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December
2025

The Evangel



Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 14th
10:30 a.m.

*** NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE ***



The children will help lead us in worship and share the story "*Christmas Isn't Christmas.*"

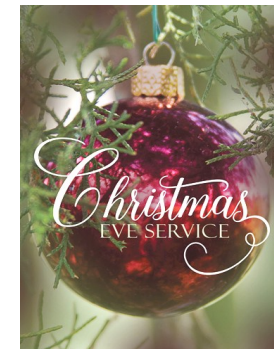
Join us following the service for a baked potato meal and birthday cake for Jesus.

Christmas Eve Worship Services
Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 pm at Redeemer

5:30 pm at Concordia

Join us as we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord in worship with singing carols, hearing the Word, candle lighting, and sharing in Holy Communion.



Please Note: No worship service on December 25th—Christmas Day at either Redeemer or Concordia

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



Calendar of Events for December 2025

<u>Mon. 12/1</u>	6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/2</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/3</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 12/7</u>	2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
<u>Mon. 12/8</u>	5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
<u>Tues. 12/9</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/10</u>	6-7:15 pm Christmas Program Practice—Grs.1-9 (PreK-K optional)
<u>Sun. 12/14</u>	3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Christmas Program Practice <i>Time Change—10:30 am Worship—Christmas Program</i> 11:30 am Fellowship with birthday cake and baked potato meal 2—4 pm Youth Group at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 12/16</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/17</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Sat. 12/20</u>	Bryson Family Christmas
<u>Sun. 12/21</u>	4th Sunday of Advent 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Christmas Break
<u>Tues. 12/23</u>	4:00-6:00 Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 12/24</u>	Christmas Eve Services 4:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Redeemer 5:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion at Concordia No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break Christmas Day—Church and Office Closed No Worship Service at Redeemer or Concordia Jacob's Family Christmas
<u>Thurs.12/25</u>	Church and Office Closed
<u>Fri. 12/26</u>	Church and Office Closed
<u>Sun. 12/28</u>	9:00 am Joint Worship Service—Service of Lessons and Carols at Concordia 10:00 am Christmas Cookie/Treat Potluck Fellowship <i>Pastor Kristi on Vacation Dec. 28-31</i> No Sunday School—Christmas Break Food Shelf Closed No Confirmation—Christmas Break
<u>Tues. 12/30</u>	
<u>Wed. 12/31</u>	New Year's Day—Church and Office Closed
<u>Thurs. 1/1/2026</u>	



Legion charter them and meet there since they have a leader and several scouts from there. Erik Karre appreciates all we have done to accommodate the scouts. They hope we will allow them to use the church every now and then for events.

Motion made that decisions are made about future events on a case-by-case basis. Seconded. Motion passed.

-Set Annual Meeting date of January 25th following 8:30 am worship. Motion was made to have the annual meeting on Jan. 25 at 8:30am. Seconded. Motion passed.

-Minnesota Paid Leave – description of info in email sent by Pastor Kristi – Motion was made for Redeemer Lutheran Church to pay the entire premium for both employer and employee portions of the premium. Seconded. Motion passed. The total amount that the church would pay for the entire premium will be \$98.38 quarterly. Could possibly be as high as \$102. The first quarterly payment is due April 2026. Motion made to approve Brittany Carlson to set up a Paid Leave Account and to be the Administrator of the Paid Leave account. Seconded. Motion passed. Will discuss at Parish Council if Concordia should contribute to part of Pastor's portion of the premium.

-Discussion was held regarding the photo directory and whether we ever received the copies we ordered. The company we used went out of business prior to us receiving the photo directories.

Committee Reports

Christian Education — Christmas Program on December 14th at 10:30 am with meal and cake following the service.

Youth — Youth Group Thanksgiving gathering went very well. Next event is December Cookie Baking and Ornament Making on Sun. 14th 2-4 pm at Redeemer.

Missions & Outreach — Salvation Army Giving Tree (shared with Concordia)

Endowment — No update

Property — Next meeting December 8th 5:00 pm

Music & Worship — Hanging of the Greens Service —November 30th. Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm on Dec 24th.

Other Items - Parish Council meeting Dec 1 at 6:30 pm at Redeemer. Building Usage scheduled—Jacobs family Thanksgiving —Nov 27th; Bryson family Christmas —Dec 20th; Jacobs family Christmas—Dec 25th

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 pm
Council Duties: For November—Tara Roberts For December—Tonya Hansen

Respectfully submitted by
Tara Roberts, Council Member



**SAVE THE DATE -
Annual Meeting Date-
Sunday, January 25, 2025
Following the 8:30 Service**

Council Minutes November



- 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
November 19, 2025

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Opening devotions given by Tara Roberts.

In attendance were Brady Gooden, Grant Petersen, Derek Peterson, Tara Roberts, Stephanie Soost, Josh Sorensen
Absent: Nikki Weber-Knutson, Tonya Hansen, Pastor Kristi Mitchell (on conference call for a portion of the meeting)

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

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

Pastor's Report –
-Continuing Education Days Mon November 17– Sun November 23 – Pastor Laura Aase will be the pulpit supply pastor the 23rd.

-Baptism for the Jacobs twins on December 7th—we will need to move the riser out of the center aisle after the November 30th program rehearsal to accommodate the baptism and communion on the 7th and need help from some folks to move it back after worship on the 7th for the program rehearsal. (Anna is aware of this plan) -Bible Study is on a break for the holidays and will resume in January. -Final vacation days of the year Sun Dec 28—Wed. Dec 31

Old Business –

-Church 360—we have begun the contract with Shepherd Staff. Brittany and Pastor will be trained in the new system on Wed. Nov. 26th at 9:30 am and then will train others. The hope is to be fully using the web-based system by the end of November. Brief discussion about the progression of Church 360 getting up and running. We are excited to see the transition and for all to get to use the new system.
-Joint Thanksgiving Service November 26th at Redeemer at 7:00 pm. Church Council is serving fellowship following the service. Serving bars and coffee. Planning to serve about 50.

-Hanging of the Greens—Christmas tree set-up following Thanksgiving Eve service and fellowship. Hanging of the Green will take place on Nov 30.

-Executive Committee meeting on Tues, Nov 25th at 6:30 pm regarding the draft budget for 2026.

New Business –

-Cub Scout Charter—the Cub Scouts have decided to have the Freeborn



KyAnna Besser	12/1	Haley Johnson	12/17
Alex Burris	12/1	Paulette Rasmussen	12/17
Kristi Soost	12/1	Landon Mattson	12/18
Gracie Wangen	12/1	Christina Peterson	12/19
Steve Schmidt	12/2	Aidan Cummings	12/20
Bob Newman	12/3	John Heise	12/20
Jordan Janzig	12/4	Jerry Jahnke	12/20
Jon Duncan	12/5	Ethan Bendickson	12/21
Thelma Niebuhr	12/8	Merv Boettcher	12/21
Missy Rasmussen	12/8	Jenny Jensen	12/21
Lori Meyer	12/9	Jordan Hallman	12/23
Alicia Schewe	12/9	Owen Gooden	12/24
Jeff Larson	12/10	Brian Jacobs	12/24
Sierra Babcock	12/11	Bob Hansen	12/25
Chuck Schroeder	12/11	Alyvia Newman	12/27
Paul Weigel	12/11	Steve Newman	12/28
Colleen Jahnke	12/12	Kaylee Wachlin	12/28
Everett Stadheim	12/13	Emma Kleinschrodt	12/29
Rylin Troska	12/13	Dave Sime	12/29
Alicia Roberts	12/14	Julie Diekmann	12/30
Chance Carlson	12/16	Kelly Honstad	12/30
Ross Skov	12/16	Bill Hintz	12/31
Brooke Soost	12/16	Betty Steele	12/31
Ron Wilder	12/16		

Personnel

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

Contact Information

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Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

December Acolytes

7: Eleanor Hintz & Ava Cummings
 14: Ethan Bendickson & Owen Gooden
 21: Emilee Weigel & Jade Huper
 24: Caleb Mattson & Griffin Troska
 28: Worship @ Concordia



December Ushers

Ross Martinson &
 Craig Williams

Altar Guild December

Paulette Rasmussen
 Max Borge

December Lectors

7: Someone Needed
 14: Christmas Program
 21: Someone Needed
 24: Someone Needed
 28: Worship @ Concordia

Coffee Fellowship - December Servers

7: Someone Needed
 14: Meal After Christmas Program
 21: Bryson/Olson Family
 24: No Fellowship
 28: Fellowship @ Concordia



Advent—Devotional Booklets available in the Church Narthex for anyone who would like to take one home and use through this Advent Season.

Celebrate Your Birthday

On the week of your birthday, celebrate with us during fellowship time following our worship service. Bring a silver coin for each year you turn and help fill our birthday cake!



For example, if you are turning 8, bring 8 silver coins of your choice and place them in our special birthday cake. All are welcome to participate!



The Busy Fingers Quilters will not be gathering in December. Next quilting day will be January 6th at 9:00 am.

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

Join us for Worship on Sunday, December 28th at 9:00 am for a Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols. This will be a joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran at Concordia.

For our fellowship time after worship on the 28th we are inviting you bring some Christmas cookies or treats to share. Enjoy a "Christmas Cookie Potluck" Fellowship!



Volunteers Needed on Committees as we begin 2025.

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
 Mission and Outreach
 Christian Education
 Youth

**Volunteers
 Needed!**



Elected terms of participation

Church Council
 Endowment Fund Committee
 Nominations Committee

October Financial Report

Income for October \$13,957.64
 Expenses for October \$17,991.31

IN HONOR OF _____

By: _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

By: _____



Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group

Making Christmas
Cookies and Ornaments



Our next Youth Group event is **Sunday, December 14th—2-4 pm**. Join us at Redeemer church as we work on making Christmas cookies and ornaments to be given to our homebound members of each congregation. We will enjoy snacks and some Christmas Games too! Contact Pastor Kristi or Kayla Seedorf, our Youth Group Assistant if you have any questions about our Youth Group event. Invite a friend to join you!!

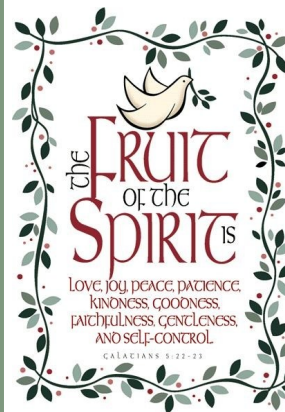
CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 3 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Dec. 3 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Gr. Class at Redeemer
Dec. 10 6:00—7:15 pm Christmas Program Rehearsal
Dec. 17 5:45 —7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
Dec. 24 No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break
Dec. 31 No Confirmation Classes—Christmas Break



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

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



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.*

***EXCEPTION* Dec. 14 – Christmas Program Sunday!**
The students will lead us in worship and help us remember the reason for the season!

Sunday School Happenings:

Dec. 7 ~ Christmas Program Practice

Dec. 10 (Wed.) ~ Christmas Program Practice, 6-7:15 p.m.

Dec. 14 ~ “Christmas Isn’t Christmas”

Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m.

Note Time Change for Worship

Students please arrive at 9:00 a.m.

**Followed by Birthday Cake*

and baked potato meal to celebrate Jesus’ Birthday!

**Hot dogs will also be available.*

Dec. 21 ~ Christmas Break—No Class

Dec. 28 ~ Christmas Break—No Class

Jan. 4 ~ Sunday School Class Resumes, “Fruit of the Spirit”

Family Celebration

Jan. 11 ~ “Jesus’ Baptism”, Fruit of the Spirit: Forgiveness



LET A LIGHT SHINE

Tree Lighting Ceremony Sunday, Dec. 21st during Worship

Let A Light Shine this holiday season for a remembered loved one or special person in your life by lighting one or more of the blue lights on our Christmas tree. The cost is \$5 per bulb.

Please **complete the reverse side** of this form, then place it and the money in the offering plate, return it to the office, or mail it to the church by December 15th.

We join you in honoring/remembering your loved ones and are grateful for your gifts.

COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE



Learn about the Fruit of the Spirit

In the month of January, we will be learning all about the Fruit of the Spirit! Each week, we will focus on a different theme. Join us as we learn about:

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| * Love | * Goodness |
| * Joy | * Generosity |
| * Peace | * Faithfulness |
| * Patience | * Gentleness |
| * Kindness | * Self Control |