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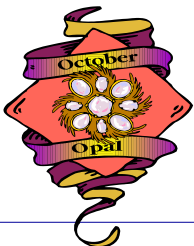
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

I was in conversation the other day and the topic of private confession came up among those who confess the Christian faith. The issue at hand was a simple misunderstanding concerning private confession and the Lutheran Church. The misunderstanding centered upon the belief that the Lutheran Church does not use private confession like the Roman Catholic Church.

Now while there may be some truth to this the reality is that the Lutheran Church does have room for a practice of private or individual confession.

If one were to look in our hymnal there is an order for individual confession in it that is based upon Martin Luther's words from part V of the Small Catechism. Yet, even without a special order in our hymnal Lutherans have always had the opportunity to come to the pastor to confess sin individually and to receive the consoling words of absolution or forgiveness from the pastor. However, within the Lutheran Church most of the members follow the use and order of a general confession. This general confession is used to allow individuals to acknowledge the power of sin in one's life. It does so without the need to enumerate specific sins although one could take the time to consider whether or not there are specific sins one might like to acknowledge which are troubling an individual's heart. It is my practice in the church service during the confession to pause for a few moments before we make the general confession so that individuals who would like to consider particular sins might have the time to do so. This is proper and right because it is good practice to address things that we have done wrong and to acknowledge them so that we might make correction if possible. It is also good to acknowledge something that is troubling the conscience so that when the words of forgiveness are spoken the words can work to erase the concern.

This brings me to the words of absolution. Lutherans teach that absolution is the point of con-

fession. In other words, the reason for confessing one's sins is to receive the blessing of forgiveness that was merited by Christ Jesus. Christians are to look at the Ten Commandments and discern if any were broken. (The 10 commandments, the Law, act like a mirror pointing out where we have fallen short). Christians do this not to be told to do something in order to bring about amends, but to be told something in order to be restored to a proper relationship to God. The something they are told is that God has forgiven them.

Luther would go as far as to say that when the words of absolution are spoken by the pastor in church, or privately, they are to be received as if they were spoken by Christ himself. This is not to be misunderstood so that the church is saying that the pastor is Christ but rather that the words he brings are the words of Jesus and the import of the words are valid.

The words, "your sins are forgiven" are very powerful words. When they are accepted, as if from God himself, they free the individual from any guilt the individual may carry. Such freedom allows the person to live again and to arise to a new level of Christian living as the person is no longer burdened by the past, but released from it to live a new life. Indeed, the process of confession and forgiveness is the process of death and resurrection, a very Christian belief.

So, if you have a need to seek relief from sins that might plague you and you are seeking individual confession my door is always open for you. However, always know that there is forgiveness for sin. It has been merited by Christ Jesus and spoken to you by his servant, the pastor, so that your heart might be lightened from sin's burden and you might live in God's peace again. See you in church.

In Christ
Pastor Gustafson

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

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

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



Thank you to John Balash and the members of the evangelism committee for all their recent community outreach initiatives.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,
Well, it is officially fall and we have been back to our normal two service Sunday schedule, choirs are performing and Sunday school has been in full session for a couple weeks now. My, how quickly the summer disappeared.

Thank you to all the Council members and Voters that turned out to ensure we were able to establish the quorums necessary to conduct the business of the church. Vice President, Bill Sherman, briefed both meetings on the initial draft of our 2017 Mission Plan and it appears that we are well on our way to having a realistic and workable plan. Many thanks to all the members of the finance committee for their hard work and dedication on this important project. Formulating a good Mission Plan is a daunting task that includes several meetings and some tough decision making.

Speaking of the mission plan, heading into the summer, pledged offerings were at or near mission plan. However, as is normal, summer vacations and travel caused us to fall a bit behind. Now that we are back to school, work and our normal church schedule, we are hopeful that our pledged offerings will get back on schedule and we are able to finish the year strong. We are also hoping for another mild winter, which always makes a positive impact on our budgetary outcome.

As required by our Constitution and Bylaws, the September meetings resulted in the formation of a new Nominating Committee to seek out volunteers interested in filling upcoming vacancies on the Council as current members complete their term. This year's Nominating Committee consists of Andy Clark, Jonathan Schrumm and Karen Bailey. Please don't run if you see them heading in your direction (just kidding), but give prayerful consideration as to how you may be able to contribute to the governance of your church.

Thank you to John Balash and the members of the evangelism committee for all their recent community outreach initiatives. They manned a booth at the annual Cheshire Fall Festival, and by the time you read this, they will have hosted a luncheon for the Cheshire Police Department. With all the problems we see in the nightly news, this initiative couldn't have come at a better time. More good things and volunteer opportunities coming!

Last but certainly not least, WOW – did Sydney Taylor and Bill Soulier give amazing presentations on their National Youth Gathering experiences or what! Great job!!! Nice work by all the youth involved in this special Sunday service, glad you had such a great experience!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC President

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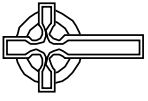
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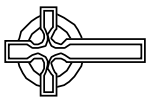
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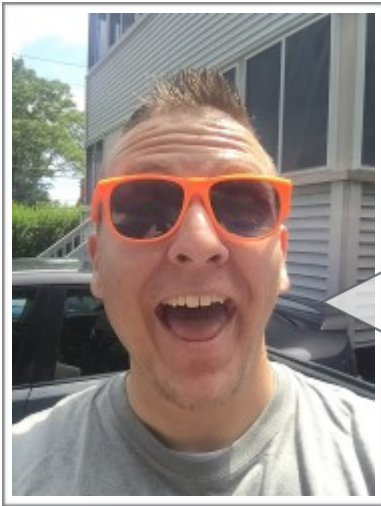
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October

October Servants

Cheshire Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry!



Come to Cheshire Lutheran this fall for many opportunities to gather in fellowship, dive into God's Word, and serve our community. Cheshire Lutheran's youth and family ministry is ready to take on the upcoming year, are you? Below you'll find the important dates and remember to sign up!

Peanut Butter and Jelly Service Projects

(PBJ will always happen after the late service concludes)

October 9th
November 6th
December 11th

Family Ministry Events

October 16th Hayride at Blue Hills Orchard
 @ 12pm
November 19th Hot COCO 5k and New Haven
 Food Packing. Time TBD.

CrossRoads (Senior High)

Oct: **15th** - Bible Study and Renaissance Fair
 trip @ 11am.
23rd - Bible Study and Pizza @ 12pm.
29th - Haunted Graveyard trip @ 4:30pm.
 Nov. **12th** - Bible Study and Jordan's Furniture
 trip @ 1pm.
 Dec. **11th** - Bible Study following PBJ
18th - Ugly Sweater and White Elephant
 Gift Christmas Party @ 12pm

High Impact (Junior High)

Oct: **12th** - Youth Group @ 7:10pm
26th - Youth Group and Pumpkin Carving
 @ 7:10pm
29th - Haunted Graveyard trip @ 4:30pm.
 Nov. **9th** - Youth Group @ 7:10pm
 Dec. **7th** - Youth Group @ 7:10pm
18th - Ugly Sweater and White Elephant
 Gift Christmas Party @ 12pm

Dates and times are subject to change. Additional dates may also be added. Sign ups will be located in the hallway on the small bulletin board.

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
October 2 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	2:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir and TISQ
Thimble Island Saxophone Quartet Concert	3:00 PM	Performance	Concert—TISQ and Parish Choir
October 5 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 9 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
October 12 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 16 - Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 AM	Service	No Choirs
October 19 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 23 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
October 26 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals		
October 30 - Sunday <i>Reformation</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



On Weds. Sept. 21 there was a luncheon held at Cheshire Lutheran for the Cheshire Police Dept. Don and Diane Drust catered the event which was well received by the officers who attended. Marilyn Miller did an excellent job organizing the luncheon and many members helped set up and clean up after the lunch. Diane Drust made special Christmas ornaments for each officer.

The Thimble Island Saxophone Quartet will be providing a concert at Cheshire Lutheran on Sun. Oct. 2 at 3:00. All area churches have been invited to attend. Judy Didomizio is contacting the local newspapers and there was a nice article in the Cheshire Herald.

In Dec. we will be sponsoring a health screening at our church which will be open to the community.

We had our booth at the Cheshire Fall Festival which was held with Little Cherubs. Through these activities we are making our presence known in our town.

John Balash, Evangelism Deacon

Our Sincere Appreciation

October 2016

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- ✚ Many thanks to the “Thursday Afternoon Ladies” for assembling the September Heavenly Herald! We can’t do it without your support, you are the BEST!
- ✚ Thanks to all who helped plan, work and help out for the Sunday School Rally Day. The kids had a great time!
- ✚ Always we want to remember to thank all the folk that help out around the church, especially the Senior men! So much work needs to get done and does get done due to the hard work and dedication of so many unsung heroes! We are blessed and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
- ✚ Many thanks to Don and Diane Drust for donating the food and working so hard to make the Policeman's Luncheon such a success.
- ✚ Very Special thanks to the Evangelism Committee for the uber successful Policeman's lunch. You all worked so hard and it showed. Our constables had a wonderful time. Also thanks to everyone else that contributed to the event by bringing a food item or helping out in some other way.
- ✚ Thank you to the Columbarium Committee for arranging for the beatification of the berm. It will be even more beautiful in the years to come.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 10:30 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



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.



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

When you get a chance, visit our new website. Thanks to Steve Ferro's hard work our new Website has been launched. 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.



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.



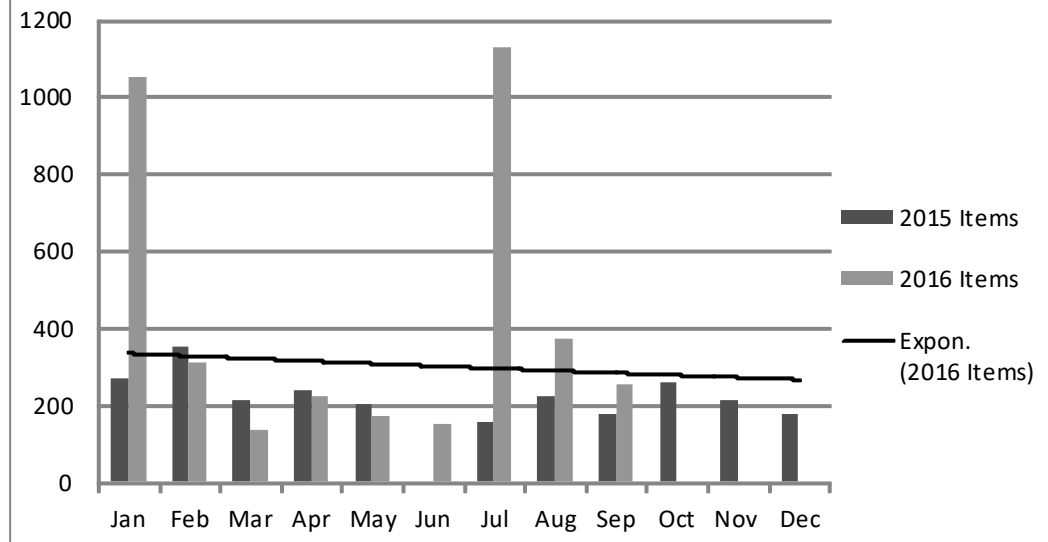


DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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. 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.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

October

October 31, 1517	Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany
October 11, 1953	Pastor Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
October 2, 2012	Schlicker Pipe Organ rededication; guest organist Andrew Schaeffer



LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO!

OCTOBER 2016

Submitted by and Special Thanks to Debbie Sherman

A. Vocabulary: What do the following words in bold mean?

1. Canticle

- a) Sung liturgical text b) The paschal candle c) Chapter Old Testament

2. Epistle

- a) Book of hymns b) Chapter Old Testament c) Second reading in service

3. "What shall I render to the Lord..."

- a) Pray b) Give back c) Take

4. "I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities . . ."

- a) Injustices b) personal flaws c) righteousness and mercy

5. "... that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift . . ."

- a) Healthful b) Freely given c) Holy

6. But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared."

- a) Loved b) obeyed c) reverential awe, respected

B. Fill ins:

1. "_____ up your hearts . . ."
 2. "For the peace from _____, and for our salvation . . ."
 3. "Help, save, _____, and defend us, _____ Lord."

C. Descramble:

1. SSNNOOIEFC _____
 2. SSEENIFVOGR _____
 3. RIITESNM _____
 4. SSWBTOE _____

D. Name that hymn...

1. "_____ of Our Fathers"
 2. A _____ Is Our God."
 3. "Christ the Lord Is _____; Aleluia!"
 4. "The Church's _____ Foundation"

E. Name that cross . . .



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

- a. Agnus Dei b. Lutheran Missouri c. Ankh d. Celtic e. Chi Rho f. Crucifix

F. Final Question:

What were the letters inscribed on the cross by Pontius Pilate and what do they mean?

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



A variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal and miscellaneous choices.

After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display.

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).



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.

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:

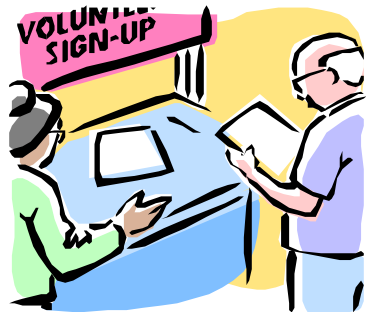
- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Hope Center 2016 volunteer sign-ups
- † 2016 Usher Schedule
- † Little Cherubs enrollment information

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** - Contact the Church Office 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

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.





Fantastic Tet visits at Hanoi University of Science and Technology, and then at the Peoples Aid Coordinating Committee.



Great Tet visits in My Xa, Nam Dinh



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

J.P. and Aimee serve in northern Vietnam, where the LCMS has carried out human care and education projects for over 20 years. J.P. and Aimee work with local partners in developing and implementing community development projects in rural areas. They have also established a social enterprise to reach out to young families in the city. Moreover, J.P. and Aimee facilitate and oversee GEO personnel who teach EFL in universities in and around Hanoi, as well as short-term service teams from the United States and Asia.

J.P. was born and raised in Richmond, Va., received his undergraduate degree in theology from Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina and received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., after serving in Vietnam for two years as a vicar. Aimee (Crawford) was born in Tulsa, Okla., and raised in Richmond, Va. She has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in dietetics from James Madison University in Virginia. J.P. and Aimee have two daughters — Celeste, born in March 2007, and Isabella, born in August 2009.

Prayers

J.P. and Aimee ask for prayers that their family would humbly follow God as He develops them in their roles and uses them to be a blessing to the people of Vietnam. The Cimas ask, "Pray for the Vietnamese people — that they would be well served by the various humanitarian assistance and English education projects carried out by the LCMS in Vietnam. Pray that they ask why we do this for them — we would love to tell them!"

Learn more

Visit the Cima family's [website](#).

Read more about the work the LCMS is doing in Vietnam on [LCMS Vietnam's Facebook page](#).

Learn more about the work being done in [Vietnam](#) and in [the Asia Pacific region](#).

Special Dates

J.P. Birthday - April 1

Aimee Birthday - Oct. 14

Celeste Birthday - March 8

Isabella Birthday - Aug. 26

Wedding Anniversary - May 29

Home District:

Southeastern



J.P. and Aimee Cima and their children Serving the Lord in Vietnam



Urban development in Vietnam.

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

LEARN • PRAY • GIVE • TELL • SEND • GO • CELEBRATE



THIMBLE ISLANDS SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT AT CHESHIRE LUTHERAN...

The CLC Evangelism Committee with the support of the church Council will present a concert featuring the Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet at the church on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 3:00 P.M. The concert will be part of our 60th anniversary celebration of Cheshire Lutheran Church as well as an opportunity for the community to join us for this special event at CLC.



The Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet features a wide variety of music from Baroque to Contemporary. Their repertoire includes works from Chamber, Symphonic, Choral traditions as well as Jazz, Broadway and Rock. The saxophonists that make up the quartet have an average of 30 years of professional musical experience.

Frank Vasi, tenor saxophone, is an award winning composer and founder of the group. He graduated from Mannes College of Music in New York City. In the late 70's and 80's, Mr. Vasi performed in his own jazz ensemble and as a side man for jazz greats like Benny Goodman, Doc Cheatum and Joe Jones. Vasi's compositions have been performed at Lincoln Center, Alice Tully, and Avery Fisher Halls.

David Langlais, soprano saxophone, received degrees in Music Performance and Education from the University of Massachusetts and Bridgeport University. He is currently a music teacher in Branford, Connecticut.

Tim Moran, baritone saxophone, is a widely acclaimed, innovative jazz musician. He has performed in Europe, Japan, Canada, and throughout the United States. Mr. Moran works frequently in pit orchestras for national touring Broadway musicals. He has also performed with the New Haven Symphony and Orchestra of New England.

Will Cleary, alto saxophone, received his Bachelor of Music degree at Oberlin Conservatory and his Masters of Music from the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Cleary has performed with many notable jazz musicians such as Slide Hampton, Chuck Mangione, Marcus Belgrave, and Kim Waters. He has opened for Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. He has also played at jazz festivals throughout the United States.

The program at Cheshire Lutheran will be a selection of several genres of music picked out specifically for our celebration. Additionally, Our CLC choir will participate in the program! Please mark October 2 on your calendar. Invite friends, neighbors, and family to join us for a wonderful afternoon of spectacular music.

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!



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs is back in session and busy as ever. We are excited to be back with a class number of 8 right now.

Martha and I are in full swing

Creation is the theme for the month. The children are creating a creation book which is turning out rather beautiful. We have celebrated National Pancake Day in which we made Pancakes for the kids and read "Pancakes for Breakfast". Miss Martha talked to the children about Tomi De-Paola's Birthday which was on the 15th and read them two Strega Nona stories. One of the art projects was to make Strega Nona's Magic Pasta Pot.

Wednesday September 21 we celebrated national Ice Cream Day, which is when the cone was created. Of course we had vanilla ice cream either in a cone or a bowl and sprinkles were included. The 22nd was the real day but we had to celebrate it on Wednesday. For Art we glued an ice cream cone to a colored piece of paper. We painted their hand and placed it on the cone so that it looked like melting ice cream. Cotton was glued on top of that to look like whipped cream and then a red pom pom was glued to look like a cherry on top.

And I cannot forget how we were so thankful for our Police Officers. On Wednesday September 21 we made Police Hats and Badges along with a Thank You note which we presented the Police Chief. The children also sang an upbeat song which brought a smile to their faces.

"The Police keeps us safe.
The Police keep us safe.
Hi Ho what do you know
Police keep us safe."

It has been so nice having Pastor and Andy visiting our classroom talking about creation as well. Pastor is teaching the children "He's got the whole world in his hand".

We have worked on the numbers 0 and 1 and letters A and B. The shapes have been the Circle and the Square.

Fall arrived and we worked on a Tree project in which we traced their arms and hands which represented the trunk and the branches and they decorated the tree with colored leaves made out of tissue paper. For Science we planted seeds - Apple, Acorn and Peach.

On the 26th the Librarian is coming and we will discuss Jonny Apple Seed.

The children are settling in getting to know us as well as Martha and I getting to know them. And lastly we played musical chairs.

This is just a tid bit of what we have been up to.

Have a safe October.

God Bless,
Joann and Martha



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Summer has come and gone. As the third quarter ends, we will have an opportunity to see where we stand in relation to the Mission Plan.



As we head into Fall, this is when we initiate the preparations which provide us, as a congregation, the opportunity to continue God's plan here at CLC and in the community. One such opportunity comes in the form of our Mission Plan for 2017. The Finance Committee is working on a final draft.

The declared support of our members and friends through the submission of pledge cards is the foundation of the support and funding for the many worldwide and local ministries and our worship here at CLC. The official pledge drive will be starting shortly but I ask and encourage you to begin to reflect upon your financial stewardship commitment. If you have not pledged in the past, please consider making a pledge, no matter the amount, in keeping with your ability to help support God's work.

Just as importantly, please consider giving your time and talent. This is an invitation to get involved in any of the organizations and committees at CLC. This includes getting involved in the Voters' Assembly or Church Council by either attending meetings or even, possibly, holding an office. There is a Nominating Committee which is looking for people interested in fulfilling God's mission through service. Come attend a meeting and see for yourself the effort and dedication, along with the joy and reward, which goes into the operation of CLC. Stewardship is not just financial.

I appreciate all of the support the congregation has given to CLC this year in terms of time, talent, and treasure. It has helped to sustain the church and make it a wonderful place for us all to find fellowship and God's Love.

I have appreciated the various suggestions for fundraisers and activities presented by various members of the Congregation. Please feel free to keep them coming.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon

THE DISCRETIONARY FUND...HELPING OTHERS IN AND BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY!



There are many ways to assist in the ministry of Cheshire Lutheran Church. One of the ways comes through the Discretionary Fund which is used to help people in need of assistance for various reasons. Many times those in need are members of the congregation. At other times, those in need simply come off the street seeking help for their family. However, in order to help others who wish to remain anonymous funding is needed. If you would like to help you can find special envelopes for contributions in the wall rack outside the church office. All donations are welcome no matter how small or large.

On the other hand, if you are ever in need of some immediate assistance the fund is there for you. You simply need to contact Pastor so that he can determine how you can be assisted in your time of crisis.

Take time to consider your blessings and then consider the possibility of being a blessing to others through a gift to the discretionary fund.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S FAMILY...

We celebrate together as **Ryan Edward Wirkus** was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday September 25, 2016

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.



CLCW LADIES NIGHT OUT...

Ladies Night Out will be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at The Manor Inn Restaurant 1636 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Milldale Ct. All ladies of the church are welcome for an evening of talk, fun and companionship.

This year our guest speaker is Sister Mary Friel of The Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Mary was a psychology professor at Western Connecticut State University for 28 years. She has since retired and is currently teaching psychology at Manchester Community College. When she isn't in the classroom she enjoys hiking with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

The Cost for the evening is \$25. Meal choices are Chicken Franchise, Broiled Scrod and NY Sirloin Steak. Contact Paula Ongley for more information. Sign-Up sheet is on the counter outside the Church office.



See you there...

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

The Orphan Grain Train Backpack Project

Many thanks to all who donated to and helped assemble backpacks for our Orphan Grain Train project and to Dottie Dierolf, who obtained a Thrivent Action Team grant for this project. This grant made it possible for us to purchase the backpacks and some additional items needed to reach our goal of 50 backpacks. This project concluded on Sunday, August 28th when kits were assembled by several members, young and old, following Sunday service. The next day the completed kits were delivered to the OGT warehouse in Terryville, CT. This was an amazing sight to see. The entire first floor of the warehouse is dedicated to the OGT. There volunteers sort and pack donations consisting of clothing, shoes, medical equipment, hospital beds, bikes, health kits, pillow case dresses and backpacks. They are packed into uniform boxes that are eventually loaded on a container and shipped to a needy location in the US or overseas.

Thank you,
Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon



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.



COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...



In record time, in late June our Columbarium construction was completed. On July 24th we held a Blessing and Dedication ceremony after our worship service.

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden is a place to memorialize and to lay to rest the ashes of our loved ones. It is also a beautiful, peaceful space for quiet reflection and remembrance. The garden will be landscaped with greenery and flowers, benches will be installed, and an attractive walkway will guide visitors to the Columbarium wall.

If you are interested in reserving a niche, purchasing a memorial plaque, or making a donation to beautify and maintain the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. Now is the time to speak to any member of the Columbarium Committee to confirm your interest in supporting and participating in this ministry. The Committee is now accepting applications for niches and memorial plaques. Monetary donations will be thankfully accepted toward landscaping and "hardscaping" the Memorial Garden.



Please feel free to contact any Committee member below to request more information or to obtain an application. The Committee thanks the members and leaders of Cheshire Lutheran Church for their vision and support of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden.

Don Drust, Chair	Buzz Gancarz	Priscilla Mulvaney
Vicki DePaolo	Linda Gancarz	Randy Raddatz
Judy DiDomizio	Margie Mertz	Beth Soulier
Pat DiDomizio	John Mulvaney	Tim Weiland



Procedures:

You will find a box containing blue folders on a stand in the hallway. One folder contains inurnment procedures and the other contains memorial plaque procedures. Both folders also include fee schedules and the CLC bylaws concerning the columbarium wall. Please take whichever folder interest you and review it carefully.

If you have any questions or when you feel prepared to commit to the project, please contact Pat DiDomizio.



CLC MUSICAL OFFERING...

Music performed during Sunday morning services, is sometimes recorded and then emailed to a number of people. Most computers will recognize the mp3 music file and play it back. It is especially appreciated by those who are not able to be with us on a given Sunday.

If you are interested in receiving an occasional musical offering, please send an email to: juul@cox.net with "CLC Music" in the subject line. Recipient addresses will not appear in the music email.

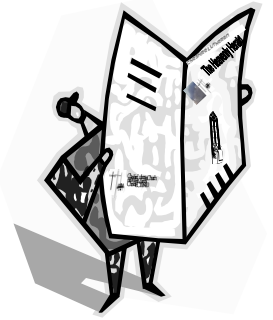
We would be happy to include you.

Judy & Bill Juul

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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **October 21st** 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2016—2017...

Please make sure you thank and show your appreciation to the wonderful volunteers that make up our 2016/2017 school year staff:

Grades 1 & 2:

Carolyn Carrington, Wendy Emerick & Emily Soulier

Grades 3 & 4:

Judy DiDomizio, Christina Plantier, Lynn Balash & Christina Webster

Grade 5 & 6:

Andy Schaefer, Paul Emerick & Steve Ferro

Grades 7, 8 & 9:

Todd Plantier, Jonathan Schrumm, Erich Strunk, Carlene Myers

Teacher Assistant—Todd Peters

Superintendent - Carlene Myers & Andy Schaefer





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...

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



Answers:

A. 1. A 2. C 3. B 4.A 5.A 6.C

B. 1. Lift 2. Above 3. Comfort/ Gracious

C. 1. Confession 2. Forgiveness 3. Minister 4. Bestows

D. 1. Faith 2. Mighty Fortress 3. Risen Today 4. One

E. Crosses: 1. E 2. C 3. A 4. D 5. F 6. B

F. Final Q. : Letters are INRI = Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews

Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday Morning Bible Study has resumed. We meet in the Library between services. Join us for this wonderful study and fellowship.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Join us for a 31 week study starting on September 13 at 7:00 p.m. The study will take you from Genesis to Revelation. If you are interested in joining this study, please inform Andy so that the appropriate amount of materials may be ordered. Call the office at 203-272-5106 or email dce@cheshirelutheran.org

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 9:00am on the third Saturday of every month. We look forward to seeing you the next Saturday we gather, October 15.



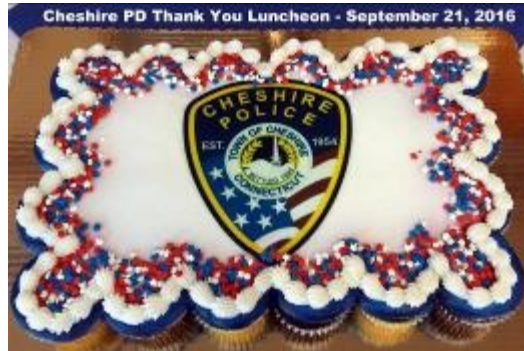
THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

Our CLC adult study group continues a four-week video study of the classic book entitled MERE CHRISTIANITY, exploring the History, Meaning, and Relevance of Oxford, England English Professor C S Lewis' Greatest Book. Lewis, an avowed atheist until his conversion to Christianity as an adult, died back in 1963; but his writings, especially his book MERE CHRISTIANITY, continue to be regarded as a powerful and effective defense of the Christian faith, focusing not on what divides us as Christians, but rather on what basic beliefs we all share in common. All sessions are held here in our CLC library and last one hour, from 8:30AM to 9:30AM. If your daily schedule permits, you're invited to come, watch, listen, and learn – and, hopefully, grow in Christian grace and love.



Sincerely – in Christ, Pastor Nuechterlein

Cheshire Police Department Appreciation Luncheon



Thank you to all who so willingly gave of themselves and their talent to make the Cheshire police luncheon a success. A special thanks to Thrivent who donated \$250 toward the event. This was given through Thrivent Action Team member, Rita Stark.

Everyone enjoyed the food and many desserts contributed by members. Ornaments and a gift certificate for a free coffee were given to the guests.

The highlight was a surprise visit from our Little Cherubs preschool children who sang their rendition of "The Police Keep Us Safe"

Thank you again, Marilyn Miller





2016 - 43 Years of Giving
The Cheshire Food Drive
First Saturday & Sunday in November
9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center



WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

WHAT WE DO

- ✦ Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the *Cheshire Food Pantry* located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- ✦ Financially support the *Food Voucher Program* administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

Canned meat	Boxed snacks	Powdered Milk	Tomato sauces
Peanut Butter	Pasta and Rice	Tuna Fish	Granola bars
Vegetables	Soups and Stews	Juices/Juice boxes	Cereal

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :
CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926

LAWN MOWER WANTED—FOR OUR CHURCH GARDENERS...

Our hard working and dedicated Church Gardeners (members who volunteer their time) are in desperate need of a used lawnmower, preferably with a grass catcher, for maintaining Gancarz Pond? It needs to be stored at the church. (Currently we are bringing ours from home, requiring it to be lifted into and out of the car). If you can donate such an item kindly contact Jim or Margie Mertz at mkmertz07@cox.net or (203) 271-1642





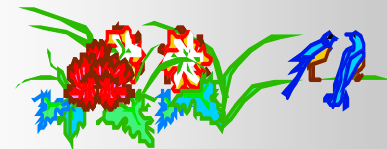
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3 rd	Mary Beth Blair Grace Wilde
5 th	Farrah Fiedler
6 th	Frank Vasi
7 th	Matthew Plantier
8 th	Kelley Collins-Pardee
10 th	Louis Nuechterlein Abigail Lynch John Balash, Jr.
11 th	Grace Muller
12 th	Jonah Tyler
15 th	Timothy Fiedler
16 th	Brandon Feero
17 th	Nicole Daly Matthew Blair
18 th	Benjamin DeLaubell
21 st	Karen Bailey Marilyn Miller
24 th	Avery Clark Edward Schweizer Rachel Henderson
25 th	Holly Flugrath
26 th	Donald DePaolo



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 2016

1 st	Craig & Rachel Henderson	11 Years
	Jeff & Karen Hays	11 Years
3 rd	Charles & Debra Caron	24 Years
5 th	Jim & Janice Schaff	25 Years
6 th	Jon & Eva Schrumm	32 Years
	Frank & Martha Medford	37 Years
7 th	David & Regina Lynch	9 Years
10 th	Bill & Beth Soulier	29 Years
12 th	Bill & Judy Juul	53 Years
	John & Heather Shepard	20 Years
14 th	Alfred & Helen Mayer	49 Years
18 th	Don & Arta Dobbs	36 Years
20 th	Michael & Carolyn Carrington	15 Years
22 nd	David & Anne McBain	22 Years
23 rd	Alan & Donna Spose	34 Years



COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER...



Council will meet Tuesday,
October 11 at 7:00 pm .



Cheshire Lutheran Church
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Cheshire CT 06410

