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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



## LENT 2026

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Concordia and Redeemer congregations will be sharing in joint worship services that will be alternating locations throughout the Lenten Season beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on February 18 - 6:30 pm at Concordia – Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

For our mid-week Lenten services, we will begin with a light meal at 5:45 each week, rotating the location of the meal and service. 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.) Please see sign-ups at each congregation.

**Wed. March 4th—Lenten Week 2**

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

**Wed. March 11th—Lenten Week 3**

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Redeemer

**Wed. March 18th—Lenten Week 4**

-5:45 pm meal & 6:30 pm worship at Concordia

**Wed. March 25th—Lenten Week 5**



## 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 2026 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, 2026.

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2026 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, 2026.

### Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Brittany Carlson, Admin Assistant
- Dave Rasmussen, 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](mailto:rlc@redeemeralden.com)
- Pastor's Email: [pastor@redeemeralden.com](mailto:pastor@redeemeralden.com)
- Web site: [www.redeemeralden.com](http://www.redeemeralden.com)
- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church

## ***Easter is April 5th***



Easter Lily Plant

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:

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

**Request and payment must be received by  
Palm Sunday, March 29th.  
Please indicate the 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:**

RLC Galaxy VBS

Key Verse: *“Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7*

**June 19-20**

**10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Family Celebration Sunday, June 21 during MLD worship.

*\*Please note the new DATE and TIME for this year's VBS!\**

**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

**Palm Sunday**, March 29th (services in each congregation)

8:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer—Palm Processional  
10:30 a.m. Service at Concordia—Palm Processional



**Maunder Thursday**, Thursday, April 2nd (services in each congregation)

5:30 pm worship at Redeemer -Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar

7:00 pm worship at Concordia -Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar



**MAUNDY Thursday**

**Good Friday**, April 3rd

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



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Easter Sunday**, April 5th (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)



Ron Jahnke	3/1	Elaine Jahnke	3/25
Gloria Jorgenson	3/2	Rick Jorgenson	3/25
Jane Bute	3/5	Jesse Korman	3/26
Ruthann Gaard	3/6	Shannon Petersen	3/26
Albert Jacobs	3/6	Dugan Soost	3/27
Shirley Newman	3/6	Darcy Sime	3/29
Rachel Besser	3/10	Shannan Nelson	3/30
Paisley Merritt	3/10	Sarah Heise	3/31
Glen Mathiason	3/14	Nikki Weber-Knutson	3/31
Griffin Troska	3/14	Bob Mathiason	3/31
Lynn Mulso	3/15		
Jade Huper	3/16		
Athena VanRyswyk	3/17		
Eleanor Hintz	3/18		
Al Schmidt	3/18		
John Rasmussen	3/19		
Brook Troska	3/19		
Linda Barron	3/20		
Mark Newman	3/20		
Radley Miller	3/21		
Brian Gaard	3/23		



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

**Church Office hours**  
Monday & Wednesday—9 am to 12 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday—8 am to 10:30 am  
Friday—Closed



**Growing Disciples –  
Discipleship in the New Testament –  
a Bible Study on Luke -Acts**

Our Bible Study on Growing Disciples continues in March. We will focus on Jesus' interaction with his disciples as it is revealed

by the physician, Luke, in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

The purpose of this study is to go beyond simply understanding Jesus' ministry with his earliest followers. The goal is to look at our own discipleship in light of Jesus' relationship with his first disciples. Even more, we want to discover how that relationship can grow in depth and practice as we follow Jesus.

The Bible Study sessions will be held on these days:

- March 3 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 3: *Ministries* – at Redeemer
- March 6 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 4: *Living Examples* – at Concordia
- March 10 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 4: *Living Examples* – at Redeemer
- March 13 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 5: *Witnesses* – at Concordia
- March 17 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 5: *Witnesses* – at Redeemer
- March 20 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 6: *Leaders* – at Concordia
- March 24 6:30 pm - Bible Study Session 6 *Leaders* - at Redeemer

**Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group**



Our next gathering for our Youth Group will be to help with the Faithful Friday Late Night Event on Friday, March 21st. The event is from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. The 6th through 12th grade youth will help with making smoothies starting at 7:00 pm, share in activities and watch a movie. Hope you can join

us for a night of fun and helping the preschool through 5th grade students.

Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) if you have questions about this event.

passed.  
-Laptop computer for Administrative Assistant – Grant & Josh will look at computer options through some of their business contacts to perhaps get computer for free or a discounted price. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for computer and software, seconded, and motion passed.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Faithful Friday Event—Feb 21—3:30-6:00 pm, Frolic Family Event on March 3rd at 6:00 pm, Faithful Friday Late Night Event March 21st 5-9:30 pm.

Youth— Ice Skating on Feb 23rd 2:00 pm

Missions & Outreach— March Food Share Month—Donations and Special Offering on March 30

Endowment— Next Meeting on April 7. Scholarship applications due April 1st.

Property— Planning to meet March 10th at 5:00 pm.

Music & Worship— Ash Wed. March 5th 6:30 pm at Redeemer. Lenten Wednesday meals and worship start on March 12 at Concordia 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Other Items – Parish Council on April 3 at 6:30 at Concordia – Motion to appoint Tonya, Tara, & Grant to continue serving on the parish council, seconded, and motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:44 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 19th after worship service (7:15/7:30ish).

Council Duties: For March – Derek

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

<b>Month End Finances</b>
<b>January</b>
<b><u>January Inc./Exp.</u></b>
Income: \$7,705.11
Expenses: \$14,005.60

**Thank you to the following members who will be serving on our Congregation Council for 2026:**

- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- BRADY GOODEN, TREASURER
- STEPHANIE SOOST
- TONYA HANSEN
- TARA ROBERTS
- DEREK PETERSON





# Council Minutes

## February 2026

- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- BRADY GOODEN, TREASURER
- DEREK PETERSON
- TONYA HANSEN
- STEPHANIE SOOST
- TARA ROBERTS

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
*Unapproved* Church Council Minutes  
 February 19, 2025

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, Brady Gooden, Tonya Hansen, Grant Petersen, Derek Peterson, Tara Roberts, Stephanie Soost, Josh Sorensen, and Nikki Weber-Knutson  
 Absent: None

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from January 22. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed. Reviewed Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

### Pastor's Report –

-Installation of Council Members Sunday, February 23rd at 8:30  
 -Vacation time—March 2nd and 3rd—

Pastor Laura Aase here for pulpit supply on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 -Lenten meal and worship schedule – Ash Wednesday March 5 at Redeemer, will rotate services, meals 5:45, worship 6:30, Redeemer meals are on March 19 & April 2 (prepare for about 50 people).  
 -Councils as Leaders event on Saturday, March 8th in Owatonna – let Pastor know by Feb 26 if you would like to attend. A variety of different workshop topics are available.

### Old Business –

Additional conversation on basement flooring options. Will continue discussion with the Property Committee.

### New Business -

-Appointment of Stephanie Soost as Council Member for 1 year term. Motion made to appoint Stephanie Soost as a Council member for 1 year term, seconded, and all approved.

Thank you and welcome Steph!

\_Council roster and sign-up for monthly duties

\_Request for use of Redeemer for Bear Lake Concordia Fundraiser – Approve use of church on Sunday March 2 in the afternoon (or a different date if they change it).

Group will handle all set up and clean up. Motion to approve use without a charge, seconded, and motion



### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

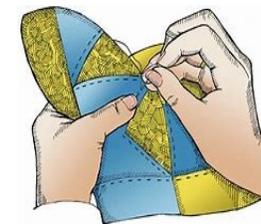
#### Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am  
 Luther Hall, no special requirements needed.

#### Next Quilting Dates:

**March 3rd and 17th**

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



QUILTING GROUP



**First Communion Education** for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students (*or any other older students that have not had communion instruction*) and their parents will be offered jointly for Redeemer and Concordia congregations. This year we will be having a “retreat” afternoon to incorporate all the learning activities at the same time.

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.

**The afternoon retreat will be held on Sunday, April 6th from 2—5 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

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

Redeemer Lutheran on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm  
 Concordia Lutheran on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm

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

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### Acolytes

#### March

1: Oakley Christensen & Kendal Soost  
 8: Shannon Petersen & Andrew Petersen  
 15: Reece Soost & Preston Hendrickson  
 22: KyAnna Besser & Wesley Diekmann  
 29: Griffin Troska & Owen Gooden

#### March

Wayne Jacobs  
 Brian Jacobs

### Ushers

### Coffee Fellowship March Servers

1: Ross & Kelly Skov and Ron & Colleen Jahnke  
 8: Dave & Lynn Mulso  
 15: Someone Needed  
 22: Radley & Lori Miller  
 29: Someone Needed



### LECTORS

#### March

1: Someone Needed  
 8: Someone Needed  
 15: Someone Needed  
 22: Radley Miller  
 29: Roger Pestorious



#### March

Paulette Rasmussen  
 Beth Wilder



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 RLC Galaxy VBS  
 Key Verse: *“Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7*

**June 19-20**  
**10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
 Family Celebration Sunday, June 21 during MLD worship.

*\*Please note the new DATE and TIME for this year’s VBS!\**

### Faithful Fridays - Late Night Event

Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:1-17



#### Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Middle school and high school helpers are welcome!

#### What is it?

For this event, our students (who are encouraged to bring a friend) are invited to join us for the evening. The Sunday School leaders will provide the programming and supervision. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and popcorn), and movie, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* (Rated PG, 7:25 p.m.)!

#### When?

**Friday, March 20 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.** Optional pick-up at 7:15 p.m. for students under 3rd grade.

#### Where?

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
**RSVP** ~ Please complete online registration using the QR Code (see Redeemer FB page/Remind). Suggested donation is \$15 per child.

Registration Link



**RSVP preferred at least two days prior to the event start date.**

**Thank you!**

Donation Link





## 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. 1** ~ Lesson "Abram's Call"

**Mar. 8** ~ *Spring Break NO CLASS*

**Mar. 15** ~ Lesson "Pool of Siloam"

**Mar. 20** ~ **Faithful Fridays Late Night Event, 5:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Mar. 22** ~ Lesson "Lazarus"

**Mar. 29** ~ **\*Kids Sing\*** Lesson "Holy Week"

**\*Christian Coin Store\***



We are currently looking for new items for our Christian Coin Store for Sunday School! Christian Coins are handed out to students for demonstrating kindness, sharing God's word with others, acts of service and attendance. Suggested donations include: fidgets, play-doh, small puzzles, squishy toys, coloring/activity books, individually wrapped snacks or monetary donations. Thank you!

### Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade! Check out day programs and overnight experiences.

Early-bird registration ends March 1. Use code **EARLY2026.**

25% Sibling Discount Available. Use code **SIBLING2026.**

Visit [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org) for more information.

## Calendar of Events for March 2026

<u>Sun. 3/1</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/2</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 3 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/3</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/4</u>	5:45 pm 5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 3/5</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 4-Concordia
<u>Sun. 3/8</u>	<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Spring Break
<u>Mon. 3/9</u>	5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 4 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/10</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/11</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 3/12</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 5-Concordia 6:00 pm Alden Lions Club
<u>Sun. 3/15</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/16</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 5 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/17</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/18</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia 7:30 pm Redeemer Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 3/19</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 6-Concordia
<u>Fri. 3/20</u>	5:00—9:00 pm Faithful Fridays Late Night Event
<u>Sun. 3/22</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/23</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 6 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/24</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/25</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 3/29</u>	8:30 am Palm Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School





## March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota and Annual Alden Area Food Shelf Fund Drive

Alden Area Food Shelf's annual fund drive is held in conjunction with the state wide March Campaign which runs from March 1st to April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The March Campaign is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare. It began its work 44 years ago with a campaign supported 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, private business, and individuals.

At the food shelf each client/household visit is counted. Some people come once a month, some come twice a month while others come less frequently. The number of households in 2024 increased to 886 representing 3,166 people compared to households in 2023 of 745 with 2,475 people. The pounds of food distributed also increased in one year with a total of 58,575 last year 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." The March Campaign will run from Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> this year. It is the largest effort locally to support the Alden Area Food Shelf.

Contributions of money or food items may be donated through Redeemer Lutheran Church to the Alden Area Food Shelf which is located in Redeemer Lutheran Church, 191 Water Street, Alden, MN 56009.

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> .

**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, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Call the Church Office if you have any questions.



Save the Date  
**Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**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!