

# The Heavenly Herald

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I cannot believe that it is time again to turn the page of the year 2014 to begin a new chapter of life in the year 2015. Where has all the time gone? Where does it all go? And, what are we doing with our days as God graciously gives them to us? I guess that it is my last question that prompts so many people to make New Year's resolutions. The resolutions are actually statements of hope. I believe that to make them is a wonderful thing to do because by their very nature they suggest that one is hopeful and I would rather live in a world where people are hopeful, wouldn't you? So instead of asking what New Year's resolutions one has made, I would rather ask the question, 'What is it that you hope for in this New Year?'

The statement may mean the same thing, but I would hope that people would be more encouraged by the words, 'hope for.' Now granted resolution is more than a wish, it is a word packed with determination and resolve. The punch is supposed to be stronger, but usually it is not and so the disappointment becomes greater, yes greater when one has not attained the resolution because one has failed. So, once again, I would suggest that the question be, 'What is it you hope for in this New Year?'

Looking around at our community there are so many things to hope for. I would imagine that as one looks at ones family there are also numerous things to hope for. Of course there are personal things to hope for.

As pastor, when I look at the church community I hope for a witness to those outside of the church that would be helpful to those outside of the church. Usually churches do a good job at witnessing to the goodness of its Lord offering aid and assistance in many areas of need. There are food pantries and soup kitchens, places for unwed mothers and for the poor to obtain the necessities of life. There are community services beyond these which include counseling and direction, at times the opening of doors for jobs

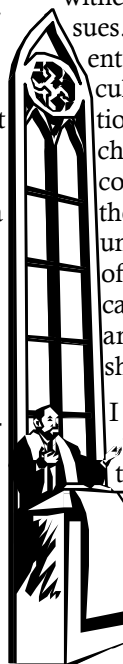
and services which would otherwise be shut to certain individuals. I hope nothing new, but even more aid and assistance which I imagine means that more people would get involved in personal witness to faith.

I also hope that the church would work to be on the same page. What I mean by that is that more open dialog would take place among the various denominations, (and if you have been attending the Sunday morning Bible study you've been informed there are many denominations), so that a common witness could be given on various social issues. In America we can have many different opinions; it is a part of our freedom and culture. The democracy determines direction for the nation. However, in the church it is God's word that directs the community and so a greater dialog among the churches might help to gain a more united direction based upon the authority of God's word. I realize given the historical stances taken by various church bodies and congregations this hope is a long shot, but never the less it is my hope.

I also hope that our own congregation would consider new avenues to witness to the faith we share. We do witness to the social nature of the Gospel. I am hoping that we would consider new ways to witness to its saving nature. I am hoping that in some way we might witness to the reason God became incarnate in Jesus Christ; you know, the

"Good Christian Friends rejoice.....Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save" type of proclamation. A lot of people are shy about that type of witness. Most Christians would rather give something for the hungry to eat that satisfies for the day, than a word about salvation won by Christ which could offer life eternal. Yes, both are important, but my hope is that we might be a little heavier

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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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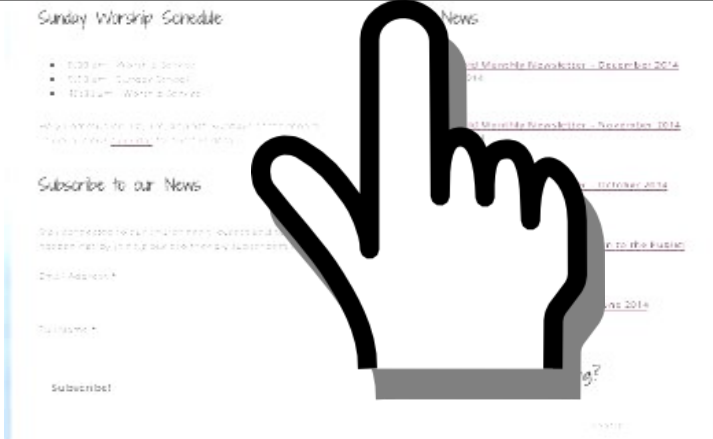
**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...**

When you get a chance, go up to our New Website. Thanks to Steve Ferro's hard work our new Website was launched last month. It has a sleeker look and much easier to find what you are looking for. You can find the latest news and information, see the great pictures our Church photographer takes regularly and even view the Heavenly Herald in full color.



Welcome to Cheshire Lutheran Church!

**Check Out Our New Website**  
<http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/>



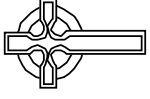
**MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU...**

Every year I wonder what words I can give to express my sincere gratitude for the gifts of love and thanks I, (and I include my family), receive from the members of this congregation at Christmas time. Kathy and I would like you all to know that we are always appreciative of the kind thoughts and warm, sincere wishes conveyed through the collective present given to us. Our Christmas seasons here at CLC have been wonderful and your kindness expressed is always received with thanksgiving.

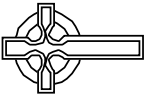
Pastor and Kathy



*I sincerely thank all of you for the Christmas gift given to me. I truly appreciate it and feel very blessed to be a part of this congregation. - Carol*



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# January

# January Servants

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on the latter.

You know, as I passed the town green this week four letters appeared on it. The letters spelled HOPE. They are there to be the center stage for many luminaries to be used on this New Year's Eve as our community deals with three recent tragic deaths. (You will get this newsletter after the fact) The only hope that I know that can even scratch the surface of the pain and sorrow those tragedies have evoked is the HOPE offered by the one who experienced the violence of death, but rose again to demonstrate his power over life. My words witness to the one whose birth we just remembered, Jesus Christ the Lord. It is that message that we need to share with others for he is the only hope, indeed our final hope for life. And so, I hope...that's right, HOPE that all of us would work to bear a stronger witness to the Gospel we share expressing the truth that in the wounds of Christ there is reconciliation with God and in the resurrection from the grave there is life, and in that life, the sharing of that life, WE HOPE!!

May that knowledge and faith bring you a very Happy New Year!

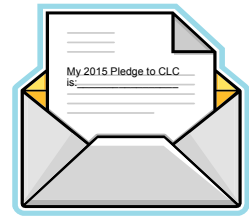
Pastor G



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## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2015...

Pledge Packets for 2015 are here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



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## 2015 FLOWER CHART...

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Chart which is hanging on the Bulletin Board.



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## LITTLE CHERUBS NEEDS A CABINET...

Little Cherubs needs a file cabinet for their office. If you have one to donate that you no longer need, please contact the Church Office.



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## ARE YOU MISSING ANY SERVING DISHES?

Please take a look on the table outside the Kitchen for dishes that you may have left behind.



**CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...**

Date	Time	Event	Choir
January 4 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 7 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 11- Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
January 14 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 18- Sunday	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 21 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 25- Sunday	8:00 AM	Performance	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
January 28 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 1- Sunday	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



**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.

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



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...**

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



## NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

First, let me wish all of you a happy and healthy New Year.

Highlights of the focus of our ministry during the first few months of 2015:

- ✦ We will continue to support our **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 used nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet in the hallway
- ✦ Please sign up to count and bring the food to the Cheshire Food Pantry. Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.
- ✦ On Sunday, February 1st 160 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop a monetary donation and/or a soup donation in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 1st. CLC's donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



Thank you all for your continued support of our outreach ministries.

Vicki DePaolo  
Social Welfare Deacon

## UPDATE—IMMANUEL LUTHERAN'S COMFORT DOG MINISTRY COLLECTION...

Even though our Thanksgiving Service was cancelled due to inclement weather, we still collected \$1,138 in Thanksgiving offerings. This qualified us to receive the full match requested of \$750 from Thrivent. Our total contribution to Immanuel Lutheran's Comfort Dog Ministry was \$1,888.



## Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Many thanks to the “Thursday Afternoon Ladies” for assembling the huge December Heavenly Herald! HUGS!
- ✦ Many thanks to Jonathan Manke for donating the lovely red Poinsettias that adorned our Altar on Christmas Eve. They were beautiful!
- ✦ **Church Decorating – Thank You!**  
Thanks to all the folks that helped out with setting up the Christmas tree, decorating it, and decorating the church. The chosen tree is just beautiful!
- ✦ VERY SPECIAL Thank you to Tim Weiland for ALWAYS being there to take pictures of all of our events! Tim, your hard work and dedication is GREATLY APPRECIATED!
- ✦ Gracious thanks to Curt and Karen Smith for donating the beautiful wreaths that adorn the Church!
- ✦ Special Thanks to Bill and Debbie Sherman for donating the lovely white Poinsettia plants that are placed beneath the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ Of course Thank You to Don and Vicki DePaolo for choosing and donating the beautiful tree!
- ✦ Very special Thank You to Martha and her crew for the lovely Christmas Pageant. Your hard work paid off, the Pageant was phenomenal.





## SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.

## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all who have pledged or requested envelopes for donations. As of December 23, we have received 58 pledges. Although a good start, it is actually down a few from this time last year. If you have not picked up your pledge packet (or you have but have just not had a chance to return it yet), please think about returning your pledge card at your earliest convenience. It is never too late to submit your pledge. If you make regular contributions but do not pledge, if you have not already done so, please make sure to see Carol Santoro, our Church Secretary, to obtain a box of envelopes so that your contributions can be noted. This will be helpful to you for personal tax filings.

I would like to take a minute to thank Carol Santoro for all of her hard work over the past couple months. She has been invaluable in assisting to get the pledge packets together and out, especially since this was my first full pledge season as the Stewardship Deacon.

I again thank all of you for your generosity and consideration towards helping to keep CLC strong. I also thank all of you who returned a Time and Talent survey. We had a good response and we would like to utilize those responses to help get more members involved in various aspects of the workings of the Church.

Sincerely,

David Veleber  
Stewardship Deacon

## THE LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR – UPDATE...



THRIVENT TO SOUTHBURY HOME 11-5-2014  
CINDY MANNING, RITA STARK, GLORIA NIECHITZKELEIN,  
BARBARA MANTHEY

Christmas was extra bright for the residents and patients at Southbury Lutheran Home during their annual Christmas Fair on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. They were blessed with a wide assortment of items to choose from thanks to the generosity of area churches (and others) including our own Cheshire Lutheran Church.

Rita Stark applied for a Thrivent \$250 Community Impact Card which was approved. With the card, Rita and Barbara Manthey went shopping for items the residents and patients could purchase at reasonable prices for family and friends. Everyone was happy to have more gifts to shop for than usual.



Thrivent volunteers at Southbury Home: 11-5-2014  
Rita Stark, Mark Manning, Barbara Manthey, Gloria Niechitzkelein

The day of the Fair, Gloria N. Barbara and Rita collected all the items that were left by members of CLC and the items they purchased with the Thrivent Credit Card and brought them to the Southbury Home. Each representative from our church wore a tee shirt saying "Live Generously" which is a great reminder to all at this time of year.



## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings as follows:

- 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
- 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
- 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

The Parish Choir sings on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays and the Youth Choir performs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Both Choirs usually sing at the 10:30 but sometimes are asked (mostly Parish) to sing at the 8:00 service as well.

The Bell Choir will perform on special occasions 5-7 times throughout the year.

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did! No experience necessary!

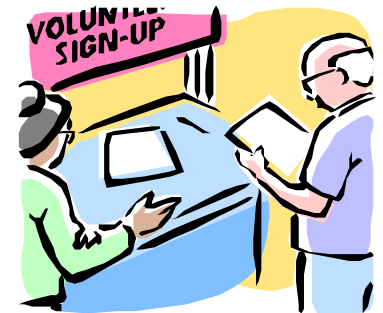


## ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

*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
- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Hope Center 2015 volunteer sign-ups
- † 2015 Usher Schedule
- † Little Cherubs enrollment information



### *Others looking for help!*

- † **Helping Hands** - Contact Christine Smith if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
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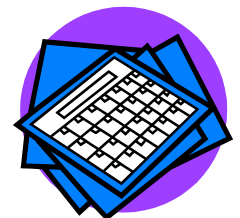
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- † **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Fellowship:** Looking for members to help out with this wonderful fellowship. Contact the office!
- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Andy.



## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2015...

**2015 Calendars** are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Al-derson Ford Funeral Homes. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.





## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

January 3, 1521	Martin Luther excommunicated from Catholic Church by Pope Leo X
January 1958	First congregational officers elected, parish constitution adopted, and congregation officially named Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 29, 1961	Opening dedication ceremony of Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church

## NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CAMPUS MINISTRY WORKSHOP...

**Save the Date**

**New England District Campus Ministry Workshop on Saturday, February 7  
At Hope Lutheran Church, Storrs, Connecticut**

The workshop is open to everyone interested in college students and campus ministry including congregational members, college students, parents of students, parish leaders, pastors and church workers.

The workshop presenter is Rev. Marcus Zill, LCMS Director of Campus Ministry and LCMSU. LCMSU is an initiative to connect and support Lutheran students as they head off to college and face countless challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. LCMS U also provides a place to connect and encourage parents, congregations and campus ministries as they seek to care for students, so that all can boldly bear witness to Christ on the nation's college campus.

Registration information for the workshop will be available in early January. For more information please contact Deaconess Tiffany Manor at [tmanor@ned-lcms.org](mailto:tmanor@ned-lcms.org) or 309-287-0334.



## CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.



## WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

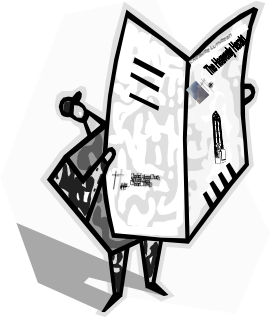
Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year! To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, check TV channels, WTNH channel 8 or MyTV 9, WFSB channel 3 and on the radio, WTIC 1080 AM. All these stations have websites that list weather closings too! A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail please let the church office know.

Stay warm!

## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (February 2015 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday January 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.



## THE DISCRETIONARY FUND...

This is a vehicle through which member can help those who are in need and by which member in need can find help. For assistance or to make a donation, please see Pastor G. All transactions are kept *confidential*.



## 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.

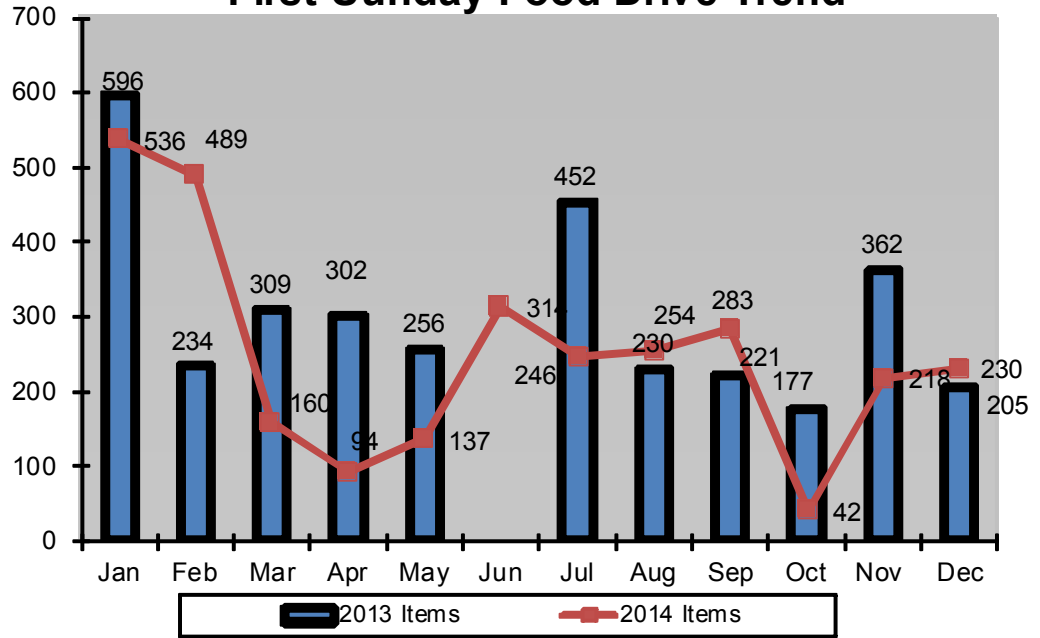




**DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!**

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**



“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.

**TEACHERS NEEDED!...**

In order for our CLC Sunday school to continue to operate in an effective manner, we are always looking for folks to step up and do their part. We **team-teach** at CLC which means that each person is only obligated to prepare **13 lessons** during the school year. Schedules are flexible among the members of each team. We have thorough teacher guides that take you through each lesson step-by-step. It is not necessary to have a child currently in Sunday school as demonstrated by several of our current teachers.

There are many blessings attached to being an active part of the Sunday school. You become a good Christian role-model to your children. You get to know the young people at CLC much better. And finally, it can be spiritually enriching for you personally as you revisit many of the Bible stories of your own youth.

**HELP!** Please prayerfully consider volunteering some of your time for this important mission of Cheshire Lutheran Church. Talk to Andy Schaefer ([dce@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dce@cheshirelutheran.org)) or Carlene Myers ([CarlyBaby724@aol.com](mailto:CarlyBaby724@aol.com)) if you would like to volunteer or if you'd like to learn more about the program. We could also use folks that are willing to be on a Substitute List.





## 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).



## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2015...

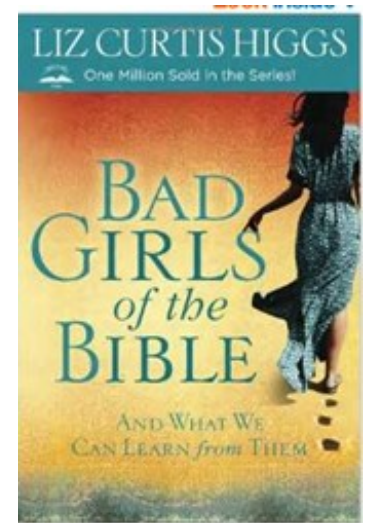
Please join the women of CLCW on Saturday May 23rd for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat. We are returning to the Guest House & Conference Center in Chester CT for a day of reflection, relaxation and socialization as we discuss "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Registration remains at \$34.00 per person including a gourmet lunch.

Ten of the Bible's best-known femme fatales parade across the pages of *Bad Girls of the Bible* with situations that sound oh-so-familiar.

**Eve** had food issues. **Potiphar's Wife** and **Delilah** had man trouble. **Lot's Wife** and **Michal** couldn't let go of the past, **Sapphira** couldn't let go of money, and **Jezebel** couldn't let go of anything. Yet the **Woman at the Well** had her thirst quenched at last, while **Rahab** and the **Sinful Woman** left their sordid histories behind.

Let these Bad Girls show you why studying the Bible has never been more fun!

Please save the date, details to follow. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki DePaolo 203-697-0810.



## 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*





## PLEA FOR SHIFU ...

Dear Cheshire Lutheran Family,

After some deliberation and discussion with the Social Welfare Deacon, Pastor, and our Voters, I am following their advice and writing to ask for your help. I am asking on behalf of someone important in my life, but who is not a member of our church, not related to a church member, not Lutheran or even Christian, but is a good man and could use our help.



For the past 10 years I have been taking Tai Chi from a wonderful teacher who quickly earned my respect for his art and his talent for teaching his students something that very few people in the world knew. His name is Zhang Zhaoxun. He came to the US from mainland China about 11 years ago as a martial arts scholar to share his rare form of Tai Chi with those living here. He quickly earned the respect of the Tai Chi community in Connecticut and all the masters here immediately recognized his talent.

In May this year, despite being in exceptional physical and mental condition for someone in his early 60s, he had a stroke that severely affected his right side and hospitalized him for about two months. As is common with these events, his recovery has been slow, and full recovery will still take some time. His wife works in a factory in North Haven and was able to take off work to care for him for a couple of months, but she had to return to work recently so as not to lose her job. Since Shifu Zhang (shifu means teacher) has not been able to teach, several of his students dropped out, and his income from teaching has decreased significantly. Some of his students are determined to continue with the classes, in part to keep up the practice, but also to provide him with some income in these difficult times. Shifu Zhang has no family in the US. His students have stepped up to help him in these hard times when his wife has to be at work. They have assisted with simple everyday care, physical rehabilitation and with helping him re-learn to speak English.

I have known both Shifu and his wife to be people of simple means who live very modestly and are grateful for all they get. However, their medical bills have been piling up and winter is a scary thought when it comes to expenses. I have been praying for his recovery, but I felt that I would like to do something more. As a Christian, I would like to ask you to contribute as you see fit to help Shifu Zhang and his wife with some basic financial support for the coming winter months. I will place a specially marked box on the hallway counter and you can place your donation in the box. Please make your checks payable to Cheshire Lutheran Church and write "Zhang" in the memo line, so that we will be able to write Shifu Zhang a check to help him with his financial needs. If you have any questions or suggestions you can email me at [chrisandemese@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisandemese@sbcglobal.net), or call 203-675-7522. If you are interested in learning more about Shifu Zhang and his art please visit <http://www.zhangtaichi.com/>

Thank you in advance for your help and for everything you do.

Emese Gall



# Bible Studies at CLC

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Please come to this wonderful study of Gods Word. Join us in the Library each Sunday morning at 9:10.



## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Watch the Sunday Bulletin for information on the current study. Join us each Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm. The current study will resume the New Year on the 6th.

## 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.

We're studying the New Testament Book of Revelation as follows:

Date	Lecture
Jan 8th	Book of Revelation Lecture 9
Jan 22nd	Book of Revelation Lecture 10
Jan 29th	Book of Revelation Lecture 11

All are welcome!  
Pastor Nuechterlein



## 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!



# December 2014

## Christmas Tree and Church Decorating, December 20, 2014



## Our Crèche 2014





# Memories

## Christmas Pageant December 14, 2014



## Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2014



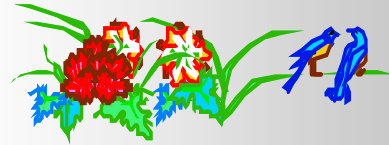
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- 25th Carol Santoro
- 26th John Shepard
- 27th Don Dobbs
- 28th Eleanor Kenney
- 29th Mikayla Pryde
- 30th Todd Peters  
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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## January 2015

6th	Patrick & Kelley Collins-Pardee	3 Years
17th	John & Lynn Balash	40 Years



### COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

No Voters meeting in January!!!  
 The Annual corporate meeting will be held on January 11th after BOTH services!



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