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# The Evangel



2025

November

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



**All Saints Sunday** will be November 2nd, 2025. Please join us for our worship service at 8:30 am as we remember those saints who have died in the past year and those who have been baptized since our last All Saints Sunday.

We remember and honor:

*Deaths (funeral date):*

*Richard "Dick" Borge*

*October 28, 2025*

*Baptisms (baptism date):*

*Cael Boldt*

*April 23, 2025*

*Myles Prchal*

*August 31, 2025*

*Cooper Johnson*

*October 18, 2025*



**A reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025. Set your clocks back 1 hour!**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St  
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested



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

# Calendar of Events for November 2025

<b><u>Sun. 11/2</u></b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<b><u>Mon. 11/3</u></b>	6:30 pm Bible Study—Paul Session 6 at Redeemer
<b><u>Tues. 11/4</u></b>	<b>Election Day</b> 9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<b><u>Weds. 11/5</u></b>	5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm 9th Grade Conf. Class at Redeemer
<b><u>Thurs. 11/6</u></b>	2:00 pm Bible Study—Paul Session 6 at Concordia
<b><u>Sun. 11/9</u></b>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday School Sings at Concordia Service
<b><u>Mon. 11/10</u></b>	6:30 pm Bible Study-Gratitude at Redeemer
<b><u>Tues. 11/11</u></b>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<b><u>Weds. 11/12</u></b>	5:45 pm 7th/8th Grade Conf. Class at Concordia
<b><u>Thurs. 11/13</u></b>	2:00 pm Bible Study-Gratitude at Concordia
<b><u>Sun. 11/16</u></b>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 2:00—4:00 pm Youth Group Gathering at Redeemer
<b><u>Tues. 11/18</u></b>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<b><u>Weds. 11/19</u></b>	5:45 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<b><u>Sun. 11/23</u></b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<b><u>Tues. 11/25</u></b>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<b><u>Wed. 11/26</u></b>	7:00 pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Redeemer Fellowship after Service
<b><u>Thurs. 11/27</u></b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day—Office and Church Closed</b>
<b><u>Sun. 11/30</u></b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 8:30 am Hanging of the Greens Service 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School

he can handle the light care for sidewalks, need to connect with Dave Hemmingsen or Matt Troska to confirm they are lined up for other care. Steph will reach out to Dave. Pastor will see if Josh can reach out to Matt.

-December 14th change service time with Concordia for Christmas program –Motion to approve changing time to 10:30, seconded & passed

-Set Executive Committee meeting for budget preparation – Pastor will text or email executive committee to set up a time

-Set Nominations Committee meeting for annual meeting elections – Pastor to coordinate.

-Christmas Eve Service plan – Wednesday Dec 24 afternoon services at both congregations (4:00 at Redeemer, 5:30 at Concordia, with no late night service) Joint service on Dec 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Concordia for lessons & carols. Motion to approve, seconded, motion passed.

## Committee Reports

Christian Education— Faithful Friday Family Movie Event October 24<sup>th</sup> - everything set for movie night this Friday. Credit card Sunday School used is being discontinued by Walmart so Brittany looking into other options for business account. Sunday, February 8 has been requested to Good Earth Village to be camp Sunday here.

Youth— Youth and Family Event to Orchard on October 26th 1:00 pm

Missions & Outreach – no update, we usually do special offering end of

November for Spirit of Christmas so we will plan to continue with that again on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Endowment— Report of October meeting

Property— Next meeting November 3rd, 5:00 pm

Music & Worship— Reformation Sunday—October 26th. Thanksgiving Eve Service Nov. 26 at 7:00 pm at Redeemer with fellowship to follow. Hanging of the Greens Service – November 30th

Other Items - Building Usage scheduled—School testing—October 30th; Jacobs family Thanksgiving—November 27th; Bryson family Christmas—December 20th; Jacobs family Christmas—December 25th

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:36 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (Pastor will be away)

Council Duties:

For November—Tara Roberts

For December—Tonya Hansen

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

## Council Minutes October 2025



- 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  
October 22, 2025

Secretary Nikki Weber-Knutson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Tonya Hansen, Tara Roberts, Stephanie Soost, and Nikki Weber-Knutson.

Absent: Brady Gooden, Derek Peterson, Josh Sorensen, and Grant Petersen

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from September 17. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

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

### Pastor's Report –

-Reformation Sunday, October 26th  
Holy Communion

-All Saints Sunday, November 2nd—  
Daylight Saving Time  
-Joint Thanksgiving Service November 26th at Redeemer – Concordia choir will be singing, Redeemer council will be serving bars – will get volunteers to make bars (for approx 70)  
-Continuing Education Monday, Nov. 17—Sunday, Nov. 23 (Pastor Laura Aase will be pulpit supply on Sunday, November 23)

-Transfer of membership—Sindi Fulton to Deer Creek Valley Lutheran Church, Glenville, MN. Transfer of membership—Jerry and Mary Reyerson to Zion Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Albert Lea, MN. Council has received these requests and transfers have been completed.  
-Wedding of Cheryl Schillerberg and John Szymanowski, Oct 25th

### Old Business –

-Tree removal update—gift from Endowment Fund, gave \$850 to Faith in Action account to help cover costs of tree removal  
-Battery backup for parsonage sump pump – parts have come in, Joel will install  
-Moving to Shepherd Staff Church 360 system for text and emails – Anna thought this was the best route moving forward, Pastor and Brittany are working to help get it set up

### New Business –

-Confirm snow removal plan – Pastor will connect with Dave to confirm if



Miles Kleinschrodt	11/1	Elynn Johnson	11/17
Dianne Kleinschrodt	11/3	Dean Sorensen	11/17
Steve Sorensen	11/3	Mikayla Wasmoen	11/17
Donna Schmidt	11/5	Josh Sorensen	11/18
Dolly Lindeman	11/6	Blake Steinberg	11/19
Ann Purdy	11/6	Sara Reindal	11/20
Kinley Besser	11/7	Sandra Bendickson	11/21
Steph Soost	11/8	Andrew Jacobs	11/25
Zach Williamson	11/8	Lacy Petersen	11/25
Curt Guenther	11/11	Chris Petersen	11/26
Jake Janzig	11/11	Alexis VanEngelenburg	11/27
Paul Meyer	11/11	Candy Pierce	11/28
Lisa Troska	11/11	Barrett Williamson	11/29
Eunice Newman	11/12	Barb Christensen	11/30
Natalie Schmidt	11/12		
Kendal Soost	11/14		



In everything  
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### November Acolytes

2: Griffin Troska & Paisley Merritt  
 9: Andrew Petersen & Shannon Petersen  
 16: Preston Hendrickson & Oakley Christensen  
 23: Reece Soost & Kendal Soost  
 26: Caleb Mattson & Maci Harty  
 30: Wesley Diekmann & KyAnna Besser



### Altar Guild November

Sue Reindal  
 Tana Christensen

### November Lectors

2: Glen Mathiason  
 9: Mike Bute  
 16: Carolyn Martinson  
 23: Roger Pestorius  
 26: Nikki Weber-Knutson  
 30: *Hanging of the Greens*

### November Ushers

Dan & Sue Reindal  
 Oakley, Olin & Jason Christensen

### Coffee Fellowship - November Servers

2: Derek and Ashley Peterson  
 9: Ross and Carolyn Martinson  
 16: *Someone Needed*  
 23: Gooden Family  
 26: Thanksgiving Eve—Church Council  
 30: Jacobs Family



### Personnel

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

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## GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_;  
 1 2 3 4 5  
 \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_.  
 6 7 8 9  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 10 11 12 13  
 \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 14 15 16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, know, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts



\* 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:

**Nov. 2** ~ Lesson "Zacchaeus"

**Nov. 9** ~ Unveiling the Christmas Program  
*Kids Sing at Concordia at 10:30 service, SS Ends at 10:15 am*

**Nov. 16** ~ Practice/Make Parts Cards, Program Craft

**Nov. 23** ~ Finish College Kits "Christ the King" Christmas Craft  
*Christian Coin Store*

**Nov. 30** ~ Advent—Decorate/Practice Christmas Program/Music  
*Hanging of the Greens*

**Dec. 7** ~ Run through entire Christmas Program

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

**Dec. 14** ~ **Christmas Program** at 10:30 a.m.

*\*Note Time Change for Worship\**

*Students please arrive at 9:45 a.m.*



### "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!

## Hanging of the Greens

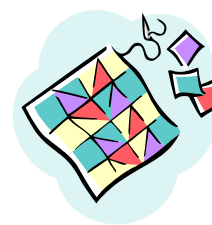


On **Sunday, November 30th** for our **8:30 am** worship service we will mark **the beginning of the Advent season** with a service for the **Hanging of the Greens**. Advent is the time of year when we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Messiah. Advent means "coming." We celebrate these days of Advent in expectation and preparation for Christ's arrival. This is also a time of preparing our homes, our churches, and our communities for the celebration of Christ's birth, Christmas.

During the 8:30 am service on November 30th we will tell the story of our Advent and Christmas decorations, we will decorate our sanctuary, we will hear scripture, and sing songs that connect us to the Advent story. Thank you to Tana Christensen and Sue Reindal for their help in coordinating this worship service and the many volunteers who help make it possible!

**Please mark your calendars for our First Sunday of Advent and the Hanging of the Greens, November 30th!**

## Quilting at Redeemer!



The Busy Fingers Quilters will be gathering on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am in Luther Hall. No special requirements needed to participate.

**November dates are :  
Nov 4th and 18th**

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

### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

**for 7th, 8th and 9th Grade:**

**Wed. Nov. 5 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 5 7:30-8:30 pm**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 12 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Concordia

**Wed. Nov. 19 5:45-7:15 pm**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at Redeemer

**Wed. Nov. 26 No Confirmation** – Thanksgiving Eve Service



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

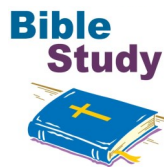


## September Financial Report

Income: \$9,485.52

Expenses: \$12,983.44





**Bible Study—The Witness of Paul: His Life, His Missionary Journeys, and The Gospel.** We finish our exploration of Paul this month. Join us on the following dates. All are welcome!!

**Monday, November 3rd –6:30 pm Session 6 at Redeemer**  
**Thursday, November 6th—2:00 pm Session 6 at Concordia**

**Our Next Bible Study—A Biblical Understanding of Gratitude.** Join us for conversation and examination of gratitude, thanksgiving, and appreciation.

**Monday, November 10th—6:30 pm at Redeemer**  
**Thursday, November 13th—2:00 pm at Concordia**

## Redeemer and Concordia Youth Group

Youth Group for Redeemer and Concordia students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gather together on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.** We will gather at 2 pm at Redeemer Lutheran to create Thanksgiving cards to be given to the homebound seniors of our two congregations. We will also be making Harvest Mix and play Turkey Bingo.

Please email or text (507-360-1224) Pastor Kristi if you are planning to attend. You are always encouraged to bring a friend with to Youth Group!



Reserve the date of December 14<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm at Redeemer for our Cookie Baking & Ornament Making Youth Group gathering!

**Hope you can come and join us!**

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship



God is the source of all good things, and we will remember that by gathering on Thanksgiving Eve for worship and fellowship. This is a wonderful time to center yourself in prayer and thanksgiving as the holiday season begins.

A joint worship service for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran congregations will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, November 26th at Redeemer Lutheran**, and the service will be followed by fellowship. A special offering of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and household items will be gathered during this service and given to the Alden Food Shelf.

## December Christmas Program December 14, 2025— CHANGE of Worship Service Time to 10:30 am



On December 14th we will be having our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will switch worship service times with Concordia on this Sunday, so **Redeemer will worship at 10:30 am on December 14th** and Concordia will worship at 8:30 am on December 14th.

## “Spirit of Christmas”

### Monetary and other donations

### Being accepted through November 23rd

At this time of the year, our thoughts begin to turn to Christmas and the local Spirit of Christmas program. The Spirit of Christmas program, helps bring Christmas to families in need in the Alden-Conger School District (and families that are open enrolled to the district. Cash donations are very welcome and will be used to purchase clothing items for the older children and food baskets for families. A special offering will be taken on Sunday, Nov. 23rd during our worship service. If you are unable to be here on Nov 23rd, financial offerings for Spirit of Christmas can also be sent directly to the Church Office. Donations of cash or gifts may also be dropped off at or sent to the Alden-Conger School, 215 N. Broadway, PO Box 99, Alden, MN 56009. It is wonderful to know that we can help area families to have a joyous holiday season.



**Thank you for your support!**