

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

8:30 AM - Worship
9:15 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship



*Merry
Christmas*

December 2022 - Monthly Newsletter

Redeemer Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesdays through Advent
(11/30-12/23 at 10:30 AM)
Advent Devotion & Fellowship

Dec. 10 - Church Decorating
& Decoration Making

Dec. 11 - 10:30 AM Christmas Play
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Open House &
Gingerbread Decorating

Dec. 24 - 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Services

Dec. 25 - 10:30 AM - One Service

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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

'Tis the season of traditions. Folks are already rushing to get their trees up, their homes decorated, and their calendars full. Perhaps the Advent traditions in your house involve the opening of an Advent calendar each day during December. Maybe you make ornaments or bake cookies in giant batches to give away to friends and family.

Whatever the particular traditions we continue in our lives, I invite us to welcome a new tradition: contemplation. Contemplation might be setting aside time each day to read our Bibles and a book of devotions. We might contemplate the meaning of this season while watching holiday lights twinkle, or walking outside and considering Mary and Joseph's own journey to Bethlehem. Contemplation can include creating time and space for silence, or breaking up the silence of our day in calling up a friend.

Whatever the method, contemplation for us as Christian community is about finding a way to put the story of Jesus' arrival on Earth into the center of our lives.

With contemplation in mind, we will be offering a brief devotion in the Wednesday Vine during Advent. If you do not receive the Vine email from Redeemer and wish to do so, please contact our office.

You are also welcome to join us in person on Wednesday mornings during Advent (November 30th – December 21st) at 10:30 am. We will gather in the Manor House for an Advent devotion, followed by a coffee and fellowship time for those who wish to socialize.

Blessings to you and yours during this Advent season. May all of our journeys bring us to the stable in Bethlehem, as we gather to worship and adore our Savior.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather



The Christmas Tree in the Manor House was donated in memory of Roy Bradbury

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PLEASE NOTE. The deadline for information to be included in the newsletter is **the 15th of every month.**

Please e-mail your information 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.

Have You Remembered Redeemer In Your Will?

2022

DECEMBER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 6:30 PM AA Meeting	30	01	02 Church Office Closed	03 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
04 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation	05 7:00 PM Communications	06 6:30 PM AA Meeting	07 10:30 AM - Advent Devotion in the Manor House	08	09 Church Office Closed	10 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 9:00 AM Church & Chrismos Decorating
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 AM ONE SERVICE ONLY 	26	27 6:30 PM AA Meeting	28	29 12:00 PM Church Office Closing	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 



Thank you to all of you for the Pastor Appreciation celebration! I was absolutely surprised and absolutely moved by your good wishes, cards, and thoughtfulness. And you know I always like cake for breakfast!

Thanks for all you do, for being who God created you to be, and for our continued ministry together here at Redeemer. *In Christ, Pastor Heather*



Adopt-A-Road Clean Up!
Watch for more information on our next clean up day and how you can be a part of the fun!

Thank you to those who helped collect musical instruments for children in local schools.



Remembering our loved ones on All Saints Sunday:

- * Erling Anderson
- * Donald Jourdan
- * Gladys Bachman
- * Lilija Balodis
- * Fred Nurge
- * Paul Anderson
- * Joan Curcio
- * Maria Burcham
- * Della Lillia
- * Harry Reinmuth



Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2022
Ciarra Esquilin and Nansen Rodriguez





(Joan Freimanis highlights our Living Lutheran Magazine. Copies available in the Church Office)

Living Lutheran Magazine October 2022 Issue

“Why is learning about World Religions important for the spiritual development of Lutheran Kids?” Read Sonja Hagander’s remarks about her book **Religion Around the World – A Curious Kid’s guide to the World’s great faiths**.

“As Lutherans we are called to love God and neighbor”. This book can be found in our Redeemer Library See pg.40 LL mag. Oct. 2022 by J. Potter.

“When the few remaining members of Emmanuel Lutheran in Baltimore knew they couldn’t go on, they wanted their legacy to undergird a dynamic multicultural congregation in the city, Amazing Grace Lutheran. This diverse church serves its economically challenged neighborhood through a community Garden, a prayer labyrinth, a food ministry, wellness initiatives, a children’s summer camp and many other ways.” For more stories of how **Church Closures Yield Growth** see pg. 24 LL mag. Oct by M. Cooper-White.

In our searching for *who we are* we start with the knowledge that we are *children of God*. “We search to discover that we are *known by God*”. See **Known and Seen** and the story of Zacchaeus on pg. 13 LL mag. Oct. 2022 by E.Olson.

“PREPARE for Christmas by checking the **ELCA GOOD GIFTS catalog**. “Your gift will go on to make a real difference in the lives of people around the world”. A few examples of gifts include: water filters, goats, housing for vulnerable youth, fruit tree seeding, honey bees, cows,AND the list goes on!



All offerings must be delivered to the church office by December 29th at 9:00 a.m. Anything brought after this time will go to the 2023 year. Thank you for your generous support of Christ’s ministry!

NOTES OF THANKS:



To my wonderful Redeemer Friends & Family, Thank you so much for the “thinking of you & praying for you card”. All your personal touches mean so much—miss you all and look forward to seeing you again. Till then I will keep you in my prayers. Thanks again, Peggy Schumacher

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church:
We would like to thank you for your generous donation to Spirit and Truth Ministries, Inc/Vineland Soup Kitchen. It is because of your support that we are able to continue to feed the hungry in our community.
God bless you,
The Board & Staff of Spirit & Truth Ministries, Inc.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please remember our loved ones in prayer: Betty Anderson, Linda Burke, Jerry Carter, Janet Cook, Richard Donaghy, Bud Freas, Ernestine Gbolo, Michael Gornowski, Violet Harris, Marilyn Jourdan, Todd Landes, Ron McIntyre, Alice Motter, Dana Marino-Papiano, Peggy Schumacher, Alma Sessa, Carol Shenton, Philip Shenton, John Warren, Ginny Workman, College Students and the people of Ukraine

All troops serving our country and the world including:
Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani, Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes
Donations have been made to the Memorial Fund at Redeemer Lutheran:
in loving memory of Doug Kendall by Donna Hensel
in loving memory of Joan Curcio by Josephine Walker

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

(by Arlene Cherwien)

2014- Our 90th Anniversary when we honored our longest attending members, present members and our newest baptized member. Our new Bishop, The Reverend Tracie Bartholomew brought greetings from the Synod. The sale of Luther Acres was finalized and the Sarah Place Foundation Board was formed.



Patrick & Anke Rood said good-bye and Shelly Damiano was hired as our Business Administrator. CODE BLUE was organized. We helped with work at Family Promise. The Thrivent Community at Redeemer was formed and members began projects using Thrivent Action Teams. Compass Academy Charter School continued using our Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM we have Sunday School for children in grades K-12. Children are grouped by grades and are learning about Creation, Joseph and so much more!

Be sure to join us for our Christmas Pageant
"Twas the Night Before: The Christmas Story for Kids"
December 11



- 4 - Marjorie Frank
- 7 - Mollie Sugden
- 10 - Jean Holshue
Steven Heller
- 11 - Elaine Hering
- 12 - Margaret Butterworth
- 13 - Ursula Barbeck
- 16 - Rita Jean Hoffman (100)
- 20 - Pastor Heather
- 21 - Jody Steinbronn
- 22 - Lauren Geisser
- 27 - Doris Allewelt
- 28 - Alison Keller
- 30 - Ken Schad



- 1 - Harry & Brenda Ackley
- 12 - Joseph & Rhonda Kubiak

