

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



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



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEB. 22
NOON SERVICE
SOUP SUPPER AT 6:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT AT NOON
LENTEN SERVICE FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCHEON

MARCH 12 - FLOWER ORDERS DUE

APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY
EASTER EGG HUNT DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL 6 - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT 7:00 PM

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT 7:00 PM



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

Have you noticed them yet, either in person or on our livestream? We have been blessed throughout the season of Epiphany with beautiful lights and stars to decorate the front of our sanctuary. Thanks to our Sunday School students and teachers for creating this powerful reminder of the light that continues to shine in our world!

It sounds strange, but I did not realize how dreary it was up front until we took down the Christmas trees and wreaths. Suddenly, the space seemed too empty – perhaps even a bit sad as I thought about Christmas being over, and wondered what would bring joy now that all of the bright decorations were put away. The tiny lights and handmade stars of Epiphany remind me that joy is not dependent on the calendar, but on where we look.

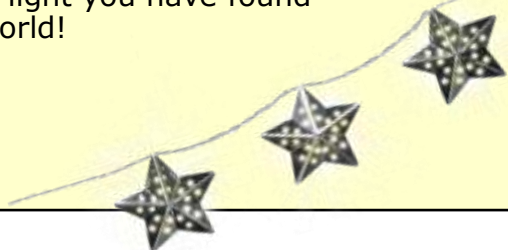
Epiphany is a season of light. We begin with the Wise Men following a star, and throughout the gospels of winter, we hear of Jesus' early days of ministry, and how he shines light into the world through preaching, teaching, healing, and time simply spent with people. The disciples are drawn to follow Jesus, and it does not take long before crowds of people are following wherever he goes.

I realize that the season of Epiphany will soon come to an end, as Ash Wednesday arrives and brings Lenten fasting and discipline. The decorative lights will come down, and I wonder if I will once again feel a bit sad at the loss of the beauty of holiday stars.

But the light of Jesus will not be dimmed, not even during Lent. No, the light Jesus brings will continue through good news, told in Word and song, prayer and praise, sacrament and silence. Our coming together during Lent will be a reminder for each and every one of us that light still shines, as we point to where God shows up in our world and in our lives. Some days the light does not seem as bright as others, but when we look to Jesus, our way once again becomes clear.

Thank you for sharing the light you have found in Christ with the whole world!

In Christ,
Pastor Heather



The Monthly Newsletter **Redeemer Lutheran Church** *www.redeemervineland.org* *Follow & Like us on Social Media* *@RedeemerLutheranVineland* **Church Staff**



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(see inside for updates)

Committee Information

Mutual Ministries: *Chairperson - Ginny Workman (856) 696-0487*

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.

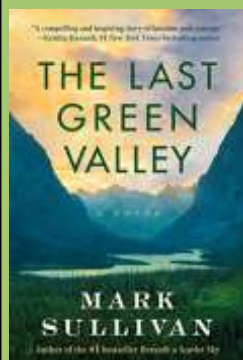
Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?



Christmas Eve Service



Ukrainian Christmas Celebration



BOOK CLUB

The book club is now reading "The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan. A discussion date will be announced soon. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

Youth Events and News

COME SUPPORT SOME OF OUR YOUTH IN
BUENA HIGH SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE OF
THE LITTLE MERMAID

February 23rd, 24th at 7pm

February 25th at 2pm & 7pm

<https://www.showtix4u.com/events/2181>

For more information, see Miss Sarah

KIDS CAMP

SUMMER 2023 THEME: HOLY TRINITY - WHOLLY LOVE
SUMMER WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
CROSS ROADS OFFERS NUMEROUS SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES.
TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: WWW.CROSSROADSRETREAT.COM/SUMMER-CAMP

ELEMENTARY YOUTH RETREAT (GRADES 3-5)
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023
YOUTH RETREATS AT CROSS ROADS COMBINE FUN ACTIVITIES, BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND TIME SPENT OUTSIDE TO CREATE AN AWESOME WEEKEND FOR YOUTH AND THEIR ADULT LEADERS.
TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: WWW.CROSSROADSRETREAT.COM/YOUTH-RETREATS

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (GRADES 6-12)
MARCH 10-12, 2023
GATHER FOR AN AMAZING WEEKEND AT CROSS ROADS. WHETHER A LONG-TIME SUMMER CAMPER OR A FIRST TIME PARTICIPANT, ATTENDEES ARE GUARANTEED TO HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES, WORSHIP, AND LAUGHTER.
TO LEARN MORE, VISIT: WWW.CROSSROADSRETREAT.COM/YOUTH-RETREATS

EASTER FLOWERS
Tulips & Lilies will decorate our sanctuary on
Easter Sunday, April 9TH

Order Deadline:
Sunday March 12th

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR YOUR EASTER FLOWER ORDER
~ INCLUDE PAYMENT ~
~ PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE AT CHURCH ~
OR
~ MAIL TO THE CHURCH BY MARCH 12, 2023

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

YOUR NAME _____

CHURCH ENVELOPE # _____ *(if you know it or have one)*

TELEPHONE # _____

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Number of Lilies @ \$15 per plant _____

Number of Tulips @ \$10 per plant _____

_____ I understand I will take my flowers home (can't be donated)

In lieu of flowers, I would like to donate to:

Youth Fund \$ _____

100th Anniversary Fund \$ _____

Amount Enclosed _____ **CHECK#** _____
(Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church)

**All flowers ordered must be taken home by the giver,
the flowers cannot be donated.**

Annual Meeting Highlights



At this year's Annual Meeting we honored Harry Fisher for his decades of service to our Church Family as Church Council Secretary since the 90's! We thank Harry for his dedication!

We also thank the out-going Church Council Members for their dedication to our Church Family for the past six years: Robert Cook, Harry Fisher, Larry Gilbert (not pictured), Dale Nichols, Susan Papiano, Georgia Salvaryn, Ginny Workman



Welcome our new Church Council members: Brenda Ackley, Lisa Cook, Morris Gbolo, Lisa Taylor
Continuing to serve:
Jerry Amari (president),
Matt Helland, Kathy Clay,
Linda Foster (not pictured),
& Nancy Manzoni

Other Highlights:

Our 2023 Budget passed

The Update Church Constitution passed

(for more information, be sure to pick up a copy of the Annual Meeting Reports or visit online www.redeemervineland.org/annualmtg, password is 2384)

2023

FEBRUARY


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On Sunday, February 12, we will be collecting cans of soup to help the local community "tackle hunger". If you can help, simply bring your cans of soup to church with you and see any of our youth to donate.



Play Ball!

On Friday, May 19th, we will be heading to the Phillies Game (vs. the Cubs).

Tickets are **\$43**. If you would like to join us, a **\$25** deposit is needed (per person) to hold your spot. Please make a check payable to **Redeemer Lutheran Church**, and place in the offering plate with a note that it is for the Phillies game.

Limited transportation will be available if needed for an additional fee. Please call the church office if you would be in need of transportation.

To secure our seats, we need all deposits by **Sunday February 5th**.

Questions? Call Dorine in the Church Office.

We love highlighting all your accomplishments!
If you would like to share something with the Church,
please send that information to the church office
rlcoffice2384@gmail.com

(Joan Freimanis highlights our Living Lutheran Magazine. Copies available in the Church Office)

Living Lutheran Magazine November 2022 Issue

"We hear the word *friction* and think it's a bad thing, some sort of conflict. But friction is only a force that opposes motion. It causes us to move more slowly, which isn't necessarily a problem. Friction is the reason my snow boots grip the slick sidewalk when I walk.

Pausing and reflecting go hand in hand with Epiphany. Epiphany begins with the bright star of wonder . . . and ends with the adult Jesus transfigured and dazzling on a mountaintop.

Epiphany is also a season of piercing light that illuminates things we might not normally notice... God hands us a magnifying glass, or shines a celestial spotlight down on something, and says" 'Take a closer look'. We are challenged.

What is God illuminating in your life right now?" - Lindsay Mack, Living Lutheran, January/February 2023, Pg 8.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Betty Anderson, Linda Burke, Jerry Carter, Margaret Cloak, Richard Donaghy, Bud Freas, Ernestine Gbolo, Michael Gornowski, Linda Haines, Violet Harris, Todd Landes, Alice Motter, Dana Marino-Papiano, Armond Niglio, Peggy Schumacher, Alma Sessa, Carol Shenton, Philip Shenton, John Warren, Ginny Workman, College Students and the people of Ukraine

All troops serving our country and the world including:

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

Donations have been made to the
Memorial Fund at Redeemer Lutheran:
in loving memory of :

Marilyn Mynes Raffo by Dave Raffo

Kevin McCarthy & James Gribble Sr by Judith Gribble

Ron McIntyre by Marilyn & Bud Gressman

Marilyn Jourdan by Marilyn & Bud Gressman

Marilyn Jourdan by Dale Nichols

Joan Curcio by Susan Cherwien & Bret Bretnall

Ruth & Fred Nurge by Susan Nurge & Fred A. Nurge Trust

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

(by Arlene Cherwien)



In August 2016, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our current church building. Tommy Richter, our youth director, was ordained and accepted a call in Alaska. We updated our sound system in the sanctuary. The Sunday slide show in the Narthex was introduced. We sponsored a room at the Women's Shelter and offered cooking classes for our youth.



2017- Once again, our membership assisted in gathering items for families in need. This year Lutheran World Relief and the Cumberland Family Shelter were two of our recipients. We also collected baby items and school supplies for an orphanage in Cusco, Peru. Pastor Gary announced his retirement in 2017. We continued to fill our Giving Tree with gifts for the

children served by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cumberland/Salem Counties. The long-awaited pictorial directory arrived just in time to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's birth. We all watched the new movie, *Martin Luther*. During this year we had a series of supply pastors as we searched for a new leader.

Redeemer Library Book Review*by Doris Allewelt*
THE PASS
THOMAS SAVAGE
The Pass by Thomas Savage

Set in Montana when newly settled in 1910, and the railroad on its way. It changed the remote valley forever by bringing civilization in all its forms. A new rancher struggles against the elements, fate, and all odds to run a successful business.

**FEBRUARY**

- 3 Hannah Salvaryn
- 6 Sarah Layton
Chloe Wiese
- 7 Greg Kendall
- 8 Larry Gilbert
- 9 Lynda Gilbert
Ginny Workman
- 14 James Salvaryn
- 15 Greg Sugden
- 19 Ed Morvay
- 20 Michael Headley
Nancy Manzoni
- 22 Aurora Esquilin
- 23 Betsy Harrison
Susan Papiano
- 26 Vivian Moss Terranova
- 28 Kaylee Sironen
- 29 Kevin Yearsley

MARCH

- 3 Gus Foster
- 5 Susan Bradbury
- 8 Harry Sugden
- 9 David Raffo
- 10 Madeline Helland
- 12 Noah Wiese
- 14 Enzo Drogo
- 18 Michele Loeschke
- 20 Dorine Rosier
- 23 Charles Donaghy
- 23 Cody Geisser
- 24 Al Keller
- 25 Laurie Wiese
- 28 Natalie Harrison
- 28 Chloe Morvay
- 30 Cathy Wisda

**FEBRUARY**

- 14 Al & Alison Keller
- 29 Joseph & Rebekah Drogo

MARCH

- 11 Tammy & Don Williams
- 16 Maggie & Ralph Hunter