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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



LENT 2025

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

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 March 5th. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on March 5th - 6:30 pm at Redeemer – 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., March 12th —Lenten Week 1

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

Wed., March 19th—Lenten Week 2

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

Wed., March 26th—Lenten Week 3

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

Wed., April 2nd—Lenten Week 4

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

Wed., April 9th—Lenten Week 5

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



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 2025 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, 2025.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Committee is awarding an educational scholarship to a 2025 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, 2025.

Personnel

- Pastor Kristi Mitchell
- Brittany Carlson, Admin Assistant
- Dave Rasmussen, Custodian
- 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

Easter is April 20th



Would you like to purchase Easter flowers in honor of or in memory of someone special? If so, one may be purchased from the Altar Guild for \$14.00. Please fill out the form below and place it, together with your check to the Altar Guild, in the offering plate, drop off at Church Office, or you may also send your order directly to the Altar Guild at:

Easter Lily Plant

RLC Altar Guild, Sue Reindal, 20522 650th Ave, Alden, MN 56009

**Request and payment must be received by
Palm Sunday, April 13th
Please indicate the number of plants below:**

Easter Lily _____

**Please print clearly the names below.
A listing of all names will be printed in the
Easter bulletin.**

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Purchased by:

Check _____ *or Cash* _____



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!

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

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



Ron Jahnke	3/1	John Rasmussen	3/19
Gloria Jorgenson	3/2	Brook Troska	3/19
Jayne Linn	3/2	Linda Barron	3/20
Jane Bute	3/5	Mark Newman	3/20
Ruthann Gaard	3/6	Radley Miller	3/21
Albert Jacobs	3/6	Brian Gaard	3/23
Shirley Newman	3/6	Elaine Jahnke	3/25
Levi Sorensen	3/6	Rick Jorgenson	3/25
Kari Mylenbusch	3/9	Jerry Reyerson	3/25
Chrissy Reindal	3/9	Jesse Korman	3/26
Rachel Besser	3/10	Shannon Petersen	3/26
Paisley Merritt	3/10	Dugan Soost	3/27
Colton Williams	3/10	Ross Hemmingsen	3/28
Isaac Sorensen	3/11	Dalton Bradley	3/29
Glen Mathiason	3/14	Kate Bradley	3/29
Griffin Troska	3/14	Darcy Sime	3/29
Lynn Mulso	3/15	Shannan Nelson	3/30
Jade Huper	3/16	Sarah Heise	3/31
Athena VanRyswyk	3/17	Nikki Weber-Knutson	3/31
Eleanor Hintz	3/18	Bob Mathiason	3/31
Al Schmidt	3/18		



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

Church Office hours
Monday & Wednesday—9 am to 12 pm
Tuesday & Thursday—8 am to 10:30 am
Friday—Closed



**Growing Disciples –
Discipleship in the New Testament –
a Bible Study on Luke -Acts**

Our Bible Study on Growing Disciples continues in March. We will focus on Jesus' interaction with his disciples as it is revealed

by the physician, Luke, in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

The purpose of this study is to go beyond simply understanding Jesus' ministry with his earliest followers. The goal is to look at our own discipleship in light of Jesus' relationship with his first disciples. Even more, we want to discover how that relationship can grow in depth and practice as we follow Jesus.

The Bible Study sessions will be held on these days:

- March 3 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 3: *Ministries* – at Redeemer
- March 6 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 4: *Living Examples* – at Concordia
- March 10 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 4: *Living Examples* – at Redeemer
- March 13 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 5: *Witnesses* – at Concordia
- March 17 6:30 pm – Bible Study Session 5: *Witnesses* – at Redeemer
- March 20 2:00 pm – Bible Study Session 6: *Leaders* – at Concordia
- March 24 6:30 pm - Bible Study Session 6 *Leaders* - at Redeemer

Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group



Our next gathering for our Youth Group will be to help with the Faithful Friday Late Night Event on Friday, March 21st. The event is from 5:00 to 9:30 pm. The 6th through 12th grade youth will help with making smoothies starting at 7:00 pm, share in activities and watch a movie. Hope you can join

us for a night of fun and helping the preschool through 5th grade students.

Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) if you have questions about this event.

passed.
-Laptop computer for Administrative Assistant – Grant & Josh will look at computer options through some of their business contacts to perhaps get computer for free or a discounted price. Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for computer and software, seconded, and motion passed.

Committee Reports

Christian Education— Faithful Friday Event—Feb 21—3:30-6:00 pm, Frolic Family Event on March 3rd at 6:00 pm, Faithful Friday Late Night Event March 21st 5-9:30 pm.

Youth— Ice Skating on Feb 23rd 2:00 pm

Missions & Outreach— March Food Share Month—Donations and Special Offering on March 30

Endowment— Next Meeting on April 7. Scholarship applications due April 1st.

Property— Planning to meet March 10th at 5:00 pm.

Music & Worship— Ash Wed. March 5th 6:30 pm at Redeemer. Lenten Wednesday meals and worship start on March 12 at Concordia 5:45 meal and 6:30 worship

Other Items – Parish Council on April 3 at 6:30 at Concordia – Motion to appoint Tonya, Tara, & Grant to continue serving on the parish council, seconded, and motion passed.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:44 pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 19th after worship service (7:15/7:30ish).

Council Duties: For March – Derek

Respectfully submitted by
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

**Month End Finances
January**

January Inc./Exp.

Income: \$7,705.11

Expenses: \$14,005.60

**Thank you to the following members who will be serving on our
Congregation Council for 2025:**

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





Council Minutes

February 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
 February 19, 2025

President Josh Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Opening devotions given by Nikki Weber-Knutson.

In attendance were Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Brady Gooden, Tonya Hansen, Grant Petersen, Derek Peterson, Tara Roberts, Stephanie Soost, Josh Sorensen, and Nikki Weber-Knutson
 Absent: None

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

Pastor's Report –

- Installation of Council Members Sunday, February 23rd at 8:30
- Vacation time—March 2nd and 3rd—

Pastor Laura Aase here for pulpit supply on Sunday, March 2nd –Lenten meal and worship schedule – Ash Wednesday March 5 at Redeemer, will rotate services, meals 5:45, worship 6:30, Redeemer meals are on March 19 & April 2 (prepare for about 50 people). –Councils as Leaders event on Saturday, March 8th in Owatonna – let Pastor know by Feb 26 if you would like to attend. A variety of different workshop topics are available.

Old Business –

Additional conversation on basement flooring options. Will continue discussion with the Property Committee.

New Business -

-Appointment of Stephanie Soost as Council Member for 1 year term. Motion made to appoint Stephanie Soost as a Council member for 1 year term, seconded, and all approved.

Thank you and welcome Steph!

_Council roster and sign-up for monthly duties

_Request for use of Redeemer for Bear Lake Concordia Fundraiser – Approve use of church on Sunday March 2 in the afternoon (or a different date if they change it).

Group will handle all set up and clean up. Motion to approve use without a charge, seconded, and motion



CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

No Wednesday night classes during March. Students will be participating and assisting with Lenten worship services.

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

Busy Fingers

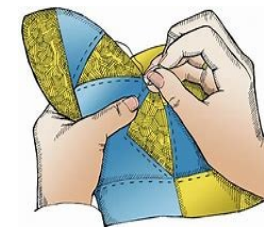
Quilting at Redeemer!

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

Next Quilting Dates:

March 4th and 18th

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



QUILTING GROUP



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-

Concordia Lutheran on Thursday, April 17th, at 5:30 pm

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

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

Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

Acolytes

March

2: Ava Cummings & Emilee Weigel
 9: Ethan Bendickson & KyAnna Besser
 16: Maci Harty & Andrew Petersen
 23: Emilee Weigel & Jade Huper
 30: Wesley Diekmann & Owen Gooden

March

Radley Miller & Joe Bolinger

Ushers

Coffee Fellowship March Servers

2: Ross & Kelly Skov and Karina Erickson
 9: *Someone Needed*
 16: *Someone Needed*
 23: *Someone Needed*
 30: *Someone Needed*



LECTORS

March

2: Nikki Weber-Knutson
 9: Candy Pierce
 16: Roger Pestorius
 23: Mike Bute
 30: *Someone Needed*



March

Paulette Rasmussen
 Beth Wilder

FROLIC FAMILY EVENT – (Birth-5 y.o.)

All families with children 5 and under are invited to join us **Monday, March 3** at 6:00 p.m. for pizza and family activities. Older siblings are welcome to attend.



This will be our last evening Frolic Family event for the school year. Our theme is “Differences” – *We’re Better Together*. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. We look forward to connecting with our young families and little ones.

Faithful Fridays - Late Night Event

Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:16-26



Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Middle school and high school helpers are welcome!

What is it?

For this event, our students (who are encouraged to bring a friend) are invited to join us for the evening. The Sunday School leaders will provide the programming and supervision. Fun includes: games, a craft/service project, a Bible lesson, kid-friendly meals (including snacks, supper and popcorn), and movie, *Charlotte’s Web* (7:45 p.m.)!

When?

Friday, March 21 from 5:00-9:30 p.m. Optional pick-up at 7:30 p.m. for students under 3rd grade.

Where?

Redeemer Lutheran Church

RSVP ~ Please complete online registration using the QR Code (*see Redeemer FB page/Remind*). Suggested donation is \$15 per child.



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

Thank you!



Sunday School Happenings:

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: Think Spring!

Mar. 2 ~ Lesson "The Transfiguration"

Mar. 3 ~ *Frolic Family Night (Birth–5), 6:00 pm*

Mar. 9 ~ *Spring Break NO CLASS*

Mar. 16 ~ Lesson "God's Promises to Abram"

Mar. 21 ~ *Faithful Fridays Late Night Event, 5:00-9:30 p.m.*

Mar. 23 ~ Lesson "Parable of the Fig Tree"

Mar. 24 ~ Lesson "The Prodigal Son"

*Christian Coin Store



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!

Thinking about Summer Camp?

Many options for summer camp are available for students Preschool (age 3+) - 12th Grade! Check out day programs and overnight experiences.

Early-bird registration ends March 2.

Use code **EARLY2025**.

Visit www.goodearthvillage.org for more information.

Mark your calendars for our own Camp Sunday - April 6!

Calendar of Events for March 2025

<u>Sun. 3/2</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/3</u>	6:00 pm Frolic Family Night 6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 3 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/4</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/5</u>	6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 3/6</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 4-Concordia
<u>Sun. 3/9</u>	Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—Spring Break
<u>Mon. 3/10</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 4 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/11</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 3/12</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 3/13</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 5-Concordia 6:00 pm Alden Lions Club
<u>Sun. 3/16</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/17</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 5 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/18</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 3/19</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Redeemer 7:30 pm Redeemer Council Meeting
<u>Thurs. 3/20</u>	2:00 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 6-Concordia
<u>Fri. 3/21</u>	5:00—9:30 pm Faithful Fridays Late Night Event
<u>Sun. 3/23</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 3/24</u>	6:30 pm Growing Disciples Bible Study Session 6 -Redeemer
<u>Tues. 3/25</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf 6:00-7:45 pm Cub Scouts
<u>Wed. 3/26</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Supper at Concordia 6:30 pm Lenten Joint Worship Service at Concordia
<u>Sun. 3/30</u>	8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School





March is FoodShare Month in Minnesota and Annual Alden Area Food Shelf Fund Drive

Alden Area Food Shelf's annual fund drive is held in conjunction with the state wide March Campaign which runs from March 1st to April 6th.

The March Campaign is a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare. It began its work 44 years ago with a campaign supported by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7 county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful and the need was so evident, the March Campaign became a statewide program just one year later, which now includes contributions from congregations, corporations, private business, and individuals.

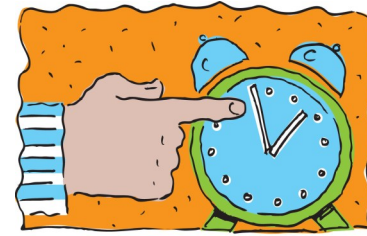
At the food shelf each client/household visit is counted. Some people come once a month, some come twice a month while others come less frequently. The number of households in 2024 increased to 886 representing 3,166 people compared to households in 2023 of 745 with 2,475 people. The pounds of food distributed also increased in one year with a total of 58,575 last year to combat food insecurity.

Birgitt Langrud and Rita Korman, are Co-Directors. "We are impressed with the generosity of our community and would like to thank all for helping to fill the shelves at the Alden Area Food Shelf during the month of March and throughout the year." The March Campaign will run from Saturday, March 2nd to Sunday, April 6th this year. It is the largest effort locally to support the Alden Area Food Shelf.

Contributions of money or food items may be donated through Redeemer Lutheran Church to the Alden Area Food Shelf which is located in Redeemer Lutheran Church, 191 Water Street, Alden, MN 56009.

During the worship services at Redeemer in March you will see Mission Envelopes in our pews. Please use these envelopes for your donations to the Alden Area Food Shelf. Checks written out to Redeemer Lutheran Church and noted in the memo to the Food Shelf will be given directly to the food shelf at the end of the campaign. Monetary donations can also be given directly to the Alden Area Food Shelf. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the containers marked for the food shelf at Redeemer. Sunday, March 30th Redeemer will have a special offering during worship specifically for the Alden Food Shelf.

The Alden Area Food Shelf is open each
Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 6 pm.



SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!

Time to Spring
Forward for Daylight
Saving Time.
A reminder to turn
your clocks ahead 1
hour on
Sunday, March 9th .

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 in this newsletter, or 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.



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!