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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2024



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LENT 2024

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th

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 14th. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services through Holy



Week.

Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on February 14th - 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., Feb. 21st—Lenten Week 1

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

Wed., Feb. 28th—Lenten Week 2

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

Wed., March 6th—Lenten Week 3

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

Wed., March 13th—Lenten Week 4

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

Wed., March 20th—Lenten Week 5

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



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

Church Office hours
Monday thru Thursday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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 2024 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, 2024.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2024 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, 2024.

Old Business –

-Annual Meeting Jan 28th
Nominations committee continuing to work on nominations for all vacancies

New Business –

- 1) Confirmation Sunday date – April 28th at 8:30 here, Concordia at 10:30 on the same day
- 2) Someone needed for light snow removal on Sunday, Jan 21st if there is snow - Josh volunteered to handle if needed.

Committee Reports

Christian Education — Frolic Family Event on Jan 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Youth – Bowling & Laser Tag on January 21st 12:30—5 pm.

Missions & Outreach – no update

Endowment – next meeting Feb 5 at 6:30 pm

Property – Curt G. showed the council the new railings for the

sanctuary.

Music & Worship— no update

Other Items –

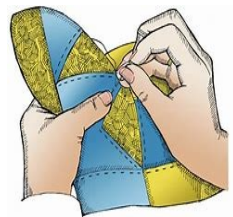
-Redeemer Council to meet immediately after the Annual Meeting to elect officers for the Council.

-Joint Council meeting to be held January 24 at 7:30 pm at Redeemer

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 21 after worship at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson,
Secretary



QUILTING GROUP

Busy Fingers

Quilting at Redeemer!

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

Next Quilting Dates:
February 6th, February 20th,

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

Month End Finances

December

December Inc./Exp.

Income: \$17,156.28

Expenses: \$18,210.20



Council Minutes

January 2024



- JOSH SORENSEN, PRESIDENT
- GRANT PETERSEN, VICE PRESIDENT
- NIKKI WEBER-KNUTSON, SECRETARY
- JERRY REYERSON, TREASURER
- CURT GUENTHER
- TONYA HANSEN
- JANELLE JACOBS
- TARA ROBERTS
- BRADY GOODEN

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Unapproved Church Council
 Minutes
 January 17, 2024

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Opening devotions given by Brady Gooden.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Josh Sorensen, Tonya Hansen, Nikki Weber-Knutson, Curt Guenther, Grant Petersen, and Brady Gooden.

Absent: Janelle Jacobs, Jerry Reyerson, and Tara Roberts

Reviewed Secretary's Report, meeting minutes from December 20. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed

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

Pastor's Report –

1) Lenten worship schedule begins Feb. 14th with Ash Wednesday.

A. Concordia on Ash Wed Feb 14

B. Rotate to Redeemer for first Lenten Wednesday service (3 here) – 2 at Concordia.

C. Maundy Thursday – two separate services.

D. Good Friday here

2) Blue Earth River Conference on Sunday, February 18th, 2 pm in Albert Lea at Grace Lutheran in Albert Lea – anyone from Congregation is welcome to join pastor

3) Pastor out of office on Mon Jan 29th and Tues Jan 30th

4) Working to have Carl Rasmussen removed as a signer on Faith in Action & General Checking accounts at Security Bank since no longer needed.

Doing this while working to get Brady added. Motion to accept, seconded, and motion passed for Carl to be removed as a signer.

Tanya Hemmingsen	2/1	Evan Guenther	2/15
Ana Guenther	2/3	Lori Janzig	2/15
Steve Haukoos	2/3	Maggie Evans	2/16
Rylie Burris	2/5	Emily Hassing	2/16
Maverick Babcock	2/6	Tammy Newman	2/17
Cody Christenson	2/6	Cassie Wasmoen	2/17
Nathaniel Phelps	2/6	Jaiven Marth	2/19
Sam Jacobs	2/8	Anne Jahnke	2/22
Emilee Weigel	2/8	Kenlee Carlson	2/23
Trevor Kluender	2/9	Jenny Hendrickson	2/23
Carol Linde	2/12	Samantha Armstrong	2/24
Bill Mitchell	2/12	Bryn Nelson	2/27
Madison Hendrickson	2/13	Noah Nelson	2/27
Linda Wasmoen	2/13	Dan Reindal	2/27
Sam Hallman	2/14	Ross Huper	2/28
Ava Diekmann	2/15		

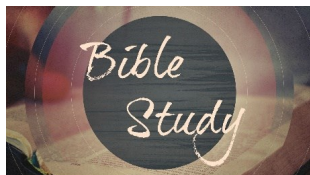
Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Kurt Mylenbusch, Admin. Assistant/Cusdoian
- 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
- Pastor's Email: pastor@redeemeralden.com
- Web site: www.redeemeralden.com
- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Sunday School Facebook: Alden Redeemer Lutheran Sunday School

Meet The Prophets



This 5 week series of studies will help in getting acquainted with the prophets and their books in the Old Testament. We will explore a general overview of the major and minor prophets, what and who are they addressing, when and where did they live, and in what kind of world. In these sessions we will also look a bit more in-depth at some of the prophets and their relevance for us today. I hope you can plan to join us as we “Meet the Prophets”!

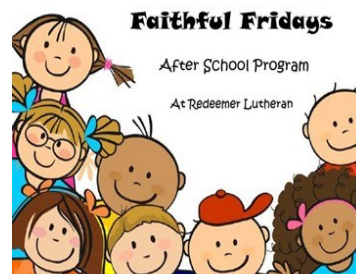
- Session 1 – Feb. 19th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and Feb. 22nd - 1:30 pm at Concordia
- Session 2 – Feb. 26th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and Feb. 29th 1:30 pm at Concordia
- Session 3 – March 4th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 7th - 1:30 pm at Concordia
- Session 4 – March 11th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 14th - 1:30 pm at Concordia
- Session 5 – March 18th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer
and March 21st - 1:30 pm at Concordia

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



- Feb. 7 5:45—7:15 pm**
7th/8th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Feb. 7 7:30-8:30 pm**
9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
- Feb. 14** No classes—Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb. 21 & 28** No classes—Student assist with Lenten services.

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



Faithful Fridays - After School

Who?

Students PreK-6th grade - Redeemer Sunday School students are encouraged to invite a friend to join them!

What is it?

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

When?

Select upcoming Fridays ~ **February 9th** from 3:30 - 6 p.m., **March 8th** (Late Night Event) from 5 - 10 p.m., and **April 26th** from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Where?

After school, students can meet at the elementary entrance and walk with 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 (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*) Suggested donation is \$5 per child for Faithful Friday After School event and \$10 per child for *Late Night Event*.

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





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:

- Feb. 4 ~ Lesson "Jesus Heals"
- Feb. 9 ~ Faithful Friday After School Program "Noah's Ark" 3:30-6:00 pm
- Feb. 11 ~ *Kids Sing* Lesson "The Transfiguration"
- Feb. 18 ~ **President's Day Wknd NO CLASS**
- Feb. 25 ~ Lesson "Abraham and Sarah's Visitors" *Christian Coin Store*

Last month, we sent home offering envelopes for each child. Please contact the church office if you have not yet received your child's offering envelopes. How much can we collect for the month of February?

Classroom Organizers/Leaders

- Sunday School Teachers: Tana Christensen, Erin Cummings, Michelle Peterson, Anna Sorensen, Nicole Weigel
- Additional Christian Education Volunteers: Megan Gooden, Courtney Janzig, Emily Stadheim
- Youth Leader: Kayla Roberts
- Cradle Roll: Sue Reindal
- Council Representative: Tonya Hansen
- Sunday School Leader: Anna Sorensen



Coming Soon—Sunday, March 3rd CAMP SUNDAY!!

Pastor Nick Fisher-Broin will be here from Good Earth Village for a special Sunday for us to learn about and celebrate camping ministry.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24th (services in each congregation)

- 8:30 a.m. Service at Redeemer with Palm Processional with children and Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Service at Concordia with Palm Processional and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, Thursday, March 28th (services in each congregation)

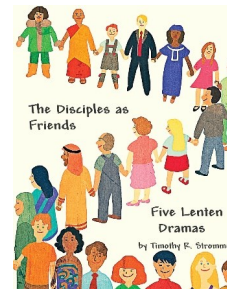
- 5:30 pm worship at Concordia-Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar
- 7:00 pm worship at Redeemer-Holy Communion, First Communion Students and Stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 29th

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

Easter Sunday, March 31st (services in each congregation)

- 8:30 a.m. at Redeemer with Holy Communion (no fellowship)
- 10:30 a.m. at Concordia with Holy Communion



The Disciples as Friends – Lenten Dramas for 2024

These Lenten dramas bring to life the struggles that Jesus' disciples faced at the time of his death and resurrection. The dramas follow the sequence of the Passion Story: Matthew and Palm Sunday excitement, Simon Peter and Good Friday despair, Mary Magdalene and Holy Saturday grief, Martha and Easter hope, Thomas and Easter mission. The dramas also connect a modern-day character which is suffering a crisis of faith with

one of these followers of Jesus. Through the dramas, the biblical and modern-day characters become friends. They bring hope and faith to modern-day life. The dramas were written by Timothy R. Strommen.

This year the following pastors will share in preparing these dramas for the participating congregations:

- Rev. Dr. Jeanette Bidne, Trinity Lutheran Church, Blue Earth, MN
- Rev. Josh Enderson, Hayward & Trondhjem Lutheran Churches, Albert Lea & Austin, MN
- Rev. Kristi Mitchell, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Alden, MN & Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake, Albert Lea, MN
- Rev. Matt Griggs, Central Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN & East Freeborn Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

February

4: Logan Honstad & Cael Boldt
 11: Rylin Troska & Griffin Troska
 18: Reece Soost & Aspen Soost
 25: KyAnna Besser & Addison Mattson

February

Brady Gooden
 Luke Gooden

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship February Servers

4: Sunday School
 11: Ross & Carolyn Martinson
 18: Eb & Marnie Howe
 25: Dan & Sue Reindal



LECTORS

February

4: Nikki Weber-Knutson
 11: Radley Miller
 18: *Someone Needed*
 25: *Someone Needed*



February

Lori Miller
 Colleen Jahnke

Calendar of Events for February 2024

<u>Sun. 2/4</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/5</u>	6:30 pm Endowment Committee Meeting
<u>Tues. 2/6</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/7</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30-8:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Fri. 2/9</u>	3:30 -6:00 pm Faithful Friday After School Program
<u>Sun. 2/11</u>	8:30 am Worship -Kids Sing in Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Tues. 2/13</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 2/14</u>	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service at Concordia Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes No Confirmation Classes
<u>Sun. 2/18</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—President's Day Weekend 2:00 Blue Earth River Conference Assembly—Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN
<u>Mon. 2/19</u>	6:30 pm Session 1-Meet the Prophets at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/20</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/21</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service at Redeemer 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 2/22</u>	1:30 pm Session 1—Meet the Prophets at Concordia
<u>Sat. 2/24</u>	10:30 am—1:30 pm Jacobs Family Baby Shower
<u>Sun. 2/25</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/26</u>	6:30 pm Session 2—Meet the Prophets at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 2/27</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-8:00 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 2/28</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service at Concordia 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive—Tuesday, February 27th
12:00 to 6:00 pm
Carlson Center, Alden, MN