

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
2384 E. Landis Avenue  
Vineland, NJ 08361

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



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

OCTOBER 2023 -Monthly Newsletter  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ  
856-691-4278  
*The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor*

# Redeemer

## WORSHIP

8:30 & 10:30 AM



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 AM

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

Who shaped your faith? When I remember my childhood church, I have to admit I don't remember too many sermons that were preached.... What I do remember is a choir director who made us cookies each week. A Sunday School teacher who let us ask ANY question. A mob of moms who pushed through many, many Christmas pageants. And I remember helping to clear tables during potato dumpling dinners under the direction of church elders who liked things done a particular way!

It was the men and women of the congregation who mentored me in a thousand different ways on how to live a life of faith – even if we never formally called it that. They listened, they encouraged, they taught, they worked alongside me as I grew in faith.

I am sure that you can also think of men and women who guided you in the Christian faith, from Sunday School teachers to choir directors to people who taught you how to make coffee and run a dishwasher.

I also know with absolute certainty that the youth of Redeemer have benefited greatly from the example set by our members, who take the time to ask questions about school, share in the tasks and joy of worship, and learn more about Jesus together.

(continued inside)



## Blessing OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 14TH

A Blessing of Animals, witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened.

ALL PETS WELCOME

This event is for all ages & all pets  
10:30 AM

*The Monthly Newsletter*  
**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
[www.redeemervineland.org](http://www.redeemervineland.org)  
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Mutual Ministries: Chairperson - Ginny Workman

Nurture Committee: Chairperson -

Gather Committee: Chairpersons - Nancy Manzoni & Alison Keller

Care Committee: Chairperson - Lynda Gilbert

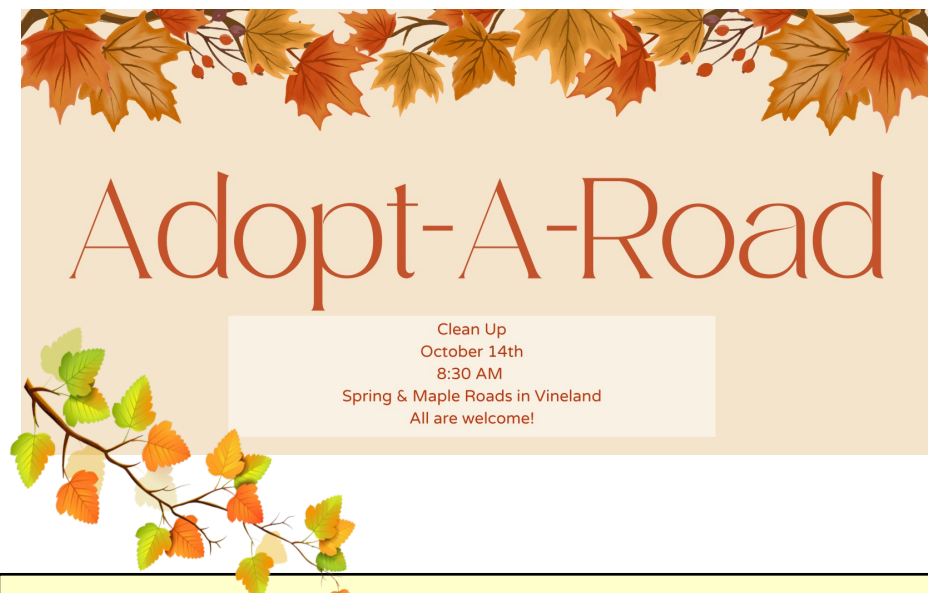
**PLEASE NOTE.** The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.**

Please e-mail your information to: [RLCOffice2384@gmail.com](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.

**Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?**





## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

### Part 2

As a new Sunday School year gets underway, we are trying to be more intentional in nurturing relationships across the generations present at church. Our more mature members will get a chance to share a skill, talent, perhaps even a faith story with our Sunday School students. Our more mature members will also get a chance to learn about the joys and challenges of being young in today's world. Everyone – no matter age or experience – will be encouraged to witness Jesus' love in action.

Our fall intergenerational events are set for September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15 am – 10:15 am, with a plan to continue them into the new year. I know these events will be a blessing to all involved. Will you join us?

I also know that you have skills, talents, and faith stories to share. If you have an idea for an event, or would simply like to learn more, please reach out to me or Eileen Love.

Imagine the stories our youth will tell in 20 years about the people who guided their faith at Redeemer! Join us to share part of yourself, and grow this rich story of God in this place.

In Christ,  
Pastor Heather

## Living Lutheran Magazine

(Joan Freimanis highlights our Living Lutheran Magazine.)

Beginning in October, the Living Lutheran Magazine will now be found exclusively online at [www.livinglutheran.org](http://www.livinglutheran.org) - there will be no more print editions.

**LETTERS** pg. 6 Read and reflect on the affirmative responses to Bishop Eaton's article "WHO IS A REAL AMERICAN?" (Liv.Luth. July/August 2023).

**THE COMPASSION FENCE** pg.28 Compassion – "to suffer with". Compassion, different from sadness means "to climb down, . . . and share the sufferer's plight rather than merely feeling sadness from a distance". Compassion is a gift given by the Spirit to "God's chosen ones" to respond to the suffering in the world? Continue to peruse your **Living Lutheran** for *Micro-spiritual Practice with Kids*, *The Psalms with Children & Elephants*, *Lessons from the Ghost Dancers*, *An Influential Legacy* (the impact of the ELCA's magazine) and much more.



## fall food drive

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER



WE WILL BE GATHERING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD (NO GLASS PLEASE) WITH A GOAL OF GATHERING MORE THAN 500 ITEMS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK AND FOR OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS. WHEN WE REACH 500 ITEMS THE FOOD BANK WILL ALSO GET A CHECK FOR \$500 FROM THE THRIVENT "FEED THE NE 2023" PROJECT. WATCH AS THE COLLECTION GROWS IN THE NARTHEX!

This year we will be emphasizing holiday food items as well as regular staples

Items could include but are not limited to:

Peanut Butter  
Spaghetti/Sauce  
Cereals

Complete Pancake Mix

Canned Tuna

Stuffing Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Turkey Gravy

Turkey Broth

Yams

Brown Sugar

Applesauce

Canned Veggies

Rice

Flour

Cake Mix/Icing

Brownie Mix

Coffee

Tea Bags

Nuts

Candy



\*PICTURES ARE NOT REPRESENTATION OF WHAT IS NEEDED

2023

OCTOBER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03 6:30 PM AA Meeting	04	05 	06 6:00 PM Youth Event Corn Maze	07 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
08 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Private event	09	10 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council	11	12	13	14  8:30 AM Adopt-A-Road 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 10:30 AM Blessing of the Animals Private event in fellowship hall
15 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16 4:00 PM Book Club 	17 6:30 PM AA Meeting	18	19 4:30 PM 100th Anniversary Meeting	20	21 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) Triple Threat Fall Fest 
22 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	23	24 6:30 PM AA Meeting	25	26	27	28 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 9:00 AM Church work day 
29 Reformation Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship (Confirmation of our Youth) 	30	31 6:30 PM AA Meeting	01	02	03	04
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## Series on Church Symbols

(by Arlene Cherwien)



### The Fleche

Instead of a steeple, the church building is surmounted by a Fleche in which the Cross thrusts upward through a Crown, symbolizing Christ, Redeemer and King.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Jerry Carter, Jim Clay, Janet Cook, Ellie & Tim Federwitz, Bud Freas, Ernestine Gbolo, Linda Haines, Violet Harris, Sean Long, Alice Motter, Peggy Schumacher, Alma Sessa, Dick & Carol Shenton, Kevin Thurlow, Katy Tyler, John Warren, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

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

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

**A donation has been made in memory**  
of Richard Donaghy by James & Kathy Clay



After retiring from the restaurant business, Patrick decided to settle in Myrtle Beach. Before making the move, he and Tom felt the need to reconnect with their faith and began to attend church. However, they never felt truly welcomed. Once they moved, they decided to try worshiping at a local church again, but unfortunately, the warm welcome they were hoping for still eluded them.

They then found their way to a Lutheran Church and they were immediately embraced by a sense of belonging from the congregation. From the moment of their first visit, they were greeted by three different families, which left a lasting impression on Patrick. Although Patrick didn't initially fill out an attendance sheet, Tom did, and this led to a visit from the Pastor shortly thereafter. These encounters were special to Patrick because it revealed the genuine care and happiness the pastor and the membership felt about their attendance.

On Sunday and at other church functions do you reach out and welcome visitors and give them a sense of belonging?

**Let's open our arms and embrace our visitors.**



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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 4 - Alma Sessa       | 14 - Heather Papiano |
| 6 - Pam Boyer        | 16 - Oz Schumacher   |
| 7 - Betty Tobolski   | 17 - Lisa Taylor     |
| 10 - David Hermanson | 18 - Arlene Cherwien |
| Rebecca Williams     | 21 - Bob Cook        |
| 11 - Theo Love       | 24 - Teresa Minnix   |
| 12 - Brenda Ackley   | 25 - Maggie Hunter   |



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| 1 - Maureen & Mark Reidenauer |
| 5 - Deb & Herb Wegner         |
| 8 - Nicole & Mark Stanewich   |
| 17 - Gina & Thomas Allewelt   |



## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**If you would like a complete Church Council Report, please contact the Church Office.**

FROM AUGUST 2023 COUNCIL  
(Full notes are available in the Church office)

### Pastor's Report:

- Rally Day will be September 10, Nurture Committee will be helping. Looking to reach out to new people.
- Pastor & Teresa are working details of the liturgy for fall.
- The National Youth Gathering will be held in Summer 2024
  - Looking on ways to better serve our active seniors.

### Treasurer's Report:

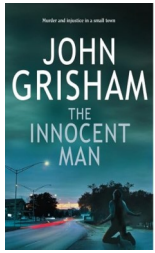
- Everything is pretty much on budget.
- Few changes because members are giving to specific areas instead of general giving.
  - Fellowship Hall floor waxing was done
- Lawn Service now being used as our volunteers needed a break for the summer.

### Gather Committee: No report

**Nurture Committee:** Working on recruitment of Sunday School Teachers. Discussion of curriculum. Confirmation may take place during Sunday School hour if enough teachers are found.

**Care Committee:** No report. Fall cleanup will be scheduled.

**100th Anniversary Committee:** Banquet in the fall of 2024. Working on invitation list. Renovations continue with new lights, some pews have been removed for greater access for communion and also for handicap access.



### The Book Club

will be meeting October 16th at 4:00 PM to discuss John Grisham's "The Innocent Man"

# INTERGENERATIONAL Events OCTOBER 29TH NOVEMBER 19

DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 AM—10:15 AM

IF YOU HAVE  
SKILLS, TALENTS,  
AND FAITH STORIES  
TO SHARE OR IF  
YOU HAVE AN IDEA  
FOR AN EVENT, OR  
WOULD SIMPLY  
LIKE TO LEARN  
MORE, PLEASE  
REACH OUT TO  
PASTOR OR  
EILEEN LOVE.



### Upcoming Youth Event

October 6th Pizza & Flashlight Corn Maze. Meet at Redeemer at 6 PM. See Eileen Love for more information.

We need your help and ideas for Redeemer's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration next year. Whether you have been member for only one year, or maybe ten years, or even 30 years of more you must have thoughts and suggestions about Redeemer's future. Come join us on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM in the Manor House and share you ideas. Can't make it, then send them to the office and they will be shared with the committee.



Would you like to help with our special events planned for the year? There will be luncheons and events that will need membership assistance. Let's make this truly a congregational celebration for all ages! Please say yes.

### 100th Anniversary T-Shirts!



If you would like a 100th Anniversary T-Shirt simply fill out the sign up sheet at church, or call the church office. All orders need to be in by October 1, 2023. T-shirts will be handed out in church in early 2024. (Please fill out one form per family)

### POSITIVE CHANGE IS BACK!

Positive change begins again! October 1st bring in your spare change. October's Positive Change will go to the American Cancer Society.



FOR BLESSING SO MANY  
OTHERS WITH THE  
MINISTRY GOD PLACED IN  
YOUR HEART!

CONGRATULATIONS ROBERT  
ON 55 YEARS OF SERVICE!



"Pastor Heather & the Members of Redeemer:  
Thank you for celebrating my 55th Anniversary of  
Ministry. It was an honor to preach at both services.  
A special thank you for the Amazon Gift Card.  
I am an avid Amazon Shopper. Blessings - Bob"



MEN'S BREAKFAST  
AUGUST 5TH  
LARRY'S II IN VLD



## FALL CLEAN-UP TIME OCTOBER 28



Jobs needing attention include: shrub trimming, flower bed cleaning, leaf blowing, storage of summer items, and more.

**9AM**  
-Noon

**If you have tools,  
please bring them.**

For more information or to come  
another day: **see Lynda or Bud**

Congratulations to Betsy Harrison for  
2023-2024 Cumberland County  
Teacher of the Year.



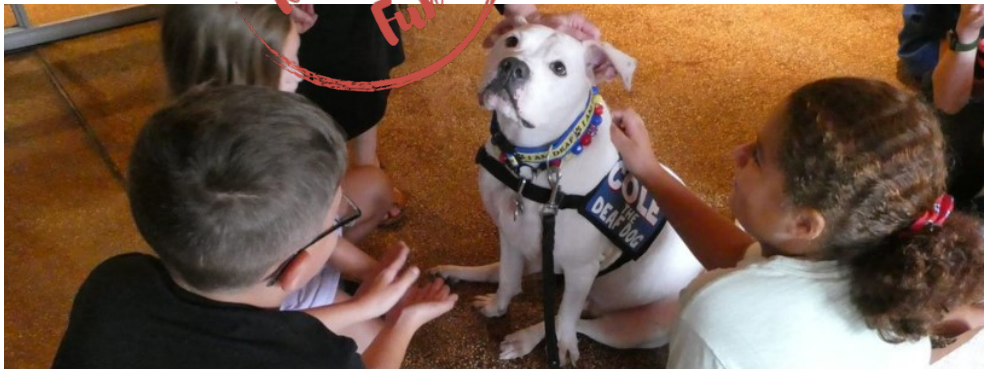
*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Kara Kuchinski  
for graduating from Rowan with her  
Bachelor of Science, majoring in  
Biology. Kara plans on  
furthering her education at  
Rowan with her degree as an  
RN. Kara is also a member of  
the National Society of  
Leadership & Success. Proud  
grandparents Ed & Darlene  
Morvay.





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