

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



March 2021 -Monthly Newsletter

Redeemer Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ
856-691-4278
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!"



MARCH 28TH
9:30 Service in the Courtyard
(weather dependent)
Please bring a chair.
10:30 Service in the Sanctuary
Reservations and COVID guidelines
strictly adhered to for inside.
Call 856-691-4278

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.

APRIL 4, 2021



The Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Chairperson: Ginny Workman (856) 696-0487

PLEASE NOTE. The next mailing of the "Newsletter" will be the

April 2021 Issue: The deadline for information to be included in the upcoming newsletter is **March 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?

WHAT IS THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE?



The Communications Committee is tasked with stimulating and leading the congregation in its outreach to the community and its spiritual life using advertising, public relations and through various social media (Facebook, Website, The Vine, email, etc.). Volunteering for this committee would range from writing a press release to adding a blurb on our Facebook page suggesting/overseeing an outreach project.

The year 2020 provided some challenges to the Communications Committee. Fourteen calls on the phone tree kept our membership informed. In addition, Clippings, an updated Website, Facebook and the Vine also connected with our members. In December the new electronic sign was installed in front of the church. Several press releases/photos were sent to area papers.

Members of the team form the production crew for Sunday Worship and see that it is live streamed on Facebook for those members who choose not to attend either parking lot service or the Narthex service.

The team will be available to the 100th Anniversary Committee as they move ahead once the pandemic has lessened.

Members of the team are: Jerry Amari, Arlene Cherwien, Lisa Cook, Harry Fisher, Larry Gilbert, Mike Headley, Georgia Salvaryn and Pastor Heather. A special thank you to Dorine for her assistance with the social media.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....



Pastor Henry Voigt

In 1924 students from the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary led worship at the Moose Hall on Landis Avenue and then later in the Woman's Club on North 7th Street in Vineland. The original 40 members in attendance grew to the 56 members who became our Charter Members. Reverend Henry Voigt became our Pastor on June 5, 1925. Our first Baptism, Richard Werchan, was November, 1925.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER SUGDEN

March 15, 2020. I remember that Sunday. It was the last time we gathered in "full force" in the sanctuary for worship. It was before we wore masks, with all of us singing. I remember I was hesitant to "pass the peace" in the usual manner. I also remember being certain that we would return to "the usual manner" of doing things in a week or two.

March 2021. Obviously the past 12 months have been unprecedented; hopefully they will be confined to remembrances soon. I am also hopeful of the lessons we have learned as church in the past year. Here is what I hope to remember about Redeemer from this unusual year:

1. We are resilient. We showed up in heat and cold, rain and wind. We had people ask what they could do to help, and people who just started "doing." People wore masks and learned all the buttons and dials on their car radios. People took to new technologies they had never used before, such as Zoom and Facebook and YouTube. The complaints at discomfort were far outweighed by the shouts of gratitude. THANK YOU!
2. We are generous. People have continued to support the church with their gifts – not just monetarily, but with genuine care and concern for both members of the congregation and the community at large. We saw a huge outpouring of support for everything from the food pantry to money for thermal underwear for the homeless. Church members offered to shop and deliver groceries, and simply to listen in order to drive away some of the loneliness. THANK YOU!
3. God is faithful. We have not always understood the how's, what's, and certainly not the why's of the past year, but God has always walked this journey with us. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

As we enter into a new March, our destination remains the same as last year's: the cross of Christ, and the hope that only comes on Easter morning. Thank you for being part of Redeemer's journey during this Lent to remember.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

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Dorothy Dwight, Diana Gartner, Michael Gornowski, Don Jourdan, Zachary Langley, Carl Marinelli, William McCann, Pat McMahon, Henry Papiano, Oz and Peggy Schumacher, Derik Stiegler, Joseph Staub (baby), 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

++Keep in prayer the family of Helen Matlack upon her passing on January 20, 2021.

++Keep in prayer the family of Harry Nylund upon his passing on February 10, 2021.

The following donation has been made to Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of Harry Nylund by Elaine Askins

The following donation has been made to Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of Helen Matlack by Jean Holshue

LivingLutheran A Lenten Pilgrimage

Some recommendations for your journey:

Books

- *Touching Peace: Practicing the Art of Mindful Living* by Thich Nhat Hanh (2005)
- *Peace of Heart in All Things: Meditations for every day of the year* by Brother Roger of Taize

Music

- *On the Nature of Daylight* by Max Richter
- *Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror in Mirror)* by Arvo Pärt
- *Johann Sebastian Bach's six suites for unaccompanied cello*

More recommendations can be found in your October 2020 issue of *Living Lutheran*.

"The inner journey of a pilgrimage affords us the opportunity to learn more about who – and whose – we are."



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| 3 - Gus Foster | 18 - Linda Hoffman |
| 5 - Susan Bradbury | 18 - Michele Loeschke |
| 8 - Harry Sugden | 20 - Dorine Rosier |
| 9 - David Raffo | 21 - Kathleen Chinnici |
| 10 - Madeline Helland | 23 - Charles Donaghy |
| 11 - TJ Ulrich | 23 - Cody Geisser |
| 12 - Noah Wiese | 24 - Al Keller |
| 13 - Luca Andreoli | 25 - Laurie Wiese |
| 14 - Enzo Drogo | 28 - Natalie Harrison |
| | 28 - Chloe Morvay |
| | 30 - Cathy Wisda |



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| 11 - Tammy & Don Williams |
| 21 - Joan & Charlie Curcio |

New Council members:

Welcome to our new
Council President:
Jerry Amari

Welcome new council members:
Linda Foster and Nancy Manzoni

Thank you to:
Matt Helland and Donna Matlack
for their service on the Council.



A Note From The Stewardship Committee

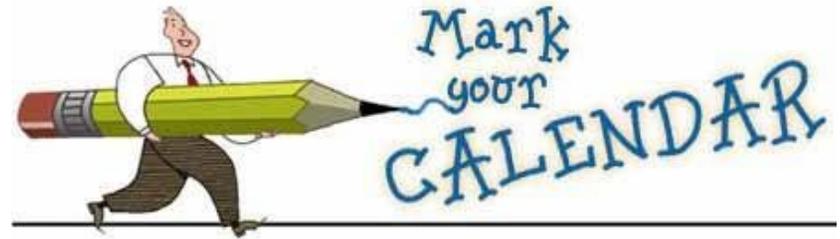
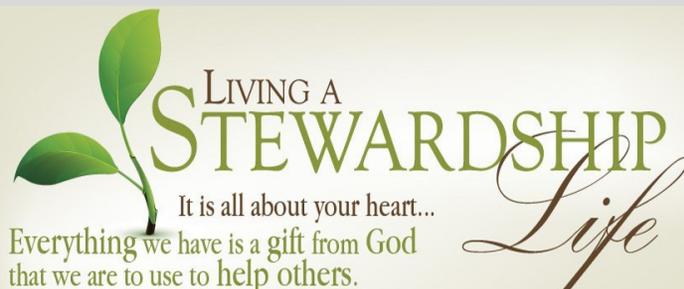
Treasure

The Third **T**

Ok here we go. This is the third and last **T** in the series. It's the one you expect from a Stewardship committee and we do not want to disappoint you. So where do we start?

What about when you give to the church? Do you feel like you are giving some of your God given **treasure** or is it something you feel you should do? There is the concern that the offering will become just another bill. Let's see, I have to pay the electric bill, the mortgage, the church, and the phone bill. We suspect that many donate to the church on a once a month basis or by mail. There's nothing wrong with that as long as we remember that we are giving to the church for the work of God. Some may remember a time when you put your donation in the collection plate every week. It was great to see a full collection plate every Sunday. Let's remember that all we have is given to us as a gift from God.

There are many requests for money every day. Look in the newspaper or on TV and you will see there are a number of requests for money. This is something that each of us must decide. Do I want to give to a local charity or a national one? Will my donation do more good here at home rather than giving to a national group? These are certainly things for us to consider. There are many charities in both areas that we need to consider. The idea is however that we should share our gifts from God with others, the church and other charities. It seems that today people are willing to buy a fancy smart phone, a super computer or a beautiful new car. We sometimes buy what we want and not what we need. We must remember that what we have are gifts from God and we should return some of them to God and some to help others in need of help.



Looking ahead:

Palm Sunday - March 28

9:30 Service in the Courtyard
(weather dependent)

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10:30 Service in the Sanctuary

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Easter - April 4

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(weather dependent)

10:30 Service in the Sanctuary

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For reservations: Call 856-691-4278 or
RLCOffice2384@gmail.com



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

Facebook - RedeemerLutheranChurch_Vineland

YouTube - search Redeemer Lutheran Church



Thank you to everyone who came out for our unique Annual Meeting. Special thanks to those who helped with the technical side and to the "roving parking lot reporter"! Everyone's willingness to be flexible with the uncertain times helps the Church continue to be the Church!

Annual Meeting 2021



EASTER FLOWERS
Tulips & Lilies will decorate
our sanctuary on

Easter Sunday, April 4

Order Deadline:
Sunday March 7th

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 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

YOUR NAME _____

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

TELEPHONE # _____

In Loving Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Number of Lilies @ \$12 per plant _____

Number of Tulips @ \$8 per plant _____

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

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.
Due to COVID guidelines, the flowers cannot be donated.