

Thank You's

Dear Pastor Heather and Redeemer,
Thank you for the scholarship from the church. I very much appreciate it, as it's a great start to my nest egg. I plan on saving it or using it for school in the future. Thank you so much for remembering me in this exciting time in my life.

Sincerely,

Noah Wiese

(*Noah received awards for academic excellence throughout his high school years at Hammonton High School.)

Aurora Esquilin writes: "Thanks to everyone who has helped me get here! I can't wait for what the future has in store!"

(*During her time at Buena Regional High School, Aurora was active in cheer, FFA, and earned a 4.4 GPA. In the fall, she will be attending San Diego State University to major in Criminal Justice.)

August 2025 -Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ
856-691-4278
The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY
SERVICES**
8:30 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Worship



Remember to share your good news with us!

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

If you have made any changes to your personal information (address, phone number, email or family changes), please let the office know so that we can update our files. Please send into the Church Office at RLCOffice2384@gmail.com or call 856-691-4278 ext. 102

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

"That's not the way *I* remember it!"

A few weeks ago I was sitting in my nephew's home in North Dakota with a large gathering of family. We were telling old family stories, which usually involve some level of humor—often at another person's expense.

There were farm stories, bad driving stories, even stories of wardrobe mistakes (it was the 80s, after all). I don't think there were any stories that were new to me, but some of them were definitely told in new ways, leading some people to object: "That's not the way *I* remember it!"

Have you ever said those words? Maybe the narrator took some liberties in making the story more exciting, or they really did have a different perspective on the action when it happened. Often, though, we remember stories the way they affect us—whether they are comforting, challenging, or simply confusing.

This summer's worship has included many stories that are familiar to our faith. We have heard The Good Samaritan, the tension between sisters Mary and Martha, and will hear many more old stories we probably learned back in Sunday School.

But despite how familiar the old stories are, I would guess there will be times when we say, "That's not the way *I* remember it!" Maybe we have forgotten some detail from the Bible, or we hear it differently because of where our life experiences have taken us.

Rather than assume we know everything about the story, I pray we might be challenged to hear something new in these ancient texts. Who are the people we are called to help? Can I see a stranger as a neighbor? Do the words of Jesus challenge me in my relationship with God and with other people?

This summer, we have the opportunity to hear God's Word all over again. May we open our ears so that God might open our hearts.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long-term needs of:
Marilyn Gressman, Bill Frank, Betty Anderson, Bob & Tim Federwitz, Ernestine Gbolo, Jessica Morrow, Katie Lomberg and baby Claire, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Barry Rosier, Elaine Hering, Daniel Furio, Tracy Edwards, Patricia Nichols, the Perez Family, Carl DeRenzis, Craig Terry, Dick & Carol Shenton, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

*Please pray for the Cherwien family upon the passing of Dan.

All troops serving our country and the world including:
Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani, Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

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Committee Information

Nurture Committee: Chairperson - vacant
Gather Committee: Chairpersons - Nancy Manzoni & Alison Keller
Care Committee: Chairperson - Linda Foster & Lynda Gilbert

August Birthdays

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| 1 - Bill Loeschke | 19 - Barbara McDevitt |
| 2 - Tammy Williams | 20 - Morris Gbolo |
| 3 - Anthony Hermanson | 21 - Dawn Amari |
| 4 - Eleanor Federwitz | Ann Bradbury |
| 5 - Ellen DeFeo | Martin Caverow |
| 8 - Jim Rizzo | 24 - Diane Salvaryn |
| Georgia Salvaryn | 27 - Dana Marino |
| 9 - Bill Niglio | 29 - Sheryl Kenyon |
| 11 - Teri Drogo | 31 - Jim Clay, Jr |
| 12 - Thomas Allewelt | |
| 17 - Ernestine Gbolo | |
| 18 - Joan Freimanis | |



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Nancy & John Manzoni
 7 - Margaret & Rich Butterworth
 9 - Betsy & Brian Harrison
 Eileen & Terry Love
 20 - Dana & Anthony Marino

CHURCH CALENDAR

REOCCURRING:

*events subject to change

Sundays:

8:30 am Worship (outside, *weather permitting*)

10:30 am Worship

Saturdays:

10:00 am AA Meeting (women's group)

LIVING LUTHERAN REVIEW- By Joan Freimanis

Keep Looking – Growing together

Despite the latest news and our world providing no shortage of reasons to despair, our work as caregivers continues.

“Let’s take a moment to look at the life and the world before us. The life that’s full of both heartache and joy. The world that needs the reminder that God’s peace can meet us wherever we are and however we are feeling.”

For practices you can do by yourself and with your family, read

Keep Looking Growing Together – July 2025 at livinglutheran.org.

Reformation of Marriage – Katie and Martin Luther’s 500th Wedding Anniversary

To learn more about healthy, loving, long-term relationships, turn to *page 44* in your *Living Lutheran magazine, Summer 2025 issue*.

A Welcoming Accessible Church

Read about promoting awareness of *neurodivergence* and the importance of inclusion. *pg. 26, Living Lutheran magazine Summer 2025 issue*.

Revisiting “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust”

Read the editorial changes made to the Social Statement drafted following public comments. *pg. 17 Living Lutheran magazine, Summer 2025*.

+As usual there are many features in your Living Lutheran magazine – articles, ELCA advocacy, letters to the editors, the Hymn of the Month, media, crosswords, birthdays and deaths, and the message from the ELCA presiding bishop Elizabeth Eaton.



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS

JERRY JAM

MUSIC FESTIVAL 2025

2384 E. LANDIS AVENUE VINELAND

4 HOURS OF LIVE MUSIC

FOOD TRUCK & DELICIOUS EATS

NON-PROFITS SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE

ADMISSION IS FREE – BRING A CHAIR AND SOME FRIENDS!

PERFORMANCES BY:

BO RAINS AND FRIENDS

ANDY DIMACALE BAND

JOE GRASSO BAND

13 SEPT 2025

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

JERRY JAM



MUSIC FEST

25

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.REDEEMERVINELAND.ORG

856-691-4278



THANK YOU!

Your generosity includes recent large gifts to:

- *the residents at Spring Oak Assisted Living (Vineland)
- *Cole the Deaf Dog
- *helping flood victims in Texas

Grief Support Group

Beginning Wednesday,
August 6
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Meeting in the Manor House living room

Please contact the church office
for more information:
856-691-4278

**Redeemer is
collecting
items for the
homeless and
those in need.**



Travel size sunscreen & toothpaste
Men's boxers (MED) & V-neck t-shirts
(LG & XLG)
Men's heavy black socks
chapstick
hand warmers
small bug spray
LG & XLG plastic ponchos
Men's & women's deodorant

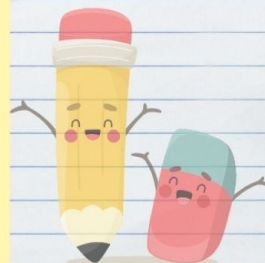
Items can be dropped off at the church.

Help us help others!

HELP US FILL SCHOOL BAGS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

*We will be collecting supplies
through the summer and
putting the bags together on
RALLY DAY..*

We are looking for pens,
#2 pencils, erasers, rulers,
notebooks, and more. Cash
donations for the purchase
of special drawstring bags
will be accepted, too! A full
list of needed items is
available in the narthex or
the office.

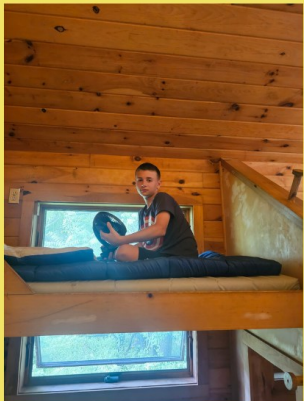




Thank you to our volunteers who keep our property looking great, even in the summer heat!



**Greetings from camp!
Sam and Angela
spent a faith-filled
week at Camp
Crossroads this
summer.**



Roof work has begun! The garage roof has been replaced, and work is beginning on the sanctuary roof. Please use caution when entering the property and watch out for workers.

