

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

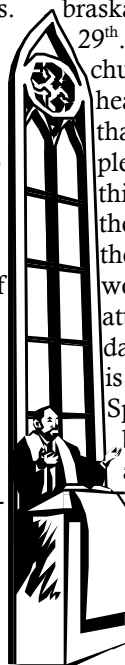
"The month of May is the one month when spring seems to blossom most. It is the month that brings forth celebration at the hands of "mother nature." I believe that there is no more beautiful a month than May as by the time of the month's arrival any hint of winter is gone and all the glory of the spring seems to paint the world around us.

May also offers to us opportunity to think about the one gift that has always been most important to our lives...The precious gift of our mothers. Yes, we should always give thanks for those who brought us into the world. Therefore, it is fitting that we set aside one day to acknowledge our mothers and to make special observance of the blessing mothers are to family and to community. I am still amused to this very day that whenever there is a special sporting event of national importance on television and the camera zooms in on one of the star athletes, the first words out of said athlete's mouth are usually, "Hi Mom!" Almost all sports or special events will have these Norman Rockwell moments. Just goes to show how important moms are in the overall picture of life. It is good that we have a day to recognize the blessings and contribution to society mothers across our nation have made. "Hi Mom" indeed!

Of course May offers more. It draws our attention to other important people in our lives. May is the month when the citizens of our nation remember those who gave up their lives during the various war campaigns. Since the end of the Civil War, our nation has taken time to remember members of the armed forces who died in war. Since the Civil War our nation has engaged in many battles, battles that have gone way beyond the limits of our nation's boundaries. Men and women have died upon foreign soil hoping to protect and maintain freedoms we enjoy daily. Regardless of our political leanings, one thing is certain, men and women gave up life to secure a country where its members could

lean one way or the other without fear. Memorial Day reminds us all that this is a country worth dying for.

These are the things of May most people will remember. But there is another holiday that comes along almost every May. It always shows up on a Thursday, but not always on the same Thursday. This year the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia and the state of Nebraska will celebrate Ascension Day on May 29th. Ascension Day is the day when the church celebrates Christ's ascension into heaven. Sadly, most people are not aware that the day has been set aside. Most people do not even get the day off, or do anything to acknowledge the day. Yet, it is the day when some celebrate the reality of the completion of Christ's redemptive work. It is the day that also directs the attention of the church to the great holiday of Pentecost. Pentecost as we know is the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is the day remembered as the birthday of the church. The ascended and glorified Jesus sent the Spirit to guide, direct and comfort his church encouraging those who would follow the savior to proclaim the kingdom of God. It is indeed what we do as God's people.



As you go about this month of May, remember your moms, remember the service people who gave their lives in the wars of our nation to preserve our various freedoms, and remember that the Lord ascended into heaven completing the work of our redemption. May these observances make for a very beautiful month.

In Christ
 Pastor Gustafson

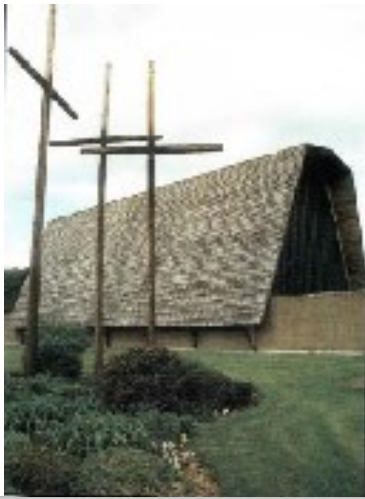


COME WORSHIP WITH US

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)



NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL



First, a few items related to our church governance: Our Voters Assembly met on March 10th; however we did not have a quorum, due in part I think, to vacation schedules and the college women's basketball tournament championship game in Hartford. Although no official actions were (or could be) taken, those in attendance were brought up to date with reports from Pastor Gustafson, DCE Andy Schaefer and various deacons. Our Church Council met on April 22d and similar to the Voters Assembly, we heard reports from Pastor Gustafson, DCE Andy Schaefer and various deacons of the many avenues of worship, education, stewardship and fellowship at CLC. In addition, some time was spent reviewing some near-term and long-term physical improvements around our church and the parsonage; more of this will be covered at the next Voter's Assembly meeting on Monday, May 12th.

The weeks of Lent and Holy Week certainly make for a lot of hustle and bustle around CLC. I want to express my "Thank you!" to the army of volunteers that offered their time and talents to enriching our worship and fellowship, and maintaining our church facility over the past several weeks.

Now with the calendar turning to May, I'd like us to sustain our Resurrection momentum and keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to:

- ✚ Think of children who would join our Little Cherubs Christian preschool this fall;
- ✚ Greet someone here at CLC who you have not yet met; and
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See you in church!

Bill

William C. Sherman
Parish President, CLC

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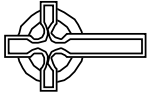
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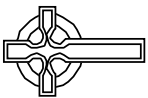
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

1:00 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.

For appointment, please call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or online at redcrossblood.org



THE GALLEDAR



May

May Servants

Senior High Youth Group:

This month we have the distinct pleasure of honoring our mothers and our soldiers, past and present, and of course enjoying quality youth group time! Mother's day lands on May 11th and Memorial Day lands on May 26th so I would encourage you to remember those dates as well as our youth group dates and times. It is church softball season so we will be having you group earlier on Sunday, 12pm to 1:30pm. I would encourage you all to attend the softball games as well. If you are over the age of 16 and would like to participate please come see me and we can get you signed up!

Important Dates for the Senior High Youth:

May 4th: Youth Group @ 12pm (noon) to 1:30pm

May 18th: Youth Group @ 12pm (noon) to 1:30pm

Junior High Youth Group:

This month we have the distinct pleasure of honoring our mothers and our soldiers, past and present, and of course enjoying quality youth group time! Mother's day lands on May 11th and Memorial Day lands on May 26th so I would encourage you to remember those dates as well as our youth group dates and times. I hope to see you all during our normal Wednesday times this month!

Important Dates for the Junior High Youth

May 14th: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm

May 28th: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm



Church Softball!

May 4th marks the date of our first church softball game! The schedule is yet to be released but keep a look out for it so that you may have the opportunity to attend and cheer on Cheshire Lutheran Church. I look forward to seeing you out there showing some CLC spirit!

Vacation Bible School

This year Cheshire Lutheran Church will be holding Vacation Bible School during the week of June 30th to July 4th! Please join us for this wonderful time of year as we get to have lots of fun and learn about God's love for us through Weird Animals, which is this year's theme. We will be using a website for registration again this year and the link is provided below or you may find it on the church website. Please register your children before June 16th so that we have all the proper materials for this year's VBS. If you are looking to help out during the week of VBS please also fill out the volunteer registration form found on the website and also talk to Andy. I look forward to seeing you all there!

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cheshirelutheran/gpgs/Home.aspx>



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!



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
May 4 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 7 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 11 - Sunday Mothers Day	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Parish Choir Men
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir & Parish Choir Men
May 14 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 18 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 21 - Wednesday	No Rehearsals!		
May 25 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
May 28 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir



CHARIOTS OF HOPE ...

Chariots of Hope is an organization that collects, repairs and distributes manual wheelchairs to needy individuals and will be nearby at the State Police barracks on Jun 7th 10:00-2:00. For more info, please call 860-242-4373 or visit www.chariotsofhope.org.

If you have used manual wheelchairs please consider donating.



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.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

We have made it through the first quarter of the year. The quarterly statements have gone out to all of you who either pledged or made contributions using numbered envelopes. We are doing okay and the good news is that, of the 66 people who pledged, I am happy to say that the vast majority of them are basically at or above their pledged amount. Unfortunately, there are a couple downsides. First, the total number of pledging units is smaller than it was last year and, second, contributions from non-pledge sources (those who use envelopes but do not pledge and those who just contribute without any envelope) are down a bit from last year.

Notwithstanding the above, I look forward to a strong second quarter. I know we can work together to meet the work plan goals. Again, I thank each and every one of you for your devotion to the church in terms of time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



SUNDAY SCHOOL PB & J PROJECT...

In February Deb Sherman's 6, 7 & 8th grades Sunday School Class made and packaged over 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that she brought to the Waterbury soup kitchen, which is based in St. John's Episcopal Church, on the green in Waterbury.

The soup kitchen is the principal ministry of the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries. Deb plans on doing this again in May.

Here are some pictures of this wonderful event! Thanks Deb and students for showing such a wonderful depiction of Christ working through you.



THE GANCARZ GARDEN...

Spring cleanup was completed and today, April 26th, it is being watered by our Lord. I have been asked about the new bench that sits under our beautiful copper beech tree. The bench was part of an Eagle Scout project successfully completed by C.J. Caron Jr. Remember last fall when many of you bought cookies and other goodies at our church to help fund the project? C.J. also organized his scout troop to remove invasive plants, relocate rock, mulch under the evergreen bush, carefully trim the lower branches of the beech tree and plant bulbs in the garden. The bird house also received a fresh coat of paint. With the addition and careful placement of the new bench, one can view the perennial flowers that are starting to emerge this spring. Narcissus and daffodils are now in bloom. A lilac, butterfly bushes, evening primrose, astilbe, delphinium, iris, phlox, lupine, hydrangea, coreopsis, white daisy, Queen Anne's Lace, and a variety of coneflowers will follow. In the fall the rosa rugosa and black eyed rudbeckia will dominate the garden. Zennias will be added for spots of color.

Historically the area was designed by Buzz Gancarz to be a collection basin for water runoff from the parking lot. Thanks to Al and Johnathan Manke of Tower Farms, many of the perennial flowers and the three tall grasses were donated several years ago. Additional plants have since been given by El Smith, Martha Medford and the Gancarz'. The Japanese maple was given by Phil Kenney and the large Korean dogwood was a memorial gift by Bob Raddatz in memory of his wife Jean. Take time to sit on the new bench and thank C.J. Enjoy what nature has to offer.

Jim Mertz





NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Things we practice at Little Cherubs can be practiced at home as well.

SPRING: Because observation is such a basic learning tool, springtime provides an ideal climate for learning outdoors. Taking walks on the Nature Trail. Here are some suggestions for using a stroll outdoors as a vehicle for expanding vocabulary, practicing listening and memory skills pointing out basic concepts: 1. Devote a portion of your walk to "Listen", 2. Explore the textures and smells you find along the way. 3. Compare the trees, animals and flowers and rocks you observe as same or different in color shape and size. 4. Use such descriptive words as above, below, between, under, next to, inside, small, medium, and large in making reference to things you discover. 5. Discuss the "best part " of your trip when you get home. It is not only satisfying to recall fun events together, but such reminiscing is also good practice for your child's memory skills.



"Fun Recipe for Kids and Parent's Alike"

Oh no I spilled the bubbles! Now it is easy to replace spilled bubble solution without having to run to the store.

Bubbles: 1 cup of water, 1/3 cut dish soap (Joy, Sunlight, Dawn, etc) 2 Tablespoons light corn syrup. Combine all ingredients and enjoy.

We will be closed May 26, 2014 for Memorial Day.

Week 1 God Made Moms, Week 2 The Great Commission - Insects, Moses and Plagues, Week 3 Communication (The Lord's Prayer), Week 4 Opposites (Jacob and Esau)

Todd and I would love for you to donate dress up clothes and Sand Toys...

We want to Thank Larry and Barbara Fiedler for donating all the Trucks, Diggers and Toys.

God Bless,
JOANN and TODD

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.

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



2014 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The very exciting 2014 Softball season has begun. Join the team (must be 15 or over) or consider helping to cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games:

First team listed is HOME team

Sunday May 4th at Doolittle School CUMC vs. CLC

SUNDAY MAY 11—NO GAMES - MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday May 18th at Cheshire High School CLC vs. Faith No. Haven

SUNDAY MAY 25—NO GAMES MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Sunday June 1 st at Cheshire High School	Spring Glen vs. CLC
Sunday June 8 th at Doolittle School	First Cong'l Church vs. CLC
Sunday June 15 th at Doolittle School	Mt. Carmel vs. CLC
Sunday June 22 nd at TBD	CLC vs. BYE
Sunday June 29 th at Hamden Middle School	CLC vs. Ignite



If you are interested or need more information contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber, 271-3111.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES...

Attention Ladies!

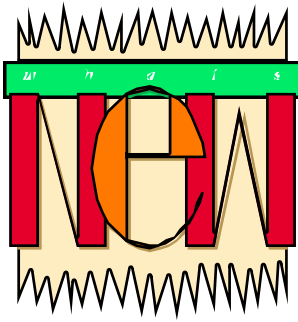
Come join the "Young at Heart Group" of women who get together the last Thursday of every month at CLC, except when a special need arises like assembling the HH Newsletter! We are a "no frills" group whose mission is fellowship and service to each other and the church.

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!





PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLC FAMILY...

On Sunday April 27, 2014 we celebrated together as the following new members joined our congregation:

Norman Benedict lives at 15 Foxwood Court, Cheshire; 203-250-7696. Norman is a Commercial Real Estate Appraiser who enjoys cooking and driving in his spare time.

Kelley Collins-Pardee lives at 725 So. Main Street, Cheshire along with her husband, Patrick and sons, Hayden, Michael and Connor; 203-272-7377. Kelley enjoys reading, baking, cooking, taking walks with her husband and watching her boys play sports.



Michael Collins joins his mother, Kelley, as a member of CLC. He lives with his parents and brothers at 725 So. Main Street, Cheshire; 203-272-7377. Michael will be graduating high school and going into the United States Marine Corps. He is on track to be selected for Special Forces Training and will opt to go into Marine Corps MARSOC (Marine Corps Special Operations Commandos).

Bruce Emerick lives at 990 Guernseytown Road, Watertown; 860-274-2410. Bruce is an engineer who likes to fish and dance in his spare time.

Joe and Joann Holstein live at 341 Cornwall Avenue, Cheshire along with their daughter, Amanda; 203-699-8856. Joe works as an assessment technician for the town of Berlin and is also a realtor. His hobbies and interests include reading and watching shows that relate to the Lord. Joe also enjoys working outside. Joann is the Director and teacher of our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool. She enjoys walking, cooking and marketing her internet business - One Up Marketing and Skinny Body Care. Joe and Joann both rejoice in the Lord and love spending time with their family.

Marilyn Miller lives at 401 Flanders Road, Southington along with her husband Frank; 860-621-4619. Marilyn is a retired nurse who enjoys sewing.

Alan Santoro is married to our church secretary, Carol, and lives at 806 Devonwood Drive, Cheshire; 203-257-7623. Alan enjoys all sports and currently plays racquetball and runs.

Judy Watson lives at 43 Elmwood Drive, Cheshire; 203-439-0769. Judy enjoys reading, antiques and gardening.





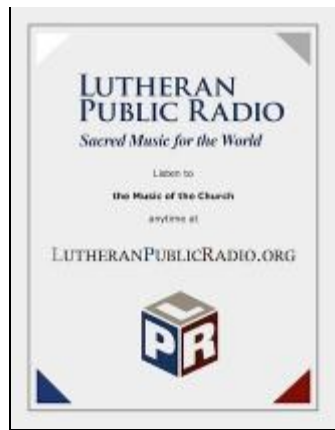
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Visit WIHS 104.9 FM at <http://www.wihsradio.org/> to check out their other Christian based programs! You will be glad you did!

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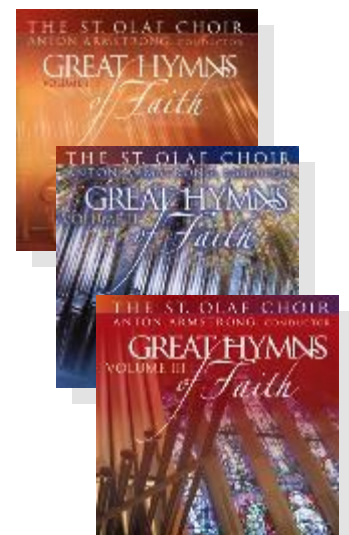
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The renditions of "When I survey the wondrous cross" and "Beautiful Savior" (Vol I), "Go, my children, with my blessing" and "Amazing Grace" (Vol II), and "O praise ye the Lord" and "It is well with my soul" (Vol III) are in themselves worth the price of each CD. And F Y I, each is priced at \$16.98 plus shipping.



CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...



Michael and Carol Weinshel 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:

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



A reminder note to us all from Carol Weinshel:

"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.



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the April Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- ✦ Many thanks to all who came to help clean the inside and outside of the Church in April just in time to make our Easter Services EXTRA Special.
- ✦ Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the Easter Breakfast. The Fellowship was wonderful and the volunteers are greatly appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who baked, set up, cleaned up, decorated. It was a joyous Easter Morning!
- ✦ Many thanks to Jon Manke for his very generous contribution of the beautiful Easter Lillies that adorned our Altar and the flowers that were given to the Sunday School children on Easter Morning!
- ✦ Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Easter services.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

A monthly glimpse of the history of your Cheshire Lutheran Church:

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Attention ALL Choir Members; Parish, Youth that Bell Choirs!!!!

We are currently in the process of planning our year end Choirs picnic. Join us for an evening of food and fellowship with your Choir colleagues and families. Martha has scheduled our get together for Wednesday June 4th. We will hold the event at Church and it will be Pot Luck. Other details will be distributed and discussed with you soon.



Thanks so much and hope to see everyone there.

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:

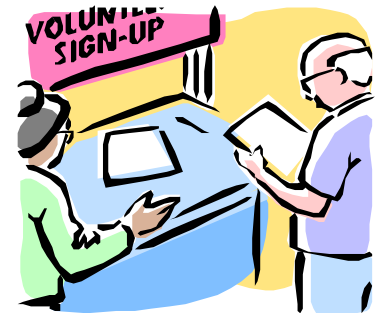
- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Hope Center 2014 volunteer sign-ups
- † Between Service Coffee hour sign-up
- † Good News Garage information
- † Community News and Happenings
- † 2014 Flower Chart - If you would like to place flowers on the Altar
- † First Sunday Food Drive - Needs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

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.



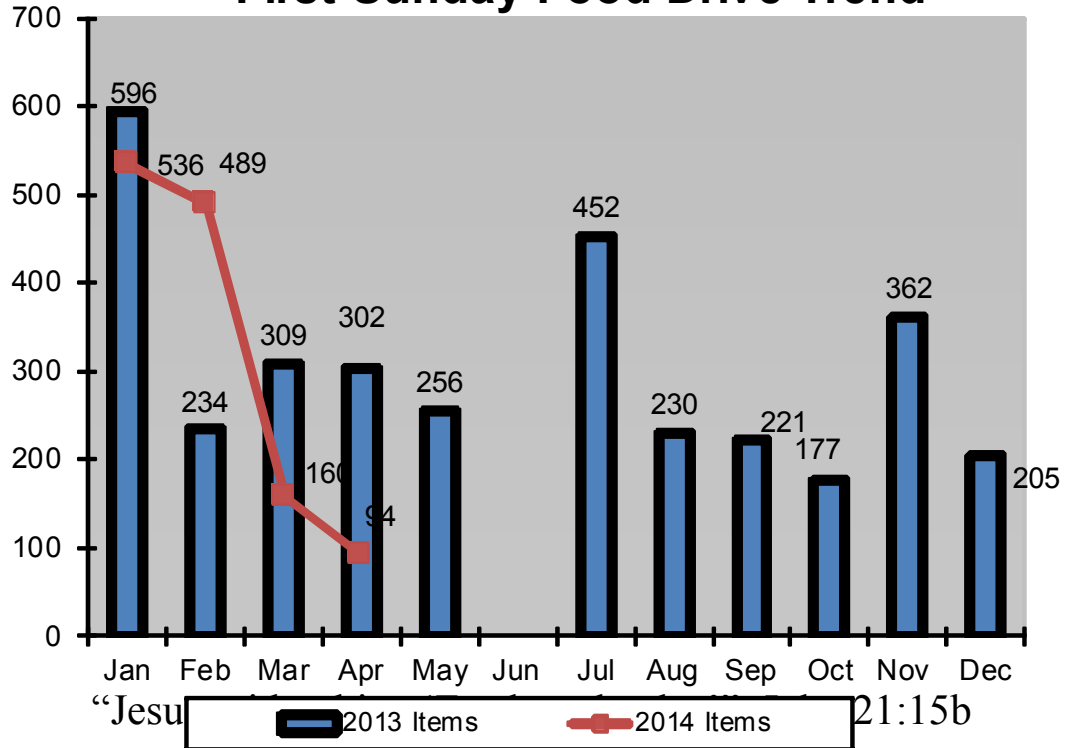


DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



First Sunday Food Drive Trend



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.

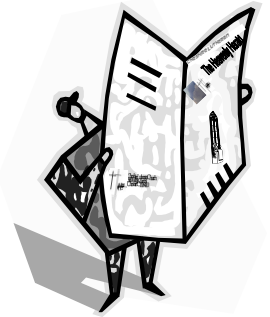
We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

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

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

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 23rd** 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
 Cheshire, CT 06410



JOIN US FOR VBS THIS SUMMER...

This year Cheshire Lutheran Church will be holding Vacation Bible School during the week of June 30th to July 4th! Please join us for this wonderful time of year as we get to have lots of fun and learn about God's love for us through Weird Animals, which is this year's theme.



God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

At Weird Animals vacation Bible school, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!

We will be using a website for registration again this year and the link is provided below or you may find it on the church website. Please register your children before June 16th so that we have all the proper materials for this year's VBS. If you are looking to help out during the week of VBS please also fill out the volunteer registration form found on the website and also talk to Andy. I look forward to seeing you all there!

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cheshirelutheran/gpgs/Home.aspx>

THE LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY HOLD THEIR ANNUAL JUNE GUILD FAIR...

Lutheran Home of Southbury

 A program of Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Home of Southbury's Guild will hold the annual Lutheran Home of Southbury Guild Fair to raise funds which will be used to enhance the lives of LHS residents.



On Saturday June 7th, the dedicated volunteers of the Lutheran Home of Southbury's Guild will invite visitors to come out for food and shopping. Residents will be able to purchase donated items and treated to live music. There will also be silent auction tables featuring valuable items donated by many local merchants and businesses.

Please consider helping to make this event extra special for the residents by donating items such as books, DVDs, plants, new & slightly used jewelry and giftware, and table cloths and placemats.

Speak to Gloria Nuechterlein if you have questions.

Thank you



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MAY 2014...



May 4: Jesus Returns to Heaven

Many Christians today know a lot about Jesus. For example, they know that after he died and rose from the dead, he returned to heaven and will return to earth again. But sharing this information is a different matter. It can be hard for adults to summon the courage to tell others about Jesus. Today you can help participants realize that they can be witnesses for Jesus—at home, in their neighborhoods, at work, at school.

Bible Point: tell others about Jesus.

Key Verse: Matthew 28:19-20



May 11: Christians Care for One Another

It's easy for Christians to be kind to each other while they're sitting together in church—in fact, it's expected. But unlike the society we'll learn about today, our lives outside the church building can be pretty segregated. Geographic distance and over-packed lives can make it difficult for adults to care for other Christians during the week. Use this lesson to encourage your participants to care for God's family all week long.

Bible Point: God's family takes care of each other.

Key Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25



May 18: Stephen Forgives His Accusers as They Stone Him

Persecution comes in many different forms. Because of their belief in Christ, adults may get passed over for promotions, ignored by their neighbors, or even picked on by lukewarm Christians. While some might be able to weather persecution, others give up, wear out, or keep their faith to themselves, embarrassed to admit they're Christians. As you teach this lesson, help adults understand the benefits of standing up for Jesus through times of persecution.

Bible Point: We stand up for Jesus.

Key Verse: 1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15

May 25: Paul Teachers in Athens

Almost any bookstore contains an amazing number of “spirituality” books for adults. Public television showcases all kinds of people who claim to be in touch with themselves and God. People seek God because they are created in the image of the eternal God, the God of the Bible. Today's lesson reveals what the Apostle Paul said about God to skeptical Athenians and foreigners. Through this lesson, you'll help adults draw close to the real, eternal God.

Bible Point: God created heaven and earth.

Key Verse: Isaiah 40:28



NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

The annual spring cleaning for both inside and outside of Cheshire Lutheran Church was completed. A big thank you to all members who came to lend their time and talent! Also, a big thank you to House and Grounds committee members, Ed Schwiezer and Lars Carlson, their help with the cleanup, as I was away on business and then vacation, is greatly appreciated.

A partial list of House and Grounds improvements and the cost associated with these improvements was presented to the council in April. We will be reviewing these items and prioritizing the completion at the May voters meeting. Please come to the meeting if you are a voter to add your input.





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...

This well attended Bible Study has returned after Lent and Easter. We look forward to having you join us in our study of God's word and topics concerning our faith.

If you have not been to a Tuesday Evening Bible Study before and you have time, please stop by. Its al lot of fun and we have some great conversations. See you Tuesday nights at 7 PM.

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:

- May 1 3- The Augustinian Paradigm of Spirituality
- May 8 4- Young Luther Against Himself
- May 22 5- Hearing the Gospel
- May 29 6- Faith and Works

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



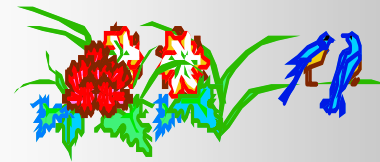
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 2014

- 3rd Michael Plantier
- 6th Carolyn Bammann
- 7th Pastor Gustafson
- Norm Benedict
- 11th John Greenhalgh
- 12th Kristen Green
- 15th Janet DeLaubell
- 17th Edyth Izard
- 18th Kristen Donewald
- Emily Soulier
- Vera Minicozzi
- 20th Ernest Josephson
- Cynthia Pryde
- Beth Soulier
- Allyssa Hajjar
- 21st Vanessa Nowak
- Nancy Feero
- 22nd Richard Hagstrom
- Katelyn Lynch
- 24th Nancy Cirmo
- 28th Megan Smith
- 29th Donna Quast
- 30th Kyle Fiedler
- 31st Julianna Tyler



- 1st Glenn & Carlene Myers 31 Years
- 5th Jonathan & Sachiko Martinek 14 Years
- 13th David & Mary Beth Blair 8 Years
- 15th Carl & Margaret Bernhardt 38 Years
- 18th Larry & Barbara Fiedler 46 Years
- 22nd Ray & Nancy Cirmo 38 Years
- 25th Rob & Janet DeLaubell 22 Years
- 29th Todd & Christina Plantier 15 Years
- 30th Frank & Marilyn Miller 55 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, May *Voters* meeting will be held, Monday **May 12th at 7:00 pm**



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