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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# The Evangel



# 2026



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



### Faithful Fridays

After School Program

At Redeemer Lutheran

### Faithful Fridays - After School

#### 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 our 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, February 20th, Afterschool (3:30) - 6 p.m.

#### Where?

After school, students can meet at the elementary entrance and walk with our adult 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 website/E-News/FB page*) or use the QR Code below to register. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

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

Donation Link



Registration Link



**Thank you!**



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



## Redeemer Lutheran Church Endowment Scholarships

### PEARL E. SCHMIDT NURSING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Redeemer Lutheran Church of Alden Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to offer a nursing scholarship to support students pursuing a career as a registered nurse (RN). This scholarship recognizes individuals who demonstrate strong academic performance, active involvement in church and community, and proven leadership qualities. Priority consideration will be given to members of Redeemer Lutheran Church who meet all eligibility criteria.

Additional priority will be awarded in the following order:

- 2026 graduating high school seniors
- Students who have successfully completed at least one year in an RN program
- Non-traditional students pursuing a career in nursing

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The Redeemer Lutheran Church of Alden Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to offer an educational scholarship to a 2026 graduating high school senior who is, or will be, attending a college or a post-secondary school of higher education. This scholarship recognizes individuals who demonstrate strong academic performance, active involvement in church and community, and proven leadership qualities. Priority will be given to members of Redeemer Lutheran Church who meet all eligibility criteria.

Applications for both scholarships, along with additional information, are available at:

#### **Redeemer Lutheran Church Office**

191 Water Street  
Alden, MN 56009  
Phone: (507) 874-3343

All completed scholarship applications must be submitted by April 1, 2026. Applications must be either postmarked or delivered to the Redeemer Lutheran Church Office by the stated deadline to be considered.

### Committee Reports

Christian Education - Camping Sunday is Sunday, February 8th. Next Faithful Friday event is Feb. 20th. Possible movie night event for Morin Lake Days – Council agreed that was a great idea so Anna will look into more details.

Youth - Tubing at Mount Kato on Sun. Feb 1st with Bear Lake Concordia Youth

Missions & Outreach – Good Earth Village Camp Sunday Feb 8th— Motion to use \$250 of our missions moneys as a designated offering to Good Earth Village when they are here for camp Sunday. Motion seconded and passed.

Endowment– Next Meeting January 28th at 7:15 pm

Property— Next Meeting Feb 9th at 5:00 pm. All new LED lights installed in sanctuary. An additional tree was cut down by Freeborn Mower Electric

that was by a utility pole.  
Music & Worship— Joint Ash Wednesday is February 18th at Concordia

Other Items – Redeemer Council to meet immediately after the Annual Meeting to elect officers of the Council.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Meeting closed at 8:22 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Concordia after Ash Wednesday Service.

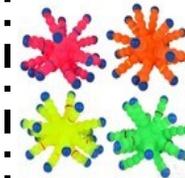
Council Duties: For February — Josh or Steph on Feb 1 & Brady on Feb 15.

Respectfully submitted by  
Nikki Weber-Knutson, Secretary

### **Year-End End Finances**

**Income:** \$192,553.04

**Expenses:** \$193,160.38



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, coloring/activity books, individually wrapped snacks or monetary donations. Thank you!



# Council Minutes

## January 2026

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

-Ash Wednesday, February 18th 6:30 joint worship service at Concordia.  
 -Lenten Services Wednesdays – Feb. 25th at Redeemer, March 4th at Concordia, March 11th at Redeemer, March 18th at Concordia, March 25th at Redeemer. Meal at 5:45 pm and Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Round robin sharing with area pastors.

### Old Business –

-Annual Meeting Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Zoom information will be sent out soon, the annual meeting agenda is complete  
 -Additional Audit Committee Member - Candy Johnson – Motion to affirm Candy serving on the audit committee, seconded, and motion passed.

### New Business -

-Confirmation Sunday date April 19th at Redeemer  
 -Camping Weekend Flying Goose in Fairmont July 17-19 with worship at the campground on the 19th.  
 -Church Mutual Insurance update – Brady reviewed coverage change to cosmetic roof coverage which was a small update in regards to our policy  
 -Bear Lake Concordia Church would like to use the Fellowship Hall on March 15th for their Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser – Motion to allow usage, seconded, and motion passed  
 -Fundraiser Opportunity – at the February council meeting we'll discuss ideas for a fundraiser in the spring

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
*Unapproved* Church Council Minutes

January 21, 2026

President Josh Sorensen called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Opening devotions given by Steph Soost.

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

Absent: Grant Petersen

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

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

### Pastor's Report –

-Sunday off – February 1, Pastor Carol Mapa will be here

-Sunday, Feb. 1st Youth Group tubing event with Bear Lake to Mankato



Tanya Hemmingsen	2/1	Evan Guenther	2/15
Dena Jahnke	2/1	Lori Janzig	2/15
Ana Guenther	2/3	Maggie Evans	2/16
Steve Haukoos	2/3	Emily Hassing	2/16
Greta Dahlberg	2/4	Tammy Newman	2/17
Rylie Burris	2/5	Cassie Wasmoen	2/17
Cody Christenson	2/6	Jaiven Marth	2/19
Maverick Babcock	2/6	Anne Jahnke	2/22
Nathaniel Phelps	2/6	Kenlee Carlson	2/23
Danny Troska	2/7	Jenny Hendrickson	2/23
Sam Jacobs	2/8	Samantha Armstrong	2/24
Emilee Weigel	2/8	Bryn Nelson	2/27
Trevor Kluender	2/9	Noah Nelson	2/27
Carol Linde	2/12	Dan Reindal	2/27
Madison Hendrickson	2/13	Ross Huper	2/28
Linda Wasmoen	2/13	Makenzie Hassing	2/28
Sam Hallman	2/14		
Ava Diekmann	2/15		

## 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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- Facebook: Redeemer Lutheran Church



### Busy Fingers

#### Quilting at Redeemer!

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

#### Next Quilting Dates:

**February 3rd, February 17th,**

If you have any used mattress pads or blankets, the

## Great & Faithful Women of the Bible

### Women of the Bible



- ◇ Learn about an Israelite prophetess and influential judge – Deborah
- ◇ Do you know about the Queen of Persia that prevented an anti-Jewish massacre – Esther
- ◇ How about the five women liberators in Exodus? Can you name them?
- ◇ Where in the Bible can you locate Prisca and Lydia? Of what importance are they?
- ◇ Who was the great-grandmother of David and how did she change the course of history?

Come explore the stories of these great and faithful women of the Bible.

We will meet on the following days in February:

- Mon. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Session 1
- Thurs. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm at Concordia – Session 1
- Mon. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Session 2
- Wed. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm at Concordia – Session 2 (note date change)
- Mon. Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Session 3
- Thurs. Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm at Concordia – Session 3
- Mon. Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 pm at Redeemer – Session 4
- Thurs. Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm at Concordia – Session 4



Lent 2026



## Faith Maps: How our Faith Guides us in the Journey

Five pastors of the Blue Earth River Conference will share a significant journey (some geographical, some reflective) and what faith maps, traveling companions, experiences, and values guided them in that time.

### Travelers and Congregations:

- Pastor Jeanette Bidne, Trinity Lutheran Church of Blue Earth, MN
- Pastor Josh Enderson, Hayward & Trondhjem Lutheran Churches, Albert Lea & Austin, MN
- Pastor Matt Griggs, Central Freeborn & East Freeborn Lutheran Churches, Albert Lea, MN
- Pastor Carol Mapa, Good Hope Parish Interim
- Pastor Kristi Mitchell, Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake & Redeemer Lutheran, Alden

### Travel Plans:

- Pastor Jeanette, journey to Norway and Germany and the journey of Abraham
- Pastor Josh, journey to northern Minnesota and the journey of Jacob
- Pastor Matt, journey to Slovakia and the journey of the Magi
- Pastor Carol, journey to explore and journey of spiritual direction
- Pastor Kristi, the journey of grief and the Journey of Naomi

### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



- Feb. 4 5:45—7:15 pm** 7th/8th Gr Class at Redeemer
- Feb. 4 7:30-8:30 pm** 9th Gr Class at Redeemer
- Feb. 11 5:45—7:15 pm** 7th/8th Gr Class at Concordia
- Feb. 18 No Classes**—Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb. 25 No Classes**—Mid-Week Lenten 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.



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. 1** ~ Lesson “*God’s Love is Forever*”

Fruit of the Spirit: Love & Joy

**Feb. 8** ~ **\*Kids Sing\*** Camp Sunday with GEV!

**Feb. 15** ~ **President’s Day Wknd NO CLASS**

**Feb. 20** ~ **Faithful Friday** After School Activity, “*The Lord Is My Shepherd, Psalm 23*” 3:30-6:00 pm

**Feb. 22** ~ Lesson “*The First Sin*”

\*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?**



### Concordia, Redeemer & Bear Lake Youth Groups

Your Invited—6th-12th Grade—

We are having a joint youth group event!

Youth Group Tubing at Mount Kato on Sunday, February 1st. Meet at Redeemer Lutheran in Alden between 12:30 to 1pm. We will leave at 1pm. We will need chaperones and drivers. Please contact Pastor Kristi if you are willing to drive. We will be tubing from 2:30-4:30pm. Return back to Alden approximately 5:30pm. Cost is \$20 per tuber. Please call, text or email Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) or Kayla Seedorf (507-402-9790) if you want to participate.

## LENT 2026

The Lenten Season for Redeemer Lutheran and Concordia Lutheran Churches begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18.

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 18. Please note the following worship schedule of worship services.



Ash Wednesday Joint Worship Service on February 18 - 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. February 25th —Lenten Week 1**

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

**Wed. March 4th—Lenten Week 2**

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

**Wed. March 11th—Lenten Week 3**

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

**Wed. March 18th —Lenten Week 4**

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

**Wed. March 25th—Lenten Week 5**

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



### SAVE THE DATE:

RLC Galaxy VBS

Key Verse: “*Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.*” 1

John 4:7

**June 19-20**

**10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Family Celebration Sunday, June 21 during MLD worship.

\*Please note the new DATE and TIME for this year’s VBS!\*

## Worship and Fellowship Opportunities

### Acolytes

#### February

1: Ava Cummings & Emilee Weigel  
 8: Ethan Bendickson & Griffin Troska  
 15: Owen Gooden & Caleb Mattson  
 22: Eleanor Hintz & Jade Huper

#### February

Mike Bute

### Ushers

### Coffee Fellowship February Servers

1: Radley & Lori Miller  
 8: Preschool and Kindergarten Class and Leaders  
 15: *Someone needed*  
 22: *Someone needed*



### LECTORS

#### February

1: Radley Miller  
 8: Roger Pectorious  
 15: *Someone Needed*  
 22: Mike Bute



#### February

Lori Miller  
 Colleen Jahnke

## Calendar of Events for

# FEBRUARY

<u>Sun. 2/1</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Youth Group Tubing—Leave from Redeemer
<u>Mon. 2/2</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer—Session 1
<u>Tues. 2/3</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/4</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>Thurs. 2/5</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study at Concordia—Session 1 7:00 am—3:00 pm A-C Preschool Screening
<u>Sun. 2/8</u>	8:30 am Worship—Kids Sing in Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/9</u>	5:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer—Session 2
<u>Tues. 2/10</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/11</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study at Concordia—Session 2 5:45-7:15 pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 2/12</u>	6:00 pm Lions Club Meeting at Redeemer
<u>Sun. 2/15</u>	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 am Fellowship No Sunday School—President's Day Weekend 2:00 pm Blue Earth River Conference Assembly—Ascension Lutheran Church in Albert Lea
<u>Mon. 2/16</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer—Session 3
<u>Tues. 2/17</u>	9:00 am Busy Fingers Quilting 4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/18</u>	6:30 pm Joint Ash Wednesday Service at Concordia 7:30 pm Redeemer Church Council Meeting at Concordia
<u>Thurs. 2/19</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study at Concordia—Session 3
<u>Fri. 2/20</u>	3:30–6:00 pm Faithful Friday After School Program
<u>Sun. 2/22</u>	8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 9:45 am Sunday School
<u>Mon. 2/23</u>	6:30 pm Bible Study at Redeemer—Session 4
<u>Tues. 2/24</u>	4:00-6:00 pm Alden Food Shelf
<u>Wed. 2/25</u>	5:45 pm Lenten Meal at Redeemer 6:30 pm Joint Mid-Week Lenten Worship at Redeemer
<u>Thurs. 2/26</u>	2:00 pm Bible Study at Concordia-Session 4