

Come and See

God's work.

Our hands.

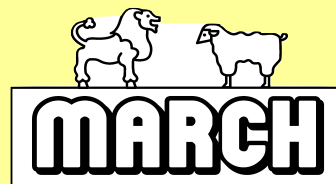
**Pot Luck Supper
& Sale
to Benefit
ELCA
World Hunger Relief**

**Saturday March 19
5:30pm
Redeemer Fellowship Hall**

**Bring your favorite
covered dish to share.
Free will offering
collected.**

**4:30—5:30pm
SERVV
Craft and Treasure
Sale**

Clippings Newsletter



2011

**Redeemer
Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Ave
Vineland, New Jersey**

*Ash Wednesday Services

March 9, 2011
12:00 noon and 7:00pm
Holy Communion
and
Imposition of Ashes

*Bread and Broth Suppers

6:00pm in Fellowship Hall
Every Wednesday during Lent

*Community Lenten Luncheons

Held every Thursday in Lent
At Chestnut Assembly of God
12:00—1:00pm

Hosted by Vineland Ministerial Fellowship

**More information inside on these events.*

Looking Ahead...



Any child in 2nd grade or above and any adult who would like First Holy Communion instruction, please contact Pastor Gary at the church office 856-691-4278 or pastorgary@redeemerlutheran.net. Communicants will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday April 21.

Easter Breakfast



**Sunday, April 24
between the 8:00am and
10:30am
Services**

Sunday Worship

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

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Redeemer Lutheran Church
2384 E. Landis Avenue
Vineland, New Jersey
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

As I gaze out my office window, the skies are turning darker and darker with the threat of yet another winter snow storm. The winds are still blowing hard out of the north after two days of damaging winds that had us chasing our trashcans throughout the neighborhood. Will it ever end? Will we ever see and feel spring? Can I finally put that snow shovel away!?

This has been a hard winter for many of us. Some folks have lost loved ones, or jobs, and others have seen children off to college. Some of you have struggled with health problems, and others have had to “negotiate” with parents about staying at home or moving to an assisted living arrangement. Jan and I have not been spared as we continue to work with her mom on issues that are all too typical of a 90-year-old who wants to live alone. But we trust that God has us all in His loving hands and knows exactly what the outcome of all of this will be. Just like the weather, our lives sometimes move like a “Canadian Clipper” and sometimes like a slow moving warm front. We must trust that God will clear the skies to allow the sun to warm the land and bring the renewal of the landscape with the first signs of Spring.

And so also, God works in each of us to slowly grow us in our faith, working in us to share His love with each other and with those around us. As a church, Redeemer has been through a long winter storm that has chilled our relationships, frozen our commitment, and created slippery places in our trust of each other. May the warming temperatures of Spring begin to thaw our hearts so that we may, once again, be willing to move forward in faith as we continue to make disciples in Vineland and Cumberland County.

This year we will see the completion of repairs to the Trumpet Hill House and be able to decide what to do with this resource. We will experience a summer program with Let Me Learn and another VBS experience. More members will be joining and begin to make an impact on our ministry. Our Sunday night service will continue to grow. Plenty of new programs will grow out of the new seeds that have been planted.

Evaluate your own involvement in Redeemer and decide to make this Spring the time that you will blossom in your own way here at Redeemer. Spend time with us this Lenten and Easter season. Challenge yourself to make a difference.

Pastor Gary

WORD OF THANKS TO...

- **Harry Kouhopt** for using his wood working skills to repair and restore our Processional Cross inside and out.
- **Jim Salvaryn** and his community service crew for cleaning up debris around the church. This is a wonderful way Redeemer can give back to the community and save money.
- **Robert Wallace** for painting and doing much needed clean up on the church property.
- **To the Clippings Crew: Lilija Balodis, Ann Bradbury, Kathleen Clay, Marilyn Gressman, Jean Holshue, and Gertrude Raymond.**
- **Alison Keller** for mailing the Boxes for Soldiers at the post office.
- **Greg Kendall** for making our Lenten cross.

To My Friends at Redeemer,

Thanks so much for your prayers for my uncle, Joe Lambert, who just received a cancer-free bill of health! This is proof that miracles can happen when you pray for someone.

Very Sincerely, Jeff Lambert

Dear Dona Dute and Friends,

Lakeside Manor expresses their deepest gratitude for your generosity over the holidays.

Thank you, Dawn and all the Residents

MEMORIAL/SPECIAL GIFTS

A donation has been given to the Memorial/Special Gift Fund of Redeemer Lutheran Church in loving memory of:

Gladys Babbitt by Stacey Gamble Souders.

Douglas Pollard by his wife Eleanore Pollard and former Circle Mary members: Lilija Balodis, Clara & Joe Chinnici and Barbara & Jim McDevitt; Irwin & Barbara Auer; Dan & Arlene Cherwien; and Lou & Rosetta Lechner.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Florence Chatas.

ELCA NEWS

President Barack Obama recently appointed ELCA Presiding Bishop **Rev. Mark S. Hanson** to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The advisory council brings together religious and secular leaders, as well as scholars and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations, to make recommendations to the government on how to improve partnerships.

Welcome New Members!



(in alphabetical order) *Rick & Lisette Allen and children Augusta & Tyler; Mike Emmer; Faith Plowman; Diana Russell; Tom Weatherby; Herb Wegner; and Vanessa Williams.*

If you missed joining with Redeemer in January don't fret—another new member class is forming this Spring. Anyone interested in uniting with Redeemer, and becoming a voting member, can come to the information class on May 4 at 7pm in the Manor House. Begin your faith journey during Lent and Easter then join Redeemer on May 8th at the 10:30am worship service. Questions? Contact Pastor Gary at 691-4278.

Have you remembered your church in your Will?

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!



ANNIVERSARIES

2nd—Susan & Rubin Rosario
 3rd—Kathryn & Robert Stenger
 11th—Tammy & Donald Williams
 21st—Joan & Charlie Curcio
 25th—Megan & Bill Malone
 30th—Jennifer & Frank Klotz

BIRTHDAYS

2nd—Ruth Donaghy
 Robert Romano
 3rd—Gustav Foster
 5th—Susan Bradbury
 6th—Gavin Shadinger
 8th—Marion Smith
 9th—David Raffo
 10th—Philip Fanfarillo
 11th—Thomas Ulrich
 12th—Guy Garrett
 Noah Wiese
 15th—Matthew Bernhardt
 16th—Kathryn Stenger
 17th—Mackenzie Petyan
 18th—Linda Hoffman
 Michele Loeschke
 19th—Dena Garrison
 20th—Helmut Ossiboff
 21st—Kathleen Chinnici
 22nd—Dorthea Dayton
 23rd—Cody Geisser
 Joyce Von Reuter
 24th—Al Keller
 25th—Laurie Wiese
 27th—Irwin Auer
 Peter Forte
 28th—Natalie Harrison
 29th—Michael Dennis
 Daniel Forte
 30th—Eve Berger
 Kelsi Garrett
 Cathy Wisda
 31st—Sarah DiSanto



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bridgeton is celebrating their 120th Anniversary on March 20th. To mark this happy occasion, a special worship service is planned at 11am followed by a dinner in fellowship hall. All past and present members are invited to attend. A special choir will sing and any past member who would like to participate can call Jean Piani at 455-2238.

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral: Douglas K. Pollard, 89, entered God's eternal glory on January 29, 2011. Doug's funeral service was celebrated on February 3rd with burial at Siloam Cemetery in Vineland.

IN AND AROUND THE PARISH

Hospitalized: Clara Sheldon and Helyn Utley (both are on Hospice care at home).

Recently Hospitalized: Margaret Fanfarillo, Lillian Glenn, Josephine McCormick, Betty Meandro.

Please keep in prayer:

The Esposito family--Barbara, her daughter Nancy & granddaughter Gracie. Nancy is a missionary in Cairo, Egypt and she and Gracie are living and serving in the midst of the turmoil.

Scott Lomberk and his missionary team while they are in El Salvador on a mission trip.

Expressions of Sympathy to:

Guy & Donna Garrett and family upon the death of Guy's father, Guy Garrett, 73, of Virginia.

Tom & Jennie Martorano and family upon the death of their friend, Gil Lapaire.

Jim & Barb McDevitt upon the death of Jim's uncle, Sam Cappuccio, of Hammonton.

Chris & Dale Nichols upon the death of Dale's mother, Gladys Nagele, 82, on January 23.

The Rev. John Nurnberger upon the death of his sister, Beth Kalogeras of Pittsburgh. (*John Nurnberger is the pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church on the Maurice River in Millville.*)

To our serviceman, Jim Williams, upon the sudden death of his mother Sheila Baynes (*sister-in-law of Barb McDevitt*).

Cindi Smith & Guy Wiener upon the death of Cindi's step-father Frank Schmale in North Carolina.

Congratulations to:

Ethel Graham upon the birth of her great-granddaughter, Charlotte Phoebe Quinonez on November 30, 2010. Charlotte's parents are Mike & Emily (Graham) Quinonez of Lansdale, PA

Daniel Bradbury upon achieving his Eagle Scout award on January 15th at South Vineland Methodist Church. Daniel's parents are Keith & Susan Bradbury and his grandmother is Ann Bradbury.

Dona Dute for being selected as a member of the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame for her outstanding work in the community. She is one of four women who will be honored at a dinner on April 20 at the Savoy Inn.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Soup Kitchen of Vineland Auxiliary is in need of a chairperson. For information contact Dona Dute at 856-690-5509.

Luther Acres “mini-mart” is in need of a few good volunteers who can work a couple of hours every other week. Have fun meeting the folks at Luther Acres and provide a very welcomed service to the residents. Contact Candice Bernhardt at 856-690-0907.

Vineland Public Library is seeking volunteers to provide one-on-one help to people who speak another language and want to improve their English proficiency. The library will provide a two hour training session and textbooks to use in the tutoring process. All tutoring takes place in the library and normally involves hourly sessions on a weekly basis for a four month period. Contact Anita Lupcho at 856-794-7244 ext. 4734 or alupcho@vinelandlibrary.org.

The Gabriel Project: Positive Change Beneficiary in March

In 1990, Memorial School teacher Mark Melamed's 6th grade class heard about children in Tanzania who were unable to have heart surgery because it was not available to them. Wanting to help, the students formed The Gabriel Project, named for a 3 year-old-boy who died of intractable heart failure. The project raises money for Children of the World at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Funds are used for airfare and living expenses to bring a child and their mother to the hospital for surgery. Additional funds are donated to the local soup kitchen, homeless shelters and the children's ward at the hospital.

Boxes for Soldiers

In February, our Positive Change collection was taken to help defray the cost of mailing care packages to our military families serving abroad and in the United States. Almost \$300 was donated, and ten boxes were shipped out thanks to the generous donations of our church family. The next shipment is planned for June. Thank you to the Senior High Sunday School Class for packing the boxes.



left to right: Boyd Myers, Dan Kremmel, Bobby Romano and Mike Stierle.

Positive Change Sundays

- March 6—Gabriel Project
- April 3— Hug-A-Bear Foundation
- May 8—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



Alice Motter and her granddaughter, Haley McCann, collect change for February's Positive Change Sunday.

My name is Diana Russell, and I am the new volunteer coordinator of the *Clippings*. Although I recently joined the church, I have been attending services here for about ten years with my husband, Bob Russell.

I am currently a student at Cumberland County College majoring in journalism. I have worked in many professions including 10 years as a church secretary. Bob and I have three grown children, two in New Jersey and one in Alaska. We have also been blessed with three grandchildren (two in New Jersey and one in Alaska). Since the children are gone, we have filled our house with three cats and a dog who expect us to cater to their every whim. In my spare time, I enjoy fishing with Bob, volunteering at concerts for Appel Farm Arts and Music Center in Elmer, or lending a hand with Habitat for Humanity.

I am thrilled to be able to offer my “talents” as a way to serve this congregation. I would love to hear your ideas and comments concerning the newsletter so please email me at clippings@redeemerlutheran.net.

COMMITTEE CORNER

- The **Long Range Planning Committee** has another Thrivent seminar in the works for May 15 entitled *Your Retirement Income: Optimize It, Protect It, Enjoy It*. Look for more information in the April *Clippings*.
- The **Property Committee** needs help plastering and painting one of the offices in the Manor House. Painters are also needed for the Narthex hallways and doorways. Contact Jeff Lambert at Jefflambert77@comcast.net or 856-794-9399.
- The **Evangelism/Communication Committee** announces a Conference on Congregational Ministries titled "Communities of Grace" to be held Saturday March 19 from 8am-3:30pm at Steinert High School in Hamilton Square. The keynote speaker is Kelly Fryer. Two learning tracts will be offered: The Renewable Church and The Workshop. This is an opportunity to learn more about all areas of church work as well as meet folks from around the Synod. A car pool is forming from the church.
- **Social Ministry** is looking for one or two people to become the new committee chairperson(s). If you are a compassionate person who would like to answer Jesus' call to help others, contact Dona Dute at 856-690-5509.
- The **Vineland Ministerium** is planning a 5 mile walk to benefit the Vineland Food Pantry on May 21. Details will be available in the April issue.
- The **Book Club** will meet as a group to enjoy the Bread 'n Broth Meals and Lenten Services together during March.

DOLLAR-A-WEEK CLUB

The **Stewardship Committee** is extending an invitation to join the Dollar-a-week Club at Redeemer by contributing one extra dollar a week to help defray the budget shortfall. If all 250 families give just one dollar, it will become \$250 weekly, \$1,000 monthly and \$12,000 annually. Remember, from little acorns grow mighty oaks.

PHONE TREE

When your caller ID says Redeemer Lutheran Church, don't walk away or refuse to answer the telephone. It is NOT a request for money. Redeemer uses a Phone Tree calling system to relate important news to members about services or activities. The system has been at the church for many years and, thanks to the hard work of Harry Fisher and Mike Headley, was activated a few months ago. It was used to announce Christmas Eve worship services and the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in January. Over 274 members were reached in just two days! This system is a wonderful way for the church to save time and money. Look for upcoming announcements about Ash Wednesday and our Bread 'n Broth fellowship. If you have not received these calls, please make sure the office has your current telephone number on file.



LENTEN CALENDAR

During Lent, **special prayer requests** will be attached to the cross in the Chancel area. The cross was fashioned from the trunk of our Christmas tree that graced the Sanctuary in December. The cross is a vivid reminder of how God came to us at Christmas, lived and ministered as a servant, and died as our Savior so that we might live abundantly and eternally as God's children. You are welcome to write your prayer request on the purple paper located in the Narthex and place it in the basket. It will be attached to the cross in the coming week. All prayer requests are confidential.

Community Lenten Luncheons, sponsored by the Vineland Ministerial Fellowship, will be held each Thursday in Lent from 12 noon until 1pm. This year's host is Chestnut Assembly of God, 2554 East Chestnut Avenue, Vineland. This year's theme is *Spiritual Essentials for Real Life*. There is a \$5.00 donation at the door, and a free-will offering is collected for the work of the ministerium. Pastor Gary is preaching on March 17. Redeemer is responsible for serving lunch and providing dessert that day. Please call the church office if you can help.

Bread and Broth Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 9, from 6-7pm. Redeemer will offer a light supper in Fellowship Hall prior to the mid-week worship services. A variety of soups and breads will be available for your enjoyment. If you have a special soup recipe you would like to contribute, please call Dale Nichols at 856-692-1062. Everyone is welcome!

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 9: Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes 12:00pm & 7:00pm

March 16 thru April 13: Mid-week Lenten Services 7:00pm

April 17: Palm Sunday Services 8:00am, 10:30am & 6:30pm

April 21: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 22: Good Friday Community Service 12:00—3:00pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, N 8th 7 Wood Sts, Vineland
Tenebrae Service at Redeemer 7:00pm

April 24: Easter Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am & 6:30pm
9:00am Breakfast

 **Lutheran Night
with the
Phillies**

**Friday June 10
7:00pm**

Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs

Get your red hot tickets before they are sold out.
Contact Irwin Auer at 856-692-4035

Car pool from Redeemer Parking Lot

***Proceeds will benefit the
SEPA Synod Youth Programs***

Ticket Price TBA



Absolutely Brilliant Household Tip

*Always keep several Get Well cards on the mantle...
so if unexpected guests arrive, they will think you've
been sick and unable to clean.*

COME ONE! COME ALL!

to the

Great Annual Redeemer

Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, March 26*

9:00am—2:00pm

OUTDOORS

- Rake leaves
- Plant gardens
- Refresh playground
- Pick up debris
- Trim bushes
- Check gutters



INSIDE

- Clean windows, blinds, light fixtures, and pews
- De-clutter areas in building

Refreshment Coordinator: Diana Russell 856-327-2197

Suggested Donations: Cold Beverages, Donuts, Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips, Cookies

Work Crew Coordinator: Jeff Lambert at 856-794-9399 or
jefflambert77@comcast.net

***Raindate Saturday April 2.**