

February and March 2025 -Monthly Newsletter
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Scenes
from the
Season



REDEEMER IN THE COMMUNITY!

HELPING Friends

DURING THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY WE ARE COLLECTING:

FOR OUR I-RISE FRIENDS:

NEW:

SHEETS (TWIN, FULL OR QUEEN)

PILLOWS (TWIN, FULL OR QUEEN)

BLANKETS (TWIN, FULL, QUEEN)

(NO KING OR KNITTED OR THROW BLANKETS)

FOR OUR HOMELESS FRIENDS:

NEW OR VERY GENTLY USED:

COATS OF ALL SIZES

BLANKETS TWIN OR FULL

FOR OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS:

GENTLY USED:

THROW OR SMALL BLANKETS

TOWELS

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

Where Do We Go from Here?

While they might not seem too exciting, annual meetings are a great opportunity to celebrate the past year and plan for the future of ministry at Redeemer.

Some years, we have an obvious goal ahead of us as a church. Last year, we were all about celebrating the 100th anniversary. Other years have been defined by pastoral transitions and building programs. Some annual meetings have marked the beginnings of certain ministries, while others have marked their retirements.

In many ways, this particular year feels different. Coming off of an anniversary year, perhaps we are looking for time to pause and catch our breath. We are grieving the loss of dear friends and family - a weight that we carry together as a congregation. I know some folks are just plain tired.

With all the chaos in the world right now, it is tempting to envision the church as a shelter from the storm, and our job to simply stay put, cover our ears, and keep things the same. And yet life does not stand still, and the ministry Jesus calls us into continues.

I have been comforted in this new year by going back to basic tenets of our faith, and I am drawn to the question asked of Jesus: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus' response is one we know well: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. All that we do, Jesus says, hangs on these two commandments.

I know that living out love of God and love of neighbor can be complicated, but it is a north star that we must always use as a guide in our life together. How do we show love of God and love of neighbor? Who do we see that is hungry and thirsty? Who needs to know that followers of Jesus are still here, still believe, and still follow?

I have no doubt God will use the people of Redeemer in service this year. And when we are called, I also have no doubt love will be our response.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

Living Lutheran Review by Joan Freimanis

Bishop Eaton writes "The image of leaping flames, smoke filled skies and the wreckage of home and habitats are hard to bear"

The Southwest California Synod Bishop, Brenda Bos lost her home in the Eaton fire as "the wildfires have claimed many lives, displaced hundreds of thousands of people and destroyed homes, businesses, schools and houses of worship.

Bishop Eaton reminds us that God calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith we respond through prayer, accompaniment, and action for all those impacted by these fires: firefighters, first responders, healthcare providers, public servants and all those affected.

The new columnist for "Grounded in grace" is Mindy Holland, a Minister of Word & Service, and Chaplain of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware in Newark.

"What we listen to becomes the grounding soundtrack that accompanies the narrative of life."

Mindy recalls her childhood memories of parents and Sunday school teachers praying, her first memories of worship, the joyful energy of children's songs and the scripture verses sung in hymns. Those verses ground her as she hears, recites, cries or prays them. "Do not worry. Pray. Ask."

REDEEMER LUTHERAN LIBRARY REVIEW -

by Joan Freimanis

The Wrong Shoes by Caryn Rivadeneira teaches kids about money, hard work, self-esteem and the real value of the stuff we own. This book developed in partnership with Thrivent includes a special note to parents about the foundations of generosity and self esteem in older children. (Grades K-4)

All the Best Questions - and some answers too by Jeremy Steele brings together all the toughest questions Pastor Steele has gotten about faith, life and the world. "The book will help young people get answers to the questions they're afraid to ask . . . and give them the tools they need to wrestle with their own answers." "Not every question has an answer that can be immediately understood. Jesus' rabbinical way of teaching through asking questions is well reflected here!" - Chris Wilterdink, UMC - Young People's Ministries.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Congratulations



Congratulations to Georgia Salvaryn as she will be heading to Seminary. Please continue to lift her in your prayers.



Congratulations Terry Love on being CCTECH's teacher of the year!!



Thank you to Caitlyn Terry for sharing with our church about Hydromissions. Pictured is Caitlyn and a Sunday School Class.

Redeemer Seniors!

Upcoming events for those 55ish and up!
RSVP today!

March 21

Bowling at 810 Bowling Alley

Price includes Bowling, Shoes, & Pizza!!!



Only
\$20

April 4th

Cape May Trip!!

Lunch at Lobster House

Private Trolley Tour

20 spaces left!!!

Don't delay in signing up!

Cost includes lunch & trolley



Only
\$40

SCAM SEMINAR PRESENTED BY: BAY ATLANTIC CREDIT UNION

All are welcome, invite friends!
Please RSVP to the church office

March 14th
10:00 am
Redeemer
2384 E. Landis Ave.

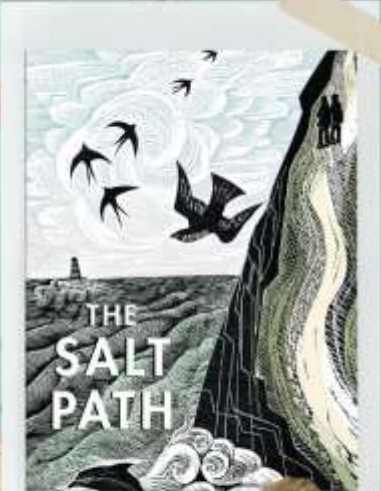


Please join us for a
**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR
EVENT**
Redeemer Lutheran Church
15 February
NOON - 2:00 PM

**ALL FREE!
ALL WELCOME!
INVITE A FRIEND
GAMES|MUSIC|FOOD|CRAFTS!**



Do you have good news to share with the congregation? We all would love to share in your happiness! Send updates to office@redeemervineland.org



BOOK CLUB

Now reading "The Salt Path"
Join us for a discussion
on
February 24th at 4:00 PM

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ASH WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 5
NOON
SPOKEN SERVICE WITH ASHES**

**6 PM -
BREAD AND BROTH AND WORSHIP
(WITH ASHES)
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

LENT

**LENTEN LUNCHES ON
WEDNESDAYS
MARCH 12 - APRIL 9
CASUAL WORSHIP AT NOON
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE
NARTHEX**

Celebrate

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Hannah Salvaryn	20	Michael Headley
6	Chloe Wiese		Nancy Manzoni
7	Greg Kendall	22	Aurora Esquilin
8	Larry Gilbert	23	Betsy Harrison
9	Lynda Gilbert		Susan Papiano
	James Workman	26	Vivian Moss Terranova
14	Bob Knego	28	Kaylee Sironen
	James Salvaryn		
15	Greg Sugden		
19	Ed Morvay		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Al & Alison Keller
29 Joseph & Rebekah Drogo

CELEBRATE!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Gus Foster	20	Dorine Rosier
5	Susan Bradbury	23	Charles Donaghy
8	Harry Sugden	23	Cody Geisser
9	David Raffo	24	Al Keller
10	Madeline Helland	25	Laurie Wiese
12	Noah Wiese	28	Natalie Harrison
14	Enzo Drogo	28	Chloe Morvay
18	Michele Loeschke	30	Cathy Wisda

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

11 Tammy & Don Williams
16 Maggie & Ralph Hunter

FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR

REOCCURRING:

Sundays:

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Saturdays:

10:00 am AA Meeting

(women's group)



UPCOMING:

February 11 - 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

February 12 - 1:30 PM Thrivent

February 15 - Noon "Love Your Neighbor" Event

February 24 - 4:00 PM Book Club "The Salt Path"

March 5 - Noon & 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Services

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 11 - 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

March 12 - Noon Lenten Services Begin

March 14 - 10:00 AM Scam Seminar

March 12 - 1:30 PM Thrivent

March 21 - Senior Bowling & Pizza (RSVP)

**Looking ahead April 4 - Senior Trolley Trip & Lunch
in Cape May RSVP**



*events subject to change



Have you subscribed to our weekly email newsletter, the Vine, yet?

Get weekly updates to what is going on in church a sneak peek at the bulletin and get a digital version of the "Clippings" newsletter! You can sign up sending an email to our church office at office@redeemervineland.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of:

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:

Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani,

Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

Donations were made

in loving memory of **Fred & Ruth Nurge**, Dad & Mom by:

Susan Nurge

in loving memory of **Ray DuBarry** by:

Doris Allewelt

in loving memory of **Kathy Schad** by:

Doris Allewelt

in loving memory of **Jerry Amari** by:

Ann Bradbury, Doris Allewelt, Dorine & Barry Rosier, Maggie & Ralph Hunter, Mark Everett, Bob Knego, Arlene & Dan Cherwien, Alison & Al Keller, Susan Federici, Betsy & Dale Hart, Irene Anderson, Barbara Justis, Diane & Pat Sullivan, Diane & Bill Rafferty, Darlene & Ed Morvay, Linda & Gus Foster, Vivian Moss Terranova, 2 anonymous, Judith & Albert Tamagni Jr., Bruce & Mary Etta Bedwell, Karen Jost, Joanne Rosemont, Ronald & Veronica Fioresi, Shavaughn & Michael Mulherin, John & Wendy Gregor, Sally Gross & Heidi Burke, Karen Gaburo, Nancy & W. Earle Everett, Thomas & Lisa Tobolski, Glen & Suze Stewart, Dawn Amari, Bill & Michele Loeschke, Urusula Barbeck, Carole & Bill Marrone, Nancy Manera, Micki Kingsley, The Gebhards, Peggy & Oz Schumacher, CJ Kingsley, Kathy & Dave Gotthold, Pam & Michael Rigo

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with

Jerry Amari's Celebration of Life.

-Dawn Amari, Kate Amari & Mike Amari

