

# The Heavenly Herald

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

The other day I went to a ball game in New York to watch the Mets play. One thing I noticed that was pretty evident; if it were not for the number of school children sitting in the upper level the place would have been pretty empty. Now the reason I mention this is because the size of the crowd may well be a factor in the outcome of a game. Crowds can stir up enthusiasm. Crowds can express a sense of solidarity not found outside of the stadium. Crowds can affirm a common belief or a unity shared by many.

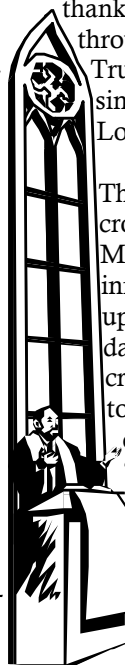
Worship needs the crowd. Worship does not happen because of the crowd but it is certainly enhanced when there is a crowd. Worship when a good number of believers are present is also a support to one's faith. When people are present it helps the believer affirm the reality that the belief is not singular but it is confessed and owned by many. Just as the crowd in a stadium affirms the reality that the home team is our team, so a good number of faithful members will affirm the reality that the faith confessed in not just "my faith" but "our faith." And let me tell you that for all who are a part of such a worship experience it is quite uplifting and exciting.

I am writing this particular message as a word of encouragement to all of our members appealing to you to try your best to gather for worship on a weekly basis. I am writing this message knowing that we are going into the summer months when many people leave the area for a well-deserved vacation. I am writing this message with the hope that those who read it will take it to heart and seek to be more regular in their attendance, especially during the summer when our congregation changes schedule to a one service setting.

I believe that, given the times we live in, we need to gather for the benefit of others and we need to gather for our own benefit. When we do we bear witness to our solidarity of belief and faith to one another. We also witness to our community at large that gathering for worship is an important part of being a Christian, and being a Christian is a very meaningful way of life. It is so important and meaningful that we use our Sunday mornings for the purpose of acknowledging God and thanking him for the salvation he has granted through his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Truly, a powerful message is sent by a very simple act of gathering in the name of the Lord.

The other day I was really enthused as the crowds chanted, "Let's go Mets! Let's go Mets" whenever concern arose in a given inning. I am sure that the chant pumped up the pitcher and the other players that day. It is simply what happens when a crowd gets into the game. Our worship together is no game; it is a way of life expressed by a community that is "into" its faith. My hope, as I write this article before the beginning of the summer, is that all who read it will make an extra effort to join in the hymn and chant and song of worship. It is our way of giving glory to God and of witnessing to the faith we share while we support one another as the people of God.



In Christ,  
 Pastor Gustafson

# Happy Fathers Day!

**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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is published for members and  
friends of Cheshire Lutheran  
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*Andrew Schaefer - Director of  
Christian Education*

*Bill Sherman-Parish President*

*Beth Soulier-Editor*

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



Our Voters Assembly met on May 11<sup>th</sup> with a robust attendance and, as customary, we heard reports from Pastor Gustafson, DCE Andy Schaefer, our officers and our various deacons about the numerous activities of mission here at CLC. I would like to highlight a few of the topics here:

- ✦ Our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program anticipates both a 3 year old class and a 4 year old class for the fall 2015-spring 2016 term. Please keep that in mind when you think about children who would be enriched by this mission.
- ✦ A report of recent and upcoming fellowship activities.
- ✦ Our generous support of ongoing and special Social Welfare activities.
- ✦ Our upcoming Vacation Bible School program at the end of June; again, keep in mind and refer children that could participate in this mission.
- ✦ A report from our Finance Committee to address how we might bolster our current offerings in support of our mission and ministry. We are thankful for the many families who are contributing and who are keeping up to date with pledged giving. Through April 30<sup>th</sup>, however, our expenses were more than our offerings, which is not a good situation. With a couple of unplanned expenses this year and the half-way point of the year just ahead of us, our officers will announce a plan of action shortly.
- ✦ The Voters established a Columbarium Committee as a “special purpose committee” under our Bylaws and Buzz Gancarz was elected as Chairman of the committee. Committee members will be appointed by our Council. The committee will formally investigate and evaluate options for establishing and operating a columbarium at CLC and will present its recommendations to the Voters Assembly in the future.

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If you'll be away from our CLC church home this summer on a vacation, try to attend church services while you're away; our freedom to worship Him does not need a vacation.

Happy summer; see you in church!

*Bill*

William C. Sherman  
Parish President, CLC

**CLC ANNUAL PICNIC...**

Mark your calendars, and start planning now to come to our annual Church Picnic June 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. See sign up sheets on the bulletin board. This is always a fun family fellowship event. Bring the entire family for some great fun and a few surprises!



Karen Weiland

## MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

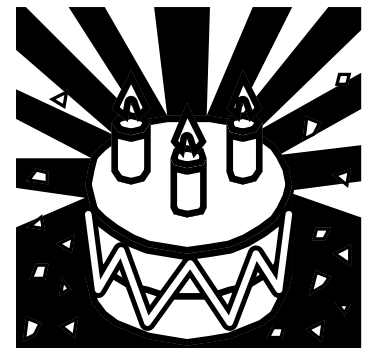
Lynn Balash	Diane Taylor	Martha Henderson
Christina Plantier	Judy DiDomizio	Carolyn Carrington
Vanessa Nowak	Karen Bailey	Laura Gustafson
JoAnn Holstein	Erich Strunk	Jonathan Schrumm
	Todd Peters, teacher assistant	

Superintendents - Carlene Myers & Andy Schaefer



## JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

1st	Will Lamb, III	
2nd	Jon Tessler	5th Jon-athan Richter
6th	Claudia Chong	
9th	Curtis Pryde	26th Bo Hagstrom
10th	Ella Napp	
11th	Barbara Carson	29th Chris Ball
12th	Lauren Hajjar	30th Monica Kjeldsen
14th	Bill Soulier	
15th	David Lynch	
16th	Mary Munter	
	Tim Weiland	
	Barbara Fiedler	
17th	Jeff Mann, Sr.	
	Joseph Stark	
19th	Amanda Nowak	
25th	June Shaffer	



# Service Reminder!

- ⊙ June 14, 2015 - Last Sunday for two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM), we will also have the Church Picnic after the late service.
- ⊙ June 21, 2015 - 9:00 AM Services Begin
- ⊙ September 13, 2015 - Resume two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM) & Sunday School begins with Rally Day

# June Servants

**Summer 2015**

Summer time is upon us! Things will be winding down as we get further into June and into the remainder of the summer. Only a couple of big dates to remember, one of which being VBS for this interested in volunteering. Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you throughout!

**Senior High Youth Group:**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>** CrossRoads @ 12pm to 1:30pm

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** Summer Break BBQ @ 4pm (Look for an official letter in the coming weeks)

**June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Vacation Bible School – Come help out with this year’s Everest VBS!  
See Andy for details.

**Tues/Thurs** 1:30pm to 3pm, Cheshire Coffee hangouts

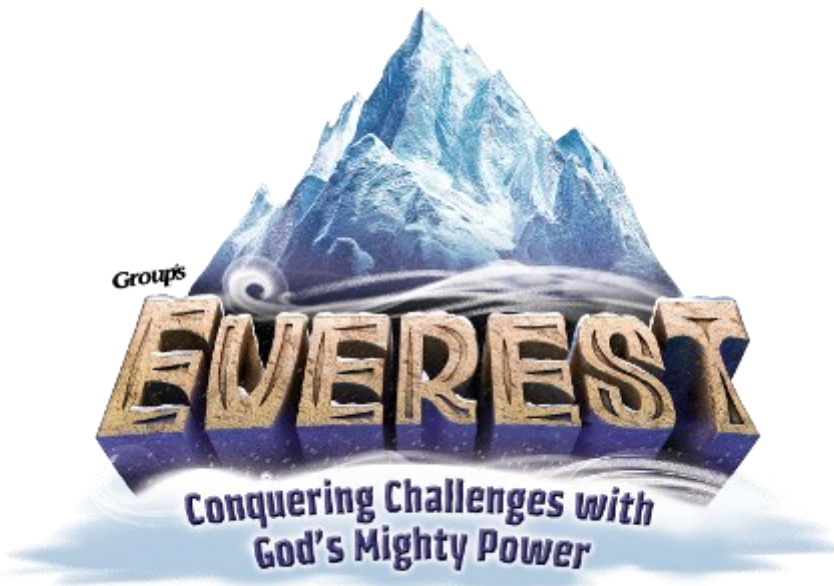
**Junior High Youth Group:**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** High Impact @ 7:10pm (PB&J service project)

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Come enjoy a week of fun and learning about conquering challenges with God’s mighty power!

Volunteers are what make this program successful.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please see Andy for more details or email him at [dce@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dce@cheshirelutheran.org).

**Registration for VBS this year will be found online.** The registration for both participants and volunteers are found on the website listed below. The open dates for registration are **May 15 to June 22**. Please register in advance so that we can properly plan ahead for this wonderful week of fun and learning.

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



## SUMMER SERVICE "REFRESHMENT" FELLOWSHIP...

Once we switch over to our summer schedule of only one service at 9:00 am on June 21, 2015, we will be serving refreshments after the service. We always look forward to this time for weekly fellowship, so please plan on staying after service for a short while.

There is also a sign up sheet for volunteers to serve (there is very little work involved and it is a great way to stay in touch with everyone in our congregation) on the bulletin board.

Please be sure to check it out and volunteer to be an integral part of this weekly event.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2015



1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Joy McHugh	58 Years
8 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Linda Gancarz	42 Years
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alan & Kristen Green	29 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	63 Years
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	53 Years
21 <sup>st</sup>	Craig & Kathy Wilson	25 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	46 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	William & Deborah Sherman	32 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Julie Lamb	23 Years
	Michael & Bethany Hayes	7 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Judy Giamarco	21 Years



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool would like to say Thank You all for helping out with our Can Drive. Please continue to save. I will be bringing back all Summer.

We are in need of Sand Toys, and More Boy Toys! Trinkets to put in the Water/Sand Table also. Children are always looking for hidden treasures.

Our last day will be June 11, 2015 with a Picnic for all who attended this year with family....

Next year looks good! We will be open 5 Days a Week. So Excited....

Have a Wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing all at Church...

Remember to put the word out for our school! We still have openings.

God Bless,  
Joann and Martha



# Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the May Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- † Many thanks also to Martha Medford for leading our children in song & praise this Sunday School year!
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford.

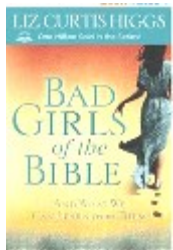


## FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

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!



## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT 2015...UPDATE



On Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 17 CLC women and friends attended a women’s retreat at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT where we discussed Liz Curtis Higgs’ book “Bad Girls of the Bible”. Liz uses examples of "bad girls" from the Old and New Testaments to show how bad actions can affect our lives, and how we can be healed and forgiven by God. One reviewer wrote, “When my husband saw me reading "Bad Girls of the Bible," he asked me why I wasn't reading about the good girls? The answer is simple; occasionally you learn more from the mistakes of some than from the perfection of others.”



## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

We have made it through the first half of the year. The quarterly statements for the second quarter will be going out shortly. The good news is that, of the people who pledged, I am happy to say that the vast majority of them are basically at or above their pledged amount. Unfortunately, total contributions from non-pledge sources (those who use envelopes but do not pledge and those who just contribute without any envelope) are down from last year and there have been some unforeseen expenses. As referenced to in President Bill Sherman’s report, the finance committee and the Council are working on a plan to try to overcome a shortfall in revenue to address these matters.

Notwithstanding the above, I look forward to a strong second half of the year. I know we can work together to meet the mission 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





## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

After the long and cold winter which couldn't end too soon, we are now in the warm spring weather and looking forward to summer. Rather than being held captive in our homes trying to stay warm, we are able to go outside and enjoy nature and greet our neighbors and friends. We now come into contact with many people and this is an excellent time to tell others about our church and the message of hope that is preached every Sunday morning by our Pastor. We take for granted the excellent services that are provided each week and I am sure we know someone who could benefit from attending with us. I think the key to inviting people to our church is to keep it simple. All Jesus did was to invite his disciples to join him. There is no better example of evangelism than His approach to spreading the message. All we need to do is to ask someone

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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
June 7 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choirs
June 10 - Wednesday	No Rehearsals		
June 14 - Sunday <i>Church Picnic</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
June 17 - Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Flute
June 21 - Sunday <i>Fathers Day</i>	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Flute
	9:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir & Flute
June 28 - Sunday <i>Fathers Day</i>	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
	9:00 AM	Performance	Men's Ensemble

**Thank You for all your time and effort. There has been beautiful music all year and many members of the congregation have told me how much they appreciate your contribution to worship here at CLC.**

**Enjoy Summer Music consisting of Solos and Ensembles!**

**Beginning June 22, musicians are asked to volunteer for special music for the summer services. Please call Martha Medford at 203 - 481-6952 or email: frank.vasi@comcast.net.**



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

Thanks to all who made Mother's Day Blanket Sunday such a huge success. We collected \$865 for Church World Services Blankets+ Program. We were also approved for \$500 in matching funds from Thrivent for a total of \$1,365 or 273 blankets. Thanks to all who participated in this ministry.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon



## 2015 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The very exciting 2015 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> at Cheshire High School

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Brooksvale

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> at Cheshire High School

Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School

CLC vs. First Cong'l Church

CLC vs. Mt. Carmel

Spring Glen vs. CLC

City Church vs. CLC

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



## USE HIS MONEY WISELY....

When the master gave his servants money to keep in his absence, he expected them to use it wisely. One wise use of the money the Lord gives us is to invest it with Church Extension Fund. Not only will it grow through interest, it will also be used to help congregations grow as they build, improve, and expand worship and educational facilities. Through LCEF, you can use the Master's gifts wisely. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) for more information.



## NEWS FROM THE DEACON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION....

Certainly one of the most enjoyable activities I have been part of at Cheshire Lutheran Church has been the honor to teach Sunday school. Teaching Sunday school is one of the best kept secrets of our congregation! In preparing for class, I find myself appreciating the beauty of the scriptures all the more and am excited to share what I find with others. Not only have I benefited from this study but I have made some friendships with other Sunday school staff over the past two decades whom I admire and appreciate for making contributions to the Christian education of our church family's children. Thank you to all those who teach, provide music and assist with our Sunday School program and special thanks to the parents who have allowed us to get to know such great children!

If you think you'd like to try teaching (or substituting) with our Sunday school program, please let us know. You can reach out to us at ([dce@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dce@cheshirelutheran.org)).

With the Sunday School year winding down and thoughts turning to some vacation, I hope we remain mindful of how blessed we are and how Christ's teachings are there as a travel map for us to follow, wherever we are. We, as Lutherans, place a high value on the study of the "high road." May we continue that path, with God's help, now and when we return to our classroom studies come fall.

Best regards,  
Jonathan Schrumm  
Christian Education Deacon



## NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON ...



This year's LWR project will be School Kits.

To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.

Each kit consists of the following:

- (4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- (1) One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and 12 inches on the other
- (1) Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- (5) Black or blue ball point pens
- (1) Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- (1) 2 ½" eraser
- (5) # 2 pencils (we already have enough of these from prior years.)
- (1) Pencil sharpener

We will begin collecting the school supplies starting Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway. Please take a tag or two and place your donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. This year we will purchase the backpacks instead of sewing them ourselves. Accordingly, cash donations directed for this purpose will be gladly accepted.

Thank you,  
Vicki DePaolo  
Social Welfare Deacon

## COLUMBARIUM PROJECT UPDATE!...



At their May meeting, the Voters approved a Columbarium Exploratory Committee with Buzz Gancarz as Chairman. The Council will appoint additional members when they meet in June, and there are a number of members who have actively worked on getting the project this far, that have offered to continue if appointed by Council. The goals of the Committee were well defined and basically their charge will be to investigate the feasibility, costs, location and operating procedures that would be needed to construct a Columbarium here at CLC.

The results of the member survey were shared with the Voters. There were more than 65 members that returned the survey, and quite a lot of interest was shown in either purchasing a niche in the Columbarium or having a memorial plaque for a loved one placed on the Columbarium.

The Chairman has arranged for a survey of a possible location of the Columbarium and preliminary sketches of what it could look like by a Landscape Architect at no cost to the church. This information should become available about the time the Committee members are appointed by Council and will serve as a starting point for their future planning efforts.

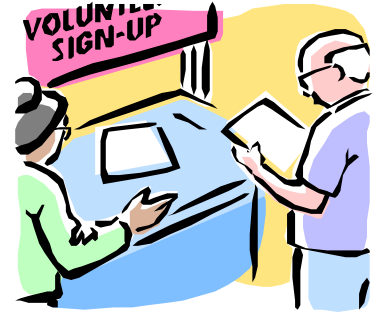
It is expected the Committee will return to Voters with their report this Fall. Any next steps after that, and any actual construction of a Columbarium will be the decision of the Voters.

**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
- † **Summer Lemonade/Iced Team Fellowship** volunteer sign-up
- † **CLC Annual Picnic** sign-up



***Others looking for help!***

- † **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email [kweiland3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kweiland3@sbcglobal.net)
- † **Helping Hands** - Contact Christine Smith if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
- † **All Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings 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 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.



## THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



June	
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
August	
June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2015



10 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Karen Weiland	33 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	John & Peggy Tessler	34 Years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew & Emily Napp	6 Years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Carol Miller	2 Year
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Emese Ball	17 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	David & Judi Norton	47 Years



## VBS AT CLC THIS SUMMER...

**What:** Cheshire Lutheran's VBS Everest

**Where:** Cheshire Lutheran Church

**When:** June 29 to July 3

9:30 AM—12 PM

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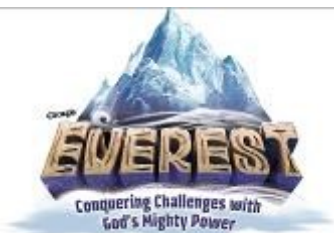
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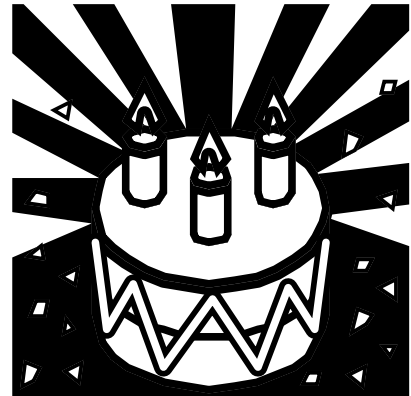
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<http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/everest-vacation-bible-school-june-2015> Page 12



# JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th	Paula Ongley	17th	Ian Carrington
	Diane Drust	18th	Lisa Tyler
5th	Julia Plantier	20th	Brian Sherman
	Jordan Neff	22nd	CP Troemel
	Elsie Neuffer		Anne McBain
6th	Elizabeth Blair	24th	Carlene Myers
8th	Carol Miller	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
9th	Karen Weiland	26th	Alfred Mayer
10th	Wilfred Demers	27th	John Sherman
13th	Linda Gancarz		Robert Becker
	Dorothy Dierolf	28th	Eric Johnson
	Joseph Sinatra	30th	Karen Hays
14th	Max Muller	31st	Will Caron
15th	Debra Hajjar		
	Peter Mayer		
16th	Owen Kennelly		



## 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.



## 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  
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## 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.

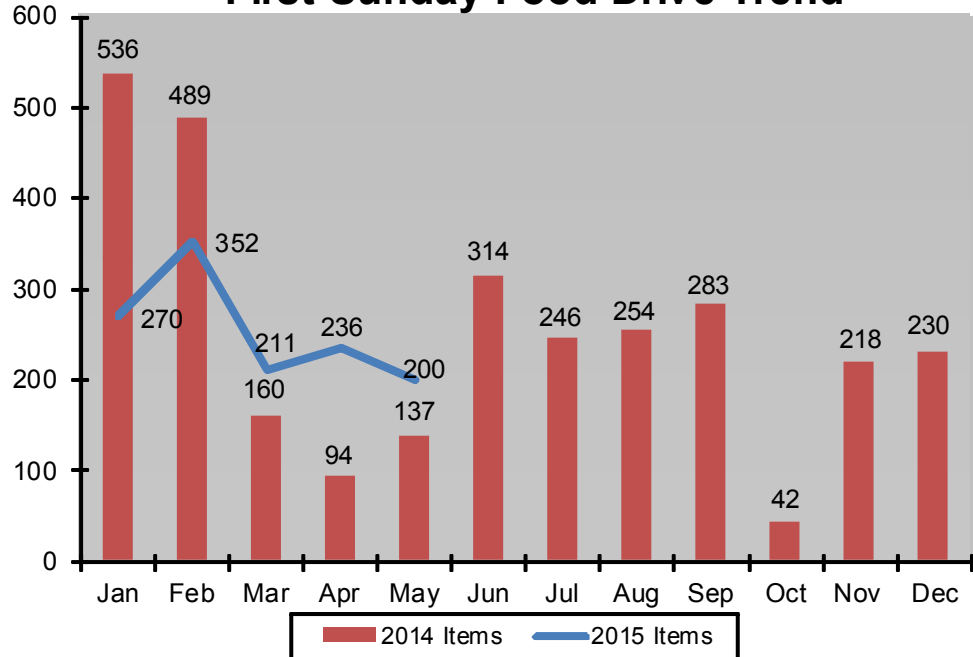




**DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!**

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 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.



**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.

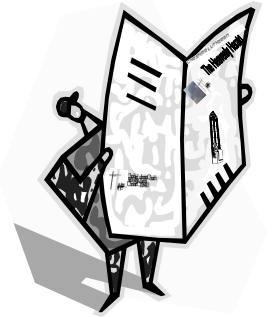
We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

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



**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!**  
**(September 2015 Articles are Due!)**

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2015. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 21st or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth’s lateral file fold on the hallway table.



Thank You!

**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...**

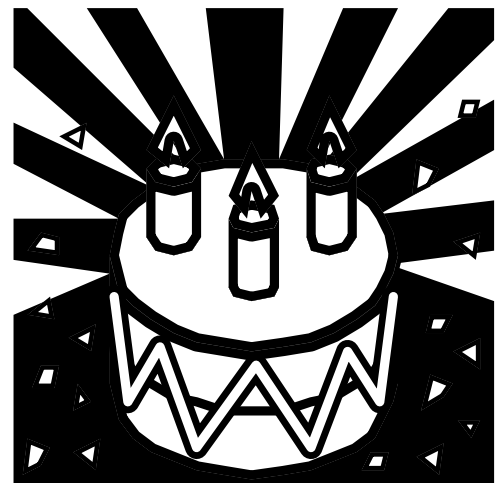
Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.



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.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Veleber	21 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Schellinger
	Paul Emerick	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Bernhardt		Maggie Strunk
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Slocum	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Matson
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt Lenz	24 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Harding
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor Verner	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Smith
11 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Drust, Sr.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Smith
	Julie Lamb	27 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Richter
12 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Clark		Matthew Emerick
14 <sup>th</sup>	Hanna Mayer	28 <sup>th</sup>	James Matson
	Thea Mayer	30 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Greenhalgh
15 <sup>th</sup>	Georgianna Schupp	31 <sup>st</sup>	Robert DeLaubell
16 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Blem		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas Henderson		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Ball		



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2015



1 <sup>st</sup>	Daniel & Vanessa Nowak	23 Years
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rob & Terri Daly	26 Years
	Paul & Farrah Fiedler	14 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	21 Years
6 <sup>th</sup>	James & Margie Mertz	49 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Wendy Emerick	15 Years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	William & Sandra Gayda	51 Years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve & Nancy Feero	19 Years
28 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Charles & Kathryn Gustafson	39 Years
	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	33 Years
31 <sup>st</sup>	James & Janice Matson	47 Years



## 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 or Carlene Myers 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.

## 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](mailto: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*



# Bible Studies at CLC

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be taking a break during the Summer. The last Bible Study will be June 7th. We will start up again after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer.



## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be taking a break during the Summer. We will start up again after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer.

## CALLING ALL MEN...

Will meet on June 18 and then will take a break in July and August. Have a GREAT Summer!



## 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.

Bible Class will continue through July 2nd. The group will determine if they will continue throughout the summer.

All are welcome!



# Summer Vacation

## HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Job Description:** Lead **enthusiastic children in songs, Crafts, games, Bible stories**
- Qualifications:** A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun
- Work Schedule:** Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10
- Compensation:** Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children
- How to apply:** Speak to Carlene Myers



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...**

Sunday School will resume on September 13, 2015 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!

## **SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...**

We will begin our Summer Church Service Schedule on Sunday June 21st Please join us for 9:00 AM services through September 6th . Also, remember to join us after the 9:00 AM services for our Lemonade Fellowship.

## **COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...**

Mark your calendars, *Council* meeting will be held **June 9th & September 3rd at 7:00 PM**  
September *Voters'* meeting will be held, Monday **September 14th at 7:00**



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