

April 2025

# The Concordia

## Current

HAPPY  
Easter

### April Birthdays

April 1	Patty Madrigal
April 2	Ethan Ohm
April 4	Eric Grunzke, Robert Hanson
April 5	Ann Bryson
April 6	Cindy Wichmann
April 8	Catherine Wittmer
April 10	Dave Kuethe, Jaydin Loya
April 13	Peggy Hamson
April 15	Hailey Stevens
April 16	Paul Kleinschrodt
April 20	Lynn Kruger
April 21	Kathy Toenges
April 22	Taylor Kuethe
April 23	Brent Krueger
April 28	Debra Behr, Robert Wittmer
April 30	Samantha Kuethe



### March Anniversaries

April 4	Wayne & Lori Ladwig
April 19	Robert & Donna Nelson
April 28	Greg & Kathy Lutteke

### Remember the following in your prayers



Joe Brooks, the family of Leonard Breamer, Doug Wallin, Mark Behle, Vicki Kuethe, Larry Hensche, and our homebound and nursing home members.

### Spring Clean-Up

On Saturday, April 19th we will be cleaning the church property, inside and out.

Join us as more hands make less work. Bring your work gloves and any supplies you would like to use for helping.

Refreshments will be provided.



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### Calendar of Events

- Tues. 4/1** Quilting  
**Wed. 4/2** 5:45pm Lenten Supper at Redeemer  
 6:30pm Week 4 Lenten Worship Service at Redeemer
- Sun. 4/6** **Blessing of Seed, Soil & Water**  
 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion  
 2:00-5:00pm First Communion Instruction Retreat—Redeemer
- Tues. 4/8** Quilting  
**Wed. 4/9** 5:45pm Lenten Supper at Concordia  
 6:30pm Week 5 Lenten Worship Service at Concordia  
 7:15 pm Church Council
- Sat. 4/12** 10:00am Visitation for Leonard Breamer  
 11:00am Leonard Breamer Funeral Service
- Sun. 4/13** **Palm Sunday**  
 10:30am Worship –Palm Processional  
 2:00pm Youth Group meets at Redeemer
- Tues. 4/15** Quilting  
**Thur. 4/17** **Maundy Thursday**  
 5:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion and First Communion Students at Redeemer  
 7:00pm Worship Service with Holy Communion and First Communion Students at Concordia
- Fri. 4/18** **Good Friday**  
 6:30pm Joint Worship Service at Concordia
- Sat. 4/19** Spring Clean-Up Day at Church  
 10:00am Community Easter Egg Hunt—North Park, Alden
- Sun. 4/20** **Easter Sunday**  
 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
- Tues. 4/22** Quilting  
**Wed. 4/23** 5:45-7:15pm 7th/8th Gr. Confirmation Class at Redeemer  
 7:30 pm Parish Council at Redeemer
- Fri. 4/25** 3:30-6:30pm Faithful Friday After School Program at Redeemer
- Sun. 4/27** 10:30am Worship with Holy Baptism for Kip Wallin
- Tues. 4/29** Quilting  
**Wed. 4/30** 5:45-7:15pm 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

### Assisting in March

- Organist** Kathy Toenges
- Deacon:** Bob Nelson
- Altar Guild:** Donna Nelson & Leah Schmidt
- Banners:** Kathy Lutteke
- Acolytes:**
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| April 6  | Lily Sorenson      |
| April 14 | Oliver Christensen |
| April 20 | Cortney Schmidt    |
| April 27 | Oliver Christensen |
- Ushers & Readers**
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| April 6  | Kathy Toenges Family        |
| April 13 | Kristine Christensen Family |
| April 20 | Donna Nelson Family         |
| April 27 | Mark Krueger & Lynn Krueger |



### CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:



#### Classes Resume on:

**Wed. April 23rd** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

**Wed. April 30th** 5:45-7:15 7th/8th Grade Students at Redeemer

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.



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### Faithful Fridays -

#### After School

Bible Point: "You're Created! Being You!" Genesis 2:4-25, Psalm 139:13-16

#### Who?

Students PreK-6th grade. Concordia and Redeemer students are encouraged to invite a friend to join them! The after-school events will be led by 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, April 25th, Afterschool (3:30) - 6 p.m.

#### Where?

After school, students can meet in the cafeteria and walk with our 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 using the QR Code here to access the form or paper registration form at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Suggested donation is \$10 per child.

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

**Thank you!**



Registration Link



Donation Link



### 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 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**, April 18th

- 6:30 p.m. Joint Service at Redeemer – 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 (Easter Breakfast before worship)



**Save the Date**

**Saturday, April 19th**

**10:00 am**

For our  
Community

Easter Egg Hunt

This community event includes prizes, treats, activities, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Come join the fun and celebrate Easter!

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### First Communion

**Education** for 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm
- Redeemer Lutheran on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm

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



### Easter Lilies—

This year for our Easter Garden we have monies that were set aside for flowers that will not only decorate our church beautifully for Easter but also be a gift for you. You are invited to fill out a slip and list whom you would like to name a lily *In Honor Of* or *In Memory Of* for Easter Sunday. We will be listing the names in our Easter Sunday Service bulletin. The sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Please submit names to the church office by Sunday, April 13th. You can pick up your Easter Lily gift following the Easter Service on April 20th. Please contact Pastor Kristi if you have any questions.



### Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water

To honor Earth Day we will include a time of Blessing of Seed, Soil and Water during our worship service on Sunday April 6th, 8:30 am. This offers us, as Christians, an opportunity to reflect on the significance of our connectedness to water, seeds and soil, and the people whose livelihoods depend on these elements. God created water, seeds and soil, we give thanks to God for the life essentials he provides. Plan to share in a celebration of God’s creation.

### Concordia and Redeemer Youth Group



Our next Youth Group Event will be our Random Acts of Kindness event on Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 pm, leaving from Redeemer. We will share in our random acts of kindness throughout the community of Albert Lea and then enjoy a

treat together. Students in 6th grade through 12th grade are invited to join us, and are welcome to bring a friend. We will be looking for additional adults to help provide transportation for our group. Please RSVP if you will be attending by April 9th to [pastor@redeemeralden.com](mailto:pastor@redeemeralden.com). Contact Pastor Kristi (507-360-1224) or Kayla Seedorf (507-402-9790), our Youth Group Assistant, if you have any questions about our Youth Group event.

### Devotional Booklets Available—

The April–June devotional booklets are available for pick up before or after worship in the narthex.

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## Council Minutes

### Church Council Minutes for 3/12/25

Members Present: Bob Wittmer, RaAnna Pestorious, Chris Sorensen, Kris Christensen, and

Lynn Krueger

Ex-Officio Member- Past Kristi Mitchell

Vice President Bob Wittmer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Secretary's report was given and reviewed

Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report was given and reviewed for January

\*Total Income \$11,402.32

\*Net Income -\$1,531.75

\*Total Expenses \$12,933.75

Motion to approve. Seconded. Approved.

### Board of Stewardship

No Report

### Education

Redeemer Faithful Friday will be March 21st. The

Redeemer Youth Group will be assisting and

making smoothies.

The youth will be doing random acts of kindness on Sunday April 13th.

-They will hand out quilts, and gift cards from HyVee and Kwik Trip

- We have received a \$250 gift card from Thrivent and free t-shirts

Confirmation will be Sunday, March 30th at 10:30am

### Lay Ministry

There will be enough wine for Easter.

### Board of Church

We received a bill for the furnace of \$1169.62 for labor, the rest of the bill was under warranty.

The bill will be paid out of the undesignated funds from the Memorial Fund. Lynn made a motion

to use the Memorial Fund monies to pay the bill, RaAnna 2nd the motion and it was approved.

### Pastor Report

Pastor met with Kaylee Wendt and Chris Enderson about them wanting to get married at our

church on November 29th, 2025. Kaylee is the

granddaughter of Gordy and Kathy Toenges, and

member of Peace Lutheran Church of Eyota, and Chris

Enderson is a member of East

Freeborn, Lutheran Church. (The council decided to waive

the \$250 fee for the church due to

the fact that Kaylee is the granddaughter of members.)

-Jacob and Cassie Wallin will have their son Kip baptized on April 27th, and plan on using the basement for a family reception.

-Pastor will be off on Thursday April 24th.

-The Lent schedule- Wednesday meals are all set.

Redeemer will have the Maundy Thursday at

5:30 and Concordia will be at 7:00 with 1st communion.

Good Friday service will be at

Concordia at 6:30pm.

-There will be a 1st communion afternoon retreat on April 6th.

-Easter Sunday- anyone is welcome to volunteer to provide a breakfast before church. None is planned at this time.

-Confirmation Sunday will be March 30th, Lynn Krueger

motioned to approve Lily Sorensen for

confirmation, RaAnna 2nd, motion approved.

-Summer Services will start Memorial weekend at

Redeemer at 9:00am

-The 1st Lenten service went well, kids were well involved, they read and ushered.

-Mark Behle has been added to the prayer list.

A motion was called to accept all reports. Motion made.

Seconded. Approved.

### Old Business

No Old Business

### New Business

None

### Other Business

The roof work will begin when the weather allows.

Greg Luettke addressed the board about organizing a

church campout at the Flying Goose

campground in Fairmont. Both churches would be invited

and members could invite

non-members to join us. He suggested we have a church

service and a potluck and games to

follow. He would need a count of those interested so he

could let the campground know how

many spots to reserve.

A motion was called to adjourn the meeting. Motion made.

Seconded. Approved. Meeting

adjourned. We closed with "The Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Christensen, Secretary

Next meeting will be April 9th, after Lenten service.





## Camping opportunity for Pickerel Lakers and Redeemer Congregations

We are trying to line up a camping weekend at Flying Goose Campground in Fairmont, MN on the weekend of July 11-13, 2025. We have contacted the campground and they would love to help make this possible. We need to find out as soon as possible the names of those who are interested. Camping fees are \$45.00/day for electric and water or \$50.00/day for full service.

If you have any friends who camp and would like to join in on the fun please pass the word along. The campground sites fill up pretty fast in the summer so the sooner we get reservations the better. Please sign up in the church Narthex if you are interested in camping.

On Sunday, July 13th we will host a worship service at the camp for anyone who wants to attend (those camping and those who might drive out for the day). There is a charge of \$5.00 admission per person for the day (for those not camping for the weekend). We will plan on having a BBQ lunch on Sunday after the service.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Greg Lutteke at 507-391-0086.



### Contact Information

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#### Pastor Kristi Mitchell

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#### Peter Scharpe

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### Church Council

Chris Sorensen	President
Robert Wittmer	Vice-President
Kristine Christensen	Secretary
RaAnna Pectorious	Treasurer
Chad Miller	Properties
Lynn Krueger	Lay Ministry
Amy Wallin	Stewardship
	Education

### Concordia Lutheran Church of Pickerel Lake

#### Church Staff

*Rev. Kristi Mitchell—Pastor*  
*Peter Scharpe—Administrative Secretary*  
*Kathy Toenges—Organist*  
*David & Michelle Masters—Custodians*