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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St  
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



# The Evangel



2024  
December

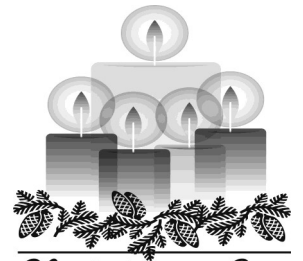
**Sunday School  
Christmas Program  
Sunday,  
December 15th  
10:30 a.m.  
NOTE SERVICE  
TIME CHANGE**



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

*Christmas Eve Worship Services  
Tuesday, December 24, 2024  
4:00 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 2024

<u>Sun. 12/1</u>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens Service</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Tues. 12/3</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/4</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 12/8</u>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
<u>Tues. 12/10</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/11</u>	5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 6-7:15 pm Christmas Program Practice—Grs.1-9 (PreK-K optional) 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Sun. 12/15</u>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> 9:30 am Christmas Program Practice <i>Time Change</i> —10:30 am Worship—Christmas Program 11:30 am Fellowship 3—5 pm Youth Group at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/17</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/18</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Sat. 12/21</u>	10:00 am-5:00 pm Bryson Family Christmas
<u>Sun. 12/22</u>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Christmas Break
<u>Tues. 12/24</u>	<b>Food Shelf Closed</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services</b> 4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Redeemer 5:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Concordia
<u>Wed. 12/25</u>	<b>Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed</b> <b>No Worship Service at Redeemer or Concordia</b> <b>No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break</b>
<u>Sun. 12/29</u>	9:00 am Joint Worship Service—Service of Lessons and Carols at Redeemer 10:00 am Christmas Cookie/Treat Potluck Fellowship No Sunday School—Christmas Break
<u>Tues. 12/31</u>	<b>Food Shelf Closed</b>
<u>Wed. 1/1</u>	<b>New Year's Day—Church and Office Closed</b> <b>No Confirmation Classes</b>



## New Business -

-Nominating Committee to begin work in December – Pastor will invite committee to begin their work

-Set Annual Meeting Date—  
January 26th, 2025 – Motion to set annual meeting for Sunday, January 26, 2025, seconded, and motion passed.

-Draft of 2025 proposed budget – will vote on in December

-Notice from city about lead in water for both church and parsonage – Property committee will review letter received and discuss what obligation we may have regarding this.

## Committee Reports

Christian Education— Movie event was successful. Frolic Event on Nov. 25th at 6:00 pm.

Christmas Program Sunday, Dec 15th at 10:30 (note worship time switch with Concordia)

Youth— Next gathering is Nov 17th 5-7 pm at Redeemer.

Missions & Outreach— Spirit of Christmas for November. Special offering on November 24th during worship.

Endowment— Recently had meeting.

Property— Meeting notes handed out. Tree trimming and removal completed around parsonage and church parking lot. Thanks to all who helped! Gutters replaced at parsonage. The parsonage dishwasher needs to be replaced.

Motion to purchase from Sorenson Appliance, install, and remove old one for approximately \$650 from Faith in Action. Bid for flooring in the basement was approximately

\$20,000. We will need to get an additional bid for the process.

Music & Worship— Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service Wed. Nov. 27th 7:00 pm at Concordia with pie fellowship following. Hanging of the Greens service on December 1st. Pre-decorating on Wed. Nov. 20th at 5:45 pm. Setting up the Christmas Tree on Sunday Nov 24th after worship.

## Other Items -

-Parish Council met October 30th. Next meeting Jan 22nd.

-Thanksgiving Day—Office and Church closed. Jacobs family using the fellowship hall.

-Friday, Nov. 29th—Office and Church closed

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:41 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 11th at 7:30 pm  
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE related to Christmas program practice.

**Council Duties:** For December – Tonya December 8

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary



**SAVE THE DATE -**  
**Annual Meeting Date-**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**Following the 8:30 Service**

# Council Minutes November



- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- BRADY GOODEN TREASURER
- MIKE BUTE
- TONYA HANSEN
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- DEREK PETERSON

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
*Unapproved* Church Council  
 Minutes  
 November 14, 2024

Treasurer Brady Gooden called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Derek Peterson, Tonya Hansen, Mike Bute, Josh Sorensen, Brady Gooden, Grant Petersen, Tara Roberts and guest Erik Karre Regional Cub Scout Leader via Zoom.  
 Absent: Janelle Jacobs

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from October 23. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –  
 -Vacation days November 18th-24th. Kathy Chatelaine will be

here for pulpit supply. Mike Bute will be unlocking and locking up that Sunday. Thanks Mike!  
 -Vacation Dec 26th-Jan 2nd. Lay leaders to lead worship for Sunday, Dec. 29th 9:00 am Service of Lessons and Carols at Redeemer. Cookie potluck to follow.  
 -Kurt on vacation Nov. 23rd-29th. The council acknowledges receipt of resignation from Kurt Mylenbusch effective December 20.  
 -Bible Study will resume in January  
 -Sharing with Concordia's Salvation Army Giving Tree – there will be a small tree in the narthex

Old Business –  
 -Cub Scout Charter – Had a nice discussion with Erik Karre about how the Cub Scouts are working to grow in Alden. They currently have 12 kids actively involved and are meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. We are looking for a representative from our congregation to partner with the Cub Scouts. Motion to move forward with establishing a Cub Scout charter, seconded, and motion passed. Motion to allow Cub Scouts to set up checking account with the church's tax ID number and Treasurer as a co-signer, seconded and passed.  
 -Christmas Eve Service plans – Motion to discontinue the 10:30 pm late Christmas Eve service this year, seconded, and motion passed.



KyAnna Besser	12/1	Ron Wilder	12/16
Alex Burris	12/1	Haley Johnson	12/17
Kristi Soost	12/1	Paulette Rasmussen	12/17
Gracie Wangen	12/1	Landon Mattson	12/18
Steve Schmidt	12/2	Christina Peterson	12/19
Bob Newman	12/3	Aidan Cummings	12/20
Jordan Janzig	12/4	John Heise	12/20
Jon Duncan	12/5	Jerry Jahnke	12/20
Thelma Niebuhr	12/8	Ethan Bendickson	12/21
Missy Rasmussen	12/8	Merv Boettcher	12/21
Lori Meyer	12/9	Jenny Jensen	12/21
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	Alyvia Newman	12/27
Colleen Jahnke	12/12	Steve Newman	12/28
Everett Stadheim	12/13	Kaylee Wachlin	12/28
Rylin Troska	12/13	Emma Kleinschrodt	12/29
Brinley Jacobs	12/14	Dave Sime	12/29
Alicia Roberts	12/14	Julie Diekmann	12/30
Chance Carlson	12/16	Kelly Honstad	12/30
Sindi Fulton	12/16	Bill Hintz	12/31
Ross Skov	12/16	Betty Steele	12/31
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

1: 8:30 am Logan Honstad  
 8: 8:30 am Maci Harty & Luke Gooden  
 15: 10:30 am Andrew Peterson & Caleb Mattson  
 22: 8:30 Reece Soost & Emilee Weigel  
 24: 4:00 pm Owen Gooden & Griffin Troska  
 29: 9:00 am Wesley Diekmann & Jade Huper



### December Ushers

Ross Martinson &  
 Craig Williams

### December Lectors

1: *Various Readers*  
 8: Roger Pestorius  
 15: *No readers needed*  
 22: 8:30 am *Reader Needed*  
 24: 4:00 pm Radley Miller  
 29: 9:00 am *Various Readers*

### Altar Guild December

Paulette Rasmussen  
 Max Borge

### Coffee Fellowship - December Servers

1: Gooden Family  
 8: Carl & Paulette Rasmussen and Glen Mathiason  
 15: *Meal provided following the Christmas Program*  
 22: Bryson/Olson Family in Honor of Arlene & Bill Bryson  
 29: Christmas Cookie/Treats Potluck



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

**The Alden Food Shelf will be closed** on Tuesday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 31st.



**The Busy Fingers Quilters** will not be gathering in December. Next quilting day will be January 7th 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 29th 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 Redeemer.*



For our fellowship time after worship on the 29th 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 2025.

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  
 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 \$13,751.27  
 Expenses for October \$13,575.38



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### Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group



Our next Youth Group event is Sunday December 15th—3 - 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. 4 5:45—7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 4 7:30-8:30 pm**  
9th Gr. Conf. Class & Mentors at Redeemer
- Dec. 11 5:45—7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Dec. 18 5:45 —7:15 pm**  
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia
- Dec. 25** 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.



Thank you to Kurt Mylenbusch for serving as our Administrative Assistant and Custodian. The Church Council accepted Kurt’s resignation at their November 14th meeting. Kurt’s last day with us at Redeemer and Concordia will be December 20th. We wish Kurt and his family well as they move to Kansas.

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The Executive Committee has hired Dave Rasmussen as our Custodian. Dave will begin his part-time duties this month for our congregation.



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Redeemer is seeking a part-time (20 hours/wk) Administrative Assistant. Functioning as the financial and record bookkeeper, receptionist, and providing office services for the pastor and congregation. Must have computer experience, knowledge of Word, Publisher, and Payroll Mate helpful. If you or someone you know are interested in the position please contact Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224. Our partner congregation Concordia is also looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant (10 hours/wk). These two positions could be held by the same person if interested.





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. 15 – Christmas Program Sunday!**  
The students will lead us in worship and help us “see” the reason for the Season!

**Sunday School Happenings:**

**Dec. 1** ~ Advent/Christmas Program Practice

**Dec. 8** ~ Christmas Program Practice

**Dec. 11** (Wed.) ~ Christmas Program Practice, 6-7:15 p.m.  
Grades 1-8 with risers (PreK-K optional)

**Dec. 15** ~ “*Scuba Christmas*”

**Christmas Program** at 10:30 a.m.

**\*Note Time Change for Worship\***

*Students please arrive at 9:30 a.m.*

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

**Dec. 22** ~ *Christmas Break—No Class*

**Dec. 29** ~ *Christmas Break—No Class*

**Jan. 5** ~ *Sunday School Class Resumes, “Jesus the Word”*

**Jan. 12** ~ “Jesus’ Baptism”

Kids Sing at Concordia, SS ends at 10:15 am

**\*Celebrate Your Birthday\***

On the week of your birthday, celebrate with us during fellowship time following our worship service. Bring a silver coin for each year you turn and help fill our birthday cake!



For example, if you are turning 8, bring 8 silver coins of your choice and place them in our special birthday cake. All are welcome to participate!



**LET A LIGHT SHINE**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**Sunday, Dec. 22nd 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 blue 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 15th.**

We join you in honoring/rememering your loved ones and are grateful for your gifts.

**COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE**