

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

Connecting People to Christ, Growing in His Love, Serving Him.
"Come and See, Go and Tell, the Good News for All!"

THIS IS A CONDENSED CLIPPINGS - BE SURE YOU ARE WATCHING YOUR
EMAILS AND FACEBOOK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.



See inside for
complete details on
Christmas Eve
Services.

CHRISTMAS EVE



*Merry
Christmas*



Sunday Schedule:

Services will be announced weekly on
Facebook and in emails.

Please keep your eye out on Social Media
platforms for up-to-date
information during this time.

DECEMBER 2020 -Monthly Newsletter

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

***The Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
www.redeemervineland.org***

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PLEASE NOTE. The next mailing of the "Newsletter" will be the
January 2021 Issue: The deadline for information to be
included in the upcoming newsletter is **December 15, 2020.**
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?



A delivery of much needed supplies was taken to the Funny Farm Animal Shelter in Richland on Sunday November 8th. Thanks to Thrivent.

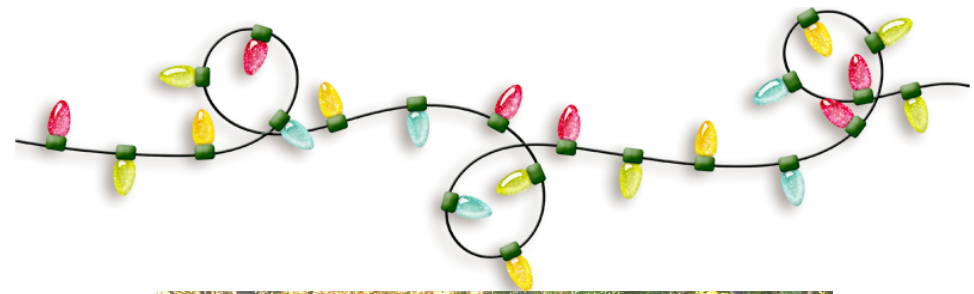


Pictured are Shana Falana, Dawn Amari, Jerry Amari and Mike Amari

Through Wayne and Mindy Grant's Thrivent Community, Redeemer Lutheran Church has been given \$400.00 to purchase food. Wayne and Mindy learned of Redeemer's projects and the need for food donations to make food baskets or supply food to the food pantries. Through the joint efforts of the Redeemer volunteers and Thrivent, we are making a difference for many folks this Holiday season.



Socially Distant Choir Performs



Senior Brass Quartet



Yard Clean Up



Confirmation



Congratulations to our newly confirmed,
Lexilee Esquilin and Angelina Oliva!
Please remember them in your prayers.



- 1 - Lillia McKenzie
- 4 - Marjorie Frank
- 7 - Scott Foster
Donna Matlack
Mollie Sugden
- 8 - Bobby Stenger
Harry Nylund
- 10 - Jean Holshue
Martha Kouhoupt
- 11 - Elaine Hering
Kathryn Shollenberger
- 12 - Margaret Stierle
- 13 - Ursula Barbeck
- 16 - Rita Jean Hoffman
- 20 - Pastor Heather
- 21 - Jody Steinbronn
- 22 - Lauren Geisser
- 27 - Doris Allewelt
- 28 - Alison Keller
- 30 - Ken Schad



- 1 - Louis & Wendy Koering
Harry & Brenda Ackley
- 5 - Paul & Betty Anderson
- 12 - Joseph & Rhonda Kubiak
- 21 - James Rizzo & Carl Marinelli
- 31 - Dale & Michelle Dixon



The Church office will be
closing at Noon
December 24th and
December 31st
to celebrate the holidays
with our families.
Merry Christmas.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

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Tonya Addy, Barbara Balodis, Frank Conrad, Jennifer Czarnecki, Richard Donaghy, Kenneth Frank Sr., Michael Gornowski, Violet Harris, Ryan Hickman, Doug Kendall, Carl Marinelli, Mike Praztner, Mary Ann Wolfe-Randazzo, Frank Rumick, Dale Saul, Louisa Schumacher, Peggy Schumacher, Philip Shenton, John Warren, and Daria Watford.

All those suffering from COVID-19

++Keep in prayer the families of Joseph Chinnici (11/3/20), Geri Strang (11/4/20), Jack Rawlins (11/11/20) and Kenneth Frank Sr. (11/13/20) upon their passing.

All troops serving our country and the world including:

Meredith Conley, Michael Gonzalez and Kevin Sykes

The following donations have been made to Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of:

Joseph Chinnici - by Harry & Ericka Kruysman, Liliya Balodis, Doris Allewelt, Kenneth & Julie Dondero and the Highland Anglers.

Geri Strang - by Jean Holshue & Ron McIntyre, Doris Allewelt and Marshall & Marilyn Gressman.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER SUGDEN

It's ok to stay home on Christmas Eve this year.

Maybe you know someone who needs to hear that sentence. Maybe you don't want to hear that sentence from the pastor. Maybe, like me, it makes you sad to hear those words and the truth it reveals about the end of a difficult year.

As pastors, we are trained to encourage people to come together. We believe that many voices make for richer song and deeper prayers. We believe that hands and hearts gathered in one place strengthen the faith of all. We believe that from the light of many candles, the world becomes brighter.

In other words, it goes against everything in me to not encourage you to come to worship on Christmas Eve and pack the sanctuary. But this year, in a year unlike any other, I want you to hear from me that staying home to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ will still be a holy celebration. By being safe, we will all ensure that our voices remain strong; our hands and hearts ready to come back; our candles will continue to burn.

Jesus was not born in a palace, or in a big city bustling with wealth and power. No, he entered our world in a humble stable, surrounded by his little family and the animals gathered around. Angels appeared to shepherds right where they were - in the fields where they watched the sheep - to announce the "good news of great joy!" A sea of stars adorned the sky, with one shining brightest above the little hill town of Bethlehem.

Perhaps this year the simplicity of Jesus' birth will speak to us in a new way. Wherever you celebrate Christmas this year, it will be beautiful. There will be light from candles and stars, but the brightest light will be revealed when we re-hear and re-tell the story of this holy night.

To help you celebrate the traditions and stories of Advent at home and prepare your own heart for Christmas, a devotional guide is included in this newsletter. Each week there are prayers, a Bible reading, and questions to help us all contemplate what it means to welcome Jesus' arrival on Earth. Our worship services, including Christmas Eve, will continue to be available online.

Blessings to you during this Advent season, and a most blessed Christmas to you and yours!

In Christ,
Pastor Heather






Join us for Movie Night!

Outside in the Courtyard
December 12th at
5:00 PM
Bring a blanket
to keep warm.

As we "climb aboard"
The Polar Express!

A Giving Tree Reminder

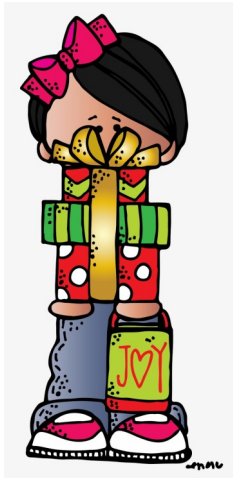
Christmas is coming and the Thrivent Community is once again sponsoring the Giving Tree for the children affiliated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cumberland/Salem Counties.

 This year we will be doing something different. To continue our Christmas giving and to reduce contact we are asking Redeemer members to provide \$20 gift cards from any of the following stores:

Kohl's, Target, Walmart
or Burlington Coat Factory.

Deadline for cards to be sent to the office or placed in the collection plate is Thursday, December 10th.

During these stressful times, let us continue to make Christmas special for these children.



9:30 AM **Drive In Worship**
in the back parking lot.

Watch for emails and/or Facebook announcements for changes due to weather.

10:30 AM **Worship Service in Church.**

Be sure to follow all social distancing guidelines.
Masks must be worn and there will be no socializing after service.

To Watch online:

Online www.RedeemerVineland.org
(there are buttons for both Facebook and YouTube)
Facebook - RedeemerLutheranChurch_Vineland
YouTube - search Redeemer Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Services

December 24th

Please read for all details concerning our socially distant Christmas Eve Services.

3:30 PM (outside)

Bring a chair and mask to join us in the courtyard.

7:00 PM (inside)

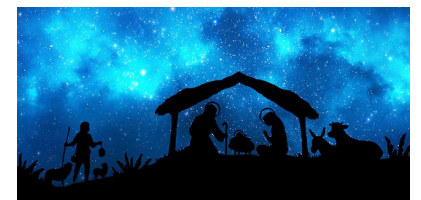
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS SERVICE

Space is limited

Reservations are needed by December 21st

Please call 856-691-4278 extension 2 (Dorine) - first come.

PLEASE NOTE - ALL SERVICES
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE
TO COVID GUIDELINES.



Watch, Wait, Wonder, and Worship Celebrating Advent at Home

Advent 1 - Watch

Light the first Advent candle.

It is now time for you to wake from sleep;
the night is far spent; the light draws near.

Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
As darkness falls, may we watch for your light.
Keep us awake and alert to your coming
and strengthen us to the end,
that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mark 13:33-37:

Reflection:

What word, image, or phrase stands out for you in
this reading?
What will you watch and pray about this Advent?
What will help you stay awake?

Prayer

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep
we may rest in peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Even as we wait, watch,
and wonder,
God is with us.



Advent 2 - Wait

Light two Advent candles.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness says:
"Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths
straight."

Let us pray

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for
the coming of your Son. Give us courage and faith
to proclaim, in word and deed, the good news of
your coming, even as we wait in patience
for that day when Christ will come again. Amen.

Read 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Reflection: What word, image, or phrase stands
out for you in this reading?
What in your life requires patience? What are you
waiting for?
How might you prepare the way of Christ's coming?

Prayer

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep
we may rest in peace.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Even as we wait, watch,
and wonder,
God is with us.



Advent 3 - Wonder

Light three Advent candles.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances.

Let us pray

Stir up our hearts in wonder, O God.
May we wear a mantle of praise as we delight in your
gift of salvation, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.

Read Isaiah 61:1-3; 10-11

Reflection: What word, image, or phrase stands out
for you in this reading?
Where will you look for God's glory?
Where do you engage in wonder at God's creation?

Prayer

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we
may rest in peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Even as we wait, watch,
and wonder,
God is with us.



Advent 4 - Worship

Light four Advent candles.

To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ,
be glory forever and ever.

Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
May we, with Mary, sing your praises and magnify
your name. As we worship, renew our vision that we
may do your will.
In your name we pray, amen.

Read Luke 1:26-55

Reflection: What word, image, or phrase stands out
for you in this reading?
Where might you, like Mary, be called to leave fear
behind?
How does worship of God give you clarity of vision?
Where has God lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry,
and helped with mercy?

Prayer

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
That awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we
may rest in peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Even as we wait, watch,
and wonder,
God is with us.

