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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St  
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

# The Evangel



2023  
December



**Sunday  
December 10th  
10:30 a.m.**

### **NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE**

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

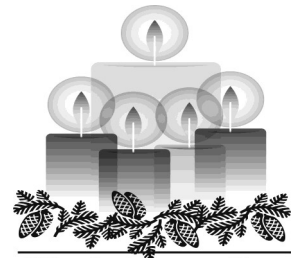
### *Christmas Eve Worship Services*

*December 24, 2023*

*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 December 25th—Christmas Day at either Redeemer or Concordia



# Calendar of Events for December 2023

<u>Sun. 12/3</u>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens Service</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
<u>Mon. 12/4</u>	6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study—Session 4 at Redeemer 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/5</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/6</u>	5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 6-7:15 pm Christmas Program Practice 7:30 pm 9th Gr. Conf. Class and Mentors at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 12/7</u>	1:30 pm Revelation Bible Study— Session 4 at Concordia
<u>Sat. 12/9</u>	5:00 pm Burris Baptism
<u>Sun. 12/10</u>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent—Christmas Program Day</b> 9:45 am Christmas Program Practice <i>Time Change</i> —10:30 am Worship—Christmas Program 11:30 am Fellowship
<u>Mon. 12/11</u>	6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study-Session 5 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/12</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/13</u>	5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 12/14</u>	1:30 pm Revelation Bible Study at Concordia
<u>Sat. 12/16</u>	10:00 am Mathiason/Johnson Baptism 10:00 am-5:00 pm Bryson Family Christmas
<u>Sun. 12/17</u>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 2—5 pm Youth Group at Redeemer
<u>Mon. 12/18</u>	6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study-Session 6 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/19</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/20</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council meeting
<u>Thurs. 12/21</u>	1:30 pm Revelation Bible Study—Session 6 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 12/24</u>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Christmas Break
<u>Sun. 12/24</u>	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b> 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>Mon. 12/25</u>	<b>Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed</b> <b>No Worship Service at Redeemer or Concordia</b>
<u>Wed. 12/27</u>	<b>No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break</b>
<u>Sun. 12/31</u>	9:30 am Joint Worship Service—Holy Communion and Service of Lessons and Carols at Concordia 10:30 am Christmas Cookie Potluck Fellowship <b>No Sunday School—Christmas Break</b>

- motion passed to complete the reference letter as requested.
- 4) Changing constitution for required quorum – Motion to recommend to the congregation to amend C10.04 to “15% of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.” Motion seconded and passed. Will be discussed with the congregation at the annual meeting.
  - 5) Motion to recommend to the congregation to amend Redeemer’s constitution to come into compliance with the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Model Constitution as stated in \*C16.04. Motion seconded and passed. Will be discussed with the congregation at the annual meeting.

### Committee Reports

Christian Education — Looking to book Greg the Great magician for a Friday night family event next year. Motion to move forward with utilizing Faith in Action funds to book Greg the Great, seconded, and motion passed. Good turnout for movie night that was on Friday, October 27. Frolic Event coming up on November 27th at 6:00 pm. Christmas Program Sunday, December 10th at 10:30. Lori Miller is planning a spaghetti meal after the Christmas program.

Youth – Next gathering is November 19th 5-7 pm at Concordia. Doing a walking taco meal and making cards for homebound members.

Missions & Outreach – Spirit of Christmas for November. Special offering on November 26th during worship. Partnering with Conger 4H for coat/winter gear drive.

Endowment – Met on Nov. 13th at 5:00 pm. Neil Pierce is going off of the endowment committee after serving two 3 year terms. Dan Reindal is open to serving another

term.  
Property - Meeting on Nov. 20th at 5:30 pm  
Music & Worship— Hanging of the Greens service on December 3rd. Pre-decorating on Wed. Nov. 29th at 5:45 pm.  
  
Other Items –  
Parish Council Meeting December 4th 7:30 pm at Redeemer  
Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service November 22nd, 7:00 pm at Redeemer with fellowship following.  
Thanksgiving Day—Office and Church closed. Jacobs family using the fellowship hall.  
Friday, Nov. 24th—Office and Church closed.  
Sunday, Nov 26th Bridal Shower in afternoon for Skov family

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:47 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary



**SAVE THE DATE -  
Annual Meeting Date-  
Sunday, January 28, 2024  
Following the 8:30 Service**

# Council Minutes November



- 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  
*Unapproved* Church Council Minutes  
 November 15, 2023

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Brady Gooden, Curt Guenther, Grant Petersen, and Tara Roberts.  
 Absent: Janelle Jacobs and Jerry Reyerson

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

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

Pastor's Report –  
 Vacation November 27-December 2 (will be here on Sunday, November 26).  
 Vacation December 27-December 31. Lay leaders for Sunday, December 31 9:00 am at Concordia

Bible Study – 13 participants and has been going well

Old Business –

- 1) Review Pie and Ice Cream Social/

- 2) Handrail for the altar area – B&D completed the work. Curt is picking up on Friday. Plan to install after the first of the year.
- 3) Snow removal for church parking lot and sidewalks – Dave Hemmingsen has volunteered to do church parking lot as he's done in the past. Matt Troska also volunteered to plow/clear the sidewalks (and he already clears the bank parking lot which we use as well.) Thanks to them for their generosity! If it is a light snow, Kurt will shovel or use the Mitchell's small snowblower to do the sidewalks.

New Business –

- 1) Appoint Audit Committee – Motion made to appoint the following to the audit committee, seconded, and motion passed. Beth Wilder (3 year term), Eb Howe (2 year term), & Lori Miller (1 year term).
- 2) Set Annual Meeting Date - Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed to set annual meeting for Sunday, January 28 immediately following the 8:30 am service. We will offer the electronic option for the meeting again this year.
- 3) Reference letter for the City – City of Alden is applying for a grant for local road improvement. The City has requested a reference letter showing our support to include with the grant application. They provided a draft of the letter to us to use. Motion to approve, seconded, and

KyAnna Besser	12/1	Ron Wilder	12/16
Alex Burris	12/1	Paulette Rasmussen	12/17
Kristi Soost	12/1	Landon Mattson	12/18
Gracie Wangen	12/1	Christina Peterson	12/19
Steve Schmidt	12/2	Aidan Cummings	12/20
Bob Newman	12/3	John Heise	12/20
Jordan Janzig	12/4	Jerry Jahnke	12/20
Jon Duncan	12/5	Ethan Bendickson	12/21
Scott Hemmingsen	12/8	Merv Boettcher	12/21
Thelma Niebuhr	12/8	Jenny Jensen	12/21
Missy Rasmussen	12/8	Jordan Hallman	12/23
Lori Meyer	12/9	Owen Gooden	12/24
Alicia Schewe	12/9	Brian Jacobs	12/24
Jeff Larson	12/10	Bob Hansen	12/25
Sierra Babcock	12/11	Alyvia Newman	12/27
Chuck Schroeder	12/11	Steve Newman	12/28
Paul Weigel	12/11	Kaylee Wachlin	12/28
Colleen Jahnke	12/12	Betsy Bakken	12/29
Travis Marth	12/13	Rachel Bakken	12/29
Everett Stadheim	12/13	Emma Kleinschrodt	12/29
Rylin Troska	12/13	Dave Sime	12/29
Brinley Jacobs	12/14	Julie Diekmann	12/30
Alicia Roberts	12/14	Kelly Honstad	12/30
Chance Carlson	12/16	Bill Hintz	12/31
Sindi Fulton	12/16	Betty Steele	12/31
Ross Skov	12/16		
Brooke Soost	12/16		

## Personnel

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

## Contact Information

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- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### December Acolytes

3: 8:30 am Luke Gooden & Andrew Petersen  
 10: 10:30 am *Christmas Program students*  
 17: 8:30 am KyAnna Besser & Preston Hendrickson  
 24: 8:30 am Ethan Bendickson & Aspen Soost  
 24: 4:00 pm Cael Boldt & Reece Soost  
 24: 10:30 pm Rylin Troska & Griffin Troska



### December Ushers

Ross Martinson &  
 Roger Pectorious

### December Lectors

3: Congregational members  
 10: *No reader needed*  
 17: Nikki Weber-Knutson  
 24: 8:30 am *Reader Needed*  
 24: 4:00 pm Glen Mathiason  
 24: 10:30 *Reader Needed*

### Altar Guild December

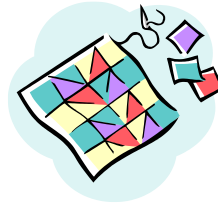
Paulette Rasmussen  
 Max Borge

### Coffee Fellowship - December Servers

3: Brian Jacobs Family  
 10: Radley and Lori Miller  
 17: Bryson/Olson Family in Honor of Arlene & Bill Bryson  
 24: *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. Next quilting day will be January 9th at 9:00 am.

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

**Join us for Worship on Sunday, December 31st at 9:00 am for a Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols. This will be a joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran at Concordia.**



For our fellowship time after worship on the 31st we are inviting you bring some Christmas cookies or treats to share. Enjoy a “Christmas Cookie Potluck”

### Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2024.

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

### October Financial Report

Income for October \$  
 Expenses for October \$

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### Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group

**Making Christmas**  
*Cookies and Ornaments*



Our next Youth Group event is Sunday December 17th—2 - 5 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.

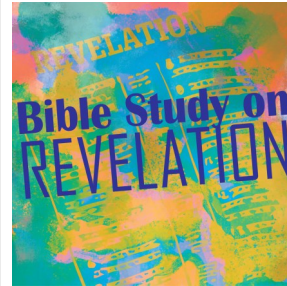
#### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Dec. 6 5:45—7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 6 7:30-8:30 pm**  
9th Gr. Conf. Class & Mentors at Redeemer
- Dec. 13 5:45—7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia
- Dec. 20 5:45 —7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 27** No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break



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

#### Join Us for Adult Bible Study – “How to Read the Book of Revelation”



We will continue our study of the book of Revelation during the month of December. This Bible Study provides a some clues on how to read Revelation. We will explore the imagery and purpose of Revelation as well as its interpretive life through the centuries in theology, politics, worship, music, and popular culture. We will hear from Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago through video presentations as she shares

her teachings and insights with us on the book of Revelation and then we will share in discussion and biblical reflection.

#### We will gather on these dates:

- Dec 4 6:30 pm Session 4 at Redeemer**
- Dec 7 1:30 pm Session 4 at Concordia**
- Dec 11 6:30 pm Session 5 at Redeemer**
- Dec 14 1:30 pm Session 5 at Concordia**
- Dec 18 6:30 pm Session 6 at Redeemer**
- Dec 21 1:30 pm Session 6 at Concordia**



**\*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. 10 – Christmas Program Sunday!**

**Sunday School Happenings:**

**Dec. 3** ~ Christmas Program Practice

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

**Dec. 10** ~ “Stellar 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 spaghetti meal to celebrate Jesus’ Birthday!

**Dec. 17** ~ John the Baptist Proclaims Jesus’ Coming

**Dec. 24** ~ **No Sunday School Class**

**Dec. 31** ~ **No Sunday School Class**

**Jan. 7** ~ *Sunday School Class Resumes, “Jesus’ Baptism”*

**Sunday School Leaders**

Sunday School Teachers: Tana Christensen, Erin Cummings, Michelle Peterson, Anna Sorensen, Nicole Weigel

Additional Christian Education Volunteers: Megan Gooden, Courtney Janzig, Emily Stadheim

Youth Leader: Kayla Roberts

Cradle Roll: Sue Reindal

Council Representative: Tonya Hansen

Sunday School Leader: Anna Sorensen



**LET A LIGHT SHINE**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**Sunday, Dec. 17th 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 10th.**

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

**COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE**