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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2024



The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches

Concordia and Redeemer congregations will continue to be sharing in joint worship services during the Lenten Season. We will alternate locations each 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 6th at Redeemer– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

March 13th at Concordia– 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

March 20th at Redeemer – 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24th (services in each congregation)

8:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer—Palm Processional with children

10:30 a.m. Service at Concordia—Palm Processional

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, March 28th (services in each congregation)

5:30 pm worship at Concordia-Holy Communion,

First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar

7:00 pm worship at Redeemer-Holy Communion,

First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 29th

6:30 p.m. Joint Service at Redeemer – Procession of the Cross

Easter Sunday, March 31st (services in each congregation)

8:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion (no fellowship)

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

(Easter Breakfast before worship)

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 2024 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, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2024 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, 2024.

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

Easter is March 31st



Would you like to purchase Easter flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special? If so, one may be purchased from the Altar Guild for \$14.00. Please fill out the form below and place it, together with your check to the Altar Guild, in the offering plate, drop off at Church Office, or you may also send your order directly to the Altar Guild at:

Easter Lily Plant

RLC Altar Guild, Sue Reindal, 20522 650th Ave, Alden, MN 56009

**Request and payment must be received by
Palm Sunday, March 24th
Please make your choice and number of plants below:**

Easter Lily _____

**Please print clearly the names below.
A listing of all names will be printed in the
Easter bulletin.**

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Purchased by:

Check _____ or Cash _____

SAVE THE DATE:

June 9-11
RLC VBS,
Outback Rock
"Where Kids
Venture Into Solid
Faith"



Ron Jahnke	3/1	Brook Troska	3/19
Gloria Jorgenson	3/2	Linda Barron	3/20
Jayne Linn	3/2	Mark Newman	3/20
Jane Bute	3/5	Radley Miller	3/21
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	Jerry Reyerson	3/25
Levi Sorensen	3/6	Jesse Korman	3/26
Chrissy Reindal	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	Darcy Sime	3/29
Jade Huper	3/16	Shannan Nelson	3/30
Athena VanRyswyk	3/17	Sarah Heise	3/31
Eleanor Hintz	3/18	Nikki Weber-Knutson	3/31
Al Schmidt	3/18	Bob Mathiason	3/31
John Rasmussen	3/19		



**Sunday, March 3rd
CAMP SUNDAY!!**

Pastor Nick Fisher-Broin will be here from Good Earth Village for a special Sunday for us to learn about and celebrate camping ministry.

Thank you to the following members who will be serving on our Congregation Council for 2024:

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



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

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

Meet The Prophets

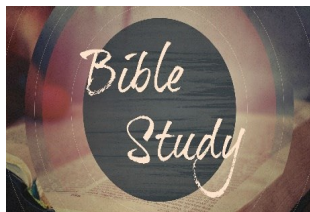
Our Bible Study on the prophets continues in March. We will explore a general overview of the major and minor prophets, what and who are they addressing, when and where did they live, and in what kind of world. In these sessions we will also look a bit more in-depth at some of the prophets and their relevance for us today. I hope you can plan to join us as we “Meet the Prophets”!

- Session 3 – March 4th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 7th - 1:30 pm at Concordia
Session 4 – March 11th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 14th - 1:30 pm at Concordia
Session 5 – March 18th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 21st - 1:30 pm at Concordia



Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group

Our next Youth Group event is Sunday, March 24th—12:30-3:30 pm. This will be our Random Acts of Kindness event. We will gather at Concordia Lutheran Church at 12:30 pm, head into Albert Lea to share in our random acts of kindness throughout the community. We will be looking for additional adults to help provide transportation for our group. Please RSVP if you will be attending by March 13th 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.



Family Event on March 4th at 6:00 pm. Faithful Friday late night event March 8th 5-10pm. April Faithful Friday will include Greg the Great magician.

Youth – ELCA Youth Gathering registrations are in for New Orleans in July.

Missions & Outreach – March Food Share Month—Donations and Special Offering on March 17th.

Endowment– Met February 5th. Lynn Mulso joined as new member. Next meeting April 8th at 6:30 pm where they will look at scholarships.

Property— Planning to meet in March. Suggested that the committee look at the chairs in the fellowship hall to see all are in good repair.

Music & Worship—No update
Other Items – None

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:21 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 20 after worship service at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson,
Secretary

Month End Finances
January

January Inc./Exp.

Income: \$11,931.31

Expenses: \$14,256.36

Happy
EASTER!

Sunday, March 31st



Council Minutes

February 2024

- 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
 February 21, 2024

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Opening devotions given by Nikki Weber-Knutson.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Derek Peterson, Mike Bute, and Tara Roberts.

Absent: Janelle Jacobs, Grant Petersen, and Brady Gooden

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from January 17. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Treasurer's report. Motion to

accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Pastor's Report –

-Installation of Council Members Sunday March 3 at 8:30 am

-Vacation time—Feb. 22nd—27th Pastor Daphne Hamborg will be here on Sunday, Feb 25th.

-Lenten meal and worship schedule. Those attending the Youth Gathering are going to serve on March 6 so all meals are signed up for.

-Baptism and welcome of new members on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Old Business – None

New Business –

-Council roster and sign-up for monthly duties

-Parrish Council – need 3 people who will serve for the quarterly meetings, we can discuss next month (currently Josh, Tara, & Grant) – Tonya volunteered to take Josh's spot.

Committee Reports

Christian Education — Last Faithful Friday had 19 kids and 10 adults volunteering. Great event once again! Frolic



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

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

Classes resume on Wed. April 3rd

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 6th (note date change) and 19th

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 and Concordia congregations 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 10th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer**

****Sunday, March 17th 4 to 5:30 pm at Concordia**

****Sunday, March 24th 4 to 5:30 pm at Redeemer**

Students will receive their First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship services in their congregation-

Concordia Lutheran on Thursday, March 28th, at 5:30 pm

Redeemer Lutheran on Thursday, March 28th, at 7:00 pm

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

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

March

3: Luke Gooden & Andrew Petersen
 10: Ethan Bendickson & Preston Hendrickson
 17: Jade Huper & Logan Honstad
 24: Cael Boldt & Addison Mattson
 31: Rylin Troska & Griffin Troska

March

Mike Bute

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship March Servers

3: Gooden Family
 10: *Someone Needed*
 17: *Someone Needed*
 24: *Someone Needed*
 31: Easter—*No Fellowship*



LECTORS

March

3: Radley Miller
 10: Mike Bute
 17: Nikki Weber-Knutson
 24: Carolyn Martinson
 31: *Someone Needed*



March

Paulette Rasmussen
 Beth Wilder



You're Invited!

WHO: All families with children 3 and under
WHAT: Frolic Family Event
WHEN: Monday, March 4th at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden
DETAILS: We invite you for pizza and family activities as we explore our 3rd Theme—*"Frustration and Self-Control—Everyone Gets Upset"*. Join us as we connect with one another in fun and fellowship. Activities provided for older siblings. No RSVP necessary.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Faithful Fridays - Late Night Event *God Gives Good Gifts ~ John 3:16*

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. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and popcorn), movie (8 p.m.)

When?

Friday, March 8 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Where?

Redeemer Lutheran Church

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*). 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 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!

Mar. 3 ~ Camp Sunday—Lesson “The Ten Commandments”

Mar. 4 ~ Frolic Family Night, 6:00 pm

Mar. 8 ~ Faithful Fridays Late Night Event,
5:00-10:00 p.m.

Mar. 10 ~ Lesson “The Light of the World”

Mar. 17 ~ Lesson “Serve and Follow” -Kids Sing in Church

Mar. 24 ~ Palm Sunday—No Classes

Mar. 31 ~ Easter—No Classes

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 for more information.

Calendar of Events for March 2024

Sun. 3/3	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
Mon. 3/4	6:00 pm Frolic Family Night 6:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 3 -Redeemer
Tues. 3/5	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/6	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer
Thurs. 3/7	1:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 3-Concordia
Fri. 3/8	5:00—10:00 pm Faithful Fridays Late Night Event
Sun. 3/10	Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 4:00 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer
Mon. 3/11	6:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 4 -Redeemer
Tues. 3/12	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
Wed. 3/13	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
Thurs. 3/14	1:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 4-Concordia
Sun. 3/17	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 4:00-5:30 pm First Communion Class at Concordia
Mon. 3/18	6:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 5 -Redeemer
Tues. 3/19	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Wed. 3/20	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer 7:30 pm Redeemer Council Meeting
Thurs. 3/21	1:30 pm Meet the Prophets Bible Study Session 5-Concordia
Sun. 3/24	Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Holy Baptism and Palm Processional 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School 12:30 pm Youth Group –Random Acts of Kindness Event 4:00-5:30 pm First Communion Class at Redeemer
Tues. 3/26	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
Thurs. 3/28	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Redeemer
Fri. 3/29	6:30 pm Good Friday Joint Worship Service at Redeemer
Sat. 3/30	10:00 am Alden Community Easter Egg Hunt—North Park
Sun. 3/31	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion No Fellowship and No Sunday School



March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota

Alden Area Food Shelf’s annual fund drive is held in conjunction with the state-wide March Campaign which runs from February 26th to April 6th.

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.

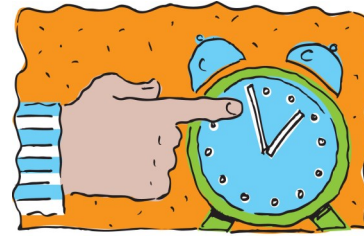
Alden Area Food Shelf was established in 2003 and has participated in the March Campaign for many years. Every dollar collected locally goes directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf to purchase food. Donations of food are also beneficial as they fill the shelves directly. The amount of money and food donations collected by the food shelf and the number of clients served determines the percentage of dollars individual food shelves receive from GMCC.

At the food shelf each client visit is counted. Some people come once a month, some come twice a month while others come less frequently. The number of client visits to the Alden Area Food Shelf increased 85% in one year, presenting 2,475 people in 2023. The pounds of food distributed increased 40% in one year with a total of 53,223 pounds of food in 2023 that were provided to combat food insecurity.

Birgitt Langrud, and Rita Korman, are Co-Directors. “We are impressed with the generosity of our community and would like to thank all for helping to fill the shelves at the Alden Area Food Shelf during the month of March and throughout the year. We are also very appreciative of the accommodations made by Redeemer. The food shelf has been able to increase supplies and function more smoothly.” The March Campaign will un from Monday, February 26th to Saturday, April 6th this year. It is the largest effort locally to support the Alden Area Food Shelf.

During the worship services at Redeemer in March you will see Mission Envelopes in our pews. Please use these envelopes for your donations to the Alden Area Food Shelf. Checks written out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and noted in the memo to the 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 17th Redeemer will have a special offering during worship specifically for the Alden Food Shelf.

The Alden Area 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 10th .

Easter Flowers— If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of someone special for our Easter Garden, they may be purchased from the Altar Guild for \$14.00. Please see the order form in this newsletter, or at the 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 the Church Office **Requests and payment must be received by Palm Sunday, March 24th.** Call the Church Office if you have any questions.



Save the Date
Saturday, March 30th
10:00 am
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!