

*God's work. Our hands.*

# SEPTEMBER

2011  
*Clippings*  
Newsletter

**Redeemer**  
**Lutheran Church**  
2384 E. Landis Ave  
Vineland, New Jersey  
The Rev. Gary N. Stiegler



*Fall Schedule*  
*Returns Sept 18th*  
Worship Services  
8:00am & 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Nite Live!  
6:30pm

## *Blessing of the Book Bags*

Sunday, Sept. 4th  
9:30am



Sunday, Sept. 11th  
9:30am Worship  
Sunday School  
Registration  
Annual Barbecue

**Oktoberfest**  
Saturday Sept 24  
1:00—5:00pm  
Civil War Band  
Food & Beverages

**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!*

## *Church Staff*

**Pastor**—Gary Stiegler  
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**Music Director**—Misty Fiske  
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**Vice President** — James Salvaryn  
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Heidi Flebbe, Martin Geisser, Michael Headley, Terry Love,  
Dale Nichols, Harry Nylund, and Roberta Romano

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*Have you remembered Redeemer in your Will?*

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## FROM THE PASTOR



This September marks the beginning of your pastor's third year at Redeemer. This summer has seen a "flood" of activity that has given us a glimpse into what the future might hold. Here are some highlights of this summer's activities:

- A new congregational council was elected and installed with three new members who have never served on council.
- A new treasurer was appointed and begins training this Fall to learn our church financial software and procedures.
- A gift was received that helped us get the education building inspected and approved by the State for use by a potential Charter School tenant, *Let Me Learn, Inc.* We'll know by the end of September whether a Charter School is in our future for the Fall of 2012.
- Redeemer has partnered with the Family Support Organization of Gloucester, Cumberland, and Salem Counties in being the recipient of a grant from the Pascal Sykes Foundation. The Foundation will be supporting families in the three-county area for the next ten years with over 34 million dollars in grants being distributed. Redeemer is helping to build a transportation network to serve granted social service agencies throughout the county.
- Sixty children, youth, and adults staged a wonderful Vacation Bible School with the re-creation of Jesus hometown, Nazareth. The children shared some music they learned at worship the following Sunday with the words projected on the front wall of the sanctuary!
- A South Jersey site for a Diakonia program has been launched by the South Shore ELCA churches, and Redeemer has been chosen to host the program because of its central location. The program will offer 12 courses over a 2 year period to people wanting to grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ and the church. Courses will be taught on Tuesday nights by area pastors.

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- Several families have taken advantage of having their contributions automatically deposited through "Simply Giving", an electronic funds transfer (EFT) program that patterns their giving in a consistent way that fits their budget.
- Redeemer walked in the 150<sup>th</sup> Vineland Anniversary parade with 21 children, youth, adults, and three cars. Our theme of "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" was punctuated by our bright green shirts carrying our name, picture, and theme. The Thanksgiving parade is next!
- There are plans for many more opportunities to serve the church and the people of Cumberland County and Vineland through Redeemer. We continue to experiment with our mid-week and Sunday evening services and seek new ways to invite new members and old to "*come and see.*" This is a transitional time for Redeemer. New leaders are stepping forward and new programs are being launched. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of the excitement that has become The "New" Redeemer Lutheran .... "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!" ~Pastor Gary

### THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

#### Do you have a *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* Product?

If your answer is yes, then *Thrivent Choice* may be for you!

*Thrivent Choice* is a charitable grant program where members can participate at different levels based on their involvement with Thrivent Financial. Your own Thrivent product helps create the money that makes these grants possible. Many Thrivent products, including insurance, long-term care, investments & annuities, may be eligible. Qualifying members can direct these ***Thrivent Choice Dollars*** to thousands of Lutheran non-profit organizations, including Redeemer.

At this time, we have 84 Redeemer members who have an affiliation with Thrivent and many are eligible for this program. So far this year, Redeemer has received a total of \$1,299 from 7 members who arranged to automatically send these *Choice Dollars* to Redeemer. Imagine the number if even 30 Redeemer members designated their *Choice Dollars* to Redeemer!

There is no cost to you. More information can be found at [Thrivent.com/choicevote](http://Thrivent.com/choicevote), by calling 1-800-847-4836, or in the brochure in the Narthex. Directing *Choice Dollars* and receiving funds from the *Thrivent Choice Program* are subject to the Terms and Conditions of the program.



## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM BISHOP RILEY

As you know, the tenth anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001 falls on a Sunday. There are many resources being provided on the internet for observing that anniversary. Deciding how to observe the anniversary will be impacted by a number of factors, including rally day activities in some congregations, the relative distance from New York City, the actual experience of that day in your community ten years ago, and in some places plans for ecumenical and interfaith observances.

While New York City, Washington, DC, and Western Pennsylvania are the places primarily identified with the 9-11 attacks, New Jersey residents accounted for about one in every four of the persons who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attack. Some communities (Hoboken, Jersey City, and Middletown, for instance) were very deeply impacted.

I remember the wrenching mix of helplessness and heroism on that day. Some of us could only stand by waiting for news. Others, mostly first-responders, hurried toward and into the disaster to do what needed to be done. As the day wore on, pastors began to go to train station platforms to stand with family members and to receive those who made it home. Teachers in bedroom communities began to quietly identify the children in their classrooms who had parents with 212 area codes for their business phones and plan for how those children could be cared for at end of the day. The doors of churches stood wide open on a Tuesday night, and on Wednesday and Thursday, candles lit, open for prayers. Everything changed.

In those days in 2001, there was for a time a genuine sense of being together. A sharing of what was truly bad became the ground for commitment to the common good. People lined up at blood banks to give, even when it was becoming clear that there would be few, if any, to be saved. Christian citizens walked with and protected neighbors who had suddenly become the object of violent hatred because of their speech, dress, or association with Islamic faith. When our own nation's extremists (religious and otherwise) made outrageous assertions about why and how this happened, others stood up immediately, repudiating their inflammatory rhetoric and calling for reason and reasonableness and reflection. Calm largely became the state of our deep sorrow, and not violence. But most of all, there was a sense of needing to be and work together for the good of all - the common good.

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On the first anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, Lutheran pastors and bishops from all over the country came to the greater New York area to fill pulpits and give witness to the support of the whole church for those who were still reeling from what had happened. Marcia Carrier was one of those, a pastor of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod serving Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland, Wisconsin. At the close of her sermon preached at Immanuel, Staten Island, she told this story:

"This last Thursday evening I was having a rather fragile conversation with the President of the congregation. At the end of our conversation he was about to leave when he turned around at the door and stopped very still. After a moment of awkwardness he said in a very soft and gentle voice: 'Please tell them they didn't cry alone - that they were not alone.' Then he told me with tears edging his eyes about how he had come to church that day and just cried and prayed. 'We all cried for different reasons,' he said, 'but we all cried together in God's precious presence.'"

Remember this: all the days of our lives - the best days and the worst days - are lived in God's precious presence, because God chooses to be present and promises to be with us to the end of time. A cross that was lifted up on a hill outside of Jerusalem makes a cross that emerges from the ruins of the World Trade Center Towers mean something to us. We know that we and all those who lost their lives on 9-11-01 mean something to God, something very precious. This Gospel holds us in common and bids us to hold one another in love and in mercy - the common good born out of a most uncommon, unfathomable grace. Remember.

Peace be with you and with all the people of the earth.

***Bishop E. Roy Riley will be visiting Redeemer on Sunday, October 9. He will lead both worship services as well as preach. Join us in a "town hall" style meeting between services in the Fellowship Hall. Please make every effort to attend worship and the meeting with the bishop that day. Brunch will be served.***

## IN AND AROUND THE PARISH

### Recently Hospitalized

*Zola Fisher, Nellie LaTorre, Adele Mole, Raoul Reisch, and Astrid Russo.*

### Expressions of Sympathy

to the Craig family upon the death of former member, **Harriet Craig** in Essexville, MI; to Paul & Lisa Shadinger and family upon the death of Paul's uncle, **George Barber**; to Henry Hansen, a friend of many in the congregation, upon the death of his beloved wife of 58 years, **Kathleen "Kate" Hansen**.

### Recent Pastoral Acts

**Baptisms:** **Jacqueline Krumpp** and **Konner Jamison Krumpp**, children of Kirk & Jacqueline Krumpp received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on July 24 with Karla Walker as sponsor.

### Congratulations

to **Allyson Stierle** winner of the "PUSH" Walk Picture Contest. Allyson correctly guessed the most pictures on display so she won the Wawa gift certificate.

to **Daniel Bradbury** who spent three months this summer as a member of the elite Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. This is an athletic marching band that rehearses for one month in Rockford, Illinois then travels to perform in 35 competitions across the US. They practice every day in the summer heat and do most of their sleeping on overnight bus rides to the next city. Out of 23 corps in the DCI World Class group, Phantom finished in 5th place this year. They were the obvious fan favorite when their Juliet themed show drew the longest standing ovation during the final night of competition at Colts Stadium in Indianapolis.

Keith and Susan drove out for finals and to bring Dan home for three days. Then, he is off to band camp to start his second year at Rutgers. Dan is already looking forward to auditions for the 2012 Phantom Regiment which start Thanksgiving weekend. Check out Youtube for some of their performances!



## AREA EVENTS

### Coming November 19th

**Christopher  
Columbus**



**Santa Claus**



**Queen Isabella**



Mark your calendars and look for more information in the October *Clippings*

### FIRST LOVE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

*Delaware Valley's Premier Christian Music Festival*

Buena Vista Camping Resort, 775 Harding Highway, Buena, NJ

Gates Open at 11:00am and Close at 10:00pm

For information or tickets contact Ernie Beaumont at 856-641-5066

**Family Promise** is holding a fund raiser through Boscov's *Friends Helping Friends Program* by selling \$5.00 Raffle Tickets for a television, \$500 shopping spree, and a diamond pendent. A 25% shopping pass is included with a purchase. Area locations are the Vineland Shop-Rite on September 17 from 10am-6pm, and the Millville Shop-Rite on September 21-22 from 3-6pm.

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### 5th Annual Jeffrey A. Clay Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing

Saturday, September 10, at Eastlyn Gold Course, Italia Ave, Vineland.

Registration begins at 7:00am. Advance registration is \$70.00 (\$75 at door) and includes a continental breakfast, green fees, golf cart and lunch. Contact Jim or Kathleen Clay at 856-696-1514.

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**Dr. Scott W. Gustafson** will do a presentation on his newest book, "Behind Good and Evil," at St. James Lutheran Church, Folsom, NJ, on Sunday, September 11, at 4:00pm. The book contrasts ethics and morality. A pot-luck dinner will follow. Please call the church at 561-4488 if you plan to attend.

## POSTIVE CHANGE SUNDAY— SEPTEMBER 11

**Half the Sky Foundation (HTS)** was created in 1998 in order to enrich the lives of orphaned children living in China's social welfare institutions. Their mission is to enrich the lives and enhance the prospects of orphaned children in China who want to be adopted, and those who will spend their childhood in orphanages. The Foundation is named for the Chinese adage, "Women hold up half the sky," to donate the fact that the vast majority of healthy babies abandoned in China are girls. Programs include Infant Nurture Centers, pre-schools, Youth Services, Family Villages, and China Care.

There are currently 6,000 children enrolled in HTS programs, and 40,000 children have participated since it's inception.



### Boxes for Soldiers

On September 11, 18, and 25, we will be collecting items to share with our military personnel who are either stationed in the United States or serving overseas. Suggested donations include: large wipes, chapstick, quart size baggies, pens and pencils, powdered drink mix, beef jerky, snacks like candy or gum, and white or black socks. We presently have a good supply of books. Look for the red and white striped box in the Narthex.

We hope to begin a letter writing campaign this Fall as we are told how much it is appreciated. You can also find photographs of some of our military family on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the choir room.

#### INVEST IN AMERICA

You can now recycle your used cell phones by placing them in the bin in the Narthex. Our troops will receive 60 minute calling cards that they can use to phone home. This will be an ongoing project.

Thank you to our congregation for continuing to show your love and concern with so much positive enthusiasm.  
*- Doris and Dick Allewelt*

## WORD OF THANKS

To the Clippings Crew: *Lilija Balodis, Ann Bradbury, Marilyn Gressman, Jean Holshue, and Gertrude Raymond.*

To our dedicated Summer Sod Squad for keeping the church grounds trimmed. **Fall volunteers are still needed.**

Thank you for prayers, cards and the beautiful Fabric of Faith quilt. I will cherish it always. *-Geri Strang*

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, visited and prayed for my recovery. It's coming along! *-Dick Shenton*

Dear Members of the Congregation,

I just received your care packages. Thank you very much for the food, cards, and prayers. I appreciate all you do for members of the military.  
*-PFC Angelo Trapani*

Dear Christian Friends,

We thank your congregation for helping to bring an end to homelessness through its recent gift of \$273.00. Your compassion has played a part in giving shelter, nourishment and spiritual guidance to more than 270 men, women, and families that we serve every day.

Your congregation understands that the security and happiness we enjoy today can change in an instant. From those who have fallen on desperate times but have been able to heal and move forward at the Mission, thank you! *-Bill Southrey, President & CEO, Atlantic City Rescue Mission*

Dear Pastor Gary,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the volunteers of Vacation Bible School for providing my granddaughter, Lia, with a wonderful learning experience. Lia especially loved "Mary" and could not wait to hear her story every night. Your Mission for mosquito nets in Africa was enlightening and worthwhile. Again, thank you and I hope you continue providing the children with this learning experience. *-Sincerely, Diane Williams*

A special thank you to Tim Williams for helping me rearrange and organize the music in the choir room ...and for warning me about the spiders!

*-Misty Fiske*

## ♪ MUSIC NOTES BY MISTY FISKE

We had a great summer with various individuals and groups adding so much to our worship. Many thanks to the following: *Rob Kish, Dawn Watson, Christie Mills, Dan Cherwien, The Trojan Alumni Chorus, Jack Thomas, The Auer Family, Hannah Salvaryn, The Kell Family, Ginny Workman, Gae Finch, WNL...* And the list goes on. We all appreciate your musical offerings and contributions to our worship!

As we look ahead to the fall, the Chancel Choir will resume on September 11 with special music appropriate for, not only Rally Day, but in memory of the 10th Anniversary of September 11.

The Chancel Choir is always looking for new members to worship with us and share in the music! We rehearse Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the choir room. Come join us! We welcome new singers, young singers, seasoned singers, and those who haven't sung in years. Please consider giving some time to the choir this season.

I am always looking for people to share in the music of the service in other ways. If you play an instrument, know someone who does, or haven't played in a long time, please come see me! I would love to have more music from our members and friends in our service. We have many opportunities for adding solos, ensembles, and instrumental accompaniment to our worship. Please let me know if you know of someone as I would love to add more music to our worship.

**Diakonia** is a program that provides spiritual formation to men and women wishing to deepen their understanding of the faith so they might become servants of the Lord.

Their vision is to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" -*Ephesians 4:12*

Here is what one alumnus said about how Diakonia changed her life:

"Diakonia provided me the spiritual nourishment I have been seeking. In return, it helped empower me to go forth in service to others with joy." (Maya)

For further information, contact site manager, Jan Stiegler, at 856-691-1867.

A Registration Form can be found on the inside cover of the *Clippings*.

## 2011-2012 REDEEMER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Back Row: Harry Fisher, Mike Emmer, Jim Salvryn, Roberta Romano, and Harry Nylund  
Front Row: Brenda Ackley, Dale Nichols, Georgia Salvryn, Dawn Amari, Heidi Flebbe, and Shelly Damiano  
Kneeling: Pastor Gary Stiegler  
Missing: Jim Clay, Martin Geisser, Mike Headley, Daniel Kremmel, and Terry Love



### Meet Mike Emmer

Mike has been a member of Redeemer since January, 2011. He grew up in Wildwood and was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for almost 30 years where he served on Church Council and the Pastor Call Committee. He is a Lieutenant for the Cape May County Prosecutors Office and lives in Millville with his wife Anne and 9-month-old daughter, Teagan.

"I want to serve on church council because I want to get more involved in the congregation and learn more about Redeemer."

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee will host a series of "Fireside Chats," without the fire, during the month of October. These "Chats" will be held in Fellowship Hall between the services on three Sundays. We ask that the 8:00am folks be willing to stay an hour or so after the service and the 10:30am folks be willing to come an hour or so before the service. Of course there will be coffee and Danish.

The program is as follows:

- ♦ *October 2:* The topic will be the sharing of our Time and Talent in doing God's work at Redeemer.
- ♦ *October 16:* The sharing of our treasure so we can continue to reach out to all people. The "chat" will include the idea of tithing.
- ♦ *October 23:* This "chat" will encourage all to share your Faith in God with others by inviting them to worship with you; "Each One Reach One" is the concept.
- ♦ *October 30:* Consecration Sunday

## “GOD WITH US: *Sharing His Great News with the Children of our Community through VBS*”

This year’s Vacation Bible School, “Hometown Nazareth” was a great success! The purpose of Vacation Bible School is to reach out to the community and share the Good News with others, and we were able to do just that. It began with being able to raise enough funds to cover the cost of the meals and supplies for thirty children. Because of this, we met many new families from the community.

After partaking in a family meal that served over 40 people each evening, the children gathered in the Sanctuary for singing joyous music. Next, they met with their teachers for a time to get focused on the nightly lessons all of which focused on Christ as a child.

Children were then led into two rooms. In one, they spoke with Mary and her neighbor, Eunice, about how Jesus was as a child. The children were enraptured by the stories as their imaginations led them to think about how Jesus was a child once just like them. The second room was where the children learned about the purpose of a mission. This year’s mission was to raise awareness and money to defeat malaria in several countries of Africa. With the free-will offerings and the children’s collections, we raised enough money to purchase 40 malaria nets! These nets will protect families from the deadly disease and allow them to sleep more peacefully.

Once the children finished visiting with Mary and learning about the mission, they traveled back in time as they experienced all of the shops in Nazareth. Here they played games, made musical instruments, created prayer quilts and prayer bracelets, scratched ornaments, built a wooden toy, painted a Tzedakah box, mixed ingredients for a snack, and crushed herbs to make scented oils. What a wonderful way to use all of the senses when learning about the town where Jesus lived!

At the end of each night we gathered the children for the closing song and prayer of “Jesus Says I’m with You.” He was, and always will be with each and every one of us, and we are thankful that we were able to share this message with the future of our church.

Each night our attendance stayed between 28-30 and never wavered! This was all in thanks to the people who helped to make this possible each and every night: *Redeemer Congregation, VBS Families, Pat Batula, Jane Berger, Karen Bernhardt, Susan Cherwien, Valerie Caverow, Beth Davis, Dona Dute, Lauren Geisser, Chris & Dale Johnston, Sheryl Kenyon, Terry Love, Alice Motter, Susan Papiano, Kelsey & Lisa Rishel, Pastor Gary & Jan Stiegler, Margie & Michael Stierle, Elizabeth & Tina Taylor, and Olivia Wallace.*



Making cinnamon rolls in the Bake Shoppe



Little hands crushing herbs in the Scent Shoppe



Children visit in Mary's home



Children trying out the mosquito net to learn about Malaria

# VBS

## VINELAND 150TH BIRTHDAY PARADE



Thirty members of Redeemer braved the 90 degree heat to participate in Vineland’s Birthday Parade. Ted Lane drove a ‘63 Corvair, Margie Stierle a 2011 Camero, and Jane Stiegler a new Ford Focus Hybrid courtesy of Lillistan Ford. Jim Clay and Greg Kendall carried our Redeemer banner while Ed & Darlene Morvay, Michael & Allyson Sterle and Ella Berger & friends carried the *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* Banners. Thank you for the water Dale Nichols and the banners Beth Davis. Ehren Von Reuter did a great job printing our colorful t-shirts. Redeemer did a great job demonstrating it’s historical roots and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.



# September



- 1 Karen Gaburo
- 2 George Glenn
- 3 Robert Criss
- 5 Sue Bachman  
Jim Damiano Jr
- 6 Justin Rodriguez
- 7 Beverly Sjogren
- 8 Wayne Fisher  
Nansen Rodriguez  
George Steinbronn
- 10 Christopher Geisser  
Marianne Halterman
- 11 Tina Taylor
- 12 James Kendall  
Megan Malone  
Genalyn Mills  
Helyn Utley
- 13 Clara Ivins  
Richard Shenton
- 14 Harry Ackley
- 15 Rubin Rosario
- 16 Donald Halterman Sr
- 17 Lauren Foster
- 18 James Clay
- 19 Wendy Koering
- 20 Gayle Penven
- 21 Roberta Romano
- 22 Nicole Stanewich
- 25 Karen Golway
- 26 Sheryl Rasmussen

- 28 Grace La Bar  
Rachel Taylor
- 29 Keith Bernhardt  
Hildegard Krummp  
Monika Ossiboff
- 30 Shelly Damiano  
Stephanie Gaburo  
William Lomberk  
Dale Nichols

- 1 Harry and Nancy Nylund
- 2 Peter and Joan Freimanis
- 10 Robert and Lisa Criss
- 11 Philip and BJ Fanfarillo
- 12 James and Kathleen Clay
- 13 Raoul and Miriam Reisch
- 14 Jose and Diane Rodriguez
- 21 George and Jody Steinbronn
- 23 James and Bonnie Taylor
- 24 Thomas and Susan Burch III
- 25 Christopher and Rebecca Williams
- 28 Keith and Susan Bradbury

