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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

January
6th,
2023



January 29th
We will begin with an abbreviated worship service at 8:30 and then move directly into the Annual Meeting.

Redeemer Lutheran Church



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

Church Office hours
Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Calendar of Events for January 2023

<u>Sun. 1/1</u>	New Years Day 9:30 Joint Worship Service—Lessons and Carols 10:30 Christmas Cookie Potluck Fellowship
<u>Tues. 1/3</u>	9:00 Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Wed. 1/4</u>	5:45 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 1/8</u>	8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 9th gr. Confirmation Class & Mentors at Redeemer 9:45 Sunday School
<u>Weds. 1/11</u>	5:45 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 1/12</u>	2:00 Session 1 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/15</u>	8:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/16</u>	6:30 Session 1 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/17</u>	9:00 Busy Fingers Quilting
<u>Weds. 1/18</u>	5:45 7th/8th grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 Church Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 1/19</u>	2:00 Session 2 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/22</u>	8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 2:00 Youth Group meet at Redeemer for Sledding Event
<u>Mon. 1/23</u>	6:30 Session 2 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Redeemer
<u>Weds. 1/25</u>	5:45 7th/8th grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 Joint Council Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 1/26</u>	2:00 Session 3 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/29</u>	8:30 Abbreviated Worship and immediately move into the Annual Cong. Meeting & Special Cong. Meeting Fellowship following the meetings 9:45 Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/30</u>	6:30 Session 3 - <i>Hymns of Faith</i> Bible Study at Redeemer
<u>Weds. 2/1</u>	5:45 7th/8th grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 9th grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer



January 29th will be our Annual Meeting. We will meet at 8:30 for an abbreviated worship and move directly into the Annual Meeting. For those who would like to attend through Zoom you will be able to begin to log into the Zoom link at 8:45 am. The Council members will then take your names down to add you to our quorum total for the meeting.

Participation in our meeting can take place in 3 ways: in-person at the church; using your computer, pad, tablet or smart phone to log in to Zoom; or call in using your phone.

Business items for the agenda will include general elections, consideration of entering into a parish agreement with Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake, and consideration of the proposed 2023 Budget. A vote to approve the parish agreement requires a 2/3 majority vote by both congregations in the parish agreement. A written ballot is not required for this agreement. A quorum for the meeting is 50 active voting members.

Here is the Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5758549197?pwd=VHVrdk5Hc1daZFJ6NWg2SGJ4M0VHUT09>

The Meeting ID: 575 854 9197
Zoom Meeting Passcode: 56009

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, a separate special congregational meeting has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, January 29th. The single purpose of this special meeting is to consider the approval of the call of Rev. Kristi Mitchell as pastor for the Concordia Pickerel Lake/Redeemer Lutheran Parish (contingent on the approval of the Parish Agreement by both congregations.) Redeemer Lutheran Church will extend the call to Rev. Kristi Mitchell for Redeemer Lutheran Church and on behalf of Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake. Concordia Lutheran Church will be required to approve this call on their behalf at a special congregational meeting for their congregation.

According to our constitution, the vote to call a pastor requires a 2/3 majority vote of the active members present. The vote must be a written ballot. A quorum for the meeting is 50 active voting members.

A detailed letter will be sent to all congregation members after the first of the year which will include greater detailed instructions for the Zoom option for the meeting. If you need any assistance with these directions for logging on via Zoom or have questions about our Annual Meeting process please contact Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224; Josh Sorensen at 507-269-5687; or Grant Petersen at 507-402-8099.



Youth Group Sledding!!

The Youth Group has chosen to go sledding in January. We are planning on Sunday, January 22, 2023 to head to a hill (to be determined) and enjoy time outdoors. 6th through 12th grade students are asked to gather at 2 pm at Redeemer. Please wear warm winter gear and bring a sled to use. You must RSVP to Pastor Kristi by January 18th so we know how many people and vehicles to plan for transportation.

After sledding we will go out for burgers or pizza. Invite a friend to join you. Parents if you are able to help with driving please let Pastor Kristi know. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins and emails.

Contact information for Pastor Kristi –

Cell - 507-360-1224

Email - pastor@concordiapickerellake.com

pastor@redeemeralden.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Wed. Jan. 4 5:45—7:15 pm

7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer

Wed. Jan. 4 7:30-8:15 pm

9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer

Sun. Jan. 8th 9:30 am

9th Gr Student and Mentor gathering time at Redeemer

Wed. Jan. 11th 5:45—7:15 pm

7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Concordia

Wed. Jan. 18th 5:45-7:15 pm

7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer

Wed. Jan. 25th 5:45-7:15 pm

7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer



Please call or text Pastor Kristi at 507-360-1224 or email at pastor@redeemeralden.com if you have any questions about confirmation.



Mike Honstad	1/3	Alison Newman	1/16
Jeremy Besser	1/4	Amy Newman	1/21
Neil Pierce	1/5	Brady Gooden	1/22
Chuck Erickson	1/6	Matt Hallman	1/23
Adam Skov	1/8	Troy Newman	1/24
Scott Jahnke	1/9	Brexton Sousa	1/24
Samantha Lein	1/9	JoAnn Behle	1/25
Rosie Rasmussen	1/9	Alex Jacobs	1/28
Callen Peterson	1/11	Matt Jensen	1/29
Carrie Hintz	1/13	Jessie Bolinger	1/30
Liberty Miller	1/15	Darcy Newman	1/31



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
- Pastor's Cell: 507-360-1224
- Email: rlc@redeemeralden.com
- 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

January

1: Toby Soost
8: Cael Boldt and Makalynn Weigel
15: Danika Diekmann and Aspen Soost
22: Addison Mattson and Logan Honstad
29: Rylin Troska and Luke Gooden

January

Bob Newman & Steve Newman

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship January Servers

1: Christmas Cookie Treats Potluck
8: *Someone needed*
15: *Someone needed*
22: *Someone needed*
29: *Someone needed*



LECTORS

January

1: Various Readers
8: Roger Pestorous
15: Mike Bute
22: Kevin Opseth
29: None needed



January

Cheryl Newman
Steph Soost

will reach out to the Nominations Committee letting them know the committee needs to meet with Pastor prior to January 29 to discuss candidates for nominations. Nominations needed for the following.

1 for Endowment (Brian Jacobs completed term, Ross Skov mentioned last year he is interested in being involved.)

- 3 for Council – Wayne Jacobs, Lori Miller, & Grant Peterson's 1st terms are up on January 31 so they can all consider a 2nd term

- 2 voting members for Synod Assembly in May.

-Nominations Committee for next Year.

-Audit Committee – appointed by Council. Last year Eb Howe, Terri, Huper, and Mary Reyerson served. Need to appoint 3 people again for this couple hour commitment. This is a 3 year term where a new member should be appointed each year.

Wayne will call current members to see if interested in serving again.

-WCTA buried fiber optic cable – Received letter for parsonage to have the fiber optic cable buried. Council agreed it should be done. Josh will complete the form and Pastor will check with Kurt to see if we've received a letter for the church as well.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Great Christmas program!

Youth— Had a fun time making cookie and ornaments which Pastor delivered to 20 of our Concordia and Redeemer members at their homes.

Group wants to go sledding next and looking at possibly January 22.

Missions & Outreach– no updates

Endowment– no updates

Property—Joel Knutson and Radley Miller have agreed to join the property committee

Music & Worship— no updates

Other Items –

Joint Worship Service – January 1, 2023, 9:30 am at Redeemer

Joint Council Meeting January 25th, 7:30 pm at Redeemer

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:58 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Month End Finances

November

November Inc./Exp.

Income: \$13,821.57

Expenses: \$14,656.59



Council Minutes

December
2022

- 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
December 28, 2022

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Opening devotions given by Wayne Jacobs.

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

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from November 16. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed. Motion to use \$1500 from the undesignated funds and \$50 from the property funds towards the boiler update, seconded, and motion passed.

Pastor's Report – Will be on

vacation December 26 – January 1. Glen Mathiason will lead service on Sunday, January 1 since pulpit supply is unable to attend. A few others will be assisting with some readings as well.

Old Business –

-Hand railing on steps to altar – Curt is still working on this.

-Hand railing by church office entrance – Wayne indicated that Merv Boettcher has a couple railings he will donate to the church for the entrance by the office. Wayne will check them out to see if they may work.

-Ministry Partnership Update – No questions on Parish Agreement draft. Follow-up from Dec. 18th congregational discussion including service times and how we could potentially do a trial of rotating service times with Concordia. Josh will discuss with Chris Sorenson.
-2023 Budget – Additional review completed. Pastor will email a final version to the Council for one last review and consensus prior to the annual meeting.

New Business -

-Annual Meeting January 29th. We agreed we should offer Zoom meeting option for those unable to attend in person.

-Annual Reports from committees due to Kurt by January 9th. Kurt will let the committee chairs know the due date.

-Nominations Committee: Committee this year includes Carl Rasmussen, Eb Howe, Glen Mathiason, and Mike Bute. Josh



Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 9:00 am
In Luther Hall, no special requirements needed.
Help is needed if you have some spare time.
If you have any used mattress pads or blankets, the quilters can use them for fillers.

January Quilting Days

January 3rd

January 17th

Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2023.

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
Stewardship
Mission and Outreach
Christian Education
Youth

Elected terms of participation

Church Council
Endowment Fund Committee
Nominations Committee

**Volunteers
Needed!**



The joy
of the Lord
is your
strength.

Nehemiah 8:10



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: Happy New Year!

Jan. 8 ~ Lesson "Jesus' Baptism"
Jan. 15 ~ Lesson "The Lamb of God"
Jan. 22 ~ CAMP SUNDAY!
Jan. 29 ~ Lesson "The Beatitudes"
 Christian Coin Store

As we begin the new year, we are hoping to increase our overall giving! Please remember to give each week to our Sunday School offering. How much can we collect for the month of January?

Sunday School updates and reminders are sent out through "Remind" and Facebook. Make sure you are signed up so you can receive reminders and changes in the regular schedule.

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



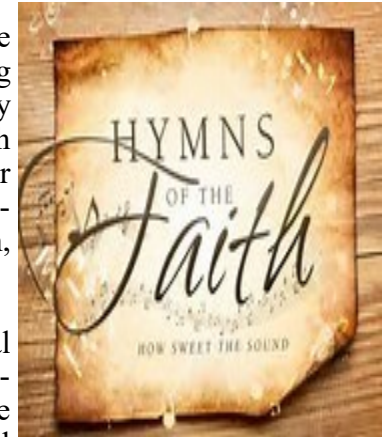
Camp Day Sunday, January 22nd

We are excited to have Erik Dahl, Program Director of Good Earth Village, join us on Sunday, January 22nd. Good Earth Village is a Lutheran faith-based ministry providing camp and retreat experiences for all ages, and is one of the ministries supported by the congregations of the South-eastern Minnesota Synod.

Erik will join us for worship at 8:30 and share with the Sunday School students at 9:45!

Exploring Hymns of Faith

Please join Pastor Kristi and explore together "*Hymns of Faith*". During the months of January and February there will be 5 sessions offered, with a focus on a different hymn of our faith each time we gather. Each session will be a "stand-alone" session, come to one or all 5!



We will share together in a biblical exploration of grace through the poetry, music, and history of five hymns of the Christian faith. We will learn about the history and legends associated with the hymn, look at the composers or writers related to the hymn, and consider how the message of the hymn applies to our daily journey of faith.

Each session will be offered twice, once on Thursday afternoon and once on Monday evening. Hope you can come explore music, Scripture, and story with us!

Session 1 – Jan. 12th	2:00 pm at Concordia
Jan. 16th	6:30 pm at Redeemer
Session 2 – Jan. 19th	2:00 pm at Concordia
Jan. 23rd	6:30 pm at Redeemer
Session 3 – Jan. 26th	2:00 pm at Concordia
Jan. 30th	6:30 pm at Redeemer
Session 4 – Feb. 2nd	2:00 pm at Concordia
Feb. 6th	6:30 pm at Redeemer
Session 5 – Feb. 9th	2:00 pm at Concordia
Feb. 13th	6:30 pm at Redeemer

