

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



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

REDEEMER
LUTHERAN

Join us this year to celebrate our

100th Anniversary

Be sure to watch for events and
times to be announced!

Save the Date:
March 10, 2024
100th Anniversary Worship with the Bishop

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

Happy New Year! Welcome 2024, our 100th year of ministry at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Vineland!

The people of Redeemer have been busy planning a fantastic year of celebration. In the coming months, we will be welcomed to special worship services and fellowship events that honor the many people who serve Christ at Redeemer and beyond.

There is so much to be proud of as we reflect on our past. Innovative and courageous ministries around education, housing, food, mental and physical health, welcoming the stranger, and caring for all in need are a part of Redeemer's DNA, along with the leaders and volunteers who tirelessly pursue these endeavors. At the same time, our community has continued to faithfully gather around Word and Sacrament, making the heart of the gospel the center of all that we do in Christ's name.

Considering our congregational history, we might wonder what can possibly be done in this new year that is new to Redeemer? Or, as the Old Testament philosopher ponders, "there is nothing new under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

And yet the Holy Spirit renews us in every age. We have been presented with a new ministry challenge and opportunity: to help a Lutheran University come to be in Liberia, West Africa. You might have heard about this project when the Lutheran Bishop of Liberia visited us this past summer. Or perhaps you are hearing about this now for the first time. What I find most exciting about the project is the connection we are able to have with Liberian Lutherans - both in West Africa and here in the South Jersey area. Such connections are holy renewals, as we see the good news changing people's lives once again.

I feel blessed to be serving with all of you here at Redeemer during this anniversary year, and I look forward to our ongoing ministry together. I truly believe that not only will we be remembering our past in 2024, but reinvigorating our mission to the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

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Gather Committee: Chairpersons - Nancy Manzoni & Alison Keller

Care Committee: Chairperson - Lynda Gilbert

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.

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**

Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?



POSITIVE CHANGE

Positive Change will be contributed to the Pastor's Discretionary account on January 7th. This fund supports individuals facing challenges who seek assistance without experiencing any embarrassment.

*Please remember when giving to Positive Change to **remove all change** from any wrappers, plastic bags, envelopes, etc. This makes it easier to put in the counting machines. Also remember we cannot accept foreign coins, trash, hairbands, rubber bands, etc.



Thank you to all who donated the gift cards for the clients of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cumberland/Salem Counties. You have made a Merry Christmas for 50 children.

Living Lutheran Magazine by Joan Freimanis

Living Lutheran (livinglutheran.org) and its predecessors have been telling the stories of God's people living their faith for nearly two centuries.

From 1831 - *Lutheran Observer* published in Baltimore To - 2024 when *Living Lutheran* will launch its all-digital publication and "continue sharing the stories of the ELCA and your stories".

Gather, the "magazine of Women of the ELCA offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort . . . (gathermagazine.org)

Are you familiar with **Seafarers International House** (SIH) founded in 1873 by the Swedish Lutheran Church? The purpose of the ministry (sihnyc.org) has grown to assist immigrants and seafarers of any nationality or faith tradition - "We are the only Lutheran Organization that takes care of Seafarers. SIH offers spiritual care and social advocacy along with acts of kindness, and picking up supplies for crew members, who are prohibited by law from leaving their vessel.

ANNUAL MEETING & BREAKFAST

Be sure to note:
January 21, 2024

One service at 9:30 am
followed by breakfast &
our Annual Meeting



The Book Club

will be meeting on
January 15, 2024 at 4:00 PM
We will be discussing "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson
All are welcome

Anniversary Mission

help us
reach our
goal of
\$15,000

to help renovate a
Lutheran College for
Agriculture & Nursing in
Liberia!



This collection will take
place throughout
2024 and will be our
100th Anniversary gift!
Watch for more details.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Alma Sessa by:

Judith & Albert Tamagni, Carole Calliari, Carol Parks

BIRTHDAYS

4 - Zola Fisher
5 - Haley McCann
6 - Diane Rodriguez
11 - Sue Senseman
15 - Cheryl Dittmer
16 - Martin Papiano
18 - Donna Yearsley
23 - Kathleen Clay
30 - Susan Burch



ANNIVERSARIES

3 - Teri & Samuel Drogo
9 - Barbara & Jim McDevitt
27 - Lisa & Robert Cook
30 - Blanca & Matt Helland

2024

save the dates

Jan. 20 - Youth Event

Feb. 13 - Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner & Fundraiser

March 10 - 100th Anniversary Worship with the Bishop

June 1 - Strawberry Festival

July 16 - 20 - National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

Oct. 20 - 100th Anniversary Banquet

*dates/times/events subject to change

watch for more information as the events come close

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

FROM NOVEMBER 2023 COUNCIL

(Full notes are available in the Church office)

PASTOR'S REPORT: Thanked and acknowledged the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to the church.

National Youth Gathering - 3 youth and 3 adults will be attending. There will be a Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Feb. 13th to raise funds. The Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans.

NEW BUSINESS: Annual Meeting will be held on January 21 with another Fellowship breakfast. There will be one service at 9:30 AM followed by a continental breakfast and the Annual Meeting.

Positive Change: January - Pastor's Discretionary Fund, February - Youth Trip, November - Soup Kitchen, December - Code Blue. Additional organizations were mentioned and the list will be updated.

OLD BUSINESS: In regard to Kneelers, a motion was made to create an action plan to get the issue finalized.

Various contractors were contacted to give estimates for the removal of the chair lift and installation of a railing. Currently, no one has come to give an estimate.

Baptismal Font - A motion was made to table any discussion until December's meeting.

GATHER: Bread and Broth will take place on Ash Wednesday. The meal will take place at 6:00 PM.

CARE: There was a workday in October, 9 members attended.

A concrete repair outside the exit drive entrance was presented to Council, this is a necessary repair. The cost will be \$2250. Thrivent will help with \$250 towards the repair. A second proposal was also given to repair the steps to the Manor House entrance. The cost would be \$1800. Both proposals were approved.

100th ANNIVERSARY: We will be raising funds to help with the Mission Project for Allia. (Liberia)

Council approved Thrivent and Treasurer's Reports



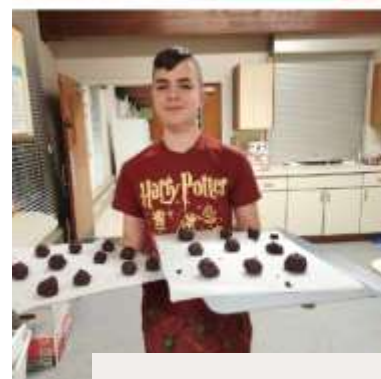
Thank you to all who donated to our Annual Holiday Food Basket collection. Redeemer's Thrivent Team members prepared & delivered eight Thanksgiving Baskets for families affiliated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters plus they prepared an additional seven baskets for families & friends of Redeemer who are food challenged.



A great time was had by all those who attended our "Thanks For You" Breakfast on November 19th. Special thanks to all those behind the scenes that made this event happen.



Thank you to all who continue to give to Positive Change, making an impact in the community.



Recently, our Youth made cookies for our homebound members. Great job!

Scenes from around the holidays



GINGER-BREAD HOUSE DECORATING





Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Season special with your time and talents!

2024

JANUARY

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 New Year's Day - Office Closed 2024	02 6:30 PM AA Meeting	03	04	05	06 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 5:00 PM Ukrainian Christmas Concert
07 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Intergenerational Event 10:30 AM Worship	08	09 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	10 1:00 PM Thrivent	11	12	13 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
14 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	15 4:00 PM Book Club	16 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council	17	18	19	20 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 6:00 PM Youth Group Mystery Party
21 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Annual Meeting 	22	23 6:30 PM AA Meeting	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
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