

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



Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday
February 14th
Bread & Broth at 6:00 PM
Services at 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Every Wednesday in Lent at Noon
Lenten Service followed by a light luncheon

Flower Orders due March 3, 2024

Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024

Prayer Vigil - March 27th
9:00 AM - Noon

Maundy Thursday Service
March 28
7:00 PM

Good Friday Service
March 29
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

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day share a February 14th date this year. It seems like a cruel joke of the calendar: somber ashes and a call to repentance, mixed with cupids, hearts and candy. Or perhaps the two holidays coming together is a better way to understand both days.

Make no mistake: Ash Wednesday is a somber day, calling us to stop in our tracks, take assessment of our lives, and, by remembering our mortality, also remember God's action in the world. There is nothing quick or easy about a process of changing one's life! And yet Ash Wednesday boldly proclaims that we still can change – that God's mercy is unending – and that the time is now!

Of course, repentance is really about turning to God. And in order to see God, we must look for love. "For God so loved the world" that God sent his son to Earth. Out of love, Jesus healed and cared for the people he met. And in the greatest show of love, Jesus gave his own life so that death might be defeated forever and all creation might have eternal life.

Those ashes on our forehead? They come out of God's love. No, it's still not a great message or image for a Valentine card, but it is the love we have come to know through our faith in Jesus Christ.

This Lent, love will actually be our theme for our Wednesday worship services. I hope you can join us as we seek to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all of our strength (Mark 12:28-30).

Let us love one another boldly – recommitting to the true depth of love this February 14th – as we turn to God once again.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

When Valentine's Day falls on
Ash Wednesday



Lenten Services

"You Shall Love the Lord Your God"

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21

JOIN US AT NOON ON

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20

FOR LENTEN SERVICES

AND A FREE LIGHT LUNCHEON FOLLOWING

There are many ways to
receive church news!

If you are not receiving the weekly newsletter "The Vine", or occasional phone messages and would like to, please contact the church office.

You can also stay up-to-date by following us on social media (Facebook/Instagram) @RedeemerVineland
our website: www.redeemervineland.org
our bulletins, slideshow on Sundays and bulletin boards in the Narthex.

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, John Jones, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, 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:

Kevin McCarthy & James Gribble Sr. by Judith Gribble

BIRTHDAYS

3 Hannah Salvaryn
6 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

ANNIVERSARIES

14 Al & Alison Keller
29 Joseph & Rebekah Drogo

Dear Pastor Heather & Lutheran Church of the Redeemer:
Thank you so much for selecting us as a recipient for your special offering for a local non-profit. Your donation will be of great help to continue to feed our community.
May God continue to bless you and your congregation.

Thank you!
The Board & Staff of Spirit & Truth Ministries
Vineland Soup Kitchen

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

FROM DECEMBER 2023 COUNCIL

(Full notes are available in the Church office)

PASTOR REPORT: A letter was presented to the Council to be sent to the congregation regarding sanctuary updates. A few revisions were made and approved by Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Waves of Hope, a cluster event at Grace Lutheran in Somers Point, will meet Jan. 6. This is a kick off meeting and 5 volunteers along with Pastor will attend.

Contributions to Non-Profits: Discussion how to distribute a gift from Sarah Place to local non profits. The issue was tabled until January.

Ukrainian Christmas Concert: The council approved the Concert to be allowed at Redeemer.

OLD BUSINESS: Positive Change recipients for 2024 were discussed and accepted.

Annual Meeting: Discussion on Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall along with a continental breakfast.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lisa Cook presented the report. It was reviewed and accepted.





Annual Report: Matt Helland reported to Council the recommendations from the Executive Council in regards to raises. The Annual Budget with increases was passed by Council.



2024

FEBRUARY

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 6:30 PM AA Meeting	31	01	02 12:00 PM Sunshine Luncheon at Larry's II	03 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
04 POSITIVE CHANGE SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:14 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Worship	05	06 6:30 PM AA Meeting	07	08	09	10 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
11 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Intergenerational Event 10:30 AM Worship	12	13 5:30 PM FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER 7:00 PM Church Council 6:30 PM AA Meeting 	14 ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINE'S DAY 12:00 PM SERVICE 1:00 PM THRIVENT 6:00 PM BREAD & BROTH 7:00 PM SERVICE 	15	16	17 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
18 POSITIVE CHANGE SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:14 AM Confirmation Class 10:30 AM Worship	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY 12:00 PM BOOK CLUB 	20 6:30 PM AA Meeting	21 12:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE & LUNCHEON 	22	23	24 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
25 YOUTH CAMP SUNDAY 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	26	27 6:30 PM AA Meeting	28 12:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE & LUNCHEON	29	01	02
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*events subject to change



SWEET, SWEET, SUNDAY

As we begin our 100th year we want to say THANK YOU to all the dedicated cookie bakers for using fantastic recipes from around the world. It was a lovely, tasty, display of sweets from our various heritages, to commemorate Redeemer's 100th year anniversary.

At our toast and cookie event on December 31, Dan Cherwien did a great job of discussing our past, current and future as Redeemer moves into a new era. Our history of helping others through Little Acres and Luther Acres was highlighted as was past examples of our outreach in the community. Both Benchmark and I-Rise's use of our building is evidence today of our continued dedication to Christ and the world. These projects together will make our community and the world a better place.

We look forward to continuing the celebration by making faith-filled impacts through other events and Mission 2024. Come join us and celebrate!

EASTER FLOWERS Tulips & Lilies will decorate our sanctuary on

Easter Sunday, MARCH 31ST

**Order Deadline:
Sunday March 3rd**

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 3, 2024

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 _____

Amount Enclosed _____ **CHECK#** _____

(Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church)

All flowers ordered must be taken home by the giver.

The Annual Meeting Report is available online for a limited time and maybe viewed at: <https://bit.ly/4aZIQez> for a physical copy of the report, please call the church office.

Annual Meeting Highlights:
Welcome Dale Nichols & Susan Papiano to Church Council!
The 2024 Budget passed
The Liberian Mission Project was announced
(see inside newsletter for more information)



Christmas Service

Sunday School
Crafts



NEW YEAR'S EVE
Celebration



Annual Meeting



2024 Church Council
(from left to right):
Dale Nichols
Morris Gbolo
Linda Foster
Susan Papiano
Matt Helland
Lisa Cook
Nancy Manzoni
Brenda Ackley
Pastor Heather Sugden
Kathleen Clay
Not pictured: Jerry Amari



Join us for our next
Intergenerational Event

Learn about Liberia

February 11th

9:15 AM

All are welcome to join us
for this special event



**COMING SOON
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CALLING ALL "OLDER ADULTS"!
BE WATCHING FOR MONTHLY
FUN-FILLED ACTIVITIES

The Monthly Newsletter
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Committee Information

Mutual Ministries: Chairperson - Ginny Workman

Nurture Committee: Chairperson -

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 on February 4th will be contributed to the National Youth Trip. This is an ELCA Event that our youth are invited to attend. Positive Change will be used to offset this expense.

*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.



The Book Club
will meet on February 19th at Noon in
the Manor House
All are welcome.
Lunch will be provided.



Liberian Mission Project

These are just a few pictures of the work that needs to be done and that is being done.

For more information see the article in this newsletter.



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!

At our annual meeting it was announced that our 100th Anniversary Mission Project will be to raise funds to help renovate a building in Liberia that will house a School of Agriculture and a School of Nursing. These schools will be part of the University of Liberia and will provide resources for families and the people of Liberia. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 for the purchase of building supplies.

We welcome any size gift for this special need. Watch on our bulletin board and in the Clippings on how this project progresses. We already have \$2,000 pledged to kick-off the campaign. It is hoped that we can reach our goal before spring. Below is a sample of how any size gift will be used.

\$350 brick
\$250 a double door
\$100 some lumber
\$80 a load of sand
\$45 a large can of paint
\$25 a lock
\$20 a carton nails
\$15 a carton of floor tiles or a sheet of plywood
\$10 a bag of cement

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR ENVELOPE OR CHECK MEMO "LIBERIAN MISSION PROJECT"