August 2024 -Monthly Newsletter Redeemer Lutheran Church 2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ 856-691-4278 The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor



Connecting People to Christ, Growing in His Love, Serving Him. "Come and See, Go and Tell, the Good News for All!"

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 2384 E. Landis Avenue Vineland, NJ 08361 8:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Worship



# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

A week that I've been planning for more than a year is about to happen. The 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering will take place July 16-20<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans. This is an event held every three years, when Lutheran youth from around the country gather in one spot to worship together, serve the community, and have some fun, too!

As I write these words, the "Gathering" (as it is called) has not yet happened. However, I realize that when you will be reading these words, the Gathering will have already happened. Hopefully that will also mean that by now our youth and adults from Redeemer are safely back at home and sharing wonderful stories and the Holy Spirit's energy with everyone here in South Jersey.

What an odd exercise: to write about something that hasn't happened yet, and to anticipate the benefits of the experience before it even happens! And yet faith is full of such experiences, where time lapses both ahead and behind, and we look forward and backwards to enhance our present.

I have noticed this "time experiment" going on as we have read through some of Paul's letters in the New Testament this summer. One favorite passage is from 2 Corinthians: "we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are... always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies." (2 Corinthians 4:7,10).

Indeed the historical event of Jesus' death and the gift of resurrection life are with us every moment of our Christian faith. And when we sense the truth that gives life meaning and the purpose that calls us forward, we become like clay jars, that let the light of Christ shine through us.

It might sound complicated, but our Christian sense of linked time is why I can be confident that our youth will grow in faith during this trip to New Orleans: not only because I myself have experienced the Gathering as a teen, but because I know that our group will be prayed for while we are away, and will have opportunities to share our faith once we return.

Thank you for your prayers for our congregation, and especially for our youth as they grow in faith.

In Christ, Pastor Heather



Our Youth (& Adults) visiting NOLA

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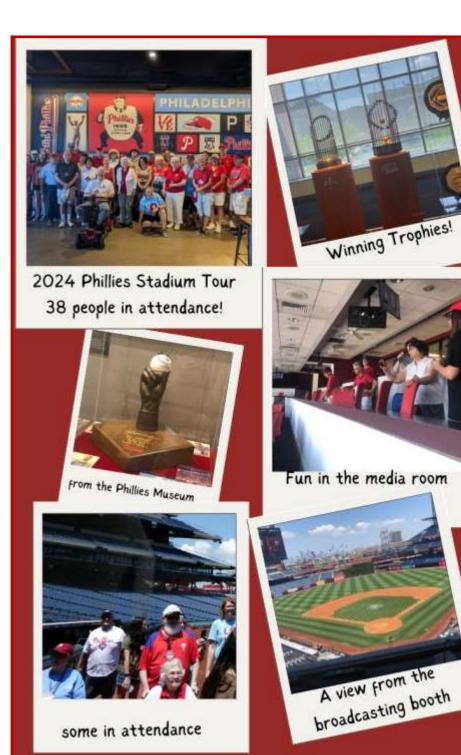
**PLEASE NOTE.** The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.** Please e-mail your information to: **RLCoffice2384@gmail.com** 

**Redeemer's Mission Statement** As a welcoming and nurturing community of faith we: invite all to celebrate Christ's love, Empower one another to grow in Christ's love, share Christ's love as we minister to the world.

Thank you to all who helped make the Strawberry Bash a triumph, from our volunteers to those who enjoyed the delicious strawberry shortcake and more, we couldn't have done it without you!

Also, big thank you to those who helped with the Youth Group Bake Sale! It was a huge success!







# August Birthdays

- 1 Bill Loeschke
- 2 Tammy Williams
- 3 Anthony Hermanson
- 4 Eleanor Federwitz
- 5 Ellen DeFeo
- 8 Jim Rizzo Georgia Salvaryn
- 9 Bill Niglio
- 11 Teri Drogo
- 12 Thomas Allewelt
- 17 Ernestine Gbolo
- 18 Joan Freimanis

- 19 Barbara McDevitt 20 - Morris Gbolo
- 21 Dawn Amari
  - Ann Bradbury
- Martin Caverow 24 - Diane Salvaryn
- 27 Dana Marino
- 29 Sheryl Kenyon
- 31 Jim Clay, Jr.



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Nancy & John Manzoni
- 7 Margaret & Rich Butterworth
- 9 Betsy & Brian Harrison Eileen & Terry Love
- 20 Dana & Anthony Marino

Upcoming Senior Events for those 55+ish.

Call the church office for more information or to RSVP for these upcoming events.

August 10 - 11:00 AM Senior Craft Time You will have the opportunity to make several crafts, including Candle Holders, Yarn Trivets and more. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP



September 6th - 6:00 PM Game Night Celebrate Grandparents! Bring your families Bring your games to share (video or board) Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Jerry Amari, Jerry Carter, Jim Clay, Tracy and Jud Edwards, Bob, Ellie & Tim Federwitz, Ernestine Gbolo, Linda Haines, Violet Harris, John Hoffman, John Jones, Joan Lyons, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Kevin Thurlow, Katy Tyler, John Warren, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

Please keep the families and friends of Kevin Yearsley and Harry Fisher in your prayers upon their passing.

All troops serving our country and the world including: Matt Collins, Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani, Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

#### Memorial donations given:

In memory of Jean Holshue by Shekinah Chapter #82 In memory of Harry Fisher by Arlene & Dan Cherwien



#### Living Lutheran Review by Joan Freimanis

*Living Lutheran* will now be sharing each month, the history and fun facts about some hymns beloved by Lutherans.

July's hymn is "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". Horatius Bonar the author carried his notebooks with him writing his thoughts "on the go".

Listen to; play on your cell or musical instrument; or, sing this KINGSFOLD Folk Tune with Bonar's words and experience the truth, mystery and beauty inspired by 1 John:16.

Consult your Living Lutheran online for more about this hymn and future choices.

In light of recent postal regulation changes and our commitment to being good stewards of our resources, we're making a few adjustments to how you receive Clippings.

Starting with our **September** issue, you can pick up your copy of Clippings at **church on the Sunday** it becomes available. Copies will be accessible at church throughout the month. If you are **homebound**, we will continue **mailing** the newsletter to you via first-class mail.



Would you like to keep receiving our newsletter by mail but don't fall into either of those categories? No problem!

Please contact the church office with your preference. As always it is available on the website: redeemervineland.org/newsletter



Recently, our youth went to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Here they learned about faith formation, worship, fellowship, service and play!

Be sure to watch for lots more pictures and join us on August 18th after the 2nd service for an all church picnic where we will learn more about their trip!

#### CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS If you would like a complete Church Council Report, please contact the Church Office.

FROM JUNE 2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Pastor's Report: Set a challenge to use the summer to plan, increase interest in church and invite neighbors. Mission Possible will be held on Sunday, July 14th to discuss these ideas with the church family.

New Business:

Election of Vice President of Church Council. Susan Papiano will be stepping in.

Renewal of lease with Benchmark: The new lease will begin August 2024 and be in place for 3 years. The church has agreed to create a washer/dryer closet in the fellowship hall for their use.

Air conditioner and Heating issues/upgrade: The Care Committee will explore the AC issues and heating issues this summer.

Fire Inspector: The Inspector found some issues in Manor House and Sanctuary and we will need to get a monitored fire alarm system installed.

New Cleaning Company: Quotes will be discussed at the next council meeting.

#### Old Business:

Bishop Challenge/Green Team - in putting together as a roof replacement they will look at grants to cover some projects - butterfly garden, community garden, etc.

Nurture Committee: The Youth will hold a church picnic on August 18th, after the 10:30 AM Service.

Rally Day will be September 8, one service at 9:30 AM

**BOOK REVIEW** - By Doris Allewelt **HAMNET** by Maggie O'Farrell. The background story of Shakespeare in 1580's England at the time of the bubonic plague and the writing of Hamlet to memorialize his son, Hamnet. A portrait of an enduring marriage ravaged by grief and loss. A mesmerizing novel.



# 2024 AUGUST

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 6:30 PM AA Meeting	31	01 7:00 PM Summer Concert Series	02 10:00 AM Bible Study	03 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) Men's Breakfast at Larry' 12:00 PM Women's Breakfast at Greenview
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18 8:30 AM Worship (outside) 10:30 AM Worship (inside) 11:30 AM Church Picnic	19	20 6:30 PM AA Meeting	21	22	23	24 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
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