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*October 26th
8:30 Worship with
Holy Communion
Wear your RED!!*

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grow in LOVE - Serve with JOY

191 Water St
Alden, MN 56009

Change Service Requested

The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.

- Martin Luther



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

Calendar of Events for October 2025

<u>Wed. 10/1</u>	5:45 pm 7th/8th Gr Confirmation Class at Redeemer 7:30 pm 9th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 10/2</u>	7:45 am—1:00 pm Pre-School Screening 2:00 pm Bible Study—Session 3 at Concordia
<u>Sun. 10/5</u>	8:30 am Worship service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 3:00 pm— 5:00 pm 3rd Grade Exploring Your Bible
<u>Mon. 10/6</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study —Session 4 at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 10/7</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 10/8</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation at Concordia
<u>Thur. 10/9</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study—Session 4 at Concordia 6:00 pm Alden Lions Club Meeting 7:00 pm Endowment Committee Meeting
<u>Sun. 10/12</u>	8:30 am Worship with Kids Singing 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School <i>Pastor Kristi at Fall Theological Conference October 12—14 in LaCrosse</i>
<u>Tues. 10/14</u>	4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 10/15</u>	No Confirmation—MEA Break
<u>Sat. 10/18</u>	9:00 am Holy Baptism of Cooper Johnson
<u>Sun. 10/19</u>	8:30 am Worship service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship MEA Break—No Sunday School
<u>Tues. 10/21</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00—6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 10/22</u>	5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation at Redeemer 7:30 Church Council Meeting
<u>Fri. 10/24</u>	6:30 pm Faithful Friday Movie Night—Lilo & Stitch
<u>Sat. 10/25</u>	1:00 pm Schillerberg/Szymanowski Wedding
<u>Sun. 10/26</u>	Reformation Sunday—Wear Red 8:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Youth and Family Fall Event at Center Creek Orchard. Leave from Redeemer
<u>Mon. 10/27</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer
<u>Tues. 10/28</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 10/29</u>	5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation at Redeemer
<u>Thur. 10/30</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study at Concordia

thoroughly review the renewal options and info with Pastor and explained to Council. Motion to approve renewing coverage for Select HDHP 2000 plan which most similarly mirrors the plan from past years, seconded and passed.

-Two lawn care services – Last year went with Great Lawns and this year went with Greens Keepers, however we just received bill from Great Lawns for this year. Pastor is working to connect with Great Lawns to understand the confusion and ensure cancelled moving forward. Property committee will discuss contract in the spring for next year.

-PC update needed to accommodate Windows 11 – Pastor will send Josh & Ross the information needed for Windows 11 update to get their input
-Preschool screening on October 2nd throughout building

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Successful Rally Day. Confirmation has begun. Kids sing in worship on October 12.

Youth— Fun but hot Youth Group event mini golfing in Lake Mills on Sept 14th. October 26th next event – looking to do corn maze or a hayride and maybe open up to families which the council supported (Center Creek Orchard near Fairmont given as a suggestion)

Missions & Outreach— no update
Endowment— Next meeting October 9th at 7:00 pm

Property— Next meeting to be determined

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 - None

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30 pm.

Council Duties: For September — Someone needed to serve on Sept. 21st – Tonya volunteered

For October — Someone needed for the month – Oct 5th Nikki volunteered, Oct 26th Steph volunteered, Oct 19th still open

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

August Financial Report

Income \$ 11,606.92

Expenses \$13,826.02

Council Minutes September 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
September 17, 2025

President Josh Sorenson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Opening devotions given by Pastor Kristi.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Brady Gooden, Tonya Hansen, Grant Petersen, Derek Peterson, Tara Roberts, Stephanie Soost, Josh Sorenson, and Nikki Weber-Knutson.

Absent: None

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

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

Pastor's Report –

-Continuing Education days September 25th–30th – no pulpit supply for the 28th yet, will keep us up to date if needs our assistance to lead service

- Fall Theological Conference Oct 12-14, will be here for Sunday morning
- Baptism of Cooper Johnson on October 18th
- Wedding on October 25th

Old Business –

- Tree removal update – equipment is here now so will be starting, Freeborn Mower said they would not be taking anything down, no volunteers needed at this time
- Battery backup for parsonage sump pump – motion to approve purchase of battery backup for parsonage sump pump up to \$800 that Joel will install, seconded and motion passed

-Remind—text message system for Sunday School - no longer allowed for church usage, needs to have school staff be an admin or look at other options. Reviewed other options and costs that Anna & Pastor shared including Flock Note \$58/mo, Clear Stream \$29/mo, Shepherd Staff 360 Members addtl \$300/year. Tara said she could establish a Remind account and work with Anna to migrate the previous account to hers. If that doesn't work, we could move forward

with another option. Josh will talk with Anna. If Remind ends up not working, motion to approve Anna selecting Clear Stream or Shepherd Staff 360 Members, seconded and passed.

New Business –

- Portico Insurance Coverage Choices decision by October 14th - Brady



Kim Soost	10/1	Steph Hallman	10/22
Roger Pestorius	10/2	Janelle Jacobs	10/22
Kory Newman	10/3	Andrew Petersen	10/22
McKayla Prchal	10/3	Helen Steene	10/22
Terri Huper	10/5	Jason Christensen	10/23
Janelle Fischer	10/6	Dorothy Johnson	10/23
Kelsey Newman	10/6	Marci Newman	10/23
Paige Diekmann	10/8	Matt Troska	10/24
Rachel Guenther	10/8	Ashley Peterson	10/25
Miles Harty	10/10	Amy Purdy	10/26
Al Knutson	10/14	Sue Allen	10/27
Wesley Diekmann	10/15	Kayla Seedorf	10/27
Caleb Mattson	10/18	Elena Schewe	10/27
Brixton Rhiner	10/18	Addison Mattson	10/28
Lori Guenther	10/20	Pat Larson	10/31
Ryan Hansen	10/21	Ben Purdy	10/31
Char Peterson	10/21		



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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:

Sun. Oct. 5th— Lesson “*A Seed of Faith*”

Sun. Oct. 12th—*Kids Sing in Church!

Lesson "Two Men Healed" Christian Coin Store

Sun. Oct. 19th—No Sunday School (MEA Weekend)

**Fri. Oct. 24th—Faithful Friday—Family Movie Night
at 6:30 pm—Lilo & Stitch**

Sun. Oct. 26th—Lesson “*The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*”

Please note weekly lessons are included in the Redeemer weekly e-news.

Sunday School updates and reminders are sent out through email and Facebook. Make sure you are signed up so you can receive reminders and changes in the regular schedule.



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!

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

WORDS:

GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST, YIELDS, US. LAND

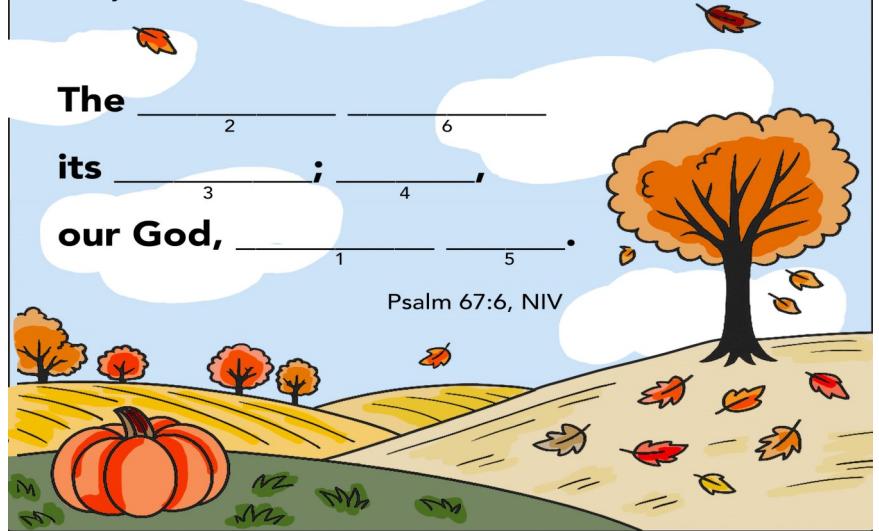


ACROSS

- 3. Rhymes with farthest.
- 4. Rhymes with nod.
- 5. Rhymes with thus.
- 6. Rhymes with fields.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV



SAVE THE DATE - Faithful Friday Family Event!

All Are Welcome!!

Join us Friday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and a family movie. Please bring a blanket and/or lawn chair for seating. Popcorn provided!

RLC Theatre Now Playing . . .



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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Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

October Worship Services

5: Ethan Bendickson and Caleb Mattson
12: Ava Cummings and Kendal Soost
19: Emilee Weigel and Eleanor Hintz
26: Owen Gooden and Oakley Christensen

October

Neil Pierce
Roger Pestorius

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship October Servers

5: Someone Needed
12: Dan & Sue Reindal
19: Someone needed
26: Someone needed



LECTORS

October

5: Someone Needed
12: Someone Needed
19: Someone Needed
26: Someone Needed



October

Candy Johnson
Halane Besser



WEDNESDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



- Oct. 1 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Oct. 1 7:30 pm 9th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Oct. 8 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Concordia
- Oct. 15 No Classes—MEA Break
- Oct. 22 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer
- Oct. 29 5:45—7:15 pm 7th/8th Grade Class at Redeemer

Please contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) if you have any questions about Confirmation.

**Concordia and
Redeemer
Youth and Family Event
Sunday, October 26th !
1 to 5 pm**

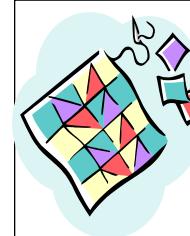
(Leave from Redeemer at 1 pm)
**Come One, Come All! We are
heading to the
Center Creek Orchard!**

663 254th Ave., Fairmont, MN
www.centercreekorchard.com



Youth of all ages, family groups, and individuals are all invited to join us at the Center Creek Orchard for an afternoon of Fall Fun. *There will be hayrides, barrel ride, jump pad, super slide, giant maze, zip lines, duck races, pedal carts, spooky forest, apples, pumpkins, food and more!*

General admission is \$10 per person (children 2 and under are free). **If we all register together we can get a group discount on admission.** When you sign up please let Pastor Kristi know if you need transportation so that we can provide rides or car pool for anyone in need. Please also indicate how many in your family/group attending and if anyone is under 2. For those car pooling we will leave at 1:00 pm from Redeemer. If you are willing to drive and take passengers please let Pastor Kristi know (call or text 507-360-1224 or email pastor@redeemeralden.com)



Quilting at Redeemer!

The Busy Fingers Quilters gather on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month** at 9:00 am in Luther Hall. No special requirements are needed to participate.

**Next Quilting Dates Are:
October 7th and 21st**

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

Bible Study



Bible Study—The Witness of Paul: His Life, His Missionary Journeys, and The Gospel. All are invited to join in the Bible exploration of the Apostle Paul. We will discuss his missionary journeys, watch a video on the Apostle Paul led by Rick Steves, a well known Lutheran, who is an American travel writer and producer, and explore scriptures related to Paul's life as a witness to the Gospel.

Each session of the Bible Study will be offered 2 times, once at Redeemer and once at Concordia. You are welcome to come to one or all of the sessions. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary to join in the learning.

Our sessions are:

Thursday, October 2nd at 2:00 pm—Session 3 at Concordia

Monday, October 6th at 6:30 pm—Session 4 at Redeemer

Thursday, October 9th at 2:00 pm—Session 4 at Concordia

Please feel free to contact Pastor Kristi if you have any questions about upcoming Bible studies. Hope you can join us!!



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

