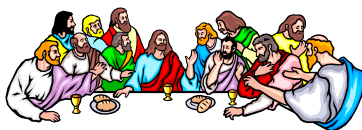




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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"A Christian preacher was preaching in the bazaars in India, and a Mohammedan said, 'Padre Sahib, we have a proof in our religion that you haven't got in yours. We can go to Mecca and find the tomb of Mohammed, but when you go to Palestine you can't be sure that you've got the tomb of Jesus.' 'Yes,' said the Christian preacher, 'you're right. We have no tomb in Christianity because we have no corpse.'" (E Stanley Jones, from a sermon, "Christ is the Answer")

The message of Easter is "We have no corpse." Yet, it is more than that; it is "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" I am sure that as the sermon progressed the writer made this fact known as well. It is an important fact because it expresses so much about Jesus. Most notably it expresses a truth one should never forget; the truth that **Jesus is Lord!** And what does that mean? Well in conjunction with the observance of Good Friday it means that Jesus is Lord of life, that he has power over death and the grave. This to me is so very important to relay to you because I tend to feel that many people see Jesus as just another prophet, another holy man, another moral leader in the long list of leaders that have been a part of this earth. Yet Jesus is not just another person to follow because of his moral standards and wise sayings. Jesus is the person to follow because He Lives! No one else can claim that but Jesus alone.

The grave could not bind Jesus. Think about that especially this year when, already, we have been touched by so many deaths of members from our church family. The grave could not bind Jesus and it will not bind those who follow him. This is not true concerning the other religious leaders. You see, only Jesus is Lord of life and Lord of the living. He is just like his father. The living includes those who have gone to paradise before us.

"Jesus is Lord" also means that what was accomplished at the cross where he was crucified was indeed accomplished. There can be no guessing about that because the Lord has assured us all, "It is finished!"

If Jesus is Lord and we are on same team as followers then what Jesus finished has been finished for us, in our place. We do not have to finish anything because Jesus has done that for us. I believe our creed says "for us and for our salvation he came down from heaven." So, although we do sin, (acts, words and thoughts for which we should still feel sorrow), Jesus has taken sins sting away. Hallelujah!!!

Jesus is Lord also means that when one is facing trouble, or a disaster or a dilemma, one does not face such things alone. When one is facing celebration, jubilation, wonder and joy, one does not face these alone either. One faces such things as these with "the LORD" by their side. For the risen one is alive and still reigns. The future is brighter knowing that the Lord is with you. In fact the last words Jesus spoke while walking the earth are these, "I am with you always even to the close of the age."

Jesus is with us as Lord and God. Sometimes this is hard to wrap your arms around. I guess that is why the Holy Eucharist is so important to me. For it is there that the same Lord comes to us in that mystery. Yes, he comes to us because he has always been for us. One who believes cannot afford to absent oneself from this mystery for it is there that the Risen Lord assures us of his love and his abiding presence.

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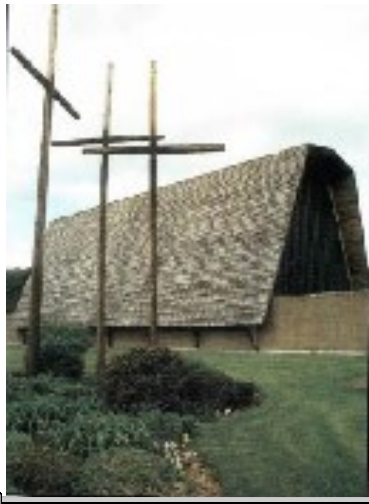
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**COME WORSHIP
WITH US**

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

**Sunday School
&
Adult Bible Classes:**
9:10 am

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 am
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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Church Service Reminder!



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES!

All are invited to worship with us during Holy week and the Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

The schedule for the services of that week is:

Passion (Palm) Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday Eucharist	7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	7:30 PM
Easter - The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Easter Children's Service	9:45 AM

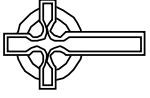
Parents please note that Sunday School will not be held on Easter Sunday!



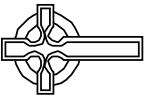
PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2014...



Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



THE GALILENDAR



April

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Senior High Youth Group:

Chocolate bunnies and Peeps galore! Easter is upon us but all of the candy and eggs aren't really the best part. The best part is Jesus and what he did for us! And of course youth group, that's important as well. We will continue this month with a couple more Lenten Soup Dinners and then we will also get together for youth group times. Also, we will get all of the youth (I guess the parents can come too if they really want to) together to go see Captain America: The Winter Soldier on **April 12th**. Time will be posted on the Youth and Family Ministry board the week of, so keep an eye out for that. See you guys on the dates below!

Important Dates for the Senior High Youth:

- ✠ **April 12th**: CLC Youth Groups to see Captain America: The Winter Soldier – Time TBD (Evening show time)
- ✠ **April 13th**: Youth Group @ 7pm to 8:30pm
- ✠ **April 27th** : Youth Group @ 7pm to 8:30pm

Junior High Youth Group:

Chocolate bunnies and Peeps galore! Easter is upon us but all of the candy and eggs aren't really the best part. The best part is Jesus and what he did for us! And of course youth group, that's important as well. We will continue this month a couple more Lenten Soup Dinners and then we will also get together for youth group times. Also, we will get all of the youth (I guess the parents can come too if they really want to) together to go see Captain America: The Winter Soldier on **April 12th**. Time will be posted on the Youth and Family Ministry board the week of, so keep an eye out for that. See you guys on the dates below! Keep in mind that we will still meet on a couple of Tuesdays!

Important Dates for the Junior High Youth

- ✠ **April 1st** : JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm (**Tuesday**)
- ✠ **April 12th**: CLC Youth Groups to see Captain America: The Winter Soldier – Time TBD (Evening show time)
- ✠ **April 15th**: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm (**Tuesday**)
- ✠ **April 30th**: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm

Lenten Worship and Soup Dinner Opportunities!

Come one, come all as we prepare ourselves for Easter and the great sacrifice our Lord made for us. We will be starting with a soup dinner and then we will flow into a short study and then right into worship. Please look below for this month's dates.

- ✠ **April 2nd**: Lenten Dinner @ 6pm and Worship @ 7:30pm
- ✠ **April 9th**: Lenten Dinner @ 6pm and Worship @ 7:30pm

Easter Worship Opportunities

Come be a part of the worship services for Easter this year! The following dates and times will be times for our worship services during holy week and Easter Sunday.

- ✠ **April 17th**: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30pm
- ✠ **April 18th**: Good Friday Worship at 7:30pm
- ✠ **April 20th**: Easter Services at 8am and 11am and Family Service at 9:45am



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 2 - Wednesday <i>4th Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 3 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 6 - Sunday <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 9 - Wednesday <i>5th Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 10 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
April 13 - Sunday Palm Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir & Sunday School
April 16 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir, Instruments & Parish Choir
April 17 - Thursday Holy Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Youth Choir
April 18 - Friday Good Friday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 20 - Sunday <i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Sunday School Children
	9:45 AM	Performance	Youth Choir & Sunday School Children
	11:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
April 23 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals		
April 27 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
April 30 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...

Sunrise December 16, 1929 ~ Sunset March 4, 2014



Our beloved brother, Erwin E. Pryde was called home to our Lord on March 4, 2014. A funeral service was held at Cheshire Lutheran on Saturday March 8th at 10:00 a.m.

We thank God for Erwin's ministry and service among us and for the opportunity to share in a common witness to the faith. The time has come to offer words of hope and comfort as we remember the promises of our Lord and faithful God.

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." (I Thessalonians 4:14)

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to Cynthia and the Pryde family.

Well done, good and faithful servant(s); enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21

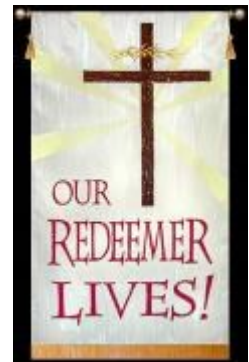


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Jesus is Lord! The reason we celebrate the resurrection is to proclaim that truth. The resurrection is the proof of the statement. The celebration of Easter makes us glad, not only because we know that our redeemer lives, but because he is Lord...He is our Lord! Come join us for Holy Week, and for the celebration of the Resurrection of **our Lord**. See how blessed we are because of the love and power of the one who is, "Lord of all!"

Blessings to all at this holy and blessed time of the year!

Pastor G.



...ONE GUY DIDN'T...

Three guys were tried for crimes against humanity.
 Two guys committed crimes.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys were given government trials.
 Two guys had fair trials.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys were whipped and beaten.
 Two guys had it coming.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys were given crosses to carry.
 Two guys earned their crosses.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys were mocked and spit at along the way.
 Two guys cursed and spit back.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys were nailed to crosses.
 Two guys deserved it.

...One guy didn't.
 Three guys agonized over their abandonment.
 Two guys had reason to be abandoned.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys talked while hanging on their crosses.
 Two guys argued.
 ...One guy didn't.
 Three guys knew death was coming.
 Two guys resisted.
 ...One guy didn't.
 One.
 Two.
 Three guys died on three crosses.
 Three days later.
 Two guys remained in their graves.
 ...One guy didn't.



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Go tell it on the mountain. These are the words from the hymn that encourage all believers to spread the gospel message to the entire world. Mary Magdalene when she went to the tomb to discover that it was empty assumed that someone had moved the body of Jesus. After Mary saw the risen Jesus he told her to "go to my brothers and tell them." Mary listened to her Lord and she went to the disciples with this exciting news. When Jesus spoke these words to Mary he was speaking the same message to us, Jesus told his disciples in the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." We may be limited to where we travel, but we can still spread the gospel message starting right here in Cheshire. The message has not changed and it is simple and powerful. "Go to my brothers and tell them."

John Balash, Evangelism Deacon



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 10:30 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...



Spring is here.... So excited to get the children outside again.. We will be off the week of April 14 -18. So we will be covering Jesus Enters Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, Easter and when we get back He is Risen.

I have a great treat to make with the children to explain he has Risen... Take a Crescent Roll/ Pillsbury and a Large Marshmallow. Spread out uncooked crescent so that you can wrap the marshmallow in it. Explain to the children that this is the Tomb where Jesus was placed. The marshmallow represents Jesus. Bake the Crescent Roll and the Marshmallow for about 10-13 minutes at temp on Crescent Roll Directions. Let them cool. Have the children take a bite. They will see that the marshmallow is no longer there. He has risen!

I end this with a verse from 1Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This time of year is my favorite. Taking the walk with Jesus and saying he has risen brings joy to my heart.

God Bless,
Joann and Todd

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON



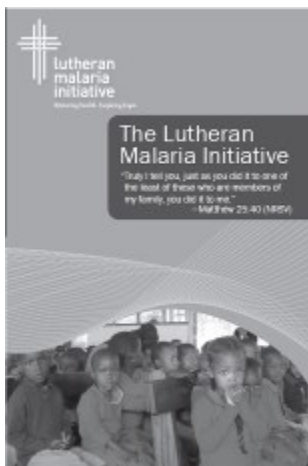
Signs of spring, most notably the bird songs that have returned from their winter respite. For us at Cheshire Lutheran Church, this time of year with House and Grounds means spring cleanup! We will be having the inside cleanup on Saturday, April 5th at 9am and the outside cleanup on Saturday, April 12th at 9am. So plan some time to help with some of the responsibilities we have here at CLC. As always, bring any supplies, squeegees, rakes and mechanized equipment to help.



In other news, there are many capital improvements that CLC needs to address in the near and distant future. Unfortunately, the parsonage furnace and roof over the fellowship hall was just the start; the roof however, has been leak free since the installation! The next is our bell and bell controller, one of the tolls on the bell has stopped working and the bell is reaching the end of its expectancy. The House and Grounds committee will be discussing this capital improvement and more at the next voters meeting. We did not have a quorum last voters meeting, so please come, both voter and concerned member to discuss the prioritization, time line and funding options of these projects.

Todd Plantier
House & Grounds Deacon

COIN BOXES FOR LENT...



During Lent the Sunday School children are sent home with Lenten Coin Boxes. These boxes are there to help remind us of the season of Lent, as well as, raising funds for a charity. This year's Lenten Coin Boxes will be used for the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative provides assistance to families in Africa that come into contact with malaria on a regular basis. Lutheran Malaria Initiative sends not only bed nets to protect families from mosquitos but also gives families the opportunity to access the treatment that they may need if they have malaria. Join the Cheshire Lutheran Sunday School Ministry as we raise funds for Lutheran Malaria Initiative. If you have further questions about the Lutheran Malaria Initiative please visit www.lutheranmalaria.org.



NO LONGER ACCEPTING RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS...

Please be advised that we can no longer accept empty cans and bottles. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past (that includes those that have brought them the return station!

Thanks



JUNIOR YOUTH RETREAT UPDATE...

Several of our junior high youth attended a "winter extravaganza" retreat put on by our New England District in Keene, New Hampshire in February. Trinity Lutheran Church welcomed about 70 youth from all over New England. The true beauty of their church is the stained glass depicting the Good Shepherd and the Lutheran rose, around which their nave was built. The theme of the retreat was "Live Loved (d)." This message gave our youth a chance to differentiate between the worldly view of love and how God wants them to experience His love, and how that love can be demonstrated to others.

Through worship, activities and reflection the message was clear that the love portrayed through social media, music, and pop culture today can often lead youth away from the love God intends for their lives. A local guitarist and a hand drummer added to the meaningful worship time. There was a nice balance of worship, free time, activities, and eating. Did I mention the food was incredible!

Three women cooked homemade meals all weekend. I do not think they left the kitchen. In addition to worship, kids went tubing for the afternoon at Granite Gorge ski resort, then had the opportunity to swim and go rock climbing at the nearby YMCA.

Youth also participated in a service project which involved creating cards for servicemen and women and college students in order to demonstrate God's love to others. On Sunday, President Yeadon delivered a powerful sermon that the kids really related to. During his sermon at worship on Sunday, Pastor Yeadon humored us with quotes from popular songs...showing the distortion and conflicting messages about love that our youth need to navigate through on a daily basis.

The organizers of this New England District retreat were all so supportive and kind and excited about regenerating the youth activity level in New England. All leaders expressed declines in church membership and poor attendance in their Sunday School and youth programs, across the board. The good news is that they realize that the struggle exists and are willing to put the time and effort into getting the youth excited about their relationship with Christ. They want to be able to reach out to youth by providing them with programs and opportunities that will increase youth in their faith and number.

New England is facing a rapid decline in church membership and involved excited youth. As Pastor Yeadon stated, "The youth today is the future of the church." Overall, this was a great experience for our junior high students, thanks to the efforts of a lot of like-minded leaders throughout New England.

Annie McBain



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST...



To all members, friends and visitors: This Easter the church will hold a Continental Breakfast between the first and last service of Easter morning. We are hoping that many people will join us for breakfast and for the opportunity of fellowship the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals.

We need your help with clean up as well.

If you would like to contribute a breakfast item it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items you could bring that morning could include baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, quiches and egg casseroles. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Bulletin Board for attendees and food items. Please let us know if you are coming and how many so we can plan.

Please consider contributing one or more of these items to help make this breakfast fellowship a success. Questions? Contact Steve Minicozzi



Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the March Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- † Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Lent.
- † Thank you to Andy for leading us in some very thought provoking Wednesday evening Bible study's and some great fun as well.
- † Very Special Thanks to all those who helped set-up, clean-up and of course sharing your wonderful soups on Wednesdays during Lent. What a delightful time of fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR PALM SUNDAY...

Palm Sunday April 13th: The children of our Sunday school will march into church with palms and sing "He is Coming" at the 10:30AM service

Easter Sunday April 20th; marks the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord with the celebration of three services at CLC.

The Family Worship service will begin at 9:45AM. The children of our Sunday school will participate in this service by singing special songs and doing the Easter readings. Children should sit with their families during the service and come to the front when it is time to sing or read as indicated in the bulletin.

We look forward to celebrating both Palm Sunday and the Easter festival with the Sunday school children and their families.

In Christ,

Carlene Myers
Martha Medford



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday, May 11th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the CWS Blankets+ Program! Your special gift of \$5 or more will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets and more to those who are facing hardship.

To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form found in your church bulletin on April 13th or available next to the "Blanket Box" by **May 4th**. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office along with the dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 11th bulletin.

What is the Blankets+ Program?

Blankets+ is a special mission opportunity that can involve all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world, including in the U.S. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster, tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields, wells for families living in drought prone areas, as well as literacy training and microcredit for women.

If you have any questions, contact Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon.



2014 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The 2014 Softball season is upon us, consider joining the team or help cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games.

The team is trying to arrange a practice session before the season begins. They are looking at Sunday the 27th at the Church after the late service to get together and throw and hit some balls.

The first game is tentatively scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 4.

The schedule has yet to be determined, look for more information on the bulletin board later in April.

If you are interested or need more information contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber (203) 271-3111



THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES...

Attention Ladies!

Come join the "Young at Heart Group" of women who get together the last Thursday of every month at CLC, except when a special need arises like assembling the HH Newsletter! We are a "no frills" group whose mission is fellowship and service to each other and the church.

Our gatherings are alive with timely discussion and happy reflections on the members' varied and interesting backgrounds. We also put together the newsletter and sponsor the on going greeting card fund raising project.

Refreshments served (provided by members), Lunch out occasionally!

COME, JOIN US, GET INVOLVED!



CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...



Michael and Carol Weinschel and Susan Spivack continue to support troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2005, they have touched close to 20,000 soldiers. Since the project began, they took on 101st CAB, the 82nd CAB, and now for the second time, they are supporting the 159th and the 82nd Cab's. We will be collecting the items to support this project at Church in May. You can chose any or all of the following items:

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| ✦ Band-Aids | ✦ Money for Postage |
| ✦ Batteries | ✦ Mouthwash |
| ✦ Beef Jerky | ✦ Pens (ball point) |
| ✦ Chap-stick | ✦ Phone Cards (International) |
| ✦ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate | ✦ Powdered drink mixes |
| ✦ Cotton balls | ✦ Power Bars |
| ✦ Cough Drops | ✦ Q-tips |
| ✦ Crossword Puzzles | ✦ Shampoo |
| ✦ Dental Floss | ✦ Shaving Cream/Razors |
| ✦ Dried Fruit | ✦ Snacks (individual size pretzels, peanuts, chips, granola bars) |
| ✦ Eye Drops | ✦ Soap/body powder/foot powder |
| ✦ Eyeglass wipes | ✦ Toothbrushes & toothpaste |
| ✦ Frisbees (small size) | ✦ Trail Mix |
| ✦ Greeting Cards (birthday, get well, anniversary) | ✦ Wet Ones (individually-wrapped) |
| ✦ Gum | ✦ Word Searches |
| ✦ Mechanical pencils | |



A reminder note to us all from Carol Weinschel:

"I must tell you that on 17 December of 2013, there was a Black Hawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan where 5 of our solders from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade were killed as well as one from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Germany. Lest we ever forget that these soldiers whom we are supporting are sacrificing on a daily basis, whether by being separated from their families or for making the ultimate sacrifice. I felt compelled to share with you...you who have made our job easy by helping us send the message that we care and appreciate them".

"I ask that you keep these soldiers' families in your hearts and prayers and remember them; Chief Warrant Office 2 Randy Billings, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Silverman, Sgt. 1st Class Omar Forde, Sgt. Peter Bohler and Spc. Terry Gordon".

For additional information contact Holly Flugrath or Dorothy Dierolf.



THE SEASON OF LENT IS UPON US...

Come join the fellowship at our Lenten Soup and Salad meals on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. The meals will be followed by bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who want to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season. If you have any questions contact Steve Minicozzi 203 467-7510.

Thanks

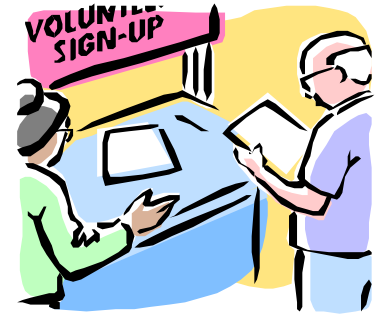


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Hope Center 2014 volunteer sign-ups
- † Between Service Coffee hour sign-up
- † Good News Garage information
- † Community News and Happenings
- † 2014 Flower Chart - If you would like to place flowers on the Altar
- † First Sunday Food Drive - Needs volunteers to deliver food
- † Lenten Soup/Salad sign-up
- † Easter Breakfast sign-up



Others looking for help!

- † **Helping Hands** - Contact Christine Smith if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
- † **All Choirs** Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:
 - 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 - 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
 - 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did!

- † **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Fellowship:** Looking for members to help out with this wonderful fellowship. Please volunteer by signing up on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board.

BEGINNING AND ENDING IN WORSHIP

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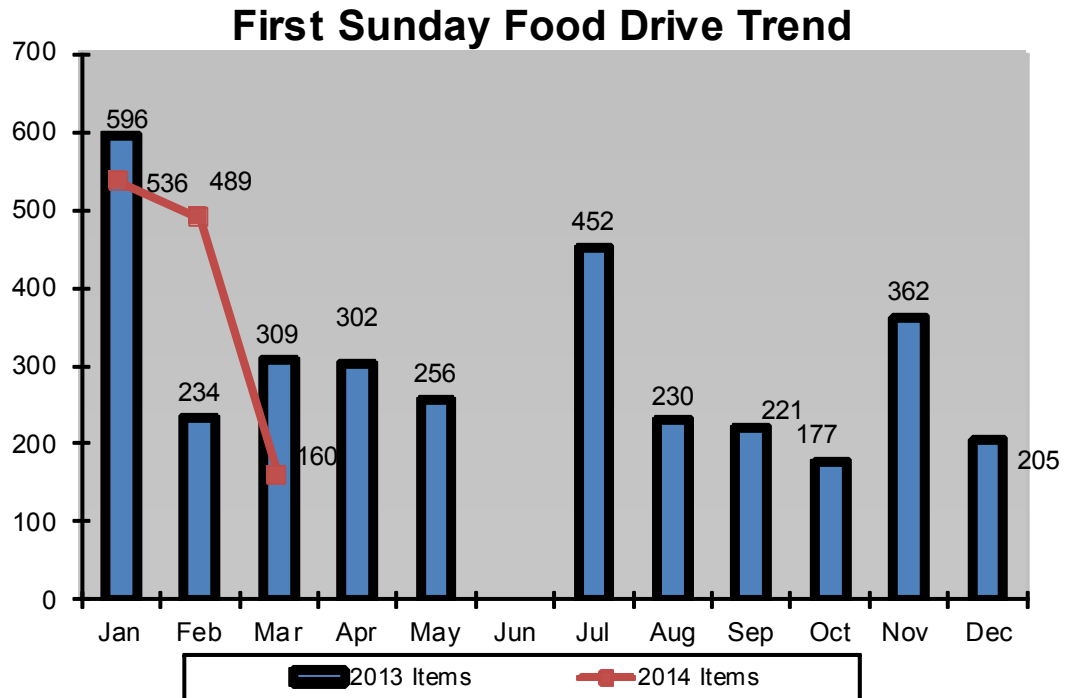
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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price “buy one-get one free”, purchase it and donate the free item to First Sunday Food Drive



“Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 21:15b

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals. We are in need of volunteers for 2013. Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 am until noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to insure the food we are sending is not out of date. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



New cards continue to be added to the display case. All cards sell for \$1.00 and monies can be left in the yellow box attached to the rack.

Rita Stark and the Thursday Ladies presented a \$200 check(proceeds from card sales) to the Southbury Lutheran Home. The ladies thank the congregation for their generous support and hope to continue their record of giving to various church ministries.

We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

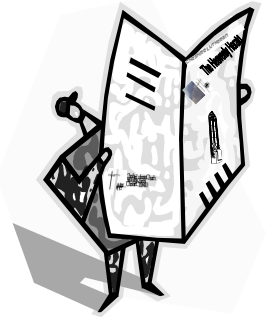
Contact Persons; Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (May 2014 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **April 25th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We have re-directed the donated baby items which are collected in the bassinet outside the church office. For years we have been donating them to "Baskets of Love" where women of the Waterbury Church of Christ used them to make baskets which are distributed to new mothers in Waterbury Hospital, Bristol Hospital and New Beginnings in Waterbury. We would like to now donate these items to the **local** organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.



REMEMBER OUR CHERISHED CONGREGANTS!...

There are members of our congregation who are unable to attend weekly worship. You can help them to know they are a part of our fellowship by stopping by, sending a card or making a phone call.

Marguerite Wilson
C/O Elim Park Baptist Home
150 Cook Hill Road,
Cheshire, CT 06410

Edith Wnuck
c/o Highland Health Center
745 Highland Avenue
Cheshire, CT 06410

John Luchene
c/o Highland Health Center
745 Highland Avenue
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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR APRIL 2014...



April 6: Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

If you watch the evening news with any regularity, it's easy to be overwhelmed by hopelessness for our world. Combine that with individual stresses and problems, and you can imagine that many of the adults in your group feel hopeless about at least one thing in their lives. Use this lesson to help people see that even in the most hopeless situations, Jesus has the power to bring hope.

Bible Point: Jesus gives us hope.

Key Verse: John 11:25



April 13: Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem

Adults often categorize praise only in terms of a worship service, without giving much thought about who they are worshipping and why. In their daily lives, adults can easily get caught up in the pressing tasks of the moment and forget that these are opportunities to praise Jesus. This lesson will help you lead your group in an investigation of different kinds of praise, going beyond just a great song or a well-crafted worship service.

Bible Point: We praise Jesus.

Key Verse: Revelations 5:12

April 20: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL! EASTER SUNDAY!

April 27: Peter Explains Belief in Jesus

Have faith can be a somewhat clichéd thing to say nowadays. It often sounds like a mere platitude that doesn't offer real words of comfort in troubled times. It can even feel like a guilt trip—as if the person's lack of faith is the reason their troubles persist. As you teach this lesson, help adults understand that having faith is no cliché. Faith is of greater worth than gold and can be strong as we await our inheritance in heaven.

Bible Point: Have faith in Jesus.

Key Verse: Romans 5:3-4



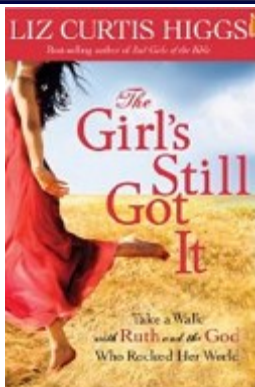
CLCW WOMEN'S RETREAT 2014...

Please join the women of CLCW on Saturday June 7th for our 7th Annual Women's Retreat. We are returning to the Guest House & Conference Center in Chester CT for a day of reflection, relaxation and socialization as we discuss "The Girl's Still Got it" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Registration remains at \$34.00 per person including a gourmet lunch.

You know Ruth's story. Now meet her in person. And prepare to be changed.

Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future. Hold Naomi's hand and watch love put the pieces of her broken life back together. And hang out with Boaz, their kinsman-redeemer, who blesses both women and honors God, big time. Liz is brilliantly profound as she makes the Bible come alive in a fresh, enlightening way. She can pull back the curtain of history, and suddenly we are weeping with Naomi, kneeling beside Ruth, and celebrating a God who redeems our stories in outrageously beautiful ways.

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up on or before May 18th if you are planning to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki DePaolo 203-697-0810.



Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday morning Bible Study will continue in the Library/Conference room at 9:10 am. There are studies of various types which last several weeks each. Join the group for these enlightening lessons.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Tuesday evening Bible study will not meet during Lent. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for Supper and Bible Study. Lenten service start at 7:30.

CALLING ALL MEN...

Have you been searching for an opportunity to deepen your faith in God and strengthen your relationship with fellow Christians? Join us for an hour of Bible study, fellowship and prayer once a month. We meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month.



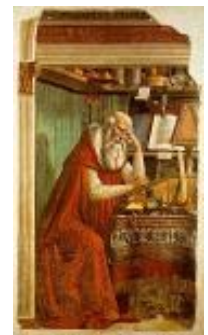
BIBLE SCHOLARS...

Our CLC Bible Scholars (so-called!) continue to meet every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday) from 8:30AM to 9:30AM here in our CLC church library.

Here is what we will be discussing this Month:

- Apr 10 1- Luther's Gospel
- Apr 24 2- The Medieval Church – Abuses and Reforms

All are welcome!



CLC HELPING HANDS...

If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call Christine Smith (203) 250-7323 and she will arrange for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee. You can also email her at christinels@hotmail.com

Whether this need is the result of a hospital stay, a new baby arrival, or a recent loss of a loved one, we want to support you during your critical time.

If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal for someone who is in need, please call Christine Smith so that we may call upon you when the need for your assistance arises.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. -- Galatians 6:10



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2014

13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	18 Years
14 th	Eric & Maria Johnson	7 Years
16 th	Peter & Cathie Nizich	22 Years
22 nd	Kevin & Laurie Murphy	14 Years
24 th	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	60 Years
28 th	Ralph & Georgianna Schupp	67 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	54 Years



COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, April *Council* meeting will be held Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

1st
2nd
4th
6th
11th
12th
18th
22nd
24th
25th
26th
28th
29th
30th

- Robert Daly
- David Norton
- Adam Nizich
- Fred Neuffer
- Andy Schaefer
- Richard Daly
- Dot Manke
- John Balash
- DeAnn Sinatra
- Kyong Mann
- Pat DiDomizio
- Hayley Fiedler
- Matthew Napp
- Joyce Stollo
- Erich F. Strunk
- Peggy Tessler
- Donna Spose
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- Tiffany Gancarz
- Arta Dobbs
- William Sherman, Jr.
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