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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

January
6th,
2024



January 28th
We will begin with an abbreviated worship service at 8:30 and then move directly into the Annual Meeting.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

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 2024

<u>Mon. 1/1</u>	New Years Day - Office and Church Closed
<u>Tues. 1/2</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 1/3</u>	5:45 pm Undecorating the Church
	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Conf. Class at Redeemer
	7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 1/7</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Fellowship
	9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/8</u>	6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study Session 7 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/9</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/10</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<u>Thur. 1/11</u>	1:30 pm Revelation Bible Study Session 7 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/14</u>	8:30 am Worship
	9:30 am Fellowship
	9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/15</u>	6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study Session 8 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/16</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/17</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer
	7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thur. 1/18</u>	1:30 pm Revelation Bible Study Session 8 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/21</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 am Fellowship
	9:45 am Sunday School
	12:30 Youth Group Laser Tag/Bowling in Mankato
<u>Mon. 1/22</u>	6:00 pm Frolic Family Event
<u>Tues. 1/23</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting
	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/24</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Conf. Class at Redeemer
	7:30 pm Parish Council at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 1/28</u>	8:30 Worship
	Immediately following worship Annual Congregational Meeting and Fellowship
	9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/29</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/30</u>	8:00 am-3:00 pm Alden-Conger Preschool Screening
	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/31</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Conf. Class at Redeemer



January 28th Annual Meeting. We will meet at 8:30 for an abbreviated worship and move directly into the Annual Meeting following the worship. For those who would like to attend via 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, proposed constitutional amendment changes/updates, and consideration of the proposed 2024 Budget. 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. The Zoom link will also be posted on our website and E-News in January. 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.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Change:
The Congregation Council recommends to the Congregation to amend the Redeemer Constitution Amendment C10.04 to “15% of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.” Replacing the current language of “50 voting members shall constitute a quorum.”

The Congregation Council recommends to the Congregation to amend Redeemer’s constitution to bring it into compliance with the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Model Constitution as stated in *C16.04. This action would bring all *(asterisked) required amendments of the constitution into compliance with the ELCA Churchwide Model Constitution.



Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group



Join us for our Youth Group event for Concordia and Redeemer students (in 6th through 12th grade). You are invited to gather together on **Sunday, January 21st at 12:30 pm at Redeemer to head out for our Laser Tag and Bowling Event at the WOW! Zone in Mankato.** Cost will be \$10.00 per student. Please email or text Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224 or pastor@redeemeralden.com) if you are planning to attend so we can plan enough transportation for everyone. Invite a friend to join you!! We will have a meal together as well and hope to return home by 5 pm.



WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 3 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 3 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 10 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Concordia
Jan. 17 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 24 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 31 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade 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.



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Mike Honstad	1/3	Cheryl Mischke	1/20
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	Laklyn Besser	1/24
Scott Jahnke	1/9	Troy Newman	1/24
Rosie Rasmussen	1/9	Brexton Sousa	1/24
Jack Sorensen	1/10	JoAnn Behle	1/25
David Linn	1/11	Brittany Carlson	1/26
Callen Peterson	1/11	Alex Jacobs	1/28
Brantley Brachtle	1/13	Matt Jensen	1/29
Carrie Hintz	1/13	Kylie Korman	1/29
Alison Newman	1/16	Jessie Bolinger	1/30
Nicole Weigel	1/17	Darcy Newman	1/31

Personnel

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

Contact Information

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- Pastor's Email: pastor@redeemeralden.com
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- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

January

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

January

Bob Newman & Steve Newman

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship January Servers

7: *Someone needed*
 14: *Someone needed*
 21: *Someone needed*
 28: *Someone needed*



LECTORS

January

7: *Someone needed*
 14: Roger Pestorius
 21: Kevin Opseth
 28: Mike Bute



January

Cheryl Newman
 Steph Soost

councils and can serve up to 3 years.
 -Motion for Brady Gooden to move to the Treasurer role effective January 28, 2023 and be a signer on the applicable accounts at Security State Bank along with Jerry Reyerson being removed as a signer from those accounts. Motion seconded and motion passed.

New Business –

-Proposed Budget for 2024. – Executive Committee met and reviewed earlier this month. Draft attached in meeting packet. Motion to approve sharing proposed budget at the annual meeting. Motion seconded and motion passed.
 -New Members – Redeemer is receiving and welcoming the following new members Rachel Besser, Chance and Brittany Carlson, Grant VanRyswyk and daughters Athena and Aurora, and Kurt, Kari, Riley, and Hudson Mylenbusch.
 -One key on the piano in balcony isn't working. Brady will double check it tonight. There is also an organ part that is coming in soon. Pastor will let the repair person know to add the piano issue to his work list.

Committee Reports

Christian Education — Great Christmas program. Next Frolic event is January 22.

Youth – Had a fun youth group making cookies and ornaments. Doing laser tag and bowling on January 21 at Wow Zone in Mankato.

Missions & Outreach – no update

Endowment – no update

Property – Met on November 20.

Brian, Wayne, and Sam have been working on the fireplace. Goal for 2024 is to look at the front deck of the parsonage which is in poor shape.

Music & Worship— no update

Other Items –

Parish Council Meeting January 24th 7:30 pm at Redeemer
 December 25 – Jacobs family using the church

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by
 Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

Month End Finances

November

November Inc./Exp.

Income: \$14,515.28

Expenses: \$13,377.58

- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- TONYA HANSEN
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- BRADY GOODEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council Minutes
 December 20, 2023

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Opening devotions given by Grant Petersen.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Curt Guenther, Grant Petersen, Tara Roberts, Brady Gooden, and guest Kurt Mylenbusch.
 Absent: Janelle Jacobs and Jerry Reyerson

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from November 15. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed Treasurer's report. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed. Volunteers are lined up to get the new offering envelopes sent out this week.

Thank you!

Pastor's Report –


Busy preparing bulletins and getting prepared for Christmas week. Have been visiting members to get them communed and sharing cookies and ornaments from the youth group. Had two wonderful baptisms last Saturday for Brooks Johnson and Wednesday Burris.

Vacation December 26-December 31. Lay leaders will take of the joint service for Sunday, December 31, 9:00 am at Concordia

Old Business –

-Nominations Committee meeting in January. They will be working on council members ending their terms including the following: Josh completing first term, Curt completing second term, and Tara completing first term. Jerry Reyerson will be resigning from council so need someone to fill a one-year term to finish out his term. For Endowment: Dan Reindal completing first term and Neil Pierce completing second term. For Nominations committee – council members going off the council then serve on the nominating committee plus three others. For Synod Assembly: elect 2 people to be our voting members, has been Radley Miller and Carolyn Martinson. Parish Council is appointed by congregation

Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!



Meeting 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 9th
 January 23th

Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2024.

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

Volunteers Needed!



Elected terms of participation

- Church Council
- Endowment Fund Committee
- Nominations Committee



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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:

Jan. 7 ~ “Jesus’ Baptism”

Jan. 14 ~ “God Calls Samuel”

Jan. 21 ~ “Jonah and the Big Fish”

Jan. 22 ~ **Frolic Family Night** 6:00 pm

Jan. 28 ~ “Teaching and Healing”

Sunday School 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



You're Invited!

WHO: All families with children 3 and under

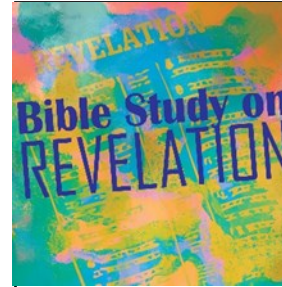
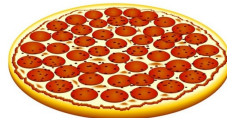
WHAT: Frolic Family Event

WHEN: Monday, January 22 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden

DETAILS: We invite you for pizza and family activities as we explore our second Bible theme. 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!



Join Us for Adult Bible Study –

“How to Read the Book of Revelation”

We will be finishing up our study of the book of Revelation in January. Please join us in our last 2 sessions to explore the imagery and purpose of Revelation. We will hear from Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago through video presentations as she shares her teachings and insights with us on the book of Revelation.

We will gather on these dates:

Jan. 8 6:30 pm Session 7 at Redeemer

Jan. 11 1:30 pm Session 7 at Concordia

Jan. 15 6:30 pm Session 8 at Redeemer

Jan. 18 1:30 pm Session 8 at Concordia



New Offering Envelopes

2024 Offering Envelopes will be mailed out by December 28th. Watch for those and contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Please help us “Un-Decorate” the church on Wednesday, January 3rd at 5:45 pm. Hope you can join us—“many hands make light work!”

