



Every Sunday this Summer  
8:30 AM Worship (Outside)  
10:30 AM Worship (Inside)

Looking ahead:  
May 31 - New Member Sunday

June 14 - Senior Sunday  
Celebrate our High School  
Graduating Seniors:  
Ciarra Esquilin & Haley McCann

HELLO  
SUMMER

July 9 - Summer Concert 7:00 PM  
July 16 - Church Picnic 6:00 PM  
Summer Concert 7:00 PM  
July 23 - Summer Concert 7:00 PM



*A big thank you to many volunteers who helped make this year's Strawberry Bash a success. We raised more than \$1,700 for Mission Teens. Another thank you to the Redeemer members who supported the event.*

# SUMMER CONCERTS '26



## THURSDAY NIGHTS

JULY 9 ★ K&J TRIO ★  
JULY 16 ★ HAWKINS ROAD ★  
★ JULY 23 OPEN MIC FEATURING TRAINWRECK ★

TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN MIC - EMAIL: PARISHRLC@GMAIL.COM

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The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor  
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

One of the recent prayer petitions in Sunday worship was centered on people going through transitions in their lives. While I quickly understood the reference to graduations and new jobs that are associated with this time of year, the prayer challenged me to see beyond those typical spring transitions.

What transitions are going on in your life this June? Are there children or grandchildren who will be at home? Or young people you know venturing out on their first jobs? Do you have a wedding to attend, or a baby shower? Did someone buy a new home in your neighborhood, or bring home a puppy?

Of course, transitions also bring anxiety. We wonder if the new job will work out. We worry if we can afford the move. We fear that some transitions in our lives might take away our independence. And transitions later in life, like downsizing or giving up our car, we might try to avoid at all costs.

When life is changing too quickly for my taste, I remember the lightning rod on top of the house in which I grew up on the farm. I can remember my father explaining that if our house was hit by lightning, the lightning rod's purpose was to direct all that energy into the ground so as to not harm the house.

The image of the lightning rod is often negative, but I like to remember its protective purpose. When big changes happen in life, it can seem as if a massive storm is trying to overpower us. And when that happens, I try to imagine myself grounded in the same fashion as my old house. Storms will come, and they have the power to do great damage; but if we are grounded, the core of who we are will remain unharmed.

I hope the storms of this coming season bring gentle rain as we transition into summer – a season of growth. But I also know with full assurance that no matter what changes come, we will remain grounded in our faith – remembering how we are loved by our Creator, and also relying on the combined strength of our church family.

As we prayed together that Sunday morning, we will continue to pray now: “Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name.” May God bless us all in every season of life.

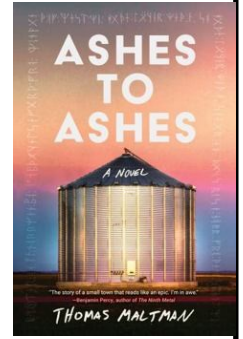


In Christ, Pastor Heather

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### A MARVELOUS MYSTERY

**ASHES TO ASHES** is a novel by award-winning novelist Thomas Maltman the spouse of a Lutheran pastor.



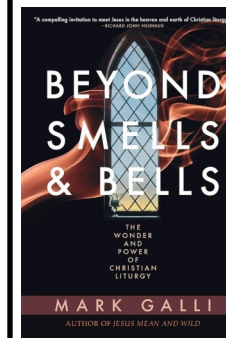
“This novel begins with the premise that members of a small, rural Lutheran congregation are unable to wash off the ashen crosses applied to their foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

Why does God allow suffering? How do we explain the problem of evil? What do we do about fundamentalism, which can lead believers astray?

This may be the most Lutheran novel I have ever written” –  
*Thomas Maltman.*

Read Living Lutheran’s interview with Maltman on pages 54-55  
– spring issue 2026

Redeemer Lutheran Library by Joan Freimanis

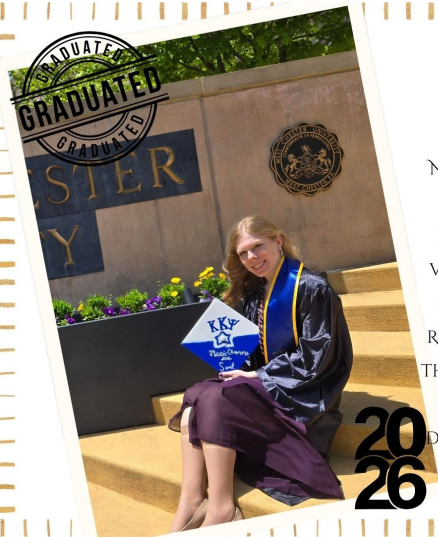


**BEYOND SMELLS & BELLS** by Mark Galli has been added to the Redeemer Library.

What is liturgy? What do the Sunday services performed by liturgical and mainline churches have in common and WHY? “There is a reason that liturgy has continued to be the staple of the bulk of Christendom: it remains a powerful context in which to meet and be transformed by God.”

The liturgy – “Its earliest forms took place in ancient Israel, and its subsequent development occurred in a variety of cultures and sub-cultures. It has not been shaped to meet any particular group’s needs. It seeks to enable people – people in general – to see God.”

You can explore the deep and historical significance of liturgy and its relevance for your life.



## Congratulations Natalie Harrison

NATALIE HARRISON GRADUATED FROM WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY WITH A BACHELOR OF MUSIC IN MUSIC EDUCATION. AT WCU, HER MAJOR INSTRUMENT WAS VOICE AND MINOR INSTRUMENT WAS FRENCH HORN. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE INCOMPARABLE GOLDEN RAMS MARCHING BAND, ALLOWING HER TO MARCH IN THE 2024 ROSE BOWL PARADE. THIS SUMMER, SHE WILL BE OFFERING PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS AND MUSIC DIRECTING AT CUMBERLAND PLAYERS WHILE LOOKING FOR A JOB IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

*Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. Psalm 91:17-18*

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026

High School: Ciarra Esquilin and Haley McCann  
College: Natalie Harrison



Greetings, Redeemer family. I hope you all are having a blessed Easter season! I have completed my field education at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shiremanstown, PA. Pastor Sarah (right) and Pastor Elizabeth (left) were wonderful, kind supervisors. The congregation at St. John's was lovely to get to know and work with for the past two semesters. The accompanying photo was taken on Easter Sunday; I obviously did not get the notice about the sequins. Hahaha. I am grateful for Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Sarah and their continued support, prayers, and encouragement as I continue to discern my call to ministry. This summer, I will be doing my clinical

pastoral education at the hospital here in Gettysburg, where I will learn to navigate the ins and outs of chaplaincy. I also look forward to preaching and supplying for Pastor Heather and Pastor Pam Werner this summer. In other news, the seminary celebrates 200 years this year, so I look forward to the bicentennial events happening this May and September. Grace and peace to you all! I will see you all in June!  
--Georgia Salvaryn



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN AND HELPED MAKE THE  
LADIES' TEA A SUCCESS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for June



- 4 - Ralph Hunter
- 7 - Michelle Gonzalez
- 10 - Bailey Ketcham
- 12 - Emilio Floriani
- 13 - Sandra Hoffman
- 15 - Susan Sampson
- 16 - Jesse Morvay
- 19 - Gavin Martha
- 20 - Keith Bradbury
- 24 - Valerie Caverow
- 26 - Lisa Cook
- 28 - Robert Frank  
Matt Helland
- 29 - Marco Drogo

- 11 - Marilyn & Bud Gressman
- 15 - Carol & Dick Shenton
- 19 - Lauren & Martin Geisser
- 24 - Valerie & Martin Caverow  
Dorine & Barry Rosier
- 26 - Ellie & Bob Federwitz

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Pablo Bermudez, Ann Bradbury, Jim Clay, Carl DeRenzis, Carlo Drogo, Tracy Edwards, Bob & Tim Federwitz, Linda Foster, Daniel Furio, Ernestine Gbolo, Elaine Hering, Scott Levick, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Patricia Nichols, Eileen Niedzielak, George Papiano, Peter Pelosi, Randy Reale, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Craig Terry, Bill & Marjorie Frank, Our Youth

**All our troops serving our country and world including:**

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

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

# MAURICE RIVER *Diner*



## HUGE THANKS!



A BIG thanks to those who came out for our Spring work day recently.

Our property needs busy hands ! We are ready for summer!!

Thanks to : Dawn, Vivian, Dale, Martin, Larry, Sheryl, Gus, Pastor & Lynda.

This summer we will be collecting personal care items and baby clothes for the clients of the Women's Shelter. Watch for more information.