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The Evangelist REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2026



Please help us "Un-Decorate" the church on Wednesday, January 7th at 5:45 pm. Hope you can join us—"many hands make light work!"

Thank you!!



hello 2026



January 25th

We will begin with a worship service at 8:30 and then move directly into the Annual Meeting.



**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 January 2026

<u>Thurs. 1/1</u>	New Years Day - Office and Church Closed
<u>Sun. 1/4</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/5</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Session 1 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/6</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 1/7</u>	5:45 pm Undecorating the Church 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:15 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 1/8</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 1 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/11</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Tues. 1/13</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/14</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 1/15</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 2 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/18</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon 1/19</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Session 3 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/20</u>	9:00 am Alden Food Shelf 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/21</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thurs 1/22</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study Session 3 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 1/25</u>	8:30 am Worship Annual Meeting Immediately following worship Fellowship Following the Annual Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 1/26</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study Session 3 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 1/27</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Weds. 1/28</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30—8:15 9th Gr. Conf & Mentors at Redeemer 7:15 pm Endowment Committee Meeting



January 25th will be our Annual Meeting. We will meet at 8:30 for 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 9:15 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 login to Zoom; or call in using your phone.

Business items for the agenda will include general elections, consideration of bids for replacement of some of the windows at the parsonage, and consideration of the proposed 2026 budget. A quorum for the meeting is 15% of the active voting members.

Additional information will be shared with 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.

THANK YOU!!



Thank you dear faith community for your kindness, prayers, support, cards and memorials for me and my family during our time of grieving. Bill will be missed dearly. We give thanks to God that Bill's pain and

suffering has ended and he is at eternal rest. Your compassion has meant the world to me. You have made my burden lighter by your wonderful love and care!

With Sincere Appreciation,
Pastor Kristi



**Concordia, Redeemer & Bear Lake
Youth Groups
Your Invited—6th-12th Grade—
We are having a joint
youth group event!**

Youth Group Tubing at Mount Kato on Sunday, February 1st. Meet at Redeemer Lutheran in Alden between 12:30 to 1pm. We will leave at 1pm. We will need chaperones and drivers. Please contact Pastor Kristi if you are willing to drive. We will be tubing from 2:30-4:30pm. Return back to Alden approximately 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 per tuber. Please call, text or email Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) or Kayla Seedorf (507-402-9790) if you want to participate. Deadline to reserve a spot is January 25th.

WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Jan. 7 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 7 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 14 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Concordia
Jan. 21 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 28 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Jan. 28 7:30-8:15 pm 9th Gr. Class & Mentors 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.



Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Brittany Carlson, Admin. Assistant
- Dave Rasmussen, Custodian
- Shirley Newman, Financial Secretary
- Shirley Newman, Ann Purdy & Helen Steene, Organists

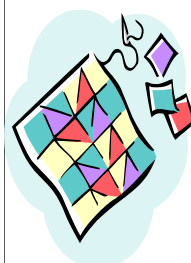
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JANUARY Birthdays

Mike Honstad	1/3	Nicole Weigel	1/17
Jeremy Besser	1/4	Brittany Carlson	1/19
Neil Pierce	1/5	Amy Newman	1/21
Chuck Erickson	1/6	Brady Gooden	1/22
Adam Skov	1/8	Matt Hallman	1/23
Scott Jahnke	1/9	Troy Newman	1/24
Samantha Lein	1/9	Brexton Sousa	1/24
Rosie Rasmussen	1/9	Laklyn Besser	1/24
Jack Sorensen	1/10	JoAnn Behle	1/25
Callen Peterson	1/11	Alex Jacobs	1/28
David Linn	1/11	Matt Jensen	1/29
Carrie Hintz	1/13	Kylie Korman	1/29
Brantley Bachtle	1/13	Jessie Bolinger	1/30
Alison Newman	1/16	Darcy Newman	1/31

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 6th
January 20th

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

January

4: Oakley Christensen & Wesley Diekmann
11: Preston Hendrickson & Andrew Petersen
18: Reece Soost & KyAnna Besser
25: Shannon Petersen & Kendal Soost

January

Bob Newman & Steve Newman

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship January Servers

4: Sorensen Family
11: Reindal Family
18: Jacobs Family
25: Mattson Family



LECTORS

January

4: Radley Miller
11: Candy Pierce
18: Carolyn Martinson
25:



January

Cheryl Newman
Steph Soost

Tonya said yes to 2nd term
Steph Soost completes 1 yr. term as interim position—eligible for 3 yr. 1st term

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Christmas Program a success! Thank you Anna and all the volunteers!

Youth— Thank you Kayla for caring for the Youth Group on Dec. 14th.

Missions & Outreach— Thank you to those who donated to the Spirit of Christmas Project and to the Salvation Army Angel Tree gift needs. Great amount of donations!

Endowment— no update, will meet in January

Property— Met on Dec 8th. Will vote on parsonage window replacement at the annual. Testing out new LED light bulb options in the sanctuary. Blinds were ordered from Home Depot for the parsonage.

Music & Worship— Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm at Redeemer, 5:30 pm at Concordia. No Christmas Day Service. Service of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 28th at 9:00 am at Concordia for both congregations.

Parish Council met on December 1.

Other Items –

Annual Meeting set for January 25th following the service.

December 20—Bryson/Olson family using the church fellowship hall

December 25—Jacobs family using the church fellowship hall

December 27—Nancy Jacobs family using the church fellowship hall

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 21st at 7:30 pm at Redeemer.

Council Duties: For December—
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm service—
Ushers and Communion Assistants
For January – Steph Soost

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary



Month End Finances November

November Inc./Exp.

Income: \$20,001.48

Expenses: \$14,708.94



Council Minutes

December
2025

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council Minutes
December 17, 2025

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Opening devotions given by Tonya Hansen. In attendance were Brady Gooden, Grant Petersen, Derek Peterson, Tara Roberts, Josh Sorensen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Tonya Hansen, and Pastor Kristi Mitchell. Absent: Stephanie Soost

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from November 19. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

Pastor's Report –

-Last vacation days Dec 28 -31 with Christmas and New Year's Day holidays as well.

-Pastor was chosen to be a participant in a Region 3 ELCA Leadership Summit January 12 – 14 in Alexandria, MN related to the calls of

female rostered leaders.

Old Business –

-Annual Meeting on January 25th after worship, we will have Zoom option again this year.

-Church directory that was worked on a few years ago was never completed by the company – the company changed hands and claimed they lost our files. Stay tuned for more info on an upcoming directory which we can create through our new Church 360 technology.

New Business -

-2026 Proposed Budget – After discussion, a few updates were made. Motion to accept proposed budget to share at the annual meeting, seconded, and motion passed.

-Annual Reports are due to the Church Office by January 12th

-Audit Team – Eb Howe & Beth Wilder on team while Lori Miller's term is ending now. Need to find another person to appoint and Pastor will also ask Eb & Beth if they will continue. Pastor will email us when there is another person to appoint for early January audit.

-Nominating Committee – Pastor will set up a meeting with the committee to discuss openings including those on council, endowment, and Synod assembly.

-Council Terms—

Grant Petersen completes 2nd term on 1/31/2026

Brady Gooden completes 1st term on 1/31/2026—eligible for 2nd term –

Brady said yes to 2nd term

Tonya Hansen completes 1st term on 1/31/2026— eligible for 2nd term –



TRANSLATE GOD'S WORD

The Bible we use is translated into English from other languages.

"Translate" the verse below using the code.

CODE	E=△	L=□	R=+
A=■	G=●	M=↗	S=■
B=X	H=◀	N=↑	SH=☀
D=◀◀	I=▲	O=✿	T=♪
	K=	P=□	TH=♥

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Proverbs 3:13

Answer: Happy is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding.



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. 4 ~ Sunday School Class Resumes, "Fruit of the Spirit"

Family Celebration

Jan. 11 ~ "Jesus' Baptism", Fruit of the Spirit: Forgiveness

Jan. 18 ~ "Wedding at Cana"

Jan. 25 ~ "Jesus Goes to Nazareth"

(Birth -3) Frolic Family Coffee Hour—9:30 am

* Christian Coin Store*



Frolic Family Coffee Hour

*(Birth-3 y.o.) *

All families with children 3 and under (children not yet in Sunday School) are invited to join us **Sunday, January 25th** at 9:30 a.m.

following worship for coffee and donuts. Join us for a morning of coffee, fun and fellowship.



New Software Update Allows Redeemer to Collect Member Photos

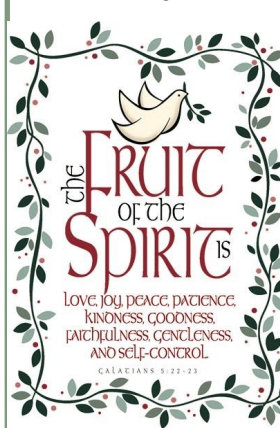


Redeemer Lutheran Church is excited to share that a recent software update now allows us to collect and store photos of our members. This is an important step in helping us better connect names with faces and strengthen our church community. Members are invited to submit a photo at their convenience. Photos can be emailed directly to rlc@redeemerlinden.com. Clear, recent head-and-shoulders photos work best, but we

are grateful for any image you are willing to share.

In addition, please watch for more information this spring about a possible church picture day, where members would have the opportunity to have their photo taken and submitted directly to the church. This option will be especially helpful for those who prefer not to submit a photo on their own. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date and for supporting this effort to better serve our Redeemer family.

Bible Study for January—Fruits of the Spirit



Join in the exploration of the Galatians 5 text which lifts up the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We will share in discussion that brings a definition of each of the fruits, the Greek language understanding of the word, how that fruit was exemplified in Jesus, and other scripture references that lift up that fruit.

We will gather on the following days beginning in January:

Monday, Jan 5th—6:30 pm—Love & Joy at Redeemer

Thursday, Jan 8th—2:00 pm—Love & Joy at Concordia

Thursday, Jan 15th—2:00 pm—Peace, Patience, Kindness at Concordia

Monday, Jan 19th—6:30 pm—Goodness & Faithfulness at Redeemer

Thursday, Jan 22nd—2:00 pm—Goodness & Faithfulness at Concordia

Monday, Jan 26th—6:30 pm—Gentleness & Self-Control at Redeemer

Thursday, Jan 29th—2:00 pm—Gentleness & Self-Control at Concordia

Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2026.

Volunteers Needed!



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

Youth
Christian Education
Mission and Outreach

Elected terms of participation

Church Council
Endowment Fund Committee
Nominations Committee