Kim & Aspen Soost

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship March Servers

5: Dean & Myrna Sorensen
12: *Someone Needed*
19: Dan & Sue Reindal
26: Jacob's Family



LECTORS

March

5: Carolyn Martinson
12: Roger Pestorious
19: Nikki Weber-Knutson
26: *Someone Needed*



March

Paulette Rasmussen

SAVE THE DATE:

RLC VBS, *Pets
Unleashed*
June 11-13



Faithful Fridays

After School Program

At Redeemer Lutheran



Faithful Fridays - High Seas Expedition

Bible Point: *God's Word is True.*

Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Optional pick-up at 8 p.m. for students under 3rd grade.

What is it?

For this event, our students (who are encouraged to bring a friend) are invited to join us for the evening. The Sunday School leaders will provide the programming and supervision. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and popcorn), movie (8 p.m.) and Redeemer's very first Escape Room (3rd grade and older)!

When?

Friday, March 24 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Where?

Redeemer Lutheran Church

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*) or included paper format and return to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$10 per child for Late Night Event.

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



Sunday School Happenings:

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!

Mar. 5 ~ Lesson "Abram's Call"

Mar. 12 ~ *Spring Break NO CLASS*

Mar. 19 ~ Lesson "Pool of Siloam"

Mar. 24 ~ **Faithful Fridays Late Night Event**, 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Mar. 26 ~ Lesson "Lazarus"

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?

Classroom Organizers/Leaders

Preschool-1st Grade: Tana Christensen & Michelle Petersen

Grades 2-4: Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel



Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade! Early-bird registration ends this month in March.

Visit www.goodearthvillage.org for more information.

Calendar of Events for March 2023

Wed. 3/1	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
Thurs. 3/2	9:30 am-4:30 pm Preschool Screening Day
Sun. 3/5	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
Tues. 3/7	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/8	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer 7:30 pm Redeemer Church Council Meeting
Sun. 3/12	9:30 am 9th Gr Students & Mentors meet at Concordia 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Spring Break 10:30 am Worship
Mon. 3/13	6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
Tues. 3/14	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/15	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
Sun. 3/19	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 1:00 pm Councils as Leaders Event in Albert Lea 4:00-5:30 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer
Tues. 3/21	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/22	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer 7:30 pm Joint Council Meeting at Redeemer
Fri. 3/24	5:00—10:00 pm Faithful Fridays Event
Sun. 3/26	9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:00-5:30 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer
Mon. 3/27	6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
Tues. 3/28	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/29	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
Sun. 4/2	Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 4:00-5:30 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer



March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota

The March Campaign will run from Monday, February 27th to Sunday, April 9th this year.

The March Campaign is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC). It began its work in 1982 with a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7 county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later, which now includes contributions from congregations, corporations, and individuals.

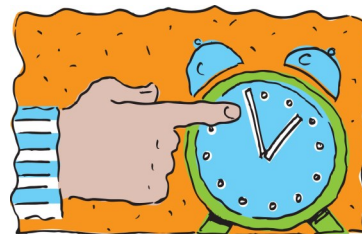
Alden Area Food Shelf was established in 2003 and has participated in the March Campaign for many years. Every dollar collected locally goes directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf to purchase food. The amount of money and food donations collected by the food shelf and the number of clients served determines the percentage of dollars we receive from GMCC. Last year we received over \$500 from the state organization.

At the food shelf each client visit is counted. Last year, 1322 people were served by the Alden Area Food Shelf and 38,404 pound of food distributed. Some people came once a month, some came twice a month, and others came less frequently. The Alden Conger Backpack program is administered by the Food Shelf and currently has 81 students enrolled. They receive a package of food and/or coupons for food every Friday.

Birgitt Langrud, who is well known for her involvement in the elementary school department and Rita Korman, are Co-Directors. They are impressed with the generosity of our community and would like to thank you for helping to fill the shelves at the Alden Area Food Shelf and Backpack program during the month of March and throughout the year.

During the worship services at Redeemer during March you will see Mission Envelopes in our pews. Please use these envelopes for your donations. Checks written out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and noted to the Alden Area Food Shelf will be given directly to the food shelf at the end of the campaign. Monetary donations can also be given directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the containers marked for the food shelf at Redeemer. Sunday, March 26th Redeemer will have a special offering during worship specifically for the Alden Food Shelf.

The Alden Food Shelf is open each Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 pm.



SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!

Time to Spring Forward for Daylight Saving Time.

A reminder to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 12th .

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. Please watch for the order forms at church, fill it out and place it, together with your check written out to the Altar Guild, in the offering plate or drop off at Church Office **Requests and payment must be received by Palm Sunday, April 2nd.** Call the Church Office if you have any questions.



Save the Date
Saturday, April 8th
For our Community
Easter Egg Hunt
North Park in Alden

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