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

# Sunday Schedule: 9:30 AM - "Drive In" Service 10:30 AM - Inside with Social Distancing Please keep your eye out on Social Media platforms for up-to-date information during this time.





### 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.

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



# **February 2021 - Monthly Newsletter**

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

# The Monthly Newsletter Redeemer Lutheran Church www.redeemervineland.org

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PLEASE NOTE. The next mailing of the "Newsletter" will be the March 2021 Issue: The deadline for information to be included in the upcoming newsletter is February 15, 2021.

Please e-mail News & Articles, Birth Announcements, Family Events, Thank You Notes, Etc. 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.

### **Redeemer's Vision Statement**

Come and see, go and tell, the Good News for all!

Just a Reminder! Please FILL OUT your offering envelope with check number and or mark cash and amount giving.

This is a Big Help to our money counters. Thank You.

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



Remember to visit our website: www.redeemervineland.org

"like" us on Facebook RedeemerLutheranVineland

Visit us on YouTube: shorturl.at/alRZ1

Amazon Smile Link smile.amazon.com/ch/21-0684080

Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?

# LivingLutheran January/February 2021

- <u>Journey Through Lent</u> Find suggestions for Faith Practices for the Season. Some suggestions elaborated are: Deep breaths, Centering poems, Light a candle, Pay attention, Sit with a story, Connect, Cook; and most importantly "give yourself grace . . resting in the God who calls us and walks with us through life, death and beyond". Pgs. 8-9.
- An Animated Anniversary, Celebrating 60 years of "Davey and Goliath". Read about the ambitious undertaking envisioned by ULCA President Franklin Clark Fry in 1958 designating \$1 million of the church budget to fund the production of a TV program. That vision was realized in 1961 with the premier of "Davey and Goliath". Do you, your children or grandchildren remember these shows? The final episode of Davey and Goliath was aired as Davey and Goliath's Snowboard Christmas on the Hallmark Channel in 2004. Is it time for a revival? Pgs.12-17.
- Historically Significant Black Lives that Matter, A Lutheran Legacy Become acquainted with significant early Black Lutheran contributions and records: names like Wilhelm Anton Amo, Aree Van Guinea, Jehu Hones, Daniel Alexander Payne and many others. Do you know that the Franckean Synod a Lutheran church body was formed in 1837 by New York pastors who were dissatisfied by the church's position on slavery? Daniel Alexander Payne was offered ordination by the Franckean Synod. Payne relocated to Philadelphia, reaffiliated with his Methodist roots and became a pastor, bishop and the president of Wilberforce (Ohio) University. Pgs.18-19.
- Then continue to read on: <u>"Its' in Our Spirit"</u> about the ELCA's oldest African Descent congregation serving their Baltimore community in unprecedented ways. Pgs. 20-21.

As usual there is so much more including: a Lutheran Pastor's journey that began in prison, running in open space to promote inclusivity, music to "soothe souls numb to gun violence", food, farming, and practices for responding and dealing especially with kids' anxieties.

In Philippians 2:3-4 we are taught to, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." This quotation opens a letter to Vice President Pence, members of Congress, and the Cabinet, January 8, 2021 penned by the National Council of Churches and signed by our Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth A Eaton and other leaders representing approximately 19 church bodies. The letter can be found at *livinglutheran.org* and National Council of Churches' site *nationalcouncilofchurches.us*. Also at *livinglutheran.org* you can check out some of the Lutheran legislators who will serve our country in this new Congress.

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER SUGDEN

"Created for community" is the theme of our midweek Lenten worship. Just like in Advent, a bulletin with readings and prayers is enclosed in this edition of Clippings so that you can worship at home throughout the season of Lent. A video will also be available in the Wednesday Vine email to lead you through each week's service.

Staying at home and watching a video seems far removed from the soup meals and worship services we typically have during Lent. I will miss sampling soups, sharing in conversation, and exploring deep questions of faith in groups during this season when we intentionally focus extra time and energy on following Jesus. I will miss being in our traditional Lenten community with you.

But the pandemic restrictions have not ended our commitment to one another. Each week, through the biblical readings, we will consider the community which endures through every season, and keeps us bound to God and to one another. We are still blessed with rich community: in the beauty of creation, through the faith of our ancestors, in the call to love both neighbors known to us and those living on the margins, and, ultimately, with Jesus Christ.

Yes, we are still bound together in community this Lent, even if it does not look the same as it has in the past. Our smiles might hide behind masks, our listening ears might be invisible over telephone lines, our community might be most visible through cars gathered in a parking lot, but we are still community – uniquely strong pandemic community. We are community that is not only called to support one another, but also insists on keeping everyone safe so we can all gather again.

In Christ, Pastor Heather

#### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS

We are calling on the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church to participate in our "Love Your Neighbors" project. We are seeking monetary donations to aid in the purchase of thermal underwear for homeless men and women to help keep them warm through the winter. The church will be collecting donations during the worship services on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>. Any assistance you can provide is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and generosity - The Thrivent Team



VOLD NAME

# EASTER FLOWERS Tulips & Lilies will decorate our

sanctuary on

# Easter Sunday, April 4

# Order Deadline: Sunday March 7th



 $\sim$  PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE AT CHURCH  $\sim$  OR

~ MAIL TO THE CHURCH BY MARCH 7, 2021

If you are unable to take your flowers home, please consider making a donation in honor/memory of your loved one to the Youth or the 100th Anniversary Funds

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In Loving Memory of	
In Honor of	
Given by	
Number of Lilies @ \$12 per plant _	
<b>Number of Tulips</b> @ \$8 per plant I will take my flowers home	
Youth Fund \$	100th Anniversary Fund \$
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# HAPPY BURTHRA FERUARY

1	Donald Jourdan	19	Ed Morvay
3	Hannah Salvaryn	20	Stephanie Givler
3	Lisa Rishel	20	Michael Headley
6	Chloe Wiese	20	Nancy Manzoni
6	Lisa Criss	22	Aurora Esquilin
7	Greg Kendall	23	Lily Day
8	Larry Gilbert	23	Betsy Harrison
8	Thomas Rodriguez	23	Susan Papiano
9	Lynda Gilbert	26	Wayne Fellows
9	Thomas Ulrich	26	John Ketcham
9	Ginny Workman	27	Bret Bretnall
14	Lilija Balodis	26	Vivian Moss
14	James Salvaryn	28	Lauren Haugen
15	Greg Sugden	28	Kaylee Sironen



14 Al & Alison Keller

29 Joseph & Rebekah Drogo

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

Diana Gartner, Michael Gornowski, Zachary Langley, Carl Marinelli, Peggy Schumacher, John Warren.

All those suffering from COVID-19

# All troops serving our country and the world including:

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

The following donation has been made to Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of:

Joseph Chinnici, by Arnold & Bernadette English

The following donation has been made to Redeemer Lutheran Church in honor of:

Gayle Penven by Susan Conova

#### **Talent**

by: The Stewardship Committee

Ok, here we go again. This is two for T, or for Talent, the second T in Time, Talent and Treasure. So no money today. So what is **Talent**, the dictionary says special ability. What does that bring to mind? Maybe singing, performing, dancing or speaking. In church the idea of the Choir or Deacon comes to mind first. How about Sunday School, helping the youth, decorating the Altar, being a greeter, counting Sunday collection, working on the Clippings or any other actives at church. All of these take some talent.

The Virus does have an effect on what we can do with our **Talents.** What about outside of Church, give it some thought. What **Talents** do I have that I can use there. Well let's see. Are you comfortable being with people? May be you could spend some time visiting with homebound folks to cheer them up. That takes some **Talent.** How about helping folks that need help around the home? Would you be able to help in the yard or in the house? This needs **Talent** that most of us have. But will we use it? What about cooking? Will you help cook meals for the needy or a Nursing Home? What about Code Blue, they can always use help. Remember when a number of the women of the Church were making dresses out of Pillow cases for little girls in Africa, there's **Talent**. There are things that we all can do well but don't think about that as a **Talent**. Give some thought as to what you like to do and think you do well. That's what using your **Talent** is all about.

Next month is the BIG one. Yes it's Treasure. Of course you can hardly wait till then. So just a thought, use God's gifts for the benefit of all. God Bless.



9:30 AM **Drive In Worship** in the back parking lot.

10:30 AM Worship Service in Church.

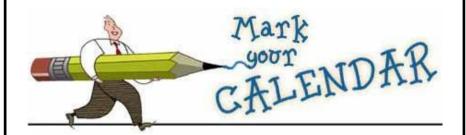
Be sure to follow all social distancing guidelines.

To Watch online:

Online www.RedeemerVineland.org

 ${\bf Facebook\ -\ RedeemerLuther an Church\_Vineland}$ 

YouTube - search Redeemer Lutheran Church



#### Looking ahead:

Ash Wednesday - February 17 Noon - Ashes available

Drive thru in the portico

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary
Reservations and COVID guidelines
strictly adhered to for inside.

Mid-week Lenten services at home.

Video will be in the Vine weekly.

You may follow along with your insert from this newsletter.

Palm Sunday - March 28

9:30 Service in the Courtyard (weather dependent) Please bring a chair. 10:30 Service in the Sanctuary

Easter - April 4

9:30 Service in the Courtyard 10:30 Service in the Sanctuary **Reservations** and COVID guidelines strictly adhered to for inside.

**For reservations**: Call 85-691-4278 ext. 2 or RLCOffice2384@gmail.com



A chilly night watching "Polar Express"





Feeding those less fortunate warm "Pizza Cones"

The new church sign, just in time celebrate Christmas!







Daniel Bradbury recently completed requirements for a PhD in Bio-Engineering. After graduating from Rutgers Engineering in 2014 he spent the last 6 years in pursuit of this effort at UCLA. One area of his research was in the development of a new Point of Service testing method for head

trauma that currently can only be done with a slower lab analysis method. After coming back to Vineland for a couple of months, he will be moving to Hong Kong for 2 years to work at a "spin off" company to develop similar products. Parents Keith and Susan Bradbury and Grandma Ann Bradbury are quite proud of Doctor Dan.



Remember to share your good news with us!

You may send your news to the church office at RLCOffice2384@gmail.com



### Two Ways to Help!

During Lent we will be **collecting quarters (only)** for Rural
Development so residents may
wash clothing. Please bring your
quarters to church on Sundays and
look for the special buckets.

### On Feb. 7 and 14

we will be collecting money to purchase thermal underwear for those less fortunate. Please mark your check/envelope accordingly.