

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
2384 E. Landis Avenue  
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## DECEMBER 2021 -Monthly Newsletter

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
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*The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor*



**Special thank  
you to all who  
donated food  
items in the  
month of  
October! We  
reached our  
500 food  
items!**



Pictured: Greg Kendall, Dale Nichols, Dawn Amari, Kaylee Sironen, Pastor Heather Sugden & Emma Burch

8:30 AM - Worship  
9:15 AM - Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship



The Church  
office will be  
closing at  
12:30 PM  
December 23rd  
**and**  
December 30th  
to celebrate the  
holidays with  
our families.

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

# Congratulations!



Our 2021 Confirmation Class has completed 2+ years of Confirmation instruction, and enjoyed many wonderful experiences and servant opportunities together. These young adults re-affirmed their Baptism through the Rite of Confirmation.



**Aurora Jewel**, a 9th grader at ACIT who loves cheer and reading. Her future goal includes the Medical Field. Aurora's favorite thing about church is being a Jr. Acolyte and how nice the people are.



**Rachel Gonzalez**, a 9th grader at Vineland High School who loves dance, cheer, swim, cooking and volleyball. Her future aspiration is to become a nurse. The best thing about church, Rachel says, is being with the people, the songs and the food.



**Madison Kenyon**, a 9th grader at Vineland High School/AMSA who loves soccer, volleyball, writing, swimming and reading. She hopes to attend Berkeley to study IT and computer programming. Madison loves being at church for the people and the food.



**Noah Wiese**, a 9th grader at Hammonton High School who loves playing percussion in the Marching Band. Noah is taking his time to figure out what his future holds. Noah feels the best thing about church is the games before service.



## *Scenes from our Confirmation Service*





*The Monthly Newsletter*  
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**Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?**



**Just a Reminder!**  
**Please FILL OUT your**  
**offering envelope completely.**  
**This is a big help to our volunteer counters.**  
**Thank You.**

Scan this symbol with your Smartphone  
to view our Church website.



**Remember to visit our website:**

[www.redeemervineland.org](http://www.redeemervineland.org)

"like" us on Facebook

RedeemerLutheran Church\_Vineland NJ

Follow us on Instagram

Redeemerlutheranvineland

Visit us on YouTube:

[shorturl.at/alRZ1](http://shorturl.at/alRZ1)

Amazon Smile Link

[smile.amazon.com/ch/21-0684080](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/21-0684080)

**PLEASE NOTE.** The deadline for information to be included in the  
newsletter is

**the 15th of every month.**

Please e-mail News & Articles, Birth Announcements, Family Events,  
Thank You Notes, Etc. to: [RLCoffice2384@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Redeemer's Vision Statement**

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#### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**December 4 - 5:00 PM**

Gingerbread House Decorating contest &  
White Elephant Pizza Party

**December 11**

9:00 AM Christmas Church Decorating (all welcome)

11:00 AM - Christmas Play Practice

**December 12 -**

10:30 AM Service,  
Christmas Play

3:30 - 5:00 PM -

Christmas Open House in the fellowship hall.

**December 24 - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Worship**

**December 26 - 9:30 AM Service only**

## Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

4:00 PM - Worship Service

7:00 PM - Candlelight Service



Youth New Year's Party

Date: January 2, 2022

The youth group is invited to a

New Years Party from

11:30 - 2:00

Youth Room!

Food, Games & more

Star Wars Nativity

# SOUL WARS

**EPISODE IV A NEW TESTAMENT**



**A CHRISTMAS PLAY**

by Stuart Sellner

**PERFORMED BY OUR YOUTH**

**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**DURING OUR 10:30 AM SERVICE**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS**





- 1 - Lillia McKenzie
- 4 - Marjorie Frank
- 7 - Scott Foster
- Donna Matlack
- Mollie Sugden
- 8 - Bobby Stenger
- 10 - Jean Holshue
- 11 - Elaine Hering
- Kathryn Shollenberger
- 12 - Margaret Butterworth
- 13 - Ursula Barbeck
- 16 - Rita Jean Hoffman
- 20 - Pastor Heather
- 21 - Jody Steinbronn
- 22 - Lauren Geisser
- 27 - Doris Allewelt
- 28 - Alison Keller
- 30 - Ken Schad

- 1 - Harry & Brenda Ackley
- 5 - Paul & Betty Anderson
- 12 - Joseph & Rhonda Kubiak



Congratulations to Valerie & Marty Caverow  
on the birth of their grandson  
Ryan Matthew Caverow,  
born November 6, 2021!

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

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Betty Anderson	Gladys Bachman	Linda Burke
Jerry Carter	Joan Curcio	Richard Donaghy
Violet Harris	Marilyn & Don Jourdan	Alice Motter
Ashley Orme-Nichols	Mike Pratzner	John Preidt
Peggy Schumacher	Alma Sessa	Philip Shenton
John Warren		

Remember the following families upon the passing of loved ones:

Dawn Amari's family upon her uncle's passing on October 22

Anderson family upon Erling's passing on November 9

Dodie Layton's family upon her father's passing on November 15

All those suffering from COVID-19 around the world.

### All troops serving our country and the world including:

Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani, Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

The following donations have been made to the Memorial Fund of Redeemer

Lutheran Church in loving memory of Erling Anderson by:

The Ferrante-Ferry Family, Jean Holshue and Dennis & Lisa Waechter

time to  
UPDATE



### PLEASE HELP US UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:

(even if nothing has changed, please make sure we are accurate  
and not missing any pertinent information)

PLEASE PRINT  
(THIS CAN BE PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE/EMAILED/OR MAILED  
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (OR GRANDCHILDREN WHO ATTEND WITH YOU) &  
BIRTHDAYS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive the email newsletter

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Already Receive

I would like to be added/updated on the phone tree

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Already Receive



### Code Blue!

We are in need of volunteers to help cook this season  
(November 1 - April 1).  
The need is great and we want to  
help those less fortunate.  
If you can help in anyway, please see Dale Nichols.

## Living Lutheran November 2021

(Joan Freimanis continues to highlight our **Living Lutheran Magazine.**)  
(copies available in the Church Office if you do not receive a copy)

### DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- An ELCA delegation was present as official observers and collaborators at the COP26 (Conference of Parties #26) that just took place in Glasgow.
- Ruth Ivory-Moore, who led the ELCA delegation said “ . . We recognize how we have treated our home -the earth- and know that we’ve had a role [in] creating degradation...as Christians – as Lutherans -- we need to be part of the solution.”

See pg 48 - NEWS FROM ELCA advocacy

A *Land Acknowledgement* is a new Lutheran tradition of learning about and honoring the original Inhabitants of the land where your church and homes now stand.

See pg.42 – TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LANDS WE INHABIT

### MUCH MORE TO KNOW:

On-site thrift stores, bolstering relationships during this pandemic, a choir for adults with disabilities, refugee resettlement in ND, ELCA Youth Gatherings and Pre-Events in 2022, and new resources for Advent: Advent Calendar, an Action Guide for congregations and an Advent Study.

Christmas  
Food Baskets



If you know of anyone in need of a Christmas Food Basket, please contact the Church Office.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST, WHITE ELEPHANT & PIZZA PARTY

Saturday, December 4  
beginning at 5:00 PM

Bring your family for our  
Gingerbread House Decorating Contest  
Also, please bring a White Elephant present  
(per family member) of no more than \$5

Judging will be on Facebook and in Church.  
**Please RSVP to Sarah (rlcyouth2384@gmail.com)**  
houses will be provided per person.



Calling all Elves!  
We will be decorating the church for Christmas  
on  
**December 11 beginning at 9:00 AM.**  
Everyone is welcome to help!



**All offerings must be delivered to the  
church office by December 31st at 9:00a.m.**  
**Anything brought after this time will  
go to the 2022 year.**  
**Thank you for your generous  
support of Christ's ministry!**

**Please have all reports to the  
office no later than January  
12, 2022** and be sure to include  
some special highlights or pictures  
along with your report



# annual MEETING

Sunday January 23, 2022



## DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

(by Arlene Cherwien)

Redeemer dedicated a memorial statue on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1974- ***The Good Shepherd***. It was dedicated in memory of Pastor Voigt who passed away in 1971 at age 82. Redeemer had a boys basketball team in the YMCA Church League. Andy Sapsai was the coach. A Girl Scout Troop met regularly in our Fellowship Hall.



### Worried about snow?

For Church weather closings stay close to your phone - a message will go out through the church's phone tree with updated information. Above all, stay safe!

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN LIBRARY

Just in time for Advent ***The Spirit of Christmas*** with "laughter, warmth and magical elements" has been added to our Redeemer Library collection. The author is Ken Regan a local ELCA ordained Pastor.



*"It's the week before Christmas and Bertram the angel in charge of spreading Christmas spirit is back on earth in the guise of Santa Claus."*

[Adult Fiction]

Be sure to check out this book and all the other wonderful books in our library.



### Can you help?

We are collecting gift cards for Big Brothers/Big Sisters this holiday season. Gift cards of \$20 should be purchased from Walmart or Target (only) and returned to the church by December 12th.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

My grandmother's dining room was just a small part of the larger living room in her house, and normally her dining room table was just a small table pushed against the wall and loaded with mail. But when the holidays rolled around, and my grandmother would host us for a big family meal, the small, insignificant table suddenly took over the entire house.

I can remember my grandmother disappearing into a bedroom near the kitchen and emerging with multiple wooden leaves to add to the table. My brothers would each grab an opposite end and be instructed to "PULL!" while the table seemed to spread apart on metal rails and my grandmother would place the wood slots side by side in the openings.

It was a strange and surprising process to observe. Also, it just looked like a ton of work (good thing I got to observe!). But when it was finished, the small insignificant table would be transformed into a grand dining table worthy of an impressive holiday meal.

My grandmother would bring out dish after dish, and chairs would be squeezed in close so that as many people as possible could sit all the way around. And just when we thought we couldn't possibly fit another person at the table, someone would show up, and another chair would be added.

My grandmother knew that a big table could always grow bigger to include more people. I know some of you have similar tables, similar holiday meals, and similar beliefs on making room for everyone.

In the past few weeks, our tenant Benchmark has moved into the downstairs of the education wing and is already open and serving the community, meaning that we are expanding our own table of service as we welcome new folks to the property. Please note that our church campus is much busier now during the week, and we will need to watch out for the increased car and pedestrian traffic.

This holiday season, as we share a table with our own family and friends, we will also intentionally make room at the table for all who are in need in our community. Thank you for donating food, hats and mittens, gift cards, reaching out and praying for all so that every table might be full as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

In Christ,  
Pastor Heather

