

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



MAY 2023 -Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ
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The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor



Congratulations to those receiving their First Communion.
Pictured: Pastor Heather Sugden, Katrina Love, Angela Colon,
Samuel Kelly & Emilio Floriani



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

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

-Luke 24:30-31a

There is a spot in the Manor House where plants seem to thrive. They love the sunshine that streams in through the big windows; they love the care they receive from their favorite gardener, Dorine. But they also seem to love having each other's company, as their leaves intertwine and stretch towards the church courtyard.

We are now in the Easter season at church. Up until Pentecost, we will be hearing stories of the risen Jesus, and the early work of the church. Some of these stories will even place themselves in very particular geographic locations: the upper room in Jerusalem, the road to Emmaus, the region of Galilee. We will be reminded that even though the story of Jesus is growing and the work of the disciples sends them to the ends of the earth, God's love is always rooted as well: in real places, and amongst real people.

We can add to the list the other places where we have recognized God. Maybe it is out in the woods, or on the beach. Maybe it is in the power of a thunderstorm, or in the still quiet of dawn. Perhaps our eyes are opened when we sing with others, or listen to beautiful music.

We can "find God" in any place. Indeed, there is no way we can limit God to any particular place or time. But as Christians, we return to worship in order to visit and revisit the places we have recognized God before. Just like the early disciples, our eyes are opened when we break bread and share food and fellowship together, and particularly when we share the meal of Holy Communion.

I hope Redeemer might be a spot where we are able to thrive in our faith. As we stretch and grow during this Easter season, may the true light find us – wherever we have been planted.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather



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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.




Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?



2023

MAY

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation 11:30 AM Ladies Tea	01	02 6:30 PM AA Meeting	03	04 10:00 AM Anniversary Meeting	05	06 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
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14 MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 	15	16 6:30 PM AA Meeting	17	18	19 PHILLIES TRIP 	20 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
21 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation	22	23 6:30 PM AA Meeting	24	25	26	27 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
28 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	29 	30 6:30 PM AA Meeting	31	01	02	03 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**In need:**

We are in need of small plastic bags (grocery store type bags), paper bags or **small** boxes for our Food Closet give-away. If you can help, please bring your boxes or bags to church. Thanks!

UPDATES:

This past winter we were able to provide seven meals for Code Blue. Special thanks to Dale Nichols and her volunteers for overseeing the preparation and delivery of these meals to help those less fortunate in our community.

Also, we were able to provide baskets for Big Brothers/Big Sisters over the last several holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter).

If you would like to help with these special projects please see Dale Nichols to find out how you can help people of our city.

JUNE 3, 2023
SAVE THE DATE

TICKETS AVAILABLE
AFTER MAY 14TH

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH



Strawberry Shortcake Bash

NOON - 3:00 PM

\$6 - ALL YOU CAN EAT SHORTCAKE

\$2 - HOTDOG PLATTER

\$5 PULLED PORK PLATTERS

PLATTERS INCLUDE CHIPS

FREE BEVERAGES

TAKE OUT OR EAT-IN

(PLEASE BRING OWN CONTAINER
IF POSSIBLE)

BENEFITS THE
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HOME RESIDENTS.

PLEASE BRING PERSONAL CARE ITEM
FOR A VETERAN

(Joan Freimanis highlights our Living Lutheran Magazine..

Living Lutheran Magazine March/April 2023 Issue

Watching Spring Unfold together with Young People.
Some practices you can enjoy together could be:

Designate a "watching spot" where you can sit together and observe the natural world; create a "watching journal"; point out things you know will change; and, ask how God might be connected to the changes you are seeing around you. [FAITH & FAMILY, Children & Family by Scott Seeke, pg. 46]

Redeemer Library

Suggestions for "Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader" can be discovered in a previous Clippings article.

For example:

- "Use closed captioning when watching TV with children so they can see words as they hear them.
- Sing when preparing for the day or for bed.
- Encourage children to set up a play library, restaurant, museum or school, complete with books, menus, maps, and crayons or pencils.
- Read together at bedtime" - - - selections from your **Redeemer Library.**

The Book Club

"The Book of Lost Friends" by Lisa Wingate is the Book Club's reading choice this month. Books may be picked up in the Narthex. A discussion date will be announced soon.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Linda Burke, Jerry Carter, Margaret Cloak, Richard Donaghy, Ellie & Tim Federwitz, Bud Freas, Ernestine Gbolo, Kenny Golway, Linda Haines, Violet Harris, Todd Landes, Sean Long, Alice Motter, Dana Marino-Papiano, Armond Niglio, Peggy Schumacher, Alma Sessa, Carol Shenton, Katy Tyler, John Warren, Ginny Workman, our College Students and the people of Ukraine, Syria & Turkey

All troops serving our country and the world including:

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

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

(by Arlene Cherwien)

2019

The year began with the Ukrainian Christmas celebration in our Sanctuary. A number of us went on a bus trip to see *Jesus* as the Sight and Sound Theater. We moved our library to the Narthex and dedicated it to Beth Allewelt. Dorine Rosier joined Lisa in the office. Cole, the Deaf Dog visited our Sunday School classes. We formed a committee to plan our upcoming 100th

Anniversary. First on their agenda was to renovate the courtyard and to pay off the mortgage on the property. New chairs and tables were placed in the Fellowship Hall. The 20/20 Vision plan for the year 2020 was introduced. It included mortgage payoff and hiring a part-time youth director. The logo for our 100th Anniversary was introduced. A busy year. Strawberry Festival. Ladies' Tea, Men's Breakfast, Blessing of the Animals, new flowerboxes, Adopt-A-Road, personal care kits, church picnic, food drive to Ministerium Food Bank, haunted house and the open house were among the many activities of the year.



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| 4 - Betty Anderson | 5 - Oz & Peggy Schumacher |
| 5 - Ryan Steinbronn | 7 - Joseph & Diane Lillia |
| 7 - Martin Geisser | 7 - Jim & Diane Salvaryn |
| 7 - Eileen Love | 8 - Jerry & Dawn Amari |
| 8 - Daniel Bradbury | 12 - Harry & Zola Fisher |
| 8 - Rachel Gonzalez | 12 - Larry & Lynda Gilbert |
| 9 - Linda Foster | 17 - Greta & Joseph Barneski |
| 9 - Alice Motter | 25 - Bill & Margie Frank |
| 10 - Kimberly DeMarchi | 25 - Karl & Susan Senseman |
| 12 - Ciarra Esquilin | |
| 12 - Pete Freimanis | |
| 20 - Peggy Schumacher | |
| 22 - Allyson Stierle | |
| 22 - Luca Bailey-Visconti | |
| 27 - Ingrid Vandenberg | |
| 28 - Rhonda Kubiak | |
| 29 - Maureen Beckett | |
| 30 - Mia Morvay | |
| 31 - Raymond DuBarry | |



Begin June 5th
MONDAY - FRIDAY
10AM - 4PM

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

(Weather permitting)

BEGINS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT
8:30 AM THROUGH THE SUMMER

DON'T FORGET A CHAIR!

(THE 2ND SERVICE REMAINS INSIDE)