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2022



Ministry Partnership with Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake

At the Annual Meetings of both congregations, the congregation members voted to move forward with a 6 month trial of sharing in a ministry partnership. This means that Pastor Kristi will be the part-time Pastor for each congregation. Splitting her time 50-50 with both congregations. Each church retains its own identity and remains its own congregation. Each will continue to have its own Council, and many of the church programs and functions will continue the same.

This partnership will become effective on March 1st. The Church Councils and leaders will be meeting with Pastor Kristi during the month of February to finalize the details for this partnership, including looking at time change for worship services. A current suggestion for Sunday worship time change for Redeemer is moving from 9:00 a.m. start time to 8:45 a.m. with Sunday School moving from 10:15 a.m. start time to 10:00 a.m. We will also be looking at how to provide Lenten services beginning in March. The Councils want to explore ways to share together in ministry as well, like Confirmation classes and Youth Group.

Please watch for additional details coming to you through our congregation email group and in the Redeemer weekly announcement page .

May we all trust that God is at work in this process and believe that the Holy Spirit is caringly guiding us through this change and new beginning.

Redeemer Lutheran Church



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

Church Office hours
Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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 2022 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, 2022.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2022 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, 2022.



Ash Wednesday Service
March 2nd 7:30 pm
Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion



Confirmation 2021/2022

Living Out Our Baptism

WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Feb. 2 5:45—7:00 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
Feb. 9 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
Feb. 16 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
Feb. 23 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
Feb. 23 7:30—8:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class
March 2 No Classes due to Ash Wednesday Service

SUNDAY MORNING 9th Grade Student and Mentor:

February 13—10:15 AM in the Fireside Room.

Redeemer Burger Night Fundraiser on **Friday, February 4th from 5 to 7 pm** at the Alden American Legion. Serving hamburgers and pork burgers for \$5 and hot dogs for \$3. Includes chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle and condiments. You can call the American Legion and arrange for a take order as well. Funds raised will help support the students going to the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.



The next Redeemer Burger Night Fundraiser will be **Friday, March 4th from 5 to 7 pm** at the Alden American Legion. Funds raised will go towards paying down our window project debt.

Contact the Church Office if would like to help with this burger night!
Thank you!!

Sunday School News

Sunday School

Classes are held at 10:15 following worship.

February 6—The Disciples

February 13—The Beatitudes

February 20—No Sunday School Classes—President's Day Break

February 27—The Transfiguration & Christian Coin Store

Donations Needed for the Christian Coin Store:

The Sunday School program is requesting donations for the Christian Coin Store for the

students. They are looking for small toys, puzzles, coloring books, etc. You can leave donations at the Church Office or contact Anna Sorensen if you have questions. Thank you!!

Sunday School Leaders

SS Superintendent

Anna Sorensen

Preschool-Kindergarten

Tana Christensen

1st-2nd Grade

Michelle Petersen

3rd-4th Grade

Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel

5th-6th Grade

Erin Cummings & Kayla Roberts

Catch the FIRE!

Faith In Real Experiences

February 27th we will be heading to the WOW! Zone in Mankato for Bowling. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to participate. We will be leaving from Redeemer at 1 pm and plan to return by 5 pm. You must let Pastor Kristi know you plan to attend. You can also invite a friend to join you. Cost will be \$5.00 per student. Additional adult volunteers for driving will be needed. Contact Pastor Kristi (cell #507-360-1224) to volunteer, participate, or if you have questions.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tanya Hemmingsen	2/1	Lori Janzig	2/15
Ana Guenther	2/3	Maggie Evans	2/16
Steve Haukoos	2/3	Emily Hassing	2/16
Rylie Burris	2/5	Tammy Newman	2/17
Maverick Babcock	2/6	Cassie Wasmoen	2/17
Nathaniel Phelps	2/6	Jaiven Marth	2/19
Sam Jacobs	2/8	Amanda Miller	2/19
Emilee Weigel	2/8	Anne Jahnke	2/22
Trevor Kluender	2/9	Kenlee Carlson	2/23
John Barron	2/10	Jenny Hendrickson	2/23
Bill Mitchell	2/12	Samantha Armstrong	2/24
Carol Linde	2/12	Kaetlin Bendickson	2/27
Linda Wasmoen	2/13	Bryn Nelson	2/27
Madison Hendrickson	2/13	Noah Nelson	2/27
Sam Hallman	2/14	Dan Reindal	2/27
Ava Diekmann	2/15	Ross Huper	2/28
Evan Guenther	2/15		

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

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

February

6: Logan Williams & Rylin Troska
13: Cameron Holst & Danika Diekmann
20: Alyvia Newman & Toby Soost
27: Landen Purdy & Aspen Hendrickson

February

Mike Bute & Bill Mitchell

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship February Servers

6: Jerry and Mary Reyerson
13: Dean and Myrna Sorensen
20: Max Borge
27: Tana & Jason Christensen, Dan & Sue Reindal



LECTORS

February

6: Glen Mathiason
13: Candy Pierce
20:
27: Radley Miller



February

Lori Miller
Colleen Jahnke

smoothly. All things are looking very positive for this moving forward.

Nominations are needed for 3 positions on the Church Council. Janelle Jacobs is interested and will be one of the nominees for the Church Council ballot. Jerry Reyerson is still considering if he will serve another term. At least one additional person would still be needed for the Council. Thank you to Carl Rasmussen and Dave Mulso for serving on Council and who are ending their terms.

Annual Meeting is going to be January 30th after the regular church service. A Zoom conference will again be available as it was last year. Pastor will get this information out to the congregation.

Fundraiser meal for our congregation, we are looking at a March or April time frame. Pastor will see if a non-council member is interested in coordinating the event.

New Business - Confirmation Sunday date is set for April 24th.

Motion made to appoint the Audit Team, of Eb Howe, Mary Reyerson, and Terri Huper. Motion seconded, and motion passed.

Committee Reports

Christian Education & Youth – Sunday School has resumed.

Next Youth FIRE event is Pizza and Game Night - scheduled for January 23rd.

Mission & Outreach – no meeting

Endowment – no meeting

Property – no meeting

Stewardship – no meeting

Worship & Music – no meeting

Motion was made to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Dave Mulso, Secretary

Month End Finances December

December Inc./Exp.

Income: \$17,992,29

Expenses: \$19,926.36

Council Minutes January



- CARL RASMUSSEN, PRESIDENT
- WAYNE JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT
- DAVE MULSO, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- LORI MILLER
- JOSH SORENSEN
- TARA ROBERTS
- GRANT PETERSEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church Unapproved Church Council Minutes January 12th, 2022

President Carl Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Opening devotions given by Carl with an opening prayer.

In attendance were Carl Rasmussen, Dave Mulso, Jerry Reyerson, Curt Guenther, Tara Roberts, Wayne Jacobs, and Pastor Kristi Mitchell. Absent: Lori Miller, Josh Sorensen, and Grant Petersen

Discussed and reviewed the December Secretary's Report. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –Christmas services went well. Taking down of the Christmas decorations went well. Well organized by Tana Christensen. Parsonage furnace is running very well. Will be using Beth Wilder occasionally to train and assist Kurt Mylenbusch with year-end accounting issues and annual report information.

Motion made to designate \$2,400 of Pastor's base salary as furnishings allowance for 2022. Motion seconded, and motion passed. We will share posters around the church and include information in our bulletin about the Albert Lea Legion Breakfast on the 4th Sunday of each month. If we mention Redeemer Lutheran when we attend, the church receives a donation back from the funds spent.

Old Business - Moving forward with the partnership with Concordia Pickerel Lake. We will vote on this matter at the Annual Meeting. Start time is planned for March 1, 2022. Worship times and joint Council representatives will be discussed after the vote is confirmed by both churches. Things are moving along

Calendar of Events for February 2022

<u>Tues. 2/1</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Wed. 2/2</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
<u>Sun. 2/6</u>	9:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School
<u>Wed. 2/9</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class
<u>Sun. 2/13</u>	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am 9th Grade Confirmation Students and Mentors
<u>Tues. 2/15</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Wed. 2/16</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30 pm Church Council meeting
<u>Sun. 2/20</u>	9:00 am Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship No Sunday School—President's Day Weekend 2:00 pm Blue Earth River Conference Assembly— Hayward, MN
<u>Wed. 2/23</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class 7:30-8:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class
<u>Sun. 2/27</u>	9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School
<u>Wed. 3/2</u>	7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service No Confirmation Classes





March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota

This March, Redeemer Lutheran joins food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity.

The Alden Area Food Shelf will be participating in the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign during the month of March.

It is the only annual statewide food and fund drive of its kind in Minnesota. During the month of March 300 food shelves around the state come together with congregations, businesses, community groups, schools and others to restock food shelves to help feed our neighbors in need. Every dollar collected locally goes directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf to purchase food.

The donations of money and pounds of food collected by the food shelf, and the number of clients served locally will determine the percentage of dollars Alden Area Food Shelf will receive from Minnesota FoodShare.

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. Please call Birgitt Langrud at 383-9057 or Rita Korman at 383-6913 if you have questions.

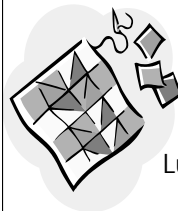
Thank you for helping to fill the shelves at the Alden Area Food Shelf during the month of March and throughout the year. It is very much appreciated.

When you pick the food of your land at gathering time, do not pick all the way to the corners of your field. And do not gather the food left on the ground there after you have picked. Do not gather what is left among your vines, or gather the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for those in need and for the stranger.

– Leviticus 19:9-10



EXCITING NEWS! Our church leadership has determined it is time for our **new pictorial church directory**. Our dates for photography will **Wednesday, March 30 through Saturday, April 2**. We need volunteers to help with the sign-up process for our families. Please contact Kurt Mylenbusch to volunteer to be a part of this project. Church Office phone # is 874-3343. See the insert in this newsletter for additional information.



Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

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

Next Quilting Dates:
February 1st, February 15th, March 1st

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