

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!"

MAY 2021 -Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ
856-691-4278
The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor



**PENTECOST
SUNDAY IS
MAY 23**

Sunday Schedule:
9:30 AM - "Drive In" Service
10:30 AM - Inside with Social Distancing
For up-to-date information, please check our
social media.



Beginning May 2nd
9:00 AM **Outside Worship**

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

Be sure to follow all social distancing guidelines.

To Watch online:

Facebook - RedeemerLutheranChurch_Vineland

YouTube - search Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Monthly Newsletter
Redeemer Lutheran Church
www.redeemervineland.org

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PLEASE NOTE. The next mailing of the "Newsletter" will be the **June 2021 Issue:** The deadline for information to be included in the upcoming newsletter is **May 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?



The tithe is the lifeblood that keeps the church moving forward. It allows churches and ministries to be able to fulfill the mission, vision, and the call God has placed on the Church.

During these uncertain times, your tithe is needed the most to be able to help those in the community who have suddenly become jobless, to help the elderly with their needs and to "keep the lights on" when this time of crisis has ended. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope - we ask you to not forget the Church during this time. **If giving in more than one envelope, please include a check/cash in each of those envelopes to make it easier for our counters at this time.**

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.



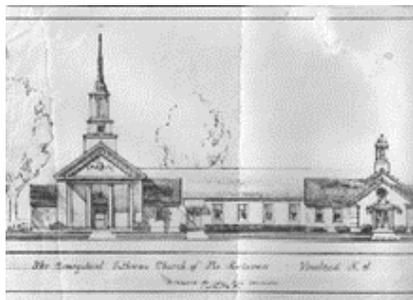
DISPOSE OF YOUR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SAFELY!

The Vineland Police Department and the Vineland Municipal Alliance, are offering a

program to reduce the prescription drugs in homes that are either no longer needed or have expired.

On May 2nd, from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, the Vineland Community Policing will accept your expired or unwanted drugs before and after services.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...



In 1952, an architect was contracted to design a new church school by the church building. It was dedicated in 1953. A new parsonage for the Voigts at 921 New Pear Street was the result of a bequest.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

In the April edition of the *Living Lutheran* magazine, Pastor Felix Malpica makes an important distinction between resuscitation and resurrection. Resuscitation (think of CPR) brings back to life what is dead in order to restore what was "normal." Resurrection, on the other hand, works through death to transform all of creation into new life. Resurrected life resembles God's kingdom rather than looking like the old life we knew before.

We see the work of resurrection not just in the gospel of Easter morning, but in our scripture readings throughout the Easter season. The risen Jesus appears to the disciples and helps them understand what has happened to him and, through him, to the entire universe! In our gospel readings following Easter, Jesus offers his disciples gifts of peace, opens the scripture to them, and allows them to touch and see the wounds of his suffering in order to believe.

It seems that everyone who encounters resurrection is changed! By conquering death, all life is transformed, and the post-Easter disciples cannot help but live in new ways that change the people around them, too.

Even the church is being resurrected – still today! When we want to resuscitate what used to be; when we long for the old "normal"; when our hopes for the church are small – that is precisely when resurrection surprises us! Yes – God is accomplishing resurrection now in our midst, transforming our institution into a living body of Christ that brings healing and hope to our community in ways we might not even be able to imagine for ourselves.

As scary and earth-shaking as this past year has been, we are also now witnesses to resurrection. We are worshipping in new ways once thought impossible. We are gathering resources and feeding people with energy we did not know we had. We have people stepping up to help strangers and responding to needs in the community we had not even noticed before.

We are being resurrected as Easter people! The risen Jesus is in our midst, and continues to offer peace, open scripture to us, and invite us to touch and see his presence. We are believing in new ways because we are alive in new ways – all because of the joy of Easter morning. Thank you for your Easter witness to the world.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

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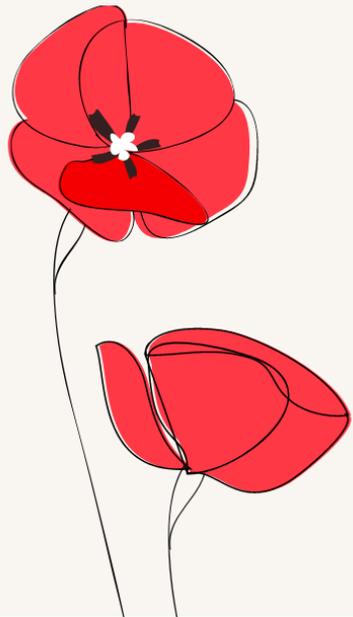
Barbara Balodis, Terry Delworth, Tracy Edwards, John Priedt, Tara Raymond, Peggy Schumacher, Alma Sessa, Philip Shenton, Mary Toczykowski, and John Warren
All those suffering from COVID-19

++Please pray for Jim Rizzo upon the passing of Carl Marinelli on April 13, 2021

All troops serving our country and the world including:

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

The following donations have been made to the Memorial Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of Gloria Niglio (her anniversary of 13 years) by: Her daughter Florence Bizzari and husband Bill Niglio



Vineland Community Memorial Service

A time to remember all those we are grieving from the past year.

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD
4:00 PM
GIAMPIETRO PARK, VINELAND

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO BE READ DURING THE SERVICE PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AT <https://bit.ly/3v47SUb> (case sensitive)

- 1 - Danielle Burns
- 4 - Betty Anderson
- 5 - Martin Geisser
- 6 - Thomas Burns
- 7 - Eileen Love
- 8 - Daniel Bradbury
Rachel Gonzalez
Rachel Hoffman
- 9 - Linda Foster
Alice Motter



- 10 - Kimberly DeMarchi
- 12 - Ciarra Esquilin
Joanne Ferrucci
Pete Freimanis
- 15 - Annette Little
- 20 - Peggy Schumacher
- 22 - Allyson Stierle
- 27 - Ingrid Vandenberg
- 28 - Rhonda Kubiak
- 29 - Maureen Beckett
Julius Weissman
- 30 - Mia Morvay
- 31 - Raymond DuBarry



- 5 - Oz & Peggy Schumacher
- 7 - Jim & Diane Salvaryn
- 8 - Jerry & Dawn Amari
- 9 - Doug & Laurie Wiese
- 12 - Harry & Zola Fisher
Larry & Lynda Gilbert
- 16 - Tom & Diana Ulrich
- 24 - Paul & Doris Perino
Fred & Mary Peterson
- 25 - Bill & Margie Frank



Dear Pastor and Congregation,
Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during my cancer battle. I still have a little bit more to go to be finished with treatment, but I am feeling better. Thank you again, stay safe and well. May God Bless all of you.

- Barbara Balodis
(Daughter-in-law of Liliya Balodis)

WHO'S IN MY PEW:

A new feature article by Georgia Salvaryn where our church members will be highlighted so you can get to know our church family better.



Meet our new President of Church Council!

Jerry Amari and his wife, Dawn, joined Redeemer in 2004. They were drawn to join the church because they both liked the style and the singing in the Worship Service, with Dawn joining the choir soon after they became members. Jerry says, "Coming to Church on a regular basis gives me a sense of community. I've been Christian all my life, and enjoy being with people that are willing to worship, have fellowship and reach out to help with various projects around our city and neighboring towns." He says his faith helps him to be a better person and appreciate the graces and blessings that he's received in his life.

Outside of church, Jerry is passionate about music, gardening, and the beach. He loves all kinds of music (jazz, folk, rock, country, classical) and says he wishes he could play guitar. And when he goes to the beach, he loves the sound of the waves, his toes in the sand, and "that big skyline".



Movie Night in the Courtyard

May 22nd

8:00 PM

"Singin' in the Rain"

All are welcome, please bring a chair

Geraniums for Pentecost - Sunday, May 23rd!

The color for Pentecost is Red, and we will have beautiful red geraniums around the church on that day. If you would like to donate a plant, please fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **May 9th**

The geraniums will be planted around the church property!

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GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY
\$6.00 each

NAME _____ Church Env # _____

PHONE # _____

Given In Loving Memory of: _____

Given In Honor of: _____

By: _____

of plants _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE?

Every month a different committee will be featured to help you learn more about the church.

This month we are highlighting our Christian Education Committee. These volunteers oversee many aspects of Redeemer's Youth program including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Confirmation. While pandemic restrictions have made it difficult to run our usual programming, we have offered Sunday School and Confirmation via Zoom in the past year, and are looking forward to resuming in-person activities soon. Volunteer assistance for this committee would include help with arts and crafts and music.



Beginning **May 2nd** service times are as follows:

9:00 AM - Service in the Courtyard
(Please bring a chair if you are able)

10:30 AM - Inside Service

Remember all social distancing guidelines including mask wearing are still in place.
Thank you for your cooperation.

LivingLutheran April 2021

- “When will we get back to normal? ... now a familiar refrain as people yearn for a break from news of Covid-19, social unrest, political turmoil and climate change. ... I for one hope we never go back to normal... I want a new life.” See **Resurrection is Happening** pg. 10 by Felix Malpica.
- How did you celebrate Earth Day 2021? Do you know the history of the founding of Earth Day and its relationship to Easter? See **The Good Earth**, pg. 20 by Benjamin M. Stewart.
- Have you shared your stories “so that all may know of God’s goodness and faithfulness in the world”? See **The Power of Storytelling** pg. 21 by Erin Stybis.
- Although imprisoned and confined for two years Dietrich Bonhoffer continued to write and communicate his story. See **At the Edges of Resurrection—Dietrich Bonhoffer’s Subversive Witness** pg. 27 by Paul Lutter.

The rest of the Living Lutheran stories include: a digital marketplace, “Jesus was a Palestinian Jew—not white”, church cookbooks, autism, payday loans, a book review of **Finding Home**, the significance of “nard” by Bishop Eaton, and much more.

Calling all Parents and Sunday School Students

Flower Pot Painting & Flower Planting Event

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

1:00PM in the
Courtyard

RAIN OR SHINE

(in case of rain event will be held in
Social Hall with all protocols observed)

COME JOIN THE FUN

PLEASE RSVP

to the Church Office 856-691-4278 ext. 2
By May 5th





ADOPT-A-ROAD



EASTER 2021

AROUND THE COURTYARD

