



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

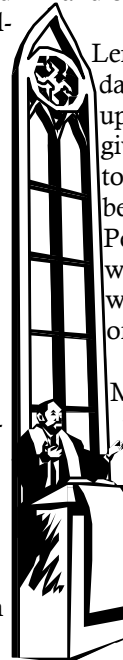
Hmmm...Let me see. So this is Black History Month (BHM) or is it the month when we are to remember the presidents of our nation? I can remember that two specific presidents were singled out to be remembered. They were Abraham Lincoln (on February 12th) and George Washington (on February 22). However the truth be told, Congress only made Washington's Birthday a federal holiday with some states recognizing Lincoln's birthday for his work in preserving the nation. New York, the state of my birth and home, recognized both so schools were closed on both days. Today, the USA really only celebrates one Day. But I digress.

This is the month of the ground hog, although by the time you read this article that day will have passed because we have delayed the printing and distribution of this month's newsletter. The month is also the month of Valentine's Day. It seems to me we pack a lot into the shortest month of the year. BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL this month is the month in which LENT begins. I write most important of all because the season of Lent calls us back to our baptismal roots, to consider what it means to be a person united to the Savior Jesus Christ and to his life.

Lent was always a season of repentance, and still is, but it is also a time for us to walk with Jesus. It is a time to "uncover the mysteries of baptismal living." (Quote from Sundays and Seasons Augsburg Fortress 2007) This is not an easy thing to do. It is one that needs encouragement and community support, Christian community that is. One needs to engage in that community and to come to the communion where one can supply and receive such support.

The world in which we live is a beautiful one. Its beauty is a sign of God's blessing toward all people. The world we live in is also a hostile one. It is one that reflects the evil one who first caused Eve and Adam to question the intention of the

God who formed them. It is one that is in conflict with itself as daily one reads about the absence of love in the many corners of our world. The love of God has been replaced by the evil of the day, the deception of the truth as God would have us to know it. It is no wonder that we have problems in the various levels of living; globally, nationally, and within our own homes. Therefore our call is to consider how we, as baptized children of God, are going to travel our world and our community.



Lent gives us a season to focus upon our daily living. It gives opportunity to reflect upon what it means to be like Jesus. Lent gives us a time to ponder the proper way to live. In fact, the mid-week services will be based upon the theme, "Living Lent as People of the Resurrection." Of course we will be reminded about the cross, but we will view that theme through the lens of the life that was won because of it.

My hope, as it has been throughout my ministry, is that you will take advantage of all the things that will encourage you to walk with Jesus. My hope is that you will join us for the fellowship of soup and salad dinners and for the Bible studies that will take place before worship on Wednesday evenings during Lent. My hope is that you will accept the invitation to worship midweek during Lent as well as on Sunday mornings. My hope is that you will encourage one another to be a part of Lent, a season that will extend into the month of March and that you will grow in faith as you uncover the mysteries of baptismal living.

Peace and Grace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Gustafson

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

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

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



NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL



I am pleased and honored to have the privilege of serving as your Parish President and look forward to getting to know each and every member of CLC on a more personal level. Please feel free to contact me, or any council member with your questions or suggestions.

Thank you to everyone who stayed for our annual corporate meeting! If you were unable to attend a meeting, copies of the annual report are located on the table in the narthex. You may also obtain a copy by contacting Carol Santoro in the CLC office.

Please consider participation as a member of our Voters Assembly. There are normally four meetings per year and you are encouraged to sit in and observe at any time.

As I stated during the annual meeting, one of my personal goals this year is to get on a first name basis with every member of CLC – both services. I ran into John McBain at Norm's Barbershop this past week and am happy to report that I got his name right, especially important when we meet by chance throughout the community.

On January 10th, the Council was formally installed by Pastor Gustafson. We wish a warm welcome to Terri Daly as Recording Secretary and Andy Clark as House and Grounds Deacon!

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2016 promises to be an exciting year – please bring a friend!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff

Jeffrey A. Mann
Parish President, CLC

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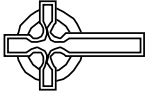
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FEBRUARY 10TH ..ASH WEDNESDAY!

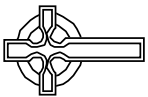
Lent began on February 10th. We had a service at 7:30 PM to begin this penitential season. Once again ashes were offered to all who would like to receive them as part of their Lenten discipline.

Throughout the season of Lent we will continue to offer worship services on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM until Holy Week.

We will also gather at 6 PM each Wednesday for soup, salad, fellowship and Bible study beginning Wednesday February 17th. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend our evening fellowship with you. Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us in fellowship during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline.



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Senior High Youth Group:

2016 is well under way and we will continue to gather in the month of February! This month we will have our Chili Cook Off event to continue raising funds for the NYG trip this summer. Advertise this event as much as possible to get more people to come!

Important Dates for the Senior High Youth:

- ✦ February 7th: PBJ Service Project @ 12pm
- ✦ February 14th: Youth Group @ 12pm to 1:30pm (Possible trip to Jordan's Furniture!)
- ✦ February 14th: NYG Payment due \$100
- ✦ February 28th: Chili Cook Off @ 12pm

Junior High Youth Group:

2016 is well under way and we will continue to gather in the month of February! This month we have our retreat up in New Hampshire. For those of you that are interested in this event you must get in the registration materials by February 6th!

Important Dates for the Junior High Youth

- ✦ February 3rd: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- ✦ February 7th: PBJ Service Project @ 12pm
- ✦ February 16th: JR High Youth Group @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm (Tuesday)
- ✦ February 19th-21st: Retreat to Trinity Lutheran in Keene, New Hampshire

Chili Cook Off

This year's Chili Cook Off will take place on February 28th after the late service or 12pm. The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 for families. All proceeds from this event will go to support the youth going to the National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans, LA.

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Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Many thanks to the Ladies for assembling the January Heavenly Herald! HUGS!
- ✦ Special thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations and Tree this year. Many hands do make light work!
- ✦ Bill Soulier, our Financial Secretary wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped him with the offerings last year. Could not have done it w/o you. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Bill



2016 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.



February 10th is Ash Wednesday!



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

I would like to thank Jim Mertz, Terri Daly, John and Joanne Casberg, Todd Peters, and Pat and Judy DiDomizio for attending the Evangelism meeting in January. Also thanks to Marilyn Miller who could not be present for the meeting, but submitted some excellent suggestions. It was felt that a publicity committee would be helpful to publicize the events of our church. One idea was to offer various topics for the community to get involved with such as finance, marriage enrichment, health issues or health classes. These would be presented with a Christian perspective. The overall purpose of these ideas is to let people know more about Cheshire Lutheran and that we care about them. There will be another meeting at 7:00 pm on February 18 and everyone is invited to attend.

John Balash
Evangelism Deacon

LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS...



On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm through March 16th, please attend our soup, salad, and Bible study. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend these evening gatherings. The meals are followed by Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.

Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those who want to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season.

If you have any questions contact Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574



CLC CLEAN UP...

The season of Lent is upon us and with that is the annual church cleaning. The inside cleaning of the church building will be held on Saturday, March 19. Please join in helping us getting our house ready for our Easter Celebration. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. The cleaning of our outside grounds will be determined at a later date.



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

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!

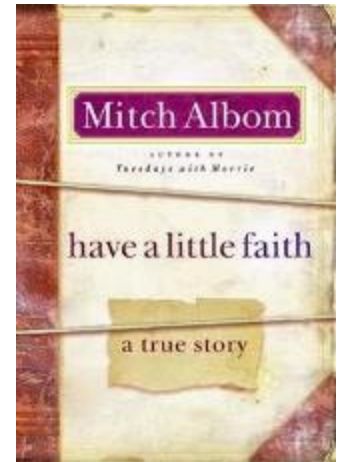


CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016...

Our 9th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday April 30th at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom. What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together. In *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds--two men, two faiths, two communities--that will inspire readers everywhere. Please plan on joining us in April for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign -up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the beginning of March.

A copy of the book can be found on the counter near the church office. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which is located outside the church office window. Please call me if you have any questions.

Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810



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.



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*.



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES!

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

The schedule for the services of that week is:

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



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 14 - Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent	10:05 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
February 17 - Wednesday 1st Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 18 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
February 21 - Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent	10:05 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 24 - Wednesday 2nd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Youth Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 25 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
February 28 - Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent	10:05 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School

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.

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 HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands committee is looking for a new Chairperson and others to help coordinate. Kindly consider this wonderful opportunity. Contact the church office if you are interested.

If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call the church office and arrangements will be made for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee.

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.

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

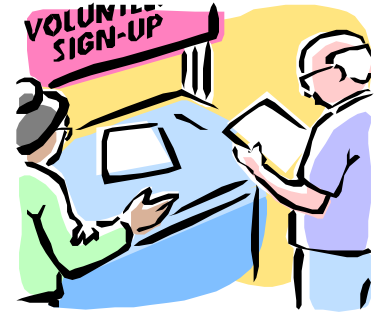


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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** 2016 volunteer sign-ups
- † **Little Cherubs** enrollment information
- † **Lenten Soup and Salad Sign-Ups**



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
- † **Helping Hands** - Needs Chairperson and volunteers. Contact the Church Office if you can help.
- † **All Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:
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Now is the time to sign up to join the Parish Choir for Adults or the Youth Choir for Children. Previous singing in Choirs is not required, only a love of music and a desire to contribute to our worship on Sundays. Speak to Martha Medford or any current member of the choirs for Questions.

- † **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 MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

February 18, 1546	Martin Lutheran dies at the age of 66
February 2, 1958	First Holy Communion Service celebrated under parish sponsorship
February 16, 1967	Congregant Pfc Gary Richards dies in Vietnam (town of Cheshire’s first casualty)
February 4, 1968	Dedication of Bell Tower, in memory of CLC member Pfc Gary Richards, the first Cheshire soldier to be killed in the Vietnam War



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

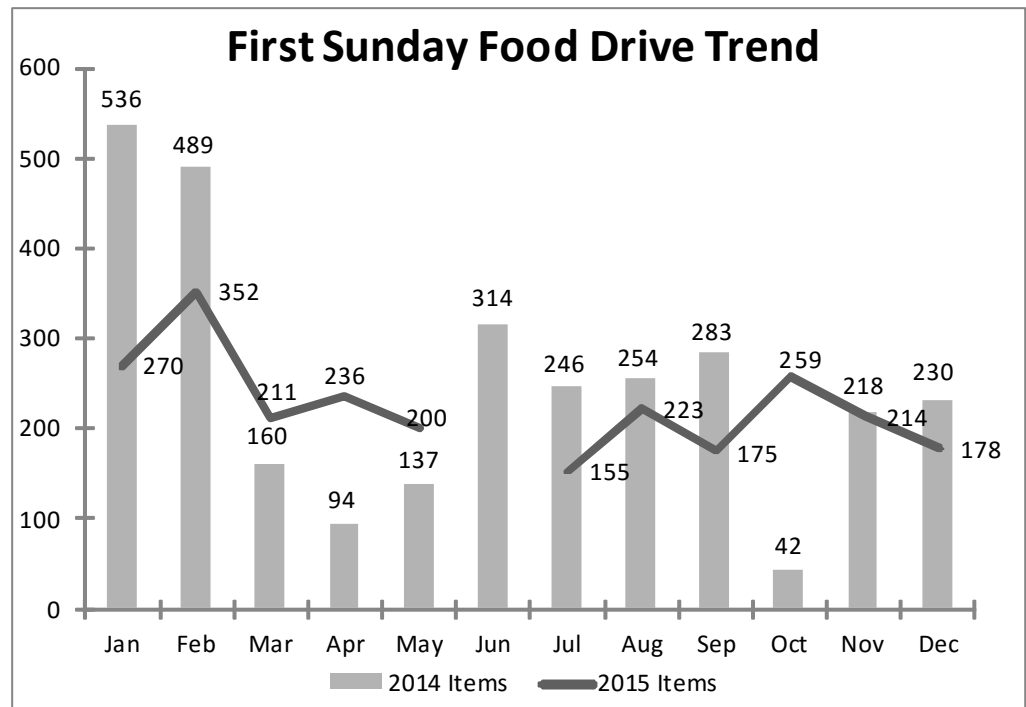
A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place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





DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



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

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals. We are in need of volunteers for 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.



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(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)

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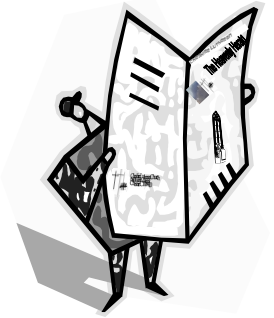
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PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!
(March 2016 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday February 19th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.
Thank You!



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

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

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

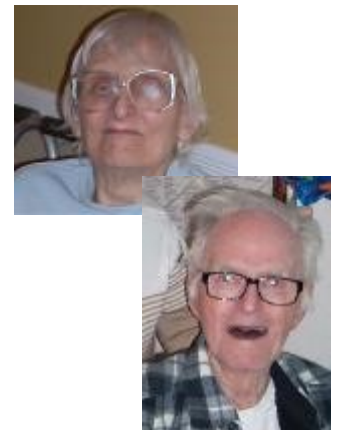


REMEMBER OUR CHERISHED CONGREGANTS!...

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

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

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



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

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





CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise April 24, 1951 ~ Sunset January 1, 2016
Peter Nizich

Our beloved brother, Peter Nizich . was called home to our Lord on January 1, 2016. A celebration of Peter's life took place at 11 am on Tuesday January 5 at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

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

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

Sunrise February 17, 1924 ~ Sunset January 19, 2016
John Bammann



Our esteemed brother, John Bammann was called to our Lord on January 19, 2016. His funeral was held at Cheshire Lutheran on Friday January 22 at 10 a.m.

We thank God for John's partnership in the Gospel. May our saving Lord send his Spirit to console and comfort those who mourn.

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Philippians 3:20-21)

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to Nizich and Bammann families.

Well done, good and faithful servant(s); enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
Matthew 25:21

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) or Carlene Myers (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.



February 7: Moses and Elijah Appear with Jesus

A foundational truth of Christianity is that Jesus was not only human but also God. How do we know, as Christians, that Jesus really was and is God? Peter, James, and John had related to Jesus as a human for some time. In their life-changing journey to the Mount of Transfiguration, they came face to face with the reality that Jesus is God.

Bible Point: Jesus is God's Son.

Key Verse: John 1:14

February 14: Jesus Teaches About Rewards

Whether or not they're the exact hardships Jesus named, you can count on the fact that all of the adults in your group are currently going through a tough time or have in the last year or two. It's just a fact of life! This lesson will challenge adults to think of hard times differently—not as obstacles but as faith fertilizer.

Bible Point: Jesus blesses people who have faith.

Key Verse: Colossians 3:2

February 21: Jesus Teaches About Loving Enemies

To many adults the golden rule seems like something for children—something that doesn't apply to them. In reality, it's a biblical principle that can be applied to all relationships—at home, among friends, and in the workplace. As simple as it seems, the golden rule is anything but simple to live out in everyday life.

Bible Point: Jesus says to treat others as we want to be treated.

Key Verse: Luke 6:31

February 28: Jesus Teaches About Good Fruit

Some people seem to think their faith is just "fire insurance." They don't seem concerned about acting on their beliefs. It's important to help your class members see that, while having their belief system in order is a good thing, acting on their beliefs is the way they point others to God. However, this lesson may awaken some people's insecurities about their salvation.

Bible Point: Acting like Jesus shows we're Christians.

Key Verse: Matthew 5:16



SET YOUR
MINDS
ON THINGS ABOVE
NOT ON
EARTHLY
THINGS

DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO TO YOU.

-LUKE 6:31



BEGINNING AND ENDING IN WORSHIP

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NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We have been extremely busy this month in terms of Bible and School Curriculum..

We talked about Epiphany and taught the children the song ... EEE EPIPHANY Christ was born for all to see...EEE EPIPHANY The Wise men came to the Lord... EEE EPIPHANY Jesus died for all to see.



We have been focusing on Jesus Growing Up from a child to a young man. The children have a better understanding that Jesus was very much like them as he grew up. We discussed the journey to the Temple when Jesus stay behind and worried his parent's. He said why would you worry? Where did you think I was? I was in my Father's House.

Both Pastor and Andy have been visiting the Preschool singing songs and going over lessons.

We had Martin Luther King day off but we talked with all the children about who Martin Luther King was and what he tried to accomplish...Kindness and Fairness. We focused on examples that the children could understand and they had to hold up their Stick with Fair on one side and unfair on the other... Jesus Loves Us All...

Wow, working on the Senses has been fun... Sight learned about the pupil, iris, eyelashes and eyebrows and what each of their purposes was. Martha, for Hearing made up a drawing of parts of the ear so the children could see what the purpose of the Ear Lobe, Canal, and Inner Ear. We are working on taste. The children will see how the tongue is designed and what part of the tongue takes care of each taste... Bitter, Sweet, Sour, and Salty. It should be fun watching the children taste each of these items. We are continuing with Touch, Smell and Taste.

Of course we are working in Weather and Snow...

Be Blessed,
Joann and Martha.



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!



RITA STARK PRESENTS CHECK TO YOUTH...

Rita Stark presents DCE Andy Schaefer with a check for \$400 to be used to offset the costs for our Youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. The generous donation was made with proceeds from the Greeting Card fundraiser.

Thank you to Rita and the Thursday Ladies for continuing to support our Youth.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO ON YOUR COMPUTER OR SMART PHONE...



JULY, 1863—GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA...

A folded sheet of paper was found on a Confederate soldier who died near the fabled Devil's Den. History books will never list his name, but his insight into prayer—and the God who hears and answers—endures like one of the monuments erected to commemorate the battles.

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do great things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



The soldier's observations were not forged in an afternoon; they were forged over months of seeking God in prayer.

God is more concerned about the intent of your prayers than the content of your prayers. The soldier called out to God when he could have complained or cursed. God saw the soldier's heart and lavished his gifts on him.

God is open-handed out of love. God did not wait for the soldier to realize the wrong intent of his prayers. God responded out of his character. He is the One who does "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20 NIV).

Civil War coins, belt buckles, uniforms, and weapons have all but disappeared, but the words of this soldier have endured. They stand like a battlefield monument to remind all who read them of the character and heart of God. God is listening to your prayers and answering according to his plan for your life. He is working to bless you.



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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

On Sunday January 10, 2016, CLC installed the following Deacons and Officers:



President	Jeff Mann
Vice President	William Sherman
Recording Secretary	Terry Daly
Financial Secretary	Bill Soulier
Treasurer	Karen Smith
Deacon of Christian Growth Fund	Alan Santoro
Deacon of Education	Jonathan Schrumm
Deacon of Evangelism	John Balash
Deacon of Fellowship	Karen Weiland
Deacon of House & Grounds	Andy Clark
Deacon of Social Welfare	Vicki DePaolo
Deacon of Stewardship	David Veleber
Deacon of Worship	David Schrumm
Deacon of Youth	TBD

May God Bless their important works! We are very grateful for their wonderful talents and dedication! Heartfelt thank you to out-going council members who have faithfully served our congregation: Emese Gall, & Todd Plantier. Well done, good and faithful servants!

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

Prayers:

Please pray for James and Brittany as they serve the Lord in the Latin America region. Please pray for their family as they transition, learning a new language and culture. Pray that God uses them daily to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray that God opens the doors for an effective and life-changing ministry with the individuals they care for and daily interact with in the communities in which they live and serve. Let us give thanks to God that the Baumgartners are serving His children in Latin America.



Home District: Northwest

Learn More:

Learn more about the work being done in [the Latin America region](#).

Rev. James, Brittany and Nora Baumgartner

- Pray daily for James and Brittany — and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/baumgartner
- Learn about LCMS international work at lcms.org/international
- Support and adopt an international worker. Call 888-930-4438.

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Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will continue each Sunday Morning during the Sunday School hour, 9:10 to 10:10 each week.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be taking a hiatus during Lent. Join us each week on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM again after Easter.

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 normally meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month. This month we will not meet on Thursday, but will instead meet on Saturday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. for a prayer breakfast (bagels and coffee cake). Plan on joining us!



THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

OUR CLC ADULT STUDY GROUP continues meeting every Thursday from 8:30AM to 9:30AM here in our church library (including the third Thursday - this month only). We're currently hearing lectures by Dr Luke Timothy Johnson on "The History of Christianity from the Time of the Apostles to the 16th century Reformation." If your schedule permits and you're still interested in learning, you're cordially invited to join us.



Thank you.
Pastor Nuechterlein

FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

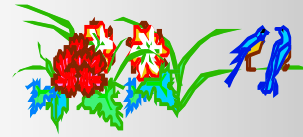
The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2016

14th Joseph & DeAnn Sinatra 21 Years



2016 PLEDGE PACKAGES...

If you have not yet returned your pledge packet and for the year 2016, please do so upon your next visit to the church.



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- Kiley Soulier
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- 15 Debra Caron
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- 19 Quinn Hays
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 23 Norma Baker
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
- Connor Collins
- 25 Janice Schaff
- Gloria Nuechterlein
- 28 Vicki DePaolo



Happy Birthday!



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