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



8:30 AM - Courtyard 9:30 AM - Inside Note: No choir practice for the summer.

JULY 2021 -Monthly Newsletter

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



Book Club Returns!

Interested in a great summer read? Join us in reading "The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett" by Annie Lyons, a fictional exploration of living well and dying well. Books are available at the church office. Meeting date to come.



Summer Youth Sundays



"God Makes Rainbows"

Learn a Bible Story, make a craft, & play games with your Redeemer friends! Dinner provided. All ages welcome.

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

The Monthly Newsletter Redeemer Lutheran Church www.redeemervineland.org

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August 2021 Issue: The deadline for information to be
included in the upcoming newsletter is July 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.



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Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Let's have some fun!!

Yes its summer time and so it is fun time. What kind of fun are we looking for? How about fun for the whole family and friends. We can all get together at Church and have a great time.

In June, we had a fun time painting rocks like the ones in the Portico. Every Sunday we look at them and they look super there. In the rock garden, there is even a beautiful blue one with the word GOD on it. Everyone who joined us for rock painting seemed to enjoy it a lot.

How about some other games in the Courtyard? Like Cornhole, a game where you throw small beanbags and hope that the bag goes in the hole. What are more games that we could play? We are asking you to share your favorite games with the Stewardship Committee and we will see what we can organize.

We have painted Flower Pots this year and we have watched some movies. There are a ton of good movies that we could watch together. There is so much more that we can do to have families all together at worship and then to join in the fun. PLEASE JOIN US and share some activities that you would like to do.

Thank you for being part of the Redeemer Family.

Blessings from your Stewardship Committee: Dan Cherwien, Martin Geisser, Matt Helland, Dylan Papiano, Martin Papiano, Susan Papiano, Deb Wegner, Ginny Workman

We will be closed for Independence Day

Monday, July 5th





Remember to share your good news with us!

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HEATHER

"open wide your hearts"

-2 Corinthians 6:13b

I have to admit I forgot that Paul wrote this phrase. Paul is known for his brilliant legal arguments and persuasive language as he writes to the early Christian church in Corinth. He begs them over and over again to set aside their differences and work together as one church. The language is powerful, and yet sometimes the simplest language is the best.

Perhaps that's why this phrase struck me so profoundly: "open wide your hearts," Paul writes. If nothing else will convinces us, it should be this call to love.

The past few months have brought us great relief. It truly feels as though we are moving out of the pandemic, and that it is safe to loosen many of the restrictions that have kept us apart and safe.

The past few months have also seen increased violence in our communities and in our larger society, with horrific acts making headlines, and aggressive behavior on airplanes, in stores, and between neighbors experienced by many. It seems odd that when we should be the happiest to be together, we are more angry and impatient with one another than ever.

Sometimes we need the simplest reminders of what is important. As we come together in new ways as a church, as we move at different speeds of readiness, as we try to engage the larger community in mission, let us all remember to open wide our hearts, and allow God's love to guide us.

In Christ,

Pastor Heather





- 2 Darius Panagiotopoulos
- 3 Linda Burke Sarah Koering
- 6 Angelina Oliva Karen Sironen Michael Stierle
- 7 Harry Fisher Johnny Hoffman
- 8 Christina Randazzo

- 10 Joseph Drogo
- 11 Peter Chinnici Marilyn Gressman Jada Williams Vanessa Williams
- 15 Erling Anderson Lexilee Esquilin
- 16 Deb Wegner
- 21 Tony Oliva
- 23 Lisa Geisser
- 24 Kelsey Burns
- 25 Sara Benson
- 27 Gary Frank Jr.
- 29 Patty Burns Darlene Morvay



- 3 Irene & Erling Anderson Michele & Bill Loeschke
- 15 Karen & Ken Golway
- 17 Dale & Chris Nichols
- 22 Marilyn & Don Jourdan
- 24 Donna & Pete Matlack



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EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

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FEATURING:

7/1 Liberian Choir & Pastor Moses Suah
7/8 Gloucester County Flute Ensemble
7/15 Gina Roche
7/22 Christmas in July
7/29 Andy Dimacale
8/5 Bo Rains
8/12 Dana Isles & Facedown
8/19 Sing A Long
8/26 Shades of Harmony

Can you help?

We are looking for a few bakers who can donate homemade Christmas Cookies for our Christmas in July night on July 22nd. If you can help, please contact the Church Office. All cookies should arrive to the church by July 21st.



LivingLutheran June/July 2021

SEARCH!

Can you locate the articles that contain these quotes:?

- "Yes, stewardship is so much more than 'the ask'."
- "At my old church, they didn't accept the way that I dressed or acted. I needed to leave."
- "Learn more about the AMMPARO Strategy."
- "20. Jacob wrestled and his ____ went out of joint"
- "Talk often about general financial wellness as a congregation to help normalize times of financial stress. Emphasize that it's ok to reach out for help."
- "BOUNDLESS GOD BEYOND MEASURE"
- "Braver Angels is an organization that offers tools to facilitate conversations across divides."
- "I acknowledge my siblings of African descent whose ancestors came in forced migration via the Middle Passage, and those who were already here when my ancestors got off the boat."
- "Lutheran Outdoor Ministries facilities are places where God kneels down and reminds us that we are never truly alone in our struggles."
- "And it's not just our money we offer to God, but the totality of what we are, expressed in the hymn **We Are an Offering.**"

I ENJOY!!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer.

Martin Caverow, Joan Curcio, Dorothy Dwight, Martin Gonzalez, Mike Headley, Jeff Lambert, Alice Motter, Darlene Morvay, John Preidt, Lisa Rosario, Peggy Schumacher, Philip Shenton, John Warren, Robert Wegner.

All those suffering from COVID-19 around the world.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Nylund and Mr. & Mrs. Carl Anderson by Betty Anderson

Dear Pastor Heather,

I was honored to have the experience of growing up in my home church of Redeemer Lutheran. Pastor Bauman was a great leader through my confirmation courses along with baptism. I was also blessed to be with Pastor Meslow during my teenage years. He set the bar in working with all of us individually to understand and cope with the issues during those trying years.



Bob Wech was the organist and choir director at that time of Pastor Meslow's ministry. I was pleased to be accepted and fit into a group of choir members under him. We sang wonderful inspirational anthems in harmony. I had my tenor peers laughing when singing in a high falsetto voice that mimicked the sopranos. I will never forget the time Bob played "For unto us a child is born" from Handel's Messiah on the organ as a solo piece without the choir. This still resonates with me over 40 years later.

Mrs. Bingler was our youth director. I remember the retreats at her home, sleeping in the mushroom coups on the concrete floor with a sleeping bag. The burgers and fellowship with other friends were also fond memories. Mrs. Bingler instilled values and discipline to do what is right for everyone.

Our youth group also met monthly for breakfast, often at the Presidential Diner in town. For 25 cents, I would select and play songs at our table. After breakfast, we would raid the Pacman Fever machine before leaving for church.

Although I had my moments of not always appreciating the church experience during my early years, I truly look back at this point with sincere appreciation and gratification of being a part of Redeemer Lutheran. I remember the one uniform answer provided to the questions of promise during my confirmation Sunday as being, "yes, and I ask God to help and guide me." I will continue to implement these words of wisdom throughout the course of my remaining years.

I am grateful to contribute a token of appreciation to Redeemer Lutheran for the wonderful blessings bestowed upon me.

Sincerely, Rich Kouhoupt



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION







Emma Burch - will be going into the 4th Grade.

Gavin Martha - will be going into the 5th Grade.

Harry Sugden - will be going into the 4th Grade.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIPS:

Martin Papiano graduated with honors from Vineland High and will be attending Rowan of SJ, working towards a Business Administrative degree.

Dylan Papiano has been working and will take some college classes this fall.

Jena Wiese has been working & attending ACCC to pursue her dream of becoming an architect.

Chloe Wiese graduates from Hammonton High (2021) and plans to attend ACCC in the future.

Allyson Stierle is attending SCC and will graduate with an Associates in Business Administration. She will later transfer to a University to work on her Bachelors in Accounting.

LITTLE HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...After 35 years, Pastor Voigt retired but not until he had the chance to see one of our own ordained as a Lutheran Pastor. Herbert O. Wegner stepped down as the long-time President of the Board of Trustees (Council). In 1958 the Ladies Aid Society & the Lutheran Service Guild merged to form the United Lutheran Church Women. The men formed the Lutheran Brotherhood. We had both a *Matins Choir* for the 8:15am Matins Service and a Choral Choir for the 11am service plus a youth choir. A young adults group formed. In 1960, Folkers Freimanis, who was mentored and later assisted Pastor Voigt, accepted a call to serve in Spring Run, New Jersey.

Strawberry Festival

We were able to once again have our Strawberry Festival this year, it was a great success! Many thanks to all those who helped!



Veterans Home Update:



Many thanks to those who donated the much needed items for the Veteran's Home.

Pictured: Robert making a donation. Miss Stars & Stripes' Outstanding Teen & Little Miss Vineland receiving the donation.





Special thanks to: Susan Bradbury, Dawn Amari & Linda Foster who planted the beautiful geraniums around our sign. They will be maintaining them throughout the summer.

The Redeemer Library welcomes you back.

Some new books have been added to the library, including:

"The Stories Behind the Hymns that Inspire America", by Ace Collins. The songs in this book have energized movements, illuminated dark paths, and commemorated historic events.

"Deacon King Kong" by James McBride. The vivid life of people caught up in the tumultuous swirl of N.Y.C. in the late 1960's overlap in unexpected ways. It demonstrates that love and faith live in all of us.



(Books being returned can be placed in the marked box next to the library shelves.)