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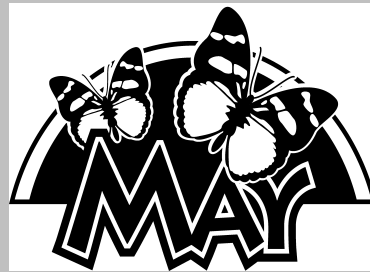
Redeemer Choir



Sunday, June 5th
After Each Service

Fresh
Strawberries
Baked Goods
Jam

God's work. Our hands.

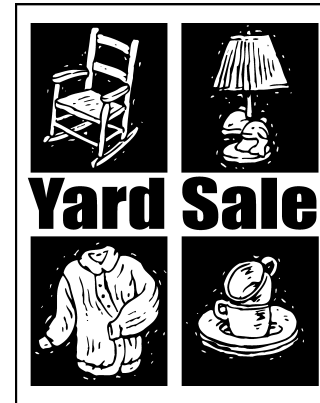


2011

Clippings
Newsletter

**Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

2384 E. Landis Ave
Vineland, New Jersey
The Rev. Gary N. Stiegler



Saturday, June 11
8:00am to 2:00pm

Rain or Shine
Reserve your Space
\$20.00 Donation
Contact Eileen or
Diana Russell
Benefits the Office Fund

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00am, 10:30am & 6:30pm

Our 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.*

Our Vision Statement: *Come and see, go and tell, the Good News for all!*

Our Staff

Pastor—Gary Stiegler
Parish Administrator—Eileen Chiatello
Music Director—Misty Fiske
Business Assistant—Sarah Krug
Maintenance—Carlos Rodriguez

Church Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. –4:00 p.m.
Phone 856-691-4278

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Eileen—eileen@redeemerlutheran.net
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Congregation Council

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Have you remembered your church in your Will?

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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

MAY, 2011

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
(Genesis 1:29-31)

Stewardship of creation is an ongoing ministry of the church. The creation that God declared "good" is entrusted to the care of each of us. Exercising that care is one dimension of daily Christian discipleship. The ancient Roman Catholic Church began thanking God for the gifts of agriculture in the 2nd Century although few churches today continue the tradition. The term used is called "Rogation Days."

The word rogation comes from the Latin word "rogare" which means to beseech, ask, or petition. In church tradition, Rogation Days were traditionally agriculture celebrations, where the land was blessed at the beginning of the planting season. The day was observed during the 50 days following Easter or near Ascension Day.

Those churches who celebrate Rogation Days have been known to have plows and columbines, bags of seed, garden tools, buckets of soil, and all sizes of garden and field machinery brought to church for this blessing. There is a liturgy asking for God's blessings on the seed and soil and those who labor in the fields. Those who don't work "in the field" bring something to represent their life's work. It is truly a celebration of coming out of the dark of winter and the new life after death on Easter.

As you work on your home gardens, and as some of you till the soil of your larger fields, remember to thank God for the gifts that he has given you in your work, in your play, in your relationships, and in your life. The cycle of preparing the soil, planting, nurturing, growing, and harvesting is a fitting symbolism for the work of us here at Redeemer. Thank you and your family for being a part of the work here and for nurturing and growing our ministry to the people of Vineland and Cumberland County. In doing so you are doing God's work. *-Pastor Gary*

Lutheran Night with the Phillies

Friday June 10 at 7:00pm

Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs

Ticket Price: \$28.00

Sections 306 & 207 (Handicap Accessible)

Call Irwin Auer at 856-692-4035

Car Pool from Redeemer Parking Lot at 5:30pm
or meet at the game.

Proceeds benefit the SEPA Synod Youth Programs

Golf Anyone?

Pastor Gary and Gerry Amari are looking for two other members of Redeemer to form a "Friday morning only" summer golf foursome. Contact Pastor Gary any day (but Friday morning) at pastor-gary@redeemerlutheran.net or 856-691-4278.

Bread 'n Broth Cookbook

seeking tasty soup or bread recipes

Send to Diana Russell at
clippings@redeemerlutheran.net

Or

Place in my mailbox at the church

Or

Mail to the church: 2384 E. Landis Ave, Vineland, NJ 08361

Look for the cookbook in the fall

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Redeemer would like to acknowledge your achievement in the summer issue of the *Clippings*. It can be any graduation celebration from high school to college, or a trade school or even the military.

Please complete the form below and return it to the church office in May. Family members are welcome to submit the information on behalf of their graduate.

Name and Address of Graduate: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Graduated from: _____

Degree and/or Special Honor: _____

Future Plans: _____



Gayle Penven explains the meaning of the palms to her granddaughter Darby.

Palm Sunday



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Dear Members,

Once again thank you for all you send. I am grateful for all you do. We are currently preparing to deploy to Afghanistan by the end of the month. When I have a new address, I will send it. Please pray for myself and all other members of the military. Thank you and God Bless. *-Pfc. Angelo Trapani*

Dear Congregation of Redeemer Church,

First, I'd like to thank you for the care package. It's hard to describe how much the support and generosity of people back home means to us.

I'm not sure how much you know about me or what I do over here. I'm a 20 year old specialist in the US Army. My job is a crew chief on UHGO "Blackhawk" helicopters. This means I'm responsible for the maintenance and safety of the helicopter and it's occupants. I fly door gunner on missions that range from inserting troops, to medical evacuation, to just moving supplies to remote outposts.

I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to participate in serving my county in a manner like this and even more thankful that my country has citizens like yourselves who would spend their time and money on a stranger like me. *-SPC Jonathan Stretch*

My stepson, Michael Gonzalez, sends his thanks for his care box. He really appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity. It really picked him up during a real rough time in Japan. Again, thank you so very much.—*Michelle Gonzalez*

We will be collecting items to ship to our troops in June. Suggested donations: ChapStick, sunscreen, beef jerky, individual packs of snacks like cookies, crackers, and pretzels, gum, mints, microwave popcorn, paperback books, new DVDs, novelty items and small games. We already have toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant. Look for the red, white and blue box in the Narthex during May.



YOUR RETIREMENT INCOME

How to *Optimize It. Enjoy It. Protect It.*

On Sunday, May 15, following the 10:30am service, Wayne Grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be offering his expertise to all those interested in protecting their future.

A light lunch will be provided. There will be time for individual questions after the workshop. Letting us know that you will be attending will help in our planning. Please leave a message in the church office 856-691-4278.

This is a second in a series of financial planning workshops being offered to our membership. Watch for another one in the Fall that will address **parents, teens, and money matters.**



Choice Dollars Program

If you are a member of Thrivent, Lutheran Brotherhood, or AAL, your monthly premiums, stocks, annuities or long term care payments can benefit Redeemer through the Choice Dollars Program. Every time you make a payment on the above products, a portion of those funds are held and given back to the Lutheran agency of your choice.

To designate Redeemer as your recipient, simply notify the Thrivent home office at 800-847-4836 or Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and give them your account number and social security number and tell them you would like to choose Redeemer for your Choice Dollars. There is no cost to you. To date, several members have done this and Redeemer has received \$400. Thanks for your continued support of the ministries at Redeemer.

COMMITTEE CORNER

The following is an excerpt from a letter written aboard the USS Roosevelt stationed off the coast of Japan:

...The helos and airplanes go out and look at the country looking for people with cameras and stuff. Japanese are really smart at disaster preparedness. The displaced people that need help write SOS on the ground in big fields or drop lots of stones on the ground in an helo pad shape or spell out S O S . Then the helos know there are people nearby that need help so they land and look and bring back supplies. Many, many Japanese have been helped in this way. I'm guessing they are without power but yet they inherently know to do this.

When the helos land on the ground the Japanese come out and stand in a perfect line and help the helo guys unload all the goodies out of the helo in an assembly line as fast as possible. They have been ever so respectful, patient and humble. They are such an amazing people. Even in this horrible time, they maintain such respectability.

My friend who is a helo pilot told me tonight that as they were taking off after unloading supplies, a man got down on his knees and prayed to the helo guys (like a Buddhist praying motion). Other Japanese have all waved, clapped, and given many types of thanks to our helo squadrons....



Our weekly offerings were Pacific Earth-Tsunami Dis-Fund. A \$514. was for-ELCA in would still like

donation please make your check payable to the church and put *Pacific Earthquake/Tsunami* in the memo line. We will forward a check from Redeemer to the ELCA. 100% of the funds will be donated in response to this disaster.

Bread 'n Broth donated to the quake and aster Relief check for awarded to the April. If you to make a do-

Worship and Music is looking for an acolyte coordinator.

New Offering Envelopes will start on July 1. There will no longer be a "General Fund" or a "Building Fund" envelope. All offerings will be used to do God's work at Redeemer. It is hoped that your support for the Building Fund will continue in the single weekly offering envelope. You will continue to receive special offering envelopes for the Youth Fund, Advent, Lent, World Hunger Appeal, etc. If you have any questions, please ask a member of Council, or the Finance or Stewardship Committees.

A Men's Bible Study is being formed for the Fall. The curriculum will be *No Experience Necessary*. Tentative plans are to hold the study one evening a week depending on attendees' personal schedules. If you are interested in this fellowship and bible study, contact Pastor Gary at the church office 856-691-4278 or pastorgary@redeemerlutheran.net.

The Vineland Ministerium is sponsoring a 5 mile walk to benefit the food bank on May 21. It will begin at 9am at Chestnut Assembly of God. For information call 856-690-5509 or 856-696-1514.

The next **Property Cleanup Day** will be Saturday, June 4th, from 9am until 2pm.

The Endowment Committee, a group of five Redeemer members, met recently to review our current Endowment Fund along with its supporting documents. The purpose of the committee is to be the overseer of all funds placed in the RLC Endowment Fund and any funds deposited in the future. This committee will make recommendations to the Church Council on investment strategies using those guidelines established by the committee and approved by the Congregation. If you have any questions or suggestions for our Endowment Plan, contact one of these committee members: *Abbey Bradway, Arlene Cherwien, Ted Lane, Oz Schumacher, Herb Wegner and Pastor Stiegler*.

The Wurfle Fund College Loan Program has a limited amount of financial aid for college students. Eligibility requirements as well as the application are available on line at www.njsynod.org. All applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than June 1st.

POSITIVE CHANGE SUNDAYS

May 1st: Atlantic City Rescue Mission

The Atlantic City Rescue Mission is set apart by the Spirit of God to preach the Gospel and meet the physical, emotional and other basic needs (through provision of shelter, clothing, food, counseling, referral and structured programs) of the poor and those who are bound and bruised by addictive lifestyles in Atlantic City and the surrounding communities.

Founded in 1964, they help over 3,300 homeless and working poor people each year. They are also the largest provider of comprehensive services to about 20% of the entire state of New Jersey's homeless population.

Hug-A-Bear Foundation Update

Approximately \$250 was collected on April's positive change Sunday.

Gabriel Project

Dear Pastor Gary and Congregation,

Thank you so much for allowing us to be a part of your day! The Gabriel Project is very thrilled to help and speak on our work! We appreciate your donation.

Love, *Mark and The Kids*

Positive Change Sunday Schedule

May 1—A.C. Rescue Mission

June 5—LWR Sewing Kits

July 10—Christus Lutheran Academy

August 7—Family Promise

September 11—Half the Sky Adoption Foundation

October 2—Lutheran Social Ministries

November 6—Luther Acres Christmas Party

December 4—Lakeside Christmas Gifts

CROSS ROADS SUMMER CAMP

Welcome to an amazing summer camp experience packed with fun activities, faith building and new friendships. Our program is based on a safe and diverse Christian Community for all to enjoy. Your summer camp experience provides action packed days. Innovative evening programs, various worship and faith building experiences, comfortable cabin living, new friends, and a close family like atmosphere.

Our staff is committed to the safety of all campers and have been certified in American Red Cross CPR and First Aid. Safety is paramount in all activities provided like swimming, boating, campfires, archery, challenge course elements, sports and crafts. All activities work together to form great friendships and strengthen our camper's faith development.

Explorers Grades 1-2

Discoverers Grades 3-5

Journeyers Grades 6-8

Sr. High Week Grades 9-12

Staff-In-Training Grades 9-12

Middle School Servant Event Grades 6-8

Family Camp

Brochures are available in the Narthex or Church office or online at www.crossroadsretreat.com





New Member Class

If you are interested in joining Redeemer, an information night will be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00pm in the Manor House.

New members will be received on Sunday May 8 at the 10:30am service.

For questions or to register, speak to Pastor Gary or contact the church office at 856-691-4278.

VISITATION AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

For many years, faithful volunteers from the Redeemer family have been visiting shut-ins, and the Eucharistic Deacons bring Holy Communion to the sick. Recently, in order to coordinate our efforts, visitors and Deacons, along with Pastor Gary, have been meeting as a group to pray, share what we have been doing, and to discuss our visitors needs. In meeting together we strengthen our own faith and commitment to extend the ministry of our Lord and Savior.

Our goal is to visit every shut-in and take Holy Communion to anyone who wishes it. We currently visit 28 members of Redeemer in their homes or in area nursing facilities. Anyone who would like to join this ministry and either visit shut-ins or serve communion, please contact Carol Shenton at 856-327-4554 or RCShenton@aol.com

Our list of sick and shut-ins needs constant updating as the needs of the people change. If you know of someone who needs a visit, let us know or contact the church office.

Lydia Coulson is pictured in the photograph to the right. Lydia has been a member of Redeemer for most of her life. She was active in the church when her children were growing up, and she was involved in the Food Coop project back in the '70's.

Lydia is one of the long-time members of Redeemer who now find it difficult to come to church. She benefits from home visits and communion by members of the Visitation and Eucharistic Ministry Team.



SUMMER CAMP

LET ME LEARN: SIX WEEKS OF WOW!

July 5 to August 12, 8:00am to 4:00pm, at Redeemer's former Little Acres facility, for grades K-5

Let Me Learn is more than crafts and recreation. It introduces children to the people who make the world operate through learning, experiencing and meeting role models. It helps them set career paths and dreams for their future. Sessions include guest speakers, healthy snacks and physical activity, learner and content centered activities, teambuilding, acceptance, literature and imagination, art, movement and practice, circle time and discussions, and a weekly parent letter. Class size is limited to twenty students. Each grade group has one certified teacher and one aide. Cost per week for first child is \$150 and \$135 for additional siblings.

Let Me Learn, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes informed, intentional learning behaviors that consistently result in achieving desired outcomes. It has a proven track record that has been used with over 100,000 parents, children and professionals to better understand their behaviors and redirect their energies toward more productive interpersonal behavior.

Brochures are available in the church office and Narthex. For more information, or to register, visit lmlsummercamp.org or call 856-405-5395.

LET ME LEARN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Let Me Learn is seeking scholarship funds to assist families whose children would benefit from participating in the camp's fun-filled, action packed academic experience, but whose resources are limited.

Scholarship assistance makes the camp outreach into the community possible while supporting Redeemer's ministry. All scholarship funds donated to *Let Me Learn, Inc.* for the Six Weeks of WOW Summer Camp Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.

You may write a check to LML and put it in the offering plate on Sunday, or drop it off or mail it to the church office during the week.

Thank you for helping a child enjoy a "Wow" of a summer!



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ...

I would like to thank everyone who turned out or dropped off supplies for the most recent and tremendously successful property day in Redeemer's history! A big thanks to those who provided breakfast items, lunch, and snacks!

Some of the items on the list that got completed include the following: entire sanctuary cleaned and vacuumed, all pews cleaned with Murphys oil, many areas were dusted, all of the glass on the entire first floor of the entire facility cleaned inside and out, many old low wattage bulbs were replaced all around the church including the youth room (a long forgotten task), many closets were cleaned out, and lots of trash was removed from all over the building.

Outside projects included roof maintenance of slate tiles, fixing the kitchen exhaust fan over the stove, planting spring gardens of pansies, pulling out last years' growth of perennials, the removal of MANY large bushes and trees that used to be ornamental but have become giants over the years, and trimming of existing shrubbery property-wide causing a 15 foot high pile along Landis Avenue that had the neighborhood wondering.. "What's going on at the church?" The list goes on....and many of you kept on volunteering for weeks after the property day. Small projects are getting accomplished at a record pace!

This continuous outpouring of interest is so awesome that we have decided to place a property display in the Narthex with tags, like the gift tree at Christmas, where you can pull off a tag and "claim a project." Don't worry, there are plenty of small items that need to be completed, so check out what needs to be done, and contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Please don't forget the Sod Squad. There are still weeks available this summer and fall for volunteers to cut the lawn. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex, and a free lesson is included.

Once again, thanks to everyone for their support and caring for such a beautiful church and lovely grounds that will really look great this summer!!

*-Jeff Lambert
Properties Committee Chairperson*

- *Michael Stierle, Jim Clay, Jeff Lambert, and Greg Kendall* for moving the office furniture.
 - *Eileen Chiatello* for donating new lamps and organizers to the church office.
 - *Al Keller* for removing the old wiring in the Manor House.
 - *An anonymous donor and Margie Stierle* of Orr Floor Covering for the new carpeting in the apartment and church office.
 - *April's Sod Squad: Tom Wetherby, Tom & Patty Burns, Bob Russell, and Greg Kendall.*
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Dear Redeemer Friends,

Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts and kind cards sent our way after my mother's death. Andrew, Elizabeth and I appreciated them sincerely.

Much Love, *Tina Taylor*

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to ELCA International Disaster Response: Haiti Earthquake Relief. Gifts like yours have made a great difference to the people of Haiti.

Hurricane Tomas led to flooding and an outbreak of waterborne disease, but thanks to gifts like yours, the church has been able to respond to this further need.

Gifts like yours bring both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity make sit possible for us to stand with our neighbors in Haiti for as long as it takes. Thank you.

-The Rev. Daniel Rift, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

