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# The Evangel



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water

To honor Earth Day we will include a time of Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water during our worship service on Sunday April 14, 8:30 am. This offers us, as Christians, an opportunity to reflect on the significance of our connectedness to water, seeds and soil, and the people whose livelihoods depend on these elements. God created water, seeds and soil, we give thanks to God for the life essentials he provides. Plan to share in a celebration of God's creation.



## Confirmation Sunday, April 28th



Join us at our 8:30 a.m. Worship Service as we celebrate the Affirmation of Faith for Toby Soost and Danika Diekmann.



God's work.  
Our hands.

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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY  
191 Water St  
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



**JOIN US! Friday, April 26,** local magician, “Greg the Great” will perform at Redeemer. Greg Skillestad has been sharing his magic with the community since he was 10 years-old. You won’t want to miss this one-of-a-kind family friendly comedy show! **Individuals of all ages are welcome to join students at 6 p.m.**

**to enjoy the evening of fun. Popcorn and light refreshments will be served by the students.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

June 9-11

RLC VBS,

***Outback Rock***

*“Where Kids Venture Into Solid Faith*



**Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group**



We needed to postpone our Youth Group Random Acts of Kindness event so we will be gathering on Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 pm at Redeemer. We will share in our random acts of kindness throughout the community and then enjoy a treat together. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join us, and are welcome to

bring a friend. We will be looking for additional adults to help provide transportation for our group. Please RSVP if you will be attending by April 10th to pastor@redeemeralden.com. Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) or Kayla Roberts (507-402-9790), our Youth Group Assistant, if you have any questions about our Youth Group event.

regarding fertilizing the church and parsonage. Thanks to Gary Newman for his past years of volunteering to care for the church lawn.

-Chairs in fellowship hall – Josh & Tyler Stadheim inspected the chairs recently and found several in poor shape that they removed.

Committee Reports

Christian Education — April 26th next Faithful Friday After School Event 3:30-6:00 with Greg the Great Magician performing at 6:00 pm. Magic show will be open to the public so will be putting in the newspaper to advertise. Tonya applied for Thrivent Card and received that for the event. Morin Lake Days committee reached out to see if we would sponsor something again this year for MLD. Group decided to have Rad Zoo come again this year since so well received last year. Cost is \$345.

Motion made to pay for event out of Faith in Action Funds, seconded, and passed. Pastor will include events in Concordia’s newsletter too.

Youth – March 24th Random Acts of Kindness event 12:30 – 8 kids lined up to participate

Missions & Outreach – finishing up March food share month, no

other updates

Endowment– Next Meeting April 8th at 6:30 pm focusing on scholarships – Pastor will email senior families as a reminder to apply

Property— Met on March 19th. Set Spring Cleaning Day for May 5 (rain date May 19). Will have a sign-up sheet for indoor and outdoor tasks. Let church office know if you have any suggestions. Committee has been busy handling various repairs at the church and parsonage and have several items they are continuing to work on. Next meeting April 16th at 5pm.

Music & Worship—Summer Worship begins May 26th

Other Items – None Kurt gone Sunday, March 24th. If we get small amount of snow, need someone to shovel. Mike volunteered to handle if needed.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

**Month End Finances  
February**

**February Inc./Exp.**

Income: \$14,352.14

Expenses: \$14,515.14



# Council Minutes

March  
2024



Jake Fawcett	4/1	Candy Johnson	4/14
Megan Gooden	4/1	Ryker Burris	4/15
Riley Hassing	4/4	Ann Huper	4/15
Sheila Jahnke	4/4	Mike Huper	4/15
Ben Jahnke	4/5	Sam Jahnke	4/15
Annika Riebe	4/6	Anna Sorensen	4/19
Aspen Soost	4/6	Kendra Mathiason	4/22
Lavonne Newman	4/8	Cameron Holst	4/23
Grant Petersen	4/8	Alexa Newman	4/23
Jarod Bush	4/9	Ainsley Peterson	4/26
Jenni Mattson	4/11	Wyatt Heise	4/27
Jon Jahnke	4/13	Allie Jacobs	4/28
Mike Jensen	4/13	Ava Cummings	4/29
Courtney Janzig	4/14	Erin Cummings	4/29

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Unapproved Church Council  
Minutes  
March 20, 2024

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Opening devotions given by Derek Peterson.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Derek Peterson, Mike Bute, Tara Roberts, Grant Petersen, and Brady Gooden  
Absent: Janelle Jacobs

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from February 21. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –

-Baptism and welcome of new members Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to Zack, Ashley & Barrett Williamson and Gary Gabriel.

-Continuing Education Sabbath Retreat—April 18<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Erica will be here that Sunday.

-Summer Worship Schedule begins May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Concordia. Will do alternating worship services each week between Redeemer and Concordia with one service at 9:00 am.

-Confirmation Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Council affirms the Affirmation of Faith for Toby Soost and Danika Diekmann

### Old Business –

-Council roster and sign-up for monthly duties

-Parish Council members –Motion to appoint Tonya Hansen, Grant Petersen, & Tara Roberts to the Parish Council seconded, and motion passed. Next meeting April 24 at 7:30 at Redeemer.

-Railings – Glen is going to follow up with Curt Guenther on the installation of the railings.

### New Business –

-Lawn care for Redeemer –Kurt Mylenbusch & his son have volunteered to mow the church's lawn. Pastor will ask Toby who cares for the parsonage lawn if he can be the back-up. Radley from property committee is following up

### 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

## Exploring Romans

Paul's letter to the Romans is quite different than any of his other letters, in which he offers pastoral or theological advice to people he knows personally. Paul did not start or plant the church in Rome. In fact at the time the letter was written, Paul had not yet visited Rome.

Therefore, in Romans Paul offers more "general" statements about the nature of sin, the promise of salvation, and the call to mission. In other words, Paul addresses many of the important questions that arise when one considers the relationship between God and creation.

We will explore the letter to the Romans in 6 sessions.

Session 1—"What must I do to be saved?"

April 8th—7:30 pm (*time change for this session*) at Redeemer

April 11th—1:30 pm at Concordia

Session 2—"Saved by grace...isn't that too good to be true?"

April 15th—6:30 pm at Redeemer

April 18th—1:30 pm at Concordia

Session 3—"If what I do doesn't save me, does it matter how I live?"

April 29th—6:30 pm at Redeemer

May 2nd—1:30 pm at Concordia

Session 4—"Where is God when we suffer?"

May 6th—6:30 pm at Redeemer

May 9th—1:30 pm at Concordia

Session 5—"How can I keep from singing?"

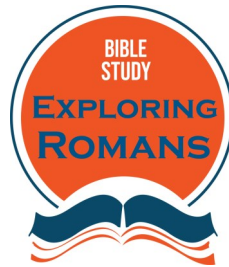
May 13th—6:30 pm at Redeemer

May 16th—1:30 pm at Concordia

Session 6—"What does God want from us?"

May 20th—6:30 pm at Redeemer

May 23rd—1:30 pm at Concordia



**Faithful Fridays - After School**  
Bible Point: *Little people can do big things for God.*

### 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 adult leaders.

### What is it?

Friday after school activity for students PreK-6th grade. After school snacks, activities, music, supper, and FUN will be provided. Our final after school activity will also include a local magician.

### When?

April 26th from 3:30 - 7 p.m. Parents, families, members from the congregation and friends of the church are invited to join at 6 p.m. for an evening of magic.

### 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 7 p.m. ~ students to be picked up at the church.

**RSVP** ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*) or paper format available in the church office and return to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$5 per child for Faithful Friday After School event.



QR Code for  
Registration Form

**RSVP preferred at least two days  
prior to the event start date.**

**Thank you!**





## Sunday School Happenings:

\*Note: 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.\*

### Sunday School Happenings: Think Spring!

**April 7** ~ Lesson "Doubting Thomas"

*\*Christian Coin Store\**

**April 14** ~ Lesson "The Great Commission"

**April 21** ~ Lesson "The Good Shepherd"

**April 26** ~ Faithful Fridays After School Activity,  
3:30-7:00 p.m.

**April 28** ~ Lesson "Phillip and the Ethiopian"

### Classroom Organizers/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



### Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students

Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade!

Scholarship monies are available from Redeemer to assist students going to camp.

Visit [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org) for more information.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



**Wed. April 3rd** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

**Wed. April 3rd** 7:30-8:30 9th Grade Students at Redeemer

**Wed. April 10th** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Concordia

**Wed. April 17th** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

**Wed. April 24th** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

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.

### Busy Fingers

#### Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting Tuesdays at 9:00 am in Luther Hall, no special requirements needed.

#### Next Quilting Dates:

*(Note date changes)*

**April 9th and April 23rd**



QUILTING GROUP

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

## Church Cleanup



**May 5th**

Wear your work clothes to Worship on **May 5th** and help clean up around the church inside and outside.

Worship at 8:30 am with **clean-up to start right after worship.**

*(Bad weather day will be May 19th)*

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with a list of tasks needed to be covered. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Bring your favorite gloves and tools for outside clean-up.

Everyone welcome to help!

**Thank You!!**

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### Acolytes

#### April

7: KyAnna Besser & Ethan Bendickson  
 14: Logan Honstad & Andrew Petersen  
 21: Luke Gooden & Preston Hendrickson  
 28: Reece Soost & Addison Mattson

#### April

Roger Pestorius  
 Jerry Jahnke

### Ushers

## Coffee Fellowship April Servers

7: *Someone Needed*  
 14: Dan and Sue Reindal  
 21: *Someone Needed*  
 28: *Someone Needed*



## LECTORS

#### April

7: Kevin Opseth  
 14: Roger Pestorius  
 21: Nikki Weber-Knutson  
 28: Candy Pierce



#### April

Missy Rasmussen  
 Tara Roberts

## Calendar of Events for April 2024

<u>Tues. 4/2</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/3</u>	5:45 -7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 4/7</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 4/8</u>	6:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Session 1-Exploring Romans at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 4/9</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilters 12:00 pm—4:00 pm Alden Ladies Study Club 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00—8:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
<u>Wed. 4/10</u>	5:45 -7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Thur. 4/11</u>	1:30 pm Session 1-Exploring Romans at Concordia
<u>Sun. 4/14</u>	8:30 am Worship with Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Youth Group meets at Redeemer
<u>Mon. 4/15</u>	6:30 pm Session 2-Exploring Romans at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 4/16</u>	5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/17</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Sun. 4/21</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Tues. 4/23</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilters 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00—8:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
<u>Wed. 4/24</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Parish Council at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 4/25</u>	1:30 pm Session 2-Exploring Romans at Concordia
<u>Fri. 4/26</u>	3:30—7:00 pm Faithful Friday After School Program 6:00 pm Great the Great—Magician—All are Welcome!
<u>Sun. 4/28</u>	<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship with Affirmation of Faith for our 9th Grade Confirmation Students 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 4/29</u>	6:30 pm Session 3-Exploring Romans at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 4/30</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf

