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# The Evangel



2022

November

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



**All Saints Sunday** will be November 6th, 2022. Please join us for our worship service at 8:30 am as we remember those saints who have died in the past year and those who have been baptized since our last All Saints Sunday.

We remember and honor:

### Deaths:

Evelyn "Evie" Nelson	December 1, 2021
Ronald Miller	January 3, 2022
Marlene Seipp	January 4, 2022
Colleen Nelson	January 15, 2022
Norman Larson	January 18, 2022
Marjean Jacobs	February 5, 2022
Virginia "Ginner" Boettcher	March 28, 2022
Greg Hitchcock	June 15, 2022
Verliss Wittmer	June 25, 2022
Marie Petersen	August 17, 2022

### Baptisms:

Ryker Burris	December 4, 2021
Henry Geesman	December 5, 2021
Laklyn Besser	March 19, 2022
Gracie Wangen	April 3, 2022
Kasen Carlson	May 28, 2022
Jason "JJ" Williams	June 23, 2022
Brooks Williams	June 23, 2022
Allie Jacobs	July 17, 2022



A reminder that  
**Daylight Saving Time**  
ends on Sunday,  
**November 6th, 2022.**  
Set your clocks back 1  
hour!



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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St  
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

## Calendar of Events for November 2022

<b><u>Tues. 11/1</u></b>	9:00 Busy Fingers Quilting
<b><u>Weds. 11/2</u></b>	5:45 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 9th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer
<b><u>Sun. 11/6</u></b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 8:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School
<b><u>Mon. 11/7</u></b>	6:30 “Not-So-Famous” - Bible Study Session 3 at Redeemer
<b><u>Weds. 11/9</u></b>	5:45 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<b><u>Thurs. 11/10</u></b>	2:00 “Not-So-Famous” - Bible Study Session 1 at Concordia
<b><u>Sun. 11/13</u></b>	8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 9th Grade Conf. Class & Mentors meet at Redeemer 9:45 Sunday School
<b><u>Mon. 11/14</u></b>	5:00 Endowment Committee Meeting
<b><u>Tues. 11/15</u></b>	9:00 Busy Fingers Quilting
<b><u>Weds. 11/16</u></b>	5:45 7th/8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 Church Council Meeting
<b><u>Sun. 11/20</u></b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 6:00 Youth Group Gathering at Concordia
<b><u>Weds. 11/23</u></b>	No Confirmation Classes—Thanksgiving Break 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Service at Concordia. Pie and fellowship to follow the service.
<b><u>Thurs. 11/24</u></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b><u>Sun. 11/27</u></b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 Worship—Hanging of the Greens Service 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School
<b><u>Wed. 11/30</u></b>	5:45 7th/8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 Joint Council Meeting at Redeemer

necessary.

-Pastor had emailed council regarding healthcare insurance renewal earlier this month. The Gold Plus level was the designation made for Redeemer. Nikki will put a reminder on her calendar to put this topic on the agenda in September so we have more time to review the insurance information, even if they are only the proposed changes for the upcoming year at that time. Pastor said she would appreciate the entire council giving prompt responses to emails she sends between meetings so items can be handled as needed.

### New Business -

-Switch our Dec. 11 worship time to 10:30 am for the Christmas Program. Concordia's Council has approved going to 8:30 am service for the day. Council approved.

-Do we want to have fellowship on January 1 for the joint service at Redeemer? Yes – potluck cookies, goodies

-Couple members have asked Pastor for railings by sidewalk up to the office as it can get slippery. Wayne has the ones that were previously removed and will look to get them back on.

### Committee Reports

Christian Education— Faithful Friday Family Movie Event—Oct 28 at 6:30. Adding the Frolic program for the children birth to 3 years old. Will be held 3 evenings during the year for littles & their parents utilizing a Thrivent card to purchase the Frolic program. Will start having offering envelopes available for kids for Sunday school in January 2023.

Youth— Kayla Roberts has volunteered to be our Redeemer Youth Group Assistant for the year. Next Youth Group gathering will be

November 20th at Concordia to make Thanksgiving Cards for the homebound of Concordia and Redeemer.

Missions & Outreach— Spirit of Christmas-Special Offering Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Endowment— Meeting held on August 22, 2022. Discussed committee member terms. Next meeting November 14, 2022 at 5pm.

Property— No updates.

Music & Worship— Planning a Hanging of the Greens Service for Sunday, November 27th. Tana has agreed to coordinate again this year.

### Other Items –

-Joint Council Meeting October 26th 7:30 pm at Redeemer

-Sunday, November 6th All Saints Sunday

-Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service— Wed. November 23 at 7:00 pm at Concordia

-December 11th Sunday School Christmas Program as part of worship service at 10:30 am

-Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 pm and 10:30 pm

-Sunday, December 25th No Christmas Day Service

-Sunday, January 1st Joint Worship Service at Redeemer at 9:30 am

-Tara will do council duties in November.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

## Council Minutes October



- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- WAYNE JACOBS, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- LORI MILLER
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- GRANT PETERSEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
*Unapproved* Church Council Minutes  
 October 19, 2022  
 President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Wayne Jacobs, Jerry Reyerson, Curt Guenther, and Nikki Weber-Knutson. Absent: Tara Roberts, Janelle Jacobs, Grant Peterson, and Lori Miller

Review of boiler needs with Property Committee – tabled until next meeting since no one from Property Committee was in attendance. Will invite Property Committee to attend next council meeting.

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

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

Pastor's Report – Will be on vacation October 30 – November 5. Pastor

Erica will be here on Sunday, October 30. Pastor will be attending the Fall Theological Conference November 13 -15 in LaCrosse. Exhaust fan at parsonage was replaced by Joel Knutson and his brother. Tara and Pastor have been finalizing the directory and are very close to getting it completed. Next month, Pastor would like the Council to start looking at a preliminary budget, with the Executive Committee reviewing it first. The group discussed and agreed the Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, November 10 at 6:30. Great turnout for first Bible study with the 2<sup>nd</sup> one being held tomorrow afternoon.

### Old Business –

-Ministry Partnership Update – Joint council thought it would be good to have congregational conversations in December as an opportunity for members to ask questions about continuing the ministry partnership. Concordia will have a congregational conversation during fellowship on December 11. Redeemer will do the same on December 18 during fellowship.

-Small carpet cleaner – the Food Shelf is seeking a grant to pay for this since they would like to utilize it as well. They indicated if they get the monies they would give it to the church so it would be ours.

-Hand railing on steps to altar – Curt talked with B&D Metal Works yesterday and got a drawing of it. Rough estimate was \$750. Curt will design a little more and get a more formal estimate now that Council discussed how to anchor it, with ability for railing to be unattached if



Miles Kleinschrodt	11/1	Elizabeth Troska	11/11
Dan Kluender	11/1	Eunice Newman	11/12
Beth Gilbert	11/2	Natalie Schmidt	11/12
Dianne Kleinschrodt	11/3	Kendal Soost	11/14
Steve Sorensen	11/3	Elynn Johnson	11/17
Brayden Kluender	11/4	Dean Sorensen	11/17
Donna Schmidt	11/5	Mikayla Wasmoe	11/17
Josiah Hedensten	11/6	Blakely Jacobs	11/18
Mike Lein	11/6	Josh Sorensen	11/18
Dolly Lindeman	11/6	Blake Steinberg	11/19
Ann Purdy	11/6	Sara Reindal	11/20
Kinley Besser	11/7	Sandra Bendickson	11/21
Tianna Mithun	11/8	Andrew Jacobs	11/25
Steph Soost	11/8	Lacy Petersen	11/25
Jennifer Steene	11/8	Mary Reyerson	11/26
Curt Guenther	11/11	Alexis VanEngelenburg	11/27
Jake Janzig	11/11	Candy Pierce	11/28
Paul Meyer	11/11		

### Join Us for Adult Bible Study – “Not-So-Famous” Characters of the Bible

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of our Bible study on characters of the Bible that you might not be so familiar with. No previous knowledge needed. Session 3 will be held twice, once at each congregation. Come join us at either location. You do not need to have attended the first 2 sessions to participate in session 3. Hope you can join us!



#### Session 3

Mon. Nov. 7 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm at Redeemer  
 Thurs. Nov 10 – 2:00 – 3:00 pm at Concordia

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### November Acolytes

6: Luke Gooden & Toby Soost  
 13: Logan Honstad & Aspen Soost  
 20: Makalynn Weigel & Danika Diekmann  
 27: Cael Boldt & Addison Mattson



### Altar Guild November

Myrna Sorensen  
 Elaine Jahnke

### November Lectors

6: Radley Miller  
 13: Darlene Sorensen  
 20: Roger Pectorious  
 27: *Hanging of the Greens*

### November Ushers

Dan & Sue Reindal  
 Oakley & Jason Christensen

### Coffee Fellowship - November Servers

6: Servers needed  
 13: Dean & Myrna Sorensen  
 20: Servers needed  
 27: Servers needed



## Personnel

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

## Contact Information

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- Sunday School Facebook: Alden Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School

## Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group

Youth Group for Redeemer and Concordia students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gather together on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. We will gather at 6 pm at Concordia Lutheran for a meal (walking tacos, dessert and beverages), share in a devotion, game, and then create Thanksgiving cards and a craft to be given to the homebound seniors of our two congregations.

Please email or text (507-360-1224) Pastor Kristi if you are planning to attend so we can plan for enough food and supplies. You are always encouraged to bring a friend with to Youth Group!

Reserve the date of Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 2- 4 pm at Redeemer for our Cookie Baking Youth Group gathering!  
 Hope you can come and join us!



On **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** for our 8:30 am worship service we will mark ***the beginning of the Advent season*** with a service for the ***Hanging of the Greens***. Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "coming." We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. This is also a time of preparing our homes, our churches, and our communities for the celebration of Christ's birth, Christmas.

During the 8:30 am service on November 27<sup>th</sup> we will tell the story of our Advent and Christmas decorations, we will decorate our sanctuary, we will hear scripture, sing songs that connect us to the Advent story, and we will celebrate the gift of life in Holy Communion. Thank you to Tana Christensen for her help in coordinating this worship service and the many volunteers who help make it possible!

***Please mark your calendars for our First Sunday of Advent and the Hanging of the Greens, November 27<sup>th</sup>!***



**\*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.\*

#### **Sunday School Happenings:**

**Nov. 6** ~ Lesson "The Sadducees' Question"

**Nov. 14** ~ Lesson "God's Love is Forever"

**Nov. 20** ~ Lesson "The Day Jesus Died"

**Nov. 21** (Mon.) ~ **Frolic Family Event**,  
"Thank You, God" at 6 p.m.

**Nov. 27** ~ Lesson "God Will Bring Peace"/Advent  
Christian Coin Store

**Dec. 4** ~ Christmas Program Practice

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

**Dec. 11** ~ "Wonderful Christmas" **Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m.**

\*Note Time Change for Worship\*

*Students please arrive at 9:45 a.m.*

**Dec. 18** ~ Intergenerational Christmas Activity

#### **Classroom Organizers/Leaders**

Preschool-1st Grade: Tana Christensen & Michelle Petersen

Grades 2-4: Megan Gooden & Nicky Weigel

Grades 5-6: Erin Cummings & Kayla Roberts

Council Representative: Lori Miller

Sunday School Leader Superintendent: Anna Sorensen



### **NEW THIS MONTH - Frolic Family Event!**

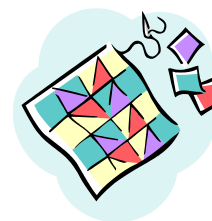
All families with children 3 and under (children not yet in Sunday School) are invited to join us **Monday, November 21** at 6:00 p.m. for pizza and family activities.

This will be the first of three classes offered throughout the year to connect with our young families and little ones.

Our first theme is "Thank You, God". Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

### **Quilting at Redeemer!**

The Busy Fingers Quilters will be gathering on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am in Luther Hall. No special requirements needed to participate.



**November dates are :  
Nov 1st and 15th**

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

### **Cornucopia of Produce for the Food Shelf**



Alden Area Food Shelf has benefited from the green thumbs of local gardeners. As soon as the gardens began to produce, individuals began to share. In the month of September alone over 300 pounds were donated to the food shelf by community members. Pleasantly surprised with the

variety of donations, the volunteer staff at the pantry dispersed items to grateful families. Among the items were sweet corn, string beans, kale, carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, jalapeno, green and banana peppers, red and yellow potatoes, squash, apples, zucchini, and turnups.

It is with great appreciation that the food shelf staff welcomes the local producer's generosity and thoughtfulness. As the number of families that come to the food shelf increase it is even more advantageous to live in a community that cares and shares.

### **September Financial Report**

Income: \$13,706.13

Expenses: \$14,190.61



## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE for 7th, 8th and 9th Grade:

**Wed. Nov. 2 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 2 7:30-8:15 pm**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 9 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Concordia

**Sun. Nov. 13 9:30 am**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Mentors at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 16 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 23 No Confirmation** – Thanksgiving Break

**Wed. Nov. 30 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class 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.



### December Christmas Program December 11, 2022—CHANGE of Worship Service Time to 10:30 am

On December 11th we will be having our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will switch worship service times with Concordia on this Sunday, so **Redeemer will worship at 10:30 am on December 11th** and Concordia will worship at 8:30 am on December 11th.

**Ministry Partnership Conversation**—The Church Council invites you to a time of conversation about our ministry partnership with Concordia Lutheran Church and the consideration of creating a permanent ministry partnership with the Concordia congregation. On Sunday, December 18th during fellowship time, Council leaders will share in a conversation and have time for questions and answers about the possibility of moving to a permanent and on-going ministry partnership with Concordia Lutheran. You are also welcome to connect with any of our Council members or Pastor Kristi at anytime if you have questions about our ministry partnership with Concordia.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship



God is the source of all good things, and we will remember that by gathering on Thanksgiving Eve for worship and fellowship. This is a wonderful time to center yourself in prayer and thanksgiving as the holiday season begins.

A joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran congregations will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, November 23rd at Concordia Lutheran, and will be followed by pie and coffee in the fellowship hall. A special offering of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and household items will be gathered during this service and given to the Alden Food Shelf.

If you can bring a pie, please contact Kathy Toenges 383-1492



## Jack Frost's Closet Annual Winter Outerwear Drive

Jack Frost's Closet, a partner program of AZ-One, is seeking new or clean/gently used winter outerwear and new packages of socks for Freeborn County Area Families in need. Redeemer Lutheran Church is a drop box collection site. The drop box is located inside the Southeast door near the Church Office.

Don't have a coat to give? Consider giving a monetary donation. Send to :72058 Phillip Dr. Albert Lea, MN 56007. Checks payable to AZ-One FBO:Jack Frost.

### "Spirit of Christmas"

#### Monetary and other donations Being accepted through November 30th.

At this time of the year, our thoughts begin to turn to Christmas and the local Spirit of Christmas program. This wonderful project, started by the late Mary Grasdalen, helps bring Christmas to families in need in the Alden-Conger School District (including families open enrolled at Alden). Cash donations are very welcome and will be used to purchase clothing items for the older children and food baskets for families. If you would prefer to donate a gift item, the program always needs socks of all sizes, gloves, games, colors and coloring books, Lego's, Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars, Barbie items, stuffed animals, or just about any other toy item you might like to give. A special offering will be taken on Sunday, Nov. 20th during our worship service. If you are unable to be here on Nov 20th, financial offerings for Spirit of Christmas can also be sent directly to the Church Office. Thank you for your support. It is wonderful to know that we can help area families to have a joyous holiday season.

