

**Geraniums for Pentecost -
Sunday, June 8th!**

The color for Pentecost is Red, and we will have beautiful red flowers around the church on that day. If you would like to donate a plant, **please fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by May 18, 2025**

The geraniums will be planted around the church property!

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GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

**PLEASE PRINT
\$6.00 each**

NAME: _____

Church Envelope # _____

of plants _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Given In Loving Memory of:

Given In Honor of:

By:

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Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Holy Week

Sunday, April 13

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Palm Sunday Services

Wednesday, April 16th

9:00 am - Noon

Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 17

Noon

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18

7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 20

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Services

9:00 - 10:00

Easter Breakfast



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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

While Lent follows a predictable pattern of readings – moving us closer to the cross each week – this Lenten season has felt unpredictable in many ways. The transition from winter to spring has been a rollercoaster that has forced many quick wardrobe changes, and the tsunami of viruses that has swept through our community has made everything that much harder. Every day, it seems, a new challenge and uncertainty pops up.

We know where our Lenten journey is taking us with Jesus, and yet perhaps we wish it could be easier, less painful – even more joyful.

This year we will hear the Easter story from the gospel of Luke. Like Lent, the story of Easter is predictable in so many ways: an empty tomb, fear and confusion, followed by the unbelievable joy of resurrection truth. But Luke's telling of the familiar story asks a question that seems to be especially appropriate for this year in which we find ourselves. When the women go to the tomb and are perplexed that Jesus' body is not inside, two men in dazzling clothes appear and ask the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

The men's question is one of shock that plays off of what we know to be familiar. Yes, we the reader in 2025 know that Jesus is alive and not in the tomb. But we can still feel the grief of the women as they prepare to anoint a lifeless body. Why do they look for the living among the dead? It takes time for these women to truly understand the truth of what has happened in Jesus' resurrection.

Two thousand years and many readings later, I am asking myself the same question as the men ask the women at the tomb that morning. Why do I still look for the living among the dead? Why do I turn to old ways of seeing things, when our faith gives us new eyes? Why is it so easy to give in to despair, and let the "bad news" of the day overwhelm me? How could I forget about the hope we have found in Christ?

This Easter season, I pray that we all receive new eyes of faith. May God help us to see life in this world Jesus dies to save.

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

Living Lutheran Review by Joan Freimanis

"The ELCA's Call To "Care For Creation" by Kevin O'Brien, pg. 54

The editor of "Deeper Understandings" is focusing on the ELCA's Social statements (elca.org/socialstatements).

- Do you worry about climate change?
- Do you talk about it regularly with your family, friends or congregation?
- Do you agree "that climate change and other environmental problems are about justice? The poor who contribute least to the problem, suffer the most".?

Steadfast accompaniment – ELCA Sumud initiative seeks just, lasting peace in Holy Land by Anne Basye, pg. 44

"SUMUD", an Arabic word meaning "steadfast" conveys the determination it takes to be a Palestinian Christian. This article highlights two spouses living in two places – kept apart by two kinds of government ID.

AN ANCIENT CREED IS RELEVANT pg. 62

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton writes: "If a 1,000-year-old argument that bitterly divided the church can be resolved, then there is hope that the most complex issues that split the church can be engaged and overcome through careful listening and dialogue. We don't have to be divided. Division is a human invention not divine."

Mental Health in a Sick World, Find Your "joy" This Lent, What Happens Next? The resurrection Hope of Easter AND much more can be found in the first edition of the seasonal Living Lutheran magazine. There's a crossword puzzle too!



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

A great time was had by all recently at our "Love Your Neighbor" Community Event!



Thrivent Action team that funded a musician to go room to room at the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home. These clients either cannot or choose not to leave their rooms. 18 different clients were individually entertained.

The picture shows musician Taylor Lenahan having a "jam session" with client Ray. Ray was a former band member and was so excited to participate and be playing again.



A huge thank you to all who donated clothing and linens during our FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS collection. By adding a Thrivent Action Team we were able to provide more than 4 dozen heavy coats plus hats, socks and gloves for the homeless as well as a variety of linens for I-Rise. The Cumberland Salem Animal Shelter also received two large shopping bags of used towels.



LADIES TEA - MAY 4, 2025

Ladies, all ages, put **Sunday May 4th** on your calendar. That is the date of our **ANNUAL LADIES' TEA**. This year we will gather from noon to 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall, following the 10:30 service. The committee is planning some special activities and guarantees it will be fun for all. A free-will offering will be available with the net proceeds going to Assisted Living at Spring Oak. Bring a friend.



STRAWBERRY BASH - MAY 31, 2025



On May 31st Redeemer will be holding its 9TH **ANNUAL STRAWBERRY BASH** from **noon until 3 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Once again, we will be offering delicious strawberry shortcake along with pulled pork and hot dog platters. Eat-in or take-out. Tickets will be available beginning starting May 11th or at the door. Net proceeds will be donated to Cole the Deaf Dog Program. Spread the word!

Welcome Meredith Kingsley who will be joining Dorine in the church office here at Redeemer on Fridays to help with administrative work.



Meredeth Kingsley is currently from Little Egg Harbor, NJ and works as the Church Administrator at Zion Lutheran Church in Egg Harbor City. There she handles anything that comes her way, from putting together the bulletins to bookkeeping, to supporting the church council and Pastor, and everything in between. She's also a member of the Greater Egg Harbor Coalition for a Safe Community where she holds the title of secretary. She uses her love of Zion and Egg Harbor City, and her desire to help people in need by participating in their Breaking Bread events, coat drives, community walks and any other opportunities available to reach the community.

She and her husband John have seven grown children and six grandchildren between them, and one very, very spoiled Norwegian Elkhound named Cooper.

Do you know someone graduating this year?
Want to be featured in the newsletter?
Please contact the church office
by June 1st to share their name!

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



♥ happy ♥
anniversary

APRIL

- 3 Doug McMahon
- 4 Ilga Criss
- 6 Emma Burch
- 7 Dan Cherwien
- 19 Barry Rosier
- 21 George Papiano
- 23 Daniel Ackley
- 26 Emmanuel Gbolo
- 27 Donald Williams
- 30 Caitlin Geisser

APRIL

- 10 Linda & Gus Foster
- 12 Arlene & Dan Cherwien
- 23 Susan & George Papiano
- 28 Maureen & Bill Beckett

Easter Egg Hop

APRIL 12

NOON - 2PM

FREE!!

**LUNCH
EGG HUNT
GAMES
CRAFTS**

**FUN FOR THE
WHOLE
COMMUNITY!**

MR. SOFTEE

MEET MISS TRI-CITY

BIGGER THAN EVER!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
2384 E. LANDIS AVE
VINELAND
(NEAR BREWSTER ROAD)



ONE SERVICE

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2025
ONE SERVICE ONLY
9:30 AM

FOLLOWED BY A
CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON
REPLACING THE ROOF



APRIL CALENDAR

REOCCURING:

Sundays:

8:30 am Worship

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Saturdays:

10:00 am AA Meeting (women's group)

APRIL:

2 - Lenten Worship & Lunch

4 - Senior Trolley Trip & Lunch, Cape May

6 - One Service only at 9:30 AM - followed by a
Congregational Vote

9 - Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 - Easter Egg Hop

13 - Palm Sunday

16 - Prayer Vigil

17 - Maundy Thursday Service at noon

18 - Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

20 - Easter

UPCOMING (watch for more information)

May 4 - Ladies Tea

May 31 - Strawberry Bash

*events subject to change



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Please keep in prayer the long term needs of:
Marilyn Gressman, Bill Frank, 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 **Ray DuBarry** by:

Martin & Valerie Caverow

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN LIBRARY REVIEW -

by Joan Freimanis

Coming to the Redeemer Library: a new book by *Angela Denker*. Angela, an ELCA pastor and journalist "investigates the some-times tragic stories of boyhood across the United States. She Interviews middle school teachers and coaches and introduces us to young men across the country who will both confirm and confound our ideas about American boyhood - stories about boys and men who are forging new identities grounded in kindness, grace, respect, and even joy.

This book is a comprehensive look at the rise in radicalization among young white men in America, especially focused on the role of right-wing Christianity in the increase of religious-based hatred and violence. " - *Augsburg Fortress Publishers 2025*

This book is among several others "Highly Recommended" in the Spring issue of Living Lutheran magazine.