



# The Heavenly Herald

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What do the dates May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> have in common besides the fact that they are both on Sundays? Usually they do not have much in common at all but this year because the 10<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday they seem to have something to do with mothers. The 10<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday highly esteemed by our nation as Mothers' Day. So, children, remember you still have time to get that special something or to plan that special task you may perform to honor your mothers.

Let's not forget our mothers, as is easy to do, for it has been my observation that mothers are perhaps the ones most often to be taken for granted by the general population. Mothers tend to fall under the category of servant where what they do is "what was their duty." (See Luke 17:10) Yet, lest most forget, mothers commit themselves to so much throughout a lifetime not because it is their vocation, their work, but because of their love for their children and for the family. Love is the force at work in conceiving a child, having the child and raising the child. A mother's love is special which I believe creates a special bond between parent and child. Some attribute this bond to "maternal instinct." I believe it is the nature of a mother's love that seals the deal and creates a long term union between child and mother which was meant by God.

The long term union between mother and child brings me to the second date. It is one quite unfamiliar to most people and to most of Christianity under whose influence it has been set. It seems a minor thing but the 31<sup>st</sup> is set in the Western Church as the day of The Visitation. The Visitation by whom? The answer: the visitation by Mary to her cousin Elizabeth after she was told that she would conceive the baby Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

One might remember that according to St. Luke's Gospel Mary arrived at Elizabeth's door-

step to share the news. One might also recall that two miracles were occurring at the very same time for not only was Mary pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit, but Elizabeth, (the barren one), was in her old age also carrying a child to be named John at a later date. Amazing, two expectant mothers on the opposite ends of the age spectrum awaiting the time when they would give birth to their first-born children. Happy Mothers' Day indeed!

The Church thought it wise to remember this visitation out of which the words of the Magnificat were first formed and spoken. Perhaps you recall the beginning sentence, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Being a mother certainly brought out the best in Mary. No unwanted pregnancy there! A surprise? For sure! Even for the ears of Elizabeth the fact that her cousin was carrying the Savior topped the fact that she in her old age was carrying John the Baptizer. Yet what is to be noted is the joy and jubilation that arose because of God's blessing of motherhood. What is to be noted is the fact that the women accepted their parts in God's plan for our world. Both were committed to fulfill their respective vocation or calling, but I believe that what they were committed to had more to do with a mother's love than a holy calling. Jesus and John had loving mothers who took care of them into adulthood. They had mothers who loved them and who probably sacrificed for them out of that love. The Bible does not tell us much about such love except for that implied by Mary's search for her son when he was left behind in Jerusalem at the age of 12, and at the foot of the cross where Jesus made sure his mother would be taken care of in the future.

I have often wondered in my own experience

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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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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT****AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Our Church Council met recently on April 21<sup>st</sup> and we heard reports from Pastor, Andy and our officers and deacons of their recent activities through the Easter period

Our Church Council met recently on April 21<sup>st</sup> and we heard reports from Pastor, Andy and our officers and deacons of their recent activities through the Easter period and of various upcoming spring and summer plans. A few of the topics discussed were:

- ✦ Lenten and Holy Week services,
- ✦ Easter breakfast; upcoming progressive social and picnic fellowship activities,
- ✦ Youth activities; Vacation Bible School plans (June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>),
- ✦ Good outlook for a 4year old class in our Little Cherubs preschool for 2015-16,
- ✦ Upcoming church and parsonage maintenance and improvements items,
- ✦ Plans to participate again in the annual Town end of summer/fall marketplace,
- ✦ Our financial reports through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The columbarium exploratory group reported on the survey that was conducted to determine the congregation's interest in this possible project of ministry. That report is included in this edition of the Heavenly Herald and, accordingly, this topic and the formation of a special purpose committee will be on the agenda for our next Voters Assembly meeting, scheduled for Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

On the subject of spring, the Susquehanna University choir did "fill our hearts with spring" with their wonderful performance here last month. Many thanks to the several people who participated in making the concert, and the students' overnight stay with us, possible. And thanks also to the team of rakers, pruners and sweepers who participated in our outdoor spring clean-up on April 18th. From one of the poems of the "In Springtime" section of the cantata Carmina Burana that I recently heard: "Nature's great renewal in solemn spring and spring's example bid us rejoice". Similarly, we continue to rejoice in a Resurrection Spring each week in worship, education and ministry!

See you in church!

*Bill*

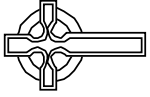
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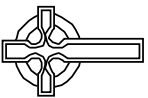
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

**1:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.**

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



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May

# May Servants

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and through life's observations, 'when does a mother stop being a mother?' I do not know that mothers really ever stop being mothers because I do not know that the bond of love formed through the relationship of mother and child ever stops. I think a mother's love kind of mirrors God's love for us as it is a love that never quits even when tested and tried. It just exists, not to be abused even though it may be, but to affirm and assure us we cannot be separated from it. It is a love that offers comfort, consolation, peace, celebration and joy. So celebrate the love of mothers. Recall the mother of our Lord who announced her joy when she visited her cousin and recall her faithful role in raising the One who is Savior of the world, our brother, Jesus Christ. It is, after all, the month of May, the month of mothers with a day set aside for them.



Peace of the Lord,  
Pastor Gustafson

### Senior High Youth Group (CrossRoads):

The sun is out and the weather is warm. This month we will have an opportunity to hit the mini links for some mini golf and you can see that date below. Remember that this month also includes Mother's Day and Memorial Day so let us remember our Mother's and the soldiers that have served our country. Also, this month we begin the softball season! See below for details.

Important Dates for the Senior High Youth:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** CrossRoads Pizza Party @ 12pm to 2pm

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** Miniature Golf @ Safari Golf in Berlin. See below for more details.

**Tuesday's & Thursday's:** After school coffee/ tea and conversation @ Cheshire Coffee

**Saturday's:** At 9am coffee/ tea and conversation with parents @ Cheshire Coffee

### Junior High Youth Group (High Impact):

It's May! That means those April showers have given way to flowers! This month we will get to enjoy the outdoors with some mini golf and you can see that information below. Remember that this month also includes Mother's Day and Memorial Day so let us remember our Mother's and the soldiers that have served our country.

Important Dates for the Junior High Youth

**May 6<sup>th</sup>:** High Impact @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm (PB&J event!)

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** Miniature Golf @ Safari Golf in Berlin. See below for details.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** High Impact @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm

### Miniature Golf at Safari Golf

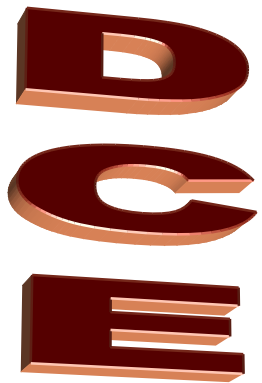
On **May 16<sup>th</sup>** we will hit the mini links! This will require you to **bring \$10** to cover the cost of golfing. We will **meet at the church at 2pm** for this event with a return time still to be determined. If you would like to participate in this event please sign up on the Youth and Family Ministry bulletin board at the church.

### CLC Spirit Softball Team

If you are 15 years of age or older you are eligible to play softball this year! We will begin either on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or the week after Mother's Day which is the 17<sup>th</sup>. All games are on Sunday's at 6pm. If you need a copy of the schedule or have any questions please see Andy.

### Vacation Bible School "Everest"

This year's VBS has been set for June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am to 12pm. If you are interested in volunteering please see Andy as volunteers are always welcome whether you can help 1 day or every day. If you would like to register your child for VBS please go to the CLC website and click on the VBS link. From there you will find the Participant Registration tab and can go from there. If you have questions regarding VBS this summer please see Andy.





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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
May 6 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 10 - Sunday <i>Mothers Day</i>	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir & Sunday School
May 13 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 17 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 20 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 24 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
May 27 - Wednesday	No Rehearsals		
May 28—Thursday	7:30 PM	<i>Possible Rehearsal</i>	Bell Choir
May 31 - Sunday <i>Pentecost</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir



## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Sunday morning coffee hour volunteers needed! In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers. Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!



## 2015 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The 2015 Softball season is upon us, consider joining the team or help cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games. We will play on at various fields in Cheshire and Hamden during May and June (except Mother's Day and Memorial Day).

The first game is tentatively scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 3.

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

If you are 15 years or older and interested or need more information contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber (203) 271-3111 or [dveleber@cox.net](mailto:dveleber@cox.net).

# 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. We also thank Don and Diane Drust for all they contribute so that the food never runs out and the décor enhances the Easter atmosphere. 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.
- ✠ Thank you as always to Tim Weiland for his beautiful photography that chronicle all the activities that take place at CLC
- ✠ An additional thanks to Steve Feero for doing such a great job with keeping our Website up to date
- ✠ On behalf of the entire Congregation, a very special and heartfelt thank you to Ken Leslie for supplying the wine for each Communion Sunday.
- ✠ To Todd Plantier, please know how thankful and appreciative we all are to you for getting our Bell into working order. We are grateful for all your hard work and diligence.



## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

The next important date in the church year is Pentecost. We celebrate this event every year as the beginning of the Holy Spirit's gift of spreading the Gospel to everyone. There were about 120 people present which included the original 11 Apostles and Mathias who replaced Judas. The power of the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak to the crowds and everyone understood them in their own language. As a result over 3000 were baptized and accepted Jesus as their Saviour. This event was a powerful tool to extend the church to all people. Everyone is important to God and Pentecost shows that God will use his power to reach each and every person. We may not have the same power that was given to the early Christians at Pentecost, but we have the Holy Spirit giving us the power to transform lives when we tell others about the story of Jesus and his love for us.

John Balash Evangelism Deacon



## 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



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Hello to all our Church Family,

I cannot believe that May is already here... Where has this school year gone? Martha and I have been working together and thoroughly enjoying each other and the children as well. We love being here at Little Cherubs. God has blessed me by bringing Martha into my life.



We have several topics set up for the month of May:

Mother's Day Projects

Memorial Day Projects

We are going to plant seeds in the Green House

A week will be on Community Helpers

A project with Cinco De Mayo as well.

Within these projects we will incorporate God and all that he has done for all by creating everyone and anything.

We are having another Open House May 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Baked goods are welcome once again. If it is not eaten we will use during the Church Coffee Hour.

I want to share a big Thank You to all of you for the support given to Little Cherubs - Bottles, Card Money, donating goods, etc. We are so Thankful.

I would like to share with you a Home Based Business that I am running when I am not in session with Little Cherubs. If you are looking to diversify your income than I invite you to view my website.

Thank You in Advance,

<http://joannh.justfunandmoney.com>

Just a note about our beautiful path...

We have noticed that the numbers are failing or not there any longer. We would love a volunteer to fix the Numbers and the book which coincide.

Thank You,  
Joann and Martha





## 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.

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c/o Highland Health Center  
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Cheshire, CT 06410

John Luchene  
c/o Highland Health Center  
745 Highland Avenue  
Cheshire, CT 06410



## Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin beginning on Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon



## 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 *tentatively* scheduled our get together for Wednesday June 3rd. 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.



## 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.



## 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!





"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."  
Proverbs 3:5-6

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MAY 2015...

### May 3: Philip Tells the Ethiopian About Jesus

Most Christians long to know that God is leading them daily. They want to know how to follow him in the big decisions of life, such as who to marry, what job to take, and where to live. But they also need to follow him when making everyday decisions involving everyday life—how to raise their children and how to budget their money, for example. As you lead this lesson, remember that adults need discernment, assurance, and encouragement as they follow God's leading in their lives.

**Bible Point:** Follow where God leads.

**Key Verse:** Proverbs 3:5-6

### May 10: Peter Visits Cornelius

Talking about Jesus is something many people have difficulty doing outside the walls of the church. Our culture has convinced them that others are happy with their choice of (or lack of) religion. While children might have no problem mentioning Jesus to a friend or inviting someone to church, adults tend to see this as intrusive. People need to see that others need to know about Jesus.

**Bible Point:** Tell everyone about Jesus.

**Key Verse:** Matthew 28:19-20

### May 17: Barnabas Encourage Christians in Antioch

What adult hasn't faced discouragement? Some people face more discouragement than others, but we all experience times of difficulty and disappointment that discourage us. It's important that adults recognize their role as providers of support and encouragement in one another's faith journey. God calls us to community, after all. He doesn't want us to try to go it alone. Christians are commanded to have fellowship and to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).

**Bible Point:** Encourage each other to believe in Jesus.

**Key Verse:** Hebrews 3:13

### May 24: Jesus Sends Power From God

Due to the uncertainty that sometimes surrounds this third person of the Trinity, many adults don't have a clear understanding of the person of the Holy Spirit. And because issues related to the Holy Spirit have led many adults into heated disagreements, they've learned to stay clear of the Holy Spirit to avoid dissension and confusion.

**Bible Point:** God gives us the Holy Spirit.

**Key Verse:** John 14:26

### May 31: Jesus is Alive!

The theme of the Resurrection is something most Christian adults have understood for a long time. They've become comfortable with the idea, and many have begun to lose their fascination with it. As you lead adults through this lesson, help them regain a sense of wonder about Jesus' resurrection. And don't forget to celebrate! Remember, Christ died for you because he loves you very much.

**Bible Point:** Jesus is Alive.

**Key Verse:** John 11:25



"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"  
(John 11:25)

## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

When you get a chance, visit 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.



## CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...

Carol Weinshel of Fairfield has supported over 35,000 soldiers from her house, primarily with Combat Aviation Brigades (CABs). These soldiers have been deployed numerous times with the 159th, 82nd, 101st, 16th and 1st CAB. Currently, she has adopted a headquarters unit from the 1st Infantry Division, the 82nd CAB, a special operations group and a combined joint task force from the 3rd Infantry Division. Soldiers continue to need the items we take for granted – toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lotion, soap, female items, emery boards, small notepads, hand wipes, tissues, snacks, gum, powdered drink mix (individual packets), coffee, cough drops, band-aids and always contributions towards postage. Treat bags have transformed from children's party bags to quart-sized bags; travel-size items are best for packing. In the words of one of the commanders: "thanks for all you do and your gifts were definitely heartfelt and on point". Our soldiers continue to need our support and it is with the most sincere appreciation that I thank the Church in advance for your answering the call. You folks are truly the best.



We will be collecting the items to support this project at Church in May. You can choose any or all of the following items:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ✚ 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                               |   |



For additional information contact Holly Flugrath or Dorothy Dierolf.



## 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.



## COLUMBARIUM PROJECT UPDATE...

The survey results are back and are very encouraging! We received 66 responses (including 2 additional surveys that came back after the results had been tabulated and the respondents overwhelmingly supported the idea of having a Columbarium available to church members and their families here on CLC grounds. Some of the key results from the survey are:

- ✚ 94% of respondents believed a columbarium should be available at CLC
- ✚ 26 members were interested in reserving a niche for their final resting place
- ✚ 19 additional members would consider reserving a niche at the columbarium
- ✚ 34 members were interested in a memorial plaque for a family member that may be interred elsewhere
- ✚ 26 members were interested in a memorial plaque for themselves, if they had already made other funeral arrangements
- ✚ 68% of respondents favored a location at the rear of the church grounds

The results were presented to Council on April 21<sup>st</sup>, and they voted to make a recommendation to the Voters Assembly to form a Columbarium Committee with Buzz Gancarz as Chairman. The Voters meeting will be held on Monday May 11th at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this committee would be to further evaluate the feasibility of constructing a columbarium, and take into account key factors, such as: type of structure, location on the property, legal and permitting issues, cost to construct and maintain, and other pertinent issues. These findings would be provided in a summary report that would be presented to the Voters in the Fall of 2015. If the recommendation of the committee was to move forward with actual construction of a facility, that would be subject to the approval by the Voters. So, the purpose of the Columbarium Committee would be to gather the critical information that would allow the CLC Voters to make an informed decision on whether or not to move forward with this important matter.

For anyone wishing to review the survey results in greater detail, contact Beth Soulier at [soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net).



## 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 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!

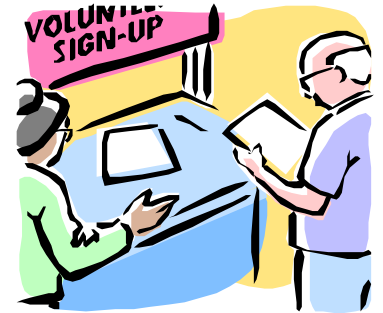


## ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

*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
- † Team Spirit Information
- † Women's Retreat Sign-up



### *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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  - 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. 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.



## 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.





# Palm Sunday and Easter Memories

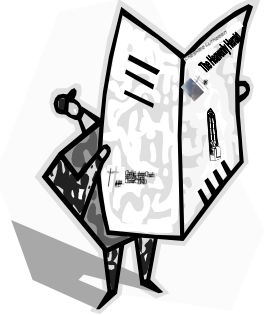


## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (Summer 2015 Articles are Due!)

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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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*.



## THRIVENT CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE UPDATE...

The New Haven Chapter of Thrivent and Thrivent's **Care Abounds in Communities** program will be ending June 30, 2015. In 2014 alone, \$3,100 in supplemental funding was approved under this program for various activities held at CLC. Recipients of these funds included: The Cheshire Food pantry, Church World Services, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Home of Southbury, Safe Haven of Greater Waterbury and Immanuel Lutheran Church Comfort Dog Ministry. There is a limited amount of funding available for Care Abounds in Communities activities through May 31, 2015.

Thrivent has introduced the concept of **Action Teams** which gives members the ability to become personally involved in meeting a need in the community. Members lead a team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. For further details on this new program, please contact either Mark Manning (203-241-0858) or Alan Spose (203-623-1650).



Once again, thank you to all Thrivent members who participate in these programs.

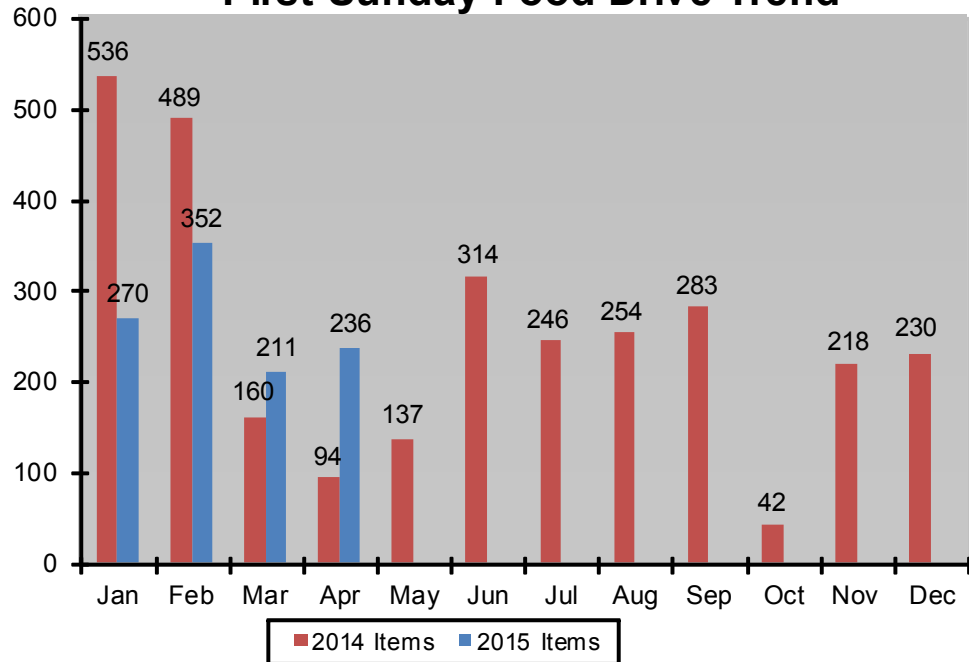


### DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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 2015. 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 ([dcc@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dcc@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 \$500 check(proceeds from card sales) to Little Cherubs. 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...

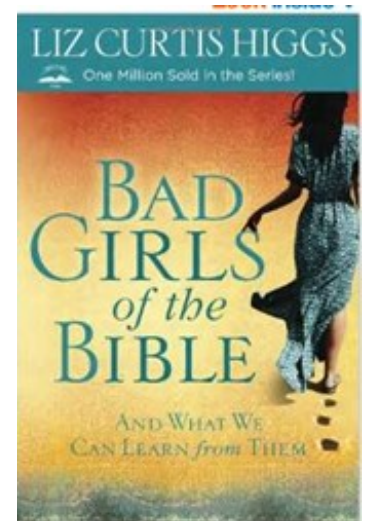
Please join the women of CLCW on Saturday May 23rd for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat. We are returning to the Guest House & Conference Center in Chester CT for a day of reflection, relaxation and socialization as we discuss "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Registration remains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

For those planning to attend, please place your name on the signup sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board beginning April 12th. Kindly make your registration fee checks payable to CLCW and give them to either Joyce Blem or Vicki DePaolo. 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*



## SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY CHOIR UPDATE AND THANKS...

THANK YOU ALL for making this night a success. Lots of muscle to move everything around, beautiful decorating, WONDERFUL AND DELICIOUS FOOD, personal and friendly interaction with the singers, and a host of other caring touches.

I hope you all enjoyed the concert and keep the choir in your prayers for a great concert today in Providence and a safe journey home to PA. Special thanks for the emergency pants BILL. Also gracious thanks to Nancy and Ed Schweitzer for helping with parking and logistics. What helpfulness when needed.

Martha M.

# Susquehanna Memories



## 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!





# 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.



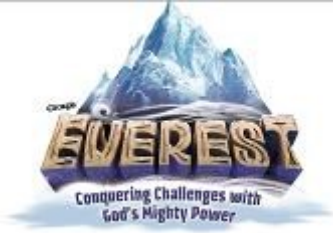
## BIBLE SCHOLARS...

**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.

All are welcome!  
Pastor Nuechterlein



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "EVEREST"...



This year's VBS has been set for June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am to 12pm. If you are interested in volunteering please see Andy as volunteers are always welcome whether you can help 1 day or every day.

If you would like to register your child for VBS please go to the CLC website and click on the VBS link. From there you will find the Participant Registration tab and can go from there.

If you have questions regarding VBS this summer please see Andy.



## FLOWER CAROL..



Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, day is fast reviving,  
Life in all its growing towards the light is greatly striving:  
Gone the iron touch of coldest winter and frost time,  
Seedlings, working through the mould, now make up for lost time.

Herb and plants all winter long, slumbered at their leisure,  
Now bestirring, green and strong, find in growth their pleasure;  
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing,  
Flowers make glee among the hills, set the meadows dancing.

Through each wonder of fair days, God Himself expresses;  
Beauty follows all His ways, as the world He blesses:  
His decree renews the earth, He's the ARTIST without rival,  
In His grace of glad new birth we do seek revival.

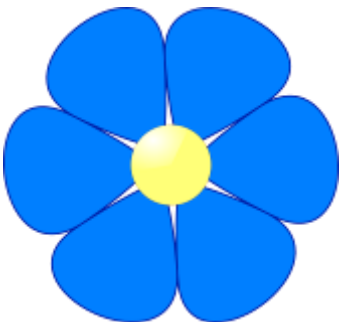
Spring...a time of new beginnings  
Spring...a time when all is made new

Earth puts on her song of glee as flowers and grasses come forth;  
We go forth in joyous praise—praising our blessed Lord ;

Praise the Maker, all ye saints; He with glory girt you,  
He Who skies and meadows paints fashioned all your virtue;  
Praise Him, seers, heroes, kings, heralds of perfection;  
Brethren in Christ, praise Him, for He is the Resurrection!

~~ Author Unknown ~~

Modified version...Supposedly Written in the 13th Century;  
First appeared in the Swedish Piae Cantiones, 1582



## HOUSE AND GROUNDS UPDATE...

House and Grounds completed the annual Church clean up. Inside was completed before Easter Service as usual. Outside cleanup was completed after Easter Service in April, a beautiful spring day, as winter did not want to leave CT. A big thank you to all who came to help with both inside and outside. A special thank you to the core of people who faithfully contribute to servicing our Church House and Grounds throughout the year!

Parsonage is receiving a new front concrete patio as the old had cracked and sunk about 3" across the middle. In addition, sinking has occurred in the front walk making it a tripping hazard. The pavers will be removed, a new base installed and the original pavers reinstalled.

Lighting in the Sanctuary has become a problem. Thanks to Ed and Andy who tried to angle the lamps for better direction. It did not last and gravity pulled them back to location. Dave Schrumm made a great point that the federal mandates on incandescent light bulb watts have forced us to use bulbs not strong enough. With the new LED bulb technology, we will try and replace the bulbs to offer the equivalent lumens of the original specifications.

Thank you to those who offered me their appreciation for the Bell repair. Your cards, emails and words of thanks mean very much.

Todd Plantier



## Church Grounds Clean-Up Memories

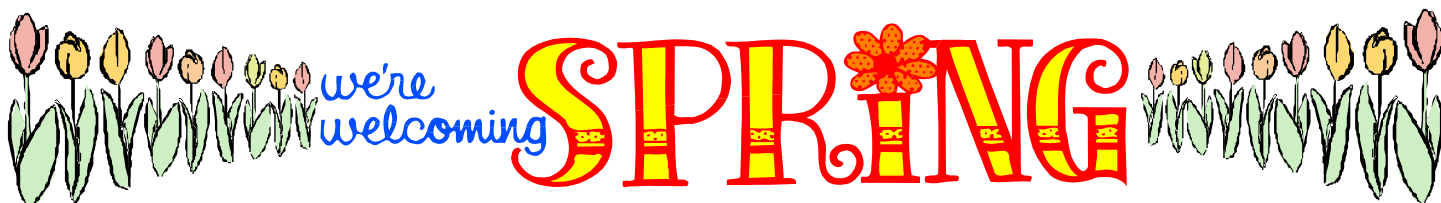
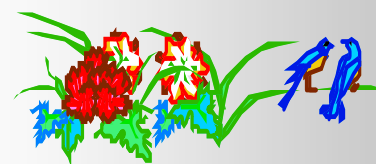




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13 <sup>th</sup>	David & Mary Beth Blair	9 Years
15 <sup>th</sup>	Carl & Margaret Bernhardt	39 Years
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22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ray & Nancy Cirno	39 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	23 Years
29 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Christina Plantier	16 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Frank & Marilyn Miller	56 Years



## VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, May *Voters* meeting will be held, Monday May 11th at 7:00 pm



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