

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

JANUARY 5, 2025

6:00 PM

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Book STUDY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's
*Letters and Papers
from Prison*
A Biography
Martin E. Marty



Wednesdays
January 8-29



11:00 am - Noon

Come join a timely discussion of faith
during adversity.

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



ANNUAL MEETING



26 JAN 2025 | 10:30 AM

ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 ONLY FOLLOWED BY
ANNUAL MEETING AT 10:30 AM ALL
MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE NO LATER THAN JAN 12TH NO EXCEPTIONS



... HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

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

Are you exhausted? Have you recovered from Christmas yet? Yes, Christmas is a joyous season, but I often find that people seem tired by the time the new year rolls around. Christmas, after all, is a lot of work.

There are all those decorations to put up, and then pull down and put away. There is shopping to be done – whether in fighting crowds in stores, or scrolling on the computer and waiting for packages to arrive. There is financial maneuvering to pay the bills of Christmas, cookies to be baked, and exercise to be done to work off those extra pounds brought on by eggnog.

We Lutherans are not supposed to consider our faith to be “work,” and yet we also seem to strive to work harder, faster, and better than our neighbor. So what if, instead of ignoring the word “work” completely, we instead put the work of Christmas into a different light?

In his poem “The Work of Christmas,” Howard Thurman suggests that the birth of Christ is the beginning of ministry for all of us. Just like Jesus, we are called to heal, feed, and bring peace to the world. What if Christmas, rather than exhaust us with busy work, showed us the light and hope found in the work of loving our neighbor?

It can sound exhausting to keep up the pace of the holidays. So don't. Instead, look to what God has already done. Remember the hope of the world that arrives at Christmas. Let us work together; let us love together; let us live together as Christmas people.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

The Work of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

The Magazine is Coming Back!

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton requested to find a way to bring back the PRINT publication after hearing the concerns and requests of members who felt disconnected from the ELCA because of access only by computer.

Beginning 2025 the magazine's PRINT publication will appear with 4 issues a year (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter). For more information, questions or to re-subscribe, go to livinglutheran.org
HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR



A Book Review - by Doris Allewelt

“Mother God” a children's book by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky. It introduces images of God inspired by women of the Bible and how we meet God in the kindness of others.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN LIBRARY REVIEW - by Joan Freimanis

“Letters and Papers from Prison”
The works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer



The 8th volume of Dietrich Bonhoeffer works, *Letters and Papers from Prison* is available in our Redeemer Library.

This volume is “considerable larger, thoroughly revised, freshly translated, and includes a great deal of previously unpublished material.”

Letters and Papers from Prison documents the final 2 years of Bonhoeffer's extraordinary life, a poignant story of friendship and love, and faith and hope, as his life drew to a dramatic, lonely and tragic close.

Borrow this book and many others from the Church Library located in the hallway near the narthex.

We will be meeting Wednesdays beginning Jan 8th at 11AM to discuss this book

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 - New Year's Day (office closed)
- 4 - 10:00 AM AA Meeting (Women's Group)
- 5 - 8:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Ukrainian Concert
- 7 - 6:30 PM AA Meeting
- 8 - 11:00 AM Book Study "Letter and Papers from Prison"
1:30 PM Thrivent
- 10 - Senior Luncheon at Larry's II (RSVP)
- 11 - 10:00 AM AA Meeting (Women's Group)
- 12 - 8:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
- 13 - 4:00 PM Book Club
- 14 - 6:30 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- 15 - 11:00 AM Book Study "Letters and Papers from Prison"
- 18 - 10:00 AM AA Meeting (Women's Group)
- 19 - 8:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
- 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 - 6:30 PM AA Meeting
- 22 - 11:00 AM Book Study "Letters and Papers from Prison"
- 25 - 10:00 AM AA Meeting (Women's Group)
- 26 - **9:30 AM Worship (one service only)**
10:30 AM Annual Meeting
- 28 - 6:30 PM AA Meeting
- 29 - 11:00 AM Book Study "Letters and Papers from Prison"

*events subject to change

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of: Jerry Amari, Betty Anderson, Jerry Carter, Bob & Tim Federwitz, Ernestine Gbolo, Linda Haines, John Hoffman, Jessica Morrow, Alice Motter, Scott Nagele, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, Dick & Carol Shenton, Ginny Workman, and our College Students

All troops serving our country and the world including:

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Zola Fisher
- 5 - Haley McCann
- 6 - Diane Rodriguez
- 11 - Sue Senseman
- 15 - Cheryl Dittmer
- 16 - Martin Papiano
- 18 - Donna Yearsley
- 23 - Kathleen Clay
- 30 - Susan Burch



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Teri & Samuel Drogo
- 9 - Barbara & Jim McDevitt
- 27 - Lisa & Robert Cook
- 30 - Blanca & Matt Helland

Beat the Winter Blues!

Seniors are invited to lunch at Larry's II on January 10th at noon. You must RSVP for this luncheon as we only have 25 available spots. Cost is only \$10 payable after you rsvp. Contact the church office to snag your spot!



Thank you!

To all who donated gift cards for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cumberland County! You made 50 children very happy this Christmas.

To all who donated cookies this year for the Vineland Veterans Home once again!



Some scenes from the Season! Thank you everyone!



Some scenes from the Children's Christmas Pageant. Thank you everyone who helped!

