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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALDEN, MN



APRIL 2025

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th (services in each congregation)
8:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer—Palm Processional
10:30 a.m. Service at Concordia—Palm Processional



Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 17th
(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



Good Friday, April 18th
6:30 p.m. Joint Service at Concordia –
Procession of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 20th
(services in each congregation)
8:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion
(no fellowship)
10:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY
191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



God's work.
Our hands.



SAVE THE DATE:
 RLC VBS, *Serengeti Trek*
 Key Verse: "I know the greatness of the Lord" Psalm 135:5

June 20-21
10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Family Celebration Sunday, June 22 during
 MLD worship.

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

FROLIC FAMILY EVENT – (Birth-3 y.o.)

All families with children 3 and under (children not yet in Sunday School) are invited to join us **Sunday, April 13** at 9:30 a.m. following worship for coffee and donuts. Join us for a morning of coffee, fun and fellowship.



This will be the final Frolic Family event of the 2024-2025 school year. We look forward to connecting with our young families and little ones.

Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group

Our next Youth Group Event will be our Random Acts of Kindness event on Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 pm, leaving from Redeemer. We will share in our random acts of kindness throughout the community of Albert Lea and then enjoy a treat together. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join us, and are welcome to bring a friend. We will be looking for additional adults to help provide transportation for our group. Please RSVP if you will be attending by April 9th to pastor@redeemeralden.com. Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) or Kayla Seedorf (507-402-9790), our Youth Group Assistant, if you have any questions about our Youth Group event.



Camping opportunity for Pickerel Lakers and Redeemer Congregations. We are trying to line up a camping weekend at Flying Goose Campground in Fairmont, MN on the weekend of July 11-13, 2025. We have contacted the campground and they would love to help make this possible. We need to find out as soon as

possible the names of those who are interested. Camping fees are \$45.00/day for electric and water or \$50.00/day for full service.

If you have any friends who camp and would like to join in on the fun please pass the word along. The campground sites fill up pretty fast in the summer so the sooner we get reservations the better. Please sign up in the church Narthex if you are interested in camping.

On Sunday, July 13th we will host a worship service at the camp for anyone who wants to attend (those camping and those who might drive out for the day). There is a charge of \$5.00 admission per person for the day (for those not camping for the weekend). We will plan on having a BBQ lunch on Sunday after the service.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Greg Lutteke at 507-391-0086.

OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V → ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
 In his great mercy he has given us _____

 into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3, NIV



Council Minutes

March 2025

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

No Council meeting was held in March 2025 so there are no minutes this month.

Month End Finances for February

February Inc./Exp.

Income: \$14,145.82

Expenses: \$12,584.71



Save the Date
Saturday, April 19th
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!



Jake Fawcett	4/1	Candy Johnson	4/14
Megan Gooden	4/1	Ryker Burris	4/15
Melody Gossman	4/4	Ann Huper	4/15
Riley Hassing	4/4	Mike Huper	4/15
Sheila Jahnke	4/4	Sam Jahnke	4/15
Ben Jahnke	4/5	Anna Sorensen	4/19
Annika Riebe	4/6	Kendra Mathiason	4/22
Aspen Soost	4/6	Cameron Holst	4/23
Lavonne Newman	4/8	Alexa Newman	4/23
Grant Petersen	4/8	Maci Harty	4/25
Jarod Bush	4/9	Ainsley Peterson	4/26
Jenni Mattson	4/11	Wyatt Heise	4/27
Jon Jahnke	4/13	Allie Jacobs	4/28
Mike Jensen	4/13	Ava Cummings	4/29
Braelynn Sousa	4/13	Erin Cummings	4/29
Courtney Janzig	4/14		

Personnel

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

Contact Information

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Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water

To honor Earth Day we will include a time of Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water during our worship service on Sunday April 6th, 8:30 am.



This offers us, as Christians, an opportunity to reflect on the significance of our connectedness to water, seeds and soil, and the people whose livelihoods depend on these elements. God created water, seeds and soil, we give thanks to God for the life essentials he provides. Plan to share in a celebration of God's creation.



First Communion Education for 5th 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 17th, at 5:30 pm

Concordia Lutheran on Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00 pm

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



Faithful Fridays - After School
Bible Point: “You’re Created! Being You!” Genesis 2:4-25, Psalm 139:13-16

Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Redeemer Sunday School students are encouraged to invite a friend to join them! The after-school events will be led by adult leaders.

What is it?

Friday after school activity for students PreK-6th grade. After school snacks, activities, music, supper, and FUN will be provided.

When?

Friday, April 25th, Afterschool (3:30) - 6 p.m.

Where?

After school, students can meet in the cafeteria and walk with our leaders to the church. Drop-off at the church, for younger students not in school at that time will also be available at 3:30 p.m. Evening activities end at 6 p.m. ~ students to be picked up at the church.

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration use the QR Code here to access the form (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*) or paper registration form at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

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

Thank you!



Registration Link



Donation Link



Sunday School Happenings:

*** 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!

April 6 ~ ***Camp Sunday!** Lesson "Mary Anoints Jesus"

Apr. 13 ~ ***Kids Sing*** Lesson "Holy Week"

April 20 ~ **Easter Sunday NO CLASS**

April 25 ~ **Faithful Fridays After School Activity, 3:30-6:00 p.m.**

April 27 ~ Lesson "Doubting Thomas"



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!



CAMP SUNDAY - April 6th

Pastor Nick Fisher-Broin from Good Earth Village will be joining us for worship at 8:30 am and Sunday School at 9:45 am on April 6th to share with us about Good Earth Village Camp! Hope you can join us!!

Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade! Scholarship monies are available from Redeemer to assist students going to camp.

Visit www.goodearthvillage.org for more information.



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

Classes Resume on:

Wed. April 23rd 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

Wed. April 30th 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students 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.

Confirmation Sunday, April 27th

Join us at our 8:30 a.m. Worship Service as we celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for Cael Boldt, Addison Mattson, Aspen Soost, and Rylin Troska.



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 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 13th.** Call the Church Office if you have any questions.



Busy Fingers Quilting at Redeemer!

Meeting Tuesdays at 9:00 am in Luther Hall, no special requirements needed.

Next Quilting Dates:

April 1st and April 15th

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



QUILTING GROUP

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

April

6: Preston Hendrickson & Griffin Troska
 13: Logan Honstad & Caleb Mattson
 17: (*Maundy Thursday*) Reece Soost & Jade Huper
 20: Owen Gooden & Andrew Petersen
 27: Ethan Bendickson & Wesley Diekmann

April

Mike Bute
 Jerry Jahnke

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship April Servers

6: Gooden Family
 13: Carl and Paulette Rasmussen & Glen Mathiason
 20: *No Fellowship—Easter Sunday*
 27: Dave and Lynn Mulso



LECTORS

April

6: Owen Gooden
 13: Glen Mathiason
 17: (*Maundy Thursday*) Kevin Opseth
 20: Carolyn Martinson
 27: Confirmation Students



April

Missy Rasmussen
 Tara Roberts

Calendar of Events for April 2025

<u>Tues. 4/1</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/2</u>	5:45 Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 Week 4 Lenten Worship Service at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 4/3</u>	6:00 pm Lions Club Board Meeting
<u>Sun. 4/6</u>	Camp Sunday and Blessing of Seed, Soil & Water 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 2—5 pm First Communion Instruction Retreat—Redeemer
<u>Mon. 4/7</u>	6:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting
<u>Tues. 4/8</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00—8:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
<u>Wed. 4/9</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Week 5 Lenten Worship Service at Concordia
<u>Thur. 4/10</u>	6:00 pm Lions Club Meeting
<u>Sun. 4/13</u>	Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship—Kids Sing and Palm Processional 9:30 am Fellowship 9:30 am Frolic Family Event—Birth to 3 yr. old 9:45 am Sunday School 2:00 pm Youth Group meets at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 4/15</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/16</u>	7:00 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thur. 4/17</u>	Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion and First Communion Students at Redeemer 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion and First Communion Students at Concordia
<u>Fri. 4/18</u>	Good Friday 6:30 pm Joint Worship Service at Concordia
<u>Sat. 4/19</u>	10:00 am Community Easter Egg Hunt—North Park
<u>Sun. 4/20</u>	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion No Fellowship and No Sunday School
<u>Tues. 4/22</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00—8:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
<u>Wed. 4/23</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm Parish Council at Redeemer
<u>Fri. 4/25</u>	3:30—6:30 pm Faithful Friday After School Program
<u>Sun. 4/27</u>	Confirmation Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Affirmation of Faith for our 9th Grade Confirmation Students 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 4/28</u>	5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
<u>Tues. 4/29</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 4/30</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer