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October 2022 - Monthly Newsletter Redeemer Lutheran Church 2384 E. Landis Ave Vineland, NJ 856-691-4278 The Rev. Heather Sugden, Pastor







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

The arrival of October brings with it a day dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi. While Lutherans do not participate in the rituals around saints the same way as our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, we do share in remembering the life of St. Francis and his focus on creation.

Typically honoring St. Francis means we bless animals at Redeemer, a tradition we will continue on Saturday, October  $1^{st}$  at 1 pm. This year's service, however, will also expand to include a time of remembrance for beloved pets we have lost in the last year.

Animals bring great love into our lives. Through our care for them, through their devotion to us, and even through our observation and appreciation of wild animals, we learn important lessons on life and our Creator.

The loss of a pet is often how we first learn about death as children. And while losing a pet is a common grief, that does not necessarily take away its pain.

If you have said goodbye to a family pet since October of last year, I invite you to bring a picture, toy, or some other treasured item of your pet to the service on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. We will take time to remember them, even as we celebrate and bless the animals that continue to be part of our families and our daily routines.

Coming together as community, we find strength in one another's prayers and presence. And so I invite you to gather with me on October 1<sup>st</sup> to remember St. Francis and celebrate all of God's beautiful creation!

In Christ, Pastor Heather



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**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?

DEDICATED TO THOSE WHO SERVED FROM THE GRATEFUL PEOPLE OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER On September 3, 2022, The Thrivent Community at Redeemer Lutheran Church dedicated a bench to the Vineland Veterans Home. Pictured: Dale Nichols, Arlene Cherwien, Ed Morvay, Greg Kendall, Darlene Morvay, Kathy Clay, Gayle Penven, Pastor Heather Sugden, Jim Clay





NJ SYNOD DAY at Six Flags on September 10, 2022.

Pictured: Bishop Bartholomew with Kaylee Sironen and Maddie Helland



New member Loyd Burcham with his daughter Ella Burcham.

Welcoming new member Steve Heller is Jim Rizzo.







Baptism of Ella Burcham. Pictured with her father and new member Loyd Burcham and sponsors: Alison & Al Keller, along with Pastor Heather





# 2022 OCTOBER

#### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Worship	26	27 6:30 PM AA Meeting	28	29	30 Church Office Closed	01 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals & Pet Memorial
02 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship & Music	03 7:00 PM Communications	04 6:30 PM AA Meeting	05	06	07 Church Office Closed	08 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women)
09 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	10 COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	11 6:30 PM AA Meeting	12	13	14 Church Office Closed	15 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 9:00 AM Fall Fest - Triple Threat
16 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Noon-2:00 PM I-Rise Baby	17 4:30 PM Book Club	18 6:30 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council (note change)	19	20	21 Church Office Closed	22 9:00 AM AA Mtg (Women) 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat
23 8:30 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation	24	25 6:30 PM AA Meeting	26	27	28 Church Office Closed	29
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GIFT REGISTRY AT www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/faithrise

Some suggestions: Diapers NB-5, wipes, hooded towels, infant cotton ankle socks, short and long sleeved onesies, fitted crib sheets, flannel blankets, groom & go kits, nursing pads, milk storage bags, infant feeding and support pillow.

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

Are we living in the "**Age of Association** – *Ted Smith*" ? OR Are we living in the "**Age of Association** – *Charles Taylor*" ?

"When in-person worship resumed last year, congregations . . . saw significant decreases in their pre-pandemic attendance rates. It's true that some congregations have grown over the last two years, but the more common story is one of decline in some places, 40% or more." Why? For a story of cultural transformation and of the opportunities for the church read Dwight Zscheile's article **They May Not Come Back** - Living Lutheran March 2022.

#### REDEEMER BOOK CLUB

"A visitor at the door of the church had moved on to my other tattoos: Lazarus raised from the grave and, on the other arm, images of the liturgical year. And for a moment I was back in my parents' living room almost seven years earlier, trying not to scratch at the brand-new tattoo of Mary Magdalene as I nervously told them I was going to be a Lutheran pastor." – *Nadia Bolz-Weber*, PASTRIX (2013), p. 203.

Redeemer's **Book Club** selection **Pastrix** *by Nadia Bolz-Weber* is available in the Redeemer Library.

For additional copies please inquire at the church office.

Book Club will meet at 4:30 PM on October 17th in the Manor House





#### DID YOU KNOW THAT ....

(by Arlene Cherwien)

We started using the Red Hymnal in 2010. It was the year of



a Music Festival in April and our 1st Oktoberfest in October. In 2011 six Redeemer volunteers went to Mississippi to help repair homes damaged by Katrina. Do you remember walking through *Hometown* 

◄ Nazarth, when Jesus was a kid? 2013 was the year that Trumpet Hill flooded and destroyed the building.

## A Note of Thanks!

Dear Pastor Heather & Redeemer Lutheran Church: We want to thank you for your gracious and warm hearted invitation for the concert in memory of our Pastor Rev. Richard B. Holzer. Also the music presentation by Alex and John was inspiring. Thank you, Respectively Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



### **REACHING OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Once again, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our local food bank through the entire month of October. Upon completion of our collection of 500 items, Thrivent Financial will once again award us an additional \$500 for exclusive use by the food bank.

This year we will be emphasizing holiday food items as well as regular staples such flour, rice, sugar, coffee and tea. Items could include but are not limited to: stuffing mix, applesauce, instant potatoes, turkey or chicken broth and gravy, canned yams and individual snack puddings.

Items can be placed in the shopping cart outside the Narthex or brought on Sundays to worship. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this important outreach program.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

like to donate, please contact Donna (donnayearsley@msn.com) for drop-off times.

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 and our college students. ++Keep in prayer the family of Harry Reinmuth

upon his passing on September 12, 2022.

All troops serving our country and the world including: Meredith Conley, Albert M. Floriani, Michael Gonzalez & Kevin Sykes

The following donation has been made to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Joan Curcio by: Jean Perrotti, Village Estates Condominium Association, Ralph & Maggie Hunter, Darlene & Ed Morvay, Douglas Cherwien, Dan & Arlene Cherwien, Roland & Claire Perez, Zola & Harry Fisher, Marilyn & Bud Gressman, Michele & Bill Loeschke, Gayle Penven, Ann Bradbury, Grace McClean, Judy Ford, Richard & Gail Curcio