



# The Heavenly Herald

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We are half way through the season known as Epiphany. It has been a time for us all to recall how our Lord manifested himself to our world. We recalled that the world came to him in the individuals known as "Magi." They came to find the one who would be "King of the Jews" in order to pay homage to him. Evidently they understood how special the Christ Child was.

As we continue through this season Jesus will manifest his desire and willingness to show the world what God is like. He also grants to us insight as to how one should hear the word of the Lord and follow that word. Therefore, the first story in the system set up for Sunday morning lessons deals with Jesus' baptism, an act Christ completed with sincere dedication. He pleased our God, his father, allowing John the Baptist to baptize him. It was an act of solidarity expressing Christ's willingness to be one of us; to identify with us and all that is us even our sin. While the incarnation opened our eyes to the reality of God in man, the baptism of Jesus manifested God's deep unity to us all. The God of all creation, of heaven and earth, who shatters the spear and breaks the bow, who rattles the trees and woods of the earth, the all-powerful of all that exists makes evident his love for you in a baptism at the Jordan for it was there that he showed his desire to be just like us. Yet Epiphany is even more than that.

The lessons will continue to remind us that while identifying with us Jesus also realized our imperfections due to sin. We have spiritual, physical and mental imperfections and Jesus recognized them all. Yet more than recognize them, he immediately went to heal them. Just hearing this truth found in the Gospel readings of the Church, (and not just the Lutheran Church) should make us all take note. Our hearts should be filled with overwhelming joy acknowledging the reality that God is certainly for us. Christ even heals us from things demonic. (I still believe there are such things and I believe Jesus deals with them). Yet the season thus far

does more than tell the story of the epiphany of Christ. It recalls the fact that Jesus wishes for humanity to engage in the process. We are reminded that Jesus went out and gathered disciples so that they could aid in the process of ringing in the kingdom of heaven.

Now, whenever I read about the calling of the disciples a light bulb goes off in my head revealing to me that God actually trusts us and believes in us so much so that he gives us work to do. This is truly an epiphany of great magnitude. For it is one thing when your mom and dad trust you, or when your friends trust you, or when some well-respected other trusts you, but it is a whole other thing when almighty God trusts you. I find it amazing that Jesus called fishermen to share the kingdom with others. But this is Epiphany and revelation is the name of the game.

Now in this season we should take to heart that the words of the Gospels are not simply historical records for they are living documents reminding us that God is still among us. He is still calling out to us to follow him. The call is Spirit driven reminding us that God trusts us. God trusts you. This is a revelation and a reality. In his trusting of us he has work for you and for me to do and expectations of us to live up to. He wants us to follow his will and fulfill our calls; our destiny. He wants us to follow Jesus and to show to the world what the kingdom of God is like.

Opportunities each day abound in order for us to accomplish God's will. Opportunities exist whereby the kingdom of God, the love of God and the care of God can be revealed. Seize each and every opportunity that comes your way. Be a light to others helping them to see the God who loves them and who in Christ Jesus ultimately gave up his life for them.

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*Come Worship With Us***Sunday Worship Services:**

8:00 am &amp; 10:30 am

( Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am )

**Sunday School**

&amp;

**Adult Bible Classes:**

9:10 am

**Summer Worship Service:**

9:00 am

( Fathers Day to Labor Day )



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Greetings All,



Many thanks to all that stayed for the presentation of our annual report after each of the services on 1/8/17! Your 2017 Council was installed during the 10:30 service and we are fortunate to have nearly all Council members staying on for another year. This may just turn out to be a blessing in disguise as 2017 promises to be a year of change for CLC.

As you all know by now, Pastor Gustafson will be retiring on May 7<sup>th</sup> and if all goes according to plan, by the time you read this we should be just about finished with the process of establishing our Call Committee. We will certainly miss Pastor and Kathy and all they do for CLC – much more to come as time draws nearer!

Your Council has been diligently preparing for the process of establishing Call Committee recommendations for the upcoming February 5<sup>th</sup> Voters Assembly meeting. Immediately after receiving word of Pastor's retirement decision, a special Council meeting was called on 1/15 to review CLC Constitution & Bylaw guidance and requirements.

A second special Council meeting is planned for the evening of Tuesday, 1/31/17. LCMS New England District (NED) President Tim Yeadon will attend this meeting to provide insight and guidance into the process of identifying Pastoral candidates and ultimately making a Pastoral Call. Pastor Yeadon will be by our side every step of the way to provide guidance and answer any questions we may have.

Andy Schaefer, CLC's DCE since 2012, announced that he has secured an employment opportunity in Arizona, and will be departing in mid-February. Andy has served CLC well during his five-year tenure and will certainly be missed. This is an exciting time for Andy and we wish him nothing but the best!

Thank you to those members that expressed interest in being part of the Call Committee. I cannot think of anything more important to the future of CLC than helping choose the next Pastor to be our spiritual leader for the next several decades.

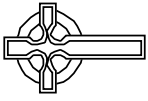
If you were unable to commit to being a part of this important process, but are wondering how you can help, please simply make the personal/family commitment to attend one of the weekly Sunday services as consistently as possible. Having a full church will certainly make a good first impression on any perspective Pastoral candidates that may decide to pop in for a visit.

Our next meeting of the Voters Assembly will be Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 service, in the CLC library.

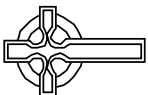
Yours in Christ,  
Jeff

Jeffrey A. Mann  
Parish President, CLC

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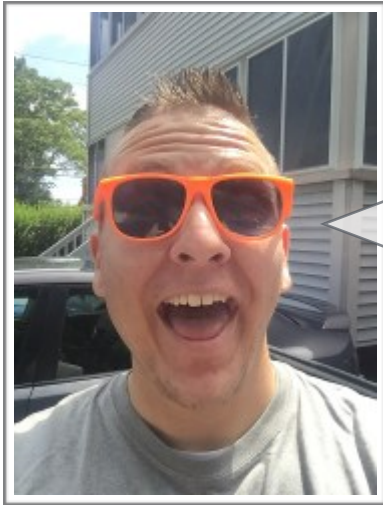
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February

# February Servants

# Cheshire Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry!



Come to Cheshire Lutheran this winter for many opportunities to gather in fellowship, dive into God's Word, and serve our community. 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)*

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Cross Roads (Senior High)**

#### **February:**

9<sup>th</sup> Dinner and Devo's @ 6:30pm  
Pizza, chips, and soda will be provided

## **Family Ministry Events**

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** UConn Game at XL Center at 12pm (tickets pre-purchased)

### **High Impact (Junior High)**

#### **February:**

4<sup>th</sup> Laser Tag trip to Laser Planet in Waterbury  
-Meet at CLC at 1pm and return by 4pm  
-Cost is \$8/ game per person

8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm Bible Study

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
February 1 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 5 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 8 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 12 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
February 15 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 19- Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 22 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 26 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 1 - Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	No Youth Choir Rehearsal!		
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 2 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 5 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

## CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...

**Sunrise March 18, 1931 ~ Sunset January 2, 2017**

Our beloved sister, Fran (Frances) Davis. was called home to our Lord on January 2, 2017. A celebration of Fran's life took place at 11 am on Saturday January 7 at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We thank God for Fran'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.

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to Davis family.

Well done, good and faithful servant.... enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

*Matthew 25:21*



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We are in Epiphany and it is time to manifest God's glory, his love for our world. Make it your goal to listen to God's will for you and then pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you down the different pathways which will accomplish it!

Peace of the Lord be with you,  
Pastor Gustafson



## 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



## 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.



## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...[WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG)

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by our Choirs last month
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ 1956-2016 60th Anniversary video
- ✚ Council Installation Pictures



## 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.



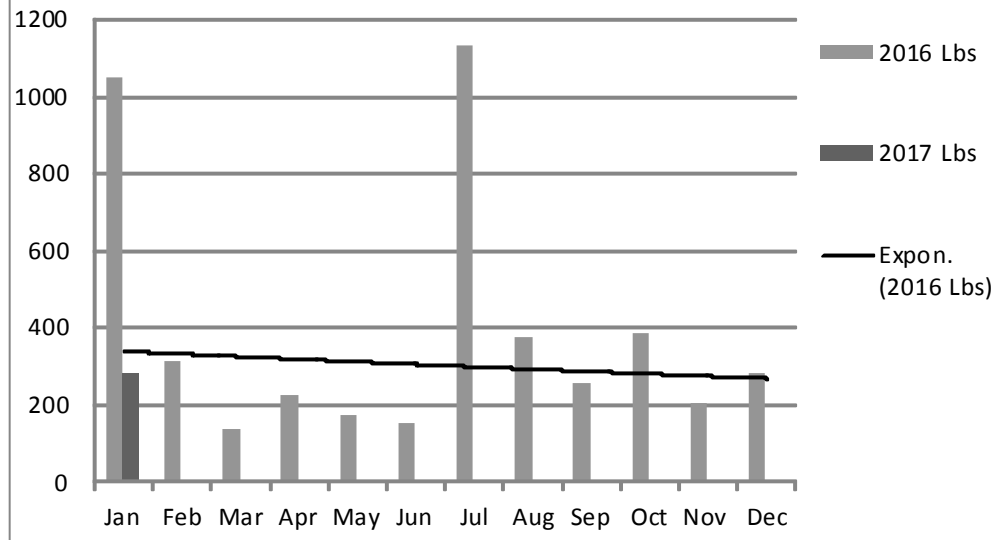


### DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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.

### 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!





LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO!

FEBRUARY 2017

Submitted by and Special Thanks to Debbie Sherman

- A. The Church Year** – number which comes first and which hymn corresponds to that day/season on the left?  
The first answer is given.

	Good Friday	A. O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
	Ascension	B. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
	Epiphany	C. I Know That My Redeemer Lives
	Palm Sunday	D. See the Lord Ascends in Triumph
1, K	Advent	E. All Glory, Laud and Honor
	Easter	F. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
	Ash Wednesday	G. Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
	Pentecost	H. Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
	Lent	I. Ashes to Ashes
	Holy Trinity	J. Holy, Holy, Holy
	Holy Week	K. Hark the Glad Sound ( for Advent)
	Christmas	L. O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

**B. Fill ins**

1. "O Lord, our Lord, how m\_\_\_\_\_ is your name in all the  
e\_\_\_\_\_  
You have set your g\_\_\_\_\_ above the h\_\_\_\_\_  
(Psalms 8)

**C. Descramble:**

- 1) seslb \_\_\_\_\_  
2) iitprs \_\_\_\_\_  
3) sstaftdae s \_\_\_\_\_  
4) editmaet m \_\_\_\_\_

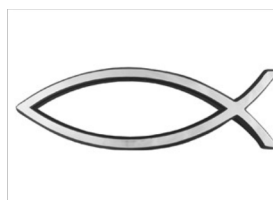
**D. Name that hymn:**

- 1) "Saints, See the C\_\_\_\_\_ of  
W\_\_\_\_\_"  
2) "Jesus L\_\_\_\_\_ Me"  
3) "I Know My F\_\_\_\_\_ Is  
F\_\_\_\_\_d"  
4) "We All B\_\_\_\_\_ in One T\_\_\_\_\_  
G\_\_\_\_\_"



**E. Final Question:**

Why is the fish a Christian symbol?



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# Junior Version!

FEBRUARY 2017

## Cities of the Bible:

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### Words to Find:

Ashdod

Ashtaroth

Beersheba

Bethel

Bethlehem

Byblos

Damascus

Dor

Dothan

Ekron

Gaza

Gerar

Gibeon

Jericho

Jerusalem

Joppa

Petra

Samaria

Shechem

Succoth



See Answers on Page XX

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Soon our congregation will be going through a change. Pastor Gustafson will be retiring in May and our DCE Andy will be leaving in February. They have both done a dedicated job in promoting the work of the Lord. They have been very helpful to me in our mission of spreading the Gospel. I know that we have become accustomed to seeing them every Sunday and that we will miss them. During the next few months we will be searching for a new pastor. We are fortunate to have a very capable President in Jeff Mann and a supportive church council. I am confident that the members of our congregation will continue to do the work of our Savior and that we will stay committed to our mission to spread the good news to all the world.

John Balash Evangelism Deacon



## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I cannot believe that it has been three years already and my first term as Stewardship Deacon has ended. I am honored to have your support for a second term. I look forward to continuing to work with so many wonderful people on the Council and Voters Assembly and within the congregation.

Year-end offering statements have been submitted to the family units and individuals who contributed to CLC during 2016. Of course this does not speak to the number of contributors who make contributions but who do not make use of offering envelopes. For those who do not use our offering envelopes, I sincerely thank you for your generosity as well but also encourage you to please consider doing so to share in our gratitude and for your personal tax purposes. Please notify our church secretary, Carol Santoro, if you would like envelopes for 2017.

Thank you to those who have already returned their pledge cards. We have seen an increase in the number of pledges this year. If you would still like to make a pledge, it is not too late to do so.

As I have stated before, the generosity of this congregational is always inspiring and I look forward to a joyous and wonderful 2017 as we look towards a year of great fellowship and ministry.

Sincerely,

David Veleber  
Stewardship Deacon



## 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!



## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2017...

Pledge Sunday for 2017 are here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



## 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 2017 volunteer sign-ups
- † 2017 Usher Schedule
- † Little Cherubs enrollment information

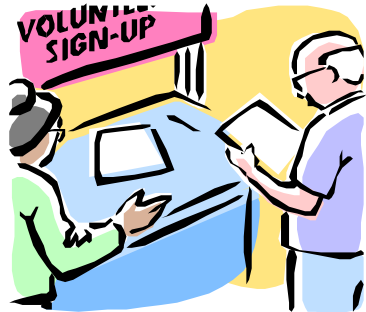
### ***Others looking for help!***

- † **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](mailto: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:

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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.





## MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...



J.P. and the kids were very fortunate to participate in LCMS' regional retreat, organized just after the new year. Aimee is far enough along in the pregnancy that she was unable to attend with us.

The retreat was organized in Kenting, Taiwan, a beach town on the southern tip of the island. It was beautiful scenery, for sure, but most meaningful were the excellent sessions for kids and adults alike. There were over 110 people present, with more than half being kids!

For adults, the sessions were provided by Doxology, a Lutheran center that specializes in spiritual care for church workers. Some sessions focused on 1 Peter's theology of suffering. Other sessions focused on international worker care from a variety of angles: emotional, physical, psychological, and more. These sessions were a great blessing to all those serving internationally.

The kids' program was also outstanding. There were some 60 kids present, and a dedicated team of volunteers provided VBS lessons, outings, and lots and lots of fun. Celeste and Bella made friends with kids who serve in Korea, Papua New Guinea, Taiwan, China, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka!

There were also some opportunities for family time, and the kids greatly enjoyed Kenting's beautiful beach.

We are very thankful for this opportunity.



The Lunar New Year in Vietnam is a big, big deal. In the weeks leading up to the new year, it is common for organizations in partnership to bring new year's greetings. LCMS, too, has been making the rounds, visiting government and other partners in our work in Vietnam. It is a time to thank partners while also looking ahead to further fruitfulness in the year ahead.



Jan 20, 2017



Nha tho lớn (literally 'big house of worship'), the cathedral in Hanoi, decorated for Christmas.



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

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

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



## 2017 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.





## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS CARD AND NOTEPAD SALE...

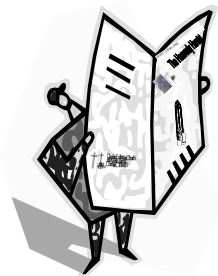
Christmas Cards with photos of Cheshire Lutheran Church and notepads with the church logo are now on sale. Christmas cards cost \$10.00 per pack of 15 cards (with envelopes) and notepads are \$1.00 each. Please contact Karen Bailey or Karen Weiland to purchase. See the order forms on the hallway table nearest the Library.

# Thank You

*We thank you for  
The time you spared  
And the helping hand you gave.  
It meant so much  
And we thank the Lord  
For the effort that you made.*

To all the volunteers who helped with the church fellowship functions this year, I thank for the time you took to make this church a joyful place to be. I look forward to another year.

**Karen Weiland**



## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (March 2017 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **February 17<sup>th</sup>** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway  
Thank You



## NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



On Sunday, February 5th 160 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop a monetary donation and/or a soup donation in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 5th. CLC's donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs welcomed in the New Year by welcoming Anthony, Liliana, and Leandro, 3 new 3 year old's to our class. We continue to learn letters, numbers, shapes and colors and enjoy doing art projects.

Pastor and Andy have been in for Bible teaching us about Epiphany and Jesus as a grown man. We are now learning about the 4 fisher man – as Jesus begins gathering his disciples. We have learned Songs to go with our Bible Stories. We had a pajama day our first Friday back, had day on January 20<sup>th</sup>. We learned about community helpers when we matched the proper hat to the job that helper performs.

January is known as National Soup Month. So we will read the story "Stone" and then prepare some stone soup for our class.

We are so Thankful for all the children's accomplishments. The new children fell into the routine rather quickly.

God Bless,

Joann and Martha



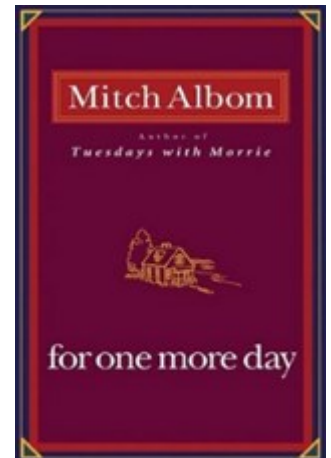
## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017...

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *For One More Day*, by Mitch Albom.

*For One More Day* is the story of a mother and a son, and a relationship that covers a lifetime and beyond. It explores the question: What would you do if you could spend one more day with a lost loved one?

Please plan on joining us in May for an inspiring day with the women of CLC.

The registration fee including lunch is \$40. Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki De-Paolo - 203-697-0810



### Answers for Page 9:

**A. The correct order of the church year – 8,10,3,6,1,9,4,11,5,12,7,2**

1) Advent 2) Christmas 3) Epiphany 4) Ash Wednesday 5) Lent 6) Palm Sunday  
7) Holy Week 8) Good Friday 9) Easter 10) Ascension 11) Pentecost 12) Holy Trinity


**A. II The order of the hymns:** F. (Good Friday), D. (Ascension), A. (Epiphany), G. (Palm Sunday) K. (Advent), C. (Easter), I. (Ash Wednesday), B. Pentecost, L. Lent, J. Holy Trinity, E. Holy week, H. (Christmas)

**B. Fill ins:** Psalm 8: majestic, earth / glory, heavens

**C.** 1) bless 2) spirit 3) steadfast 4) meditate

**D. Hymns:** 1) Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses 2) Jesus Loves Me

3) I Know My Faith Is Founded 4) We All Believe in One True God

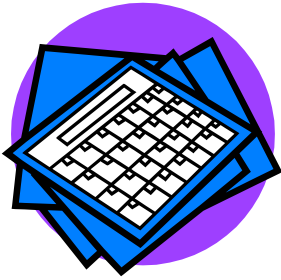
**E. Final question: Ichthys**  **Among the symbols employed by the early Christians,** was due principally to the famous acrostic consisting of the initial letters of five Greek words forming the word for fish (Ichthus), which words briefly but clearly described the character of Christ and the claim to worship of believers: "Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς Θεοῦ υἱός Σωτήρ", (Iēsous Christos Theou Huios Sōtēr), meaning, *Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour*.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian\\_symbolism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_symbolism)

# 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



## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2017...

**2017 Calendars** are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Slater Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.

## HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...



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

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

## THE DISCRETIONARY FUND...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.

## THRIVENT CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE UPDATE...

Through the Thrivent Choice Dollar Program, eligible Thrivent members are designated charitable grant funds which they can direct among thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations. In 2016 Cheshire Lutheran Church received \$5,235.00 in Choice Dollar allocations. A tremendous thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who generously directed their Choice Dollars to our congregation.



Thrivent members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2017** to direct any remaining 2016 Choice Dollars to support organizations. After this date, any undirected Choice Dollars will expire. To direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice" or log on to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). The Choice Dollar Program will remain unchanged for 2017.



As I have discussed previously, Thrivent's **Action Team** program gives members the ability to become personally involved in meeting a need in the community. Members lead a team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event while Thrivent provides \$250.00 to start the activity. This is an excellent resource for enhancing outreach for the congregation, meeting specific congregational needs or providing funds for community or an individual's needs. As we start a new year, let's make it a goal to use as much of these funds as possible. To start, contact Pastor or any of the Church Council members for specific needs within their ministry.



For further details on either of these programs, or to find out how to become a Thrivent member, please contact either Alan Spose (203-623-1650) or Mark Manning (203-241-0858). Once again, thank you to all Thrivent members who participate in these programs.

Answers for Page 10:



## COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...



On Sunday, 2/26, during our regular Bible Study period ( 9:10 to 10:10 ) Dan Ford, Director of The Alderson/Ford Funeral Home will present an information session regarding Funeral Procedures. This presentation is an extension of a previous session conducted by Pastors Gustafson and Nuechterlein entitled--THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. Mr. Ford has conducted similar sessions at various venues in the Cheshire area.

There will be a sign up sheet on our bulletin board. All our welcome.

You may have noticed that the berm has been planted and is being cared for by the Mertz's. The Committee has plans for even further beautifying the area come Spring.



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](mailto: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



# Bible Studies at CLC

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:10 for our Adult Bible Study.

## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Join us for Tuesday Bible Study at 7pm as we continue with The Story

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](mailto: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.



## THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

Our Thursday morning Adult Study Group is continuing with its series of weekly lectures on Biblical Literature – from Genesis to Revelation – with Professor Craig R Koester, of Luther Seminary, in St Paul, MN. We meet in the church library; and all of you whose morning schedule permits you to join us are cordially invited to do so.

Sincerely – in Christ, Pastor Nuechterlein



## 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*





## MARCH 1ST IS...ASH WEDNESDAY!

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday March 1st. We will have 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 March 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.



# LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
<b>Ash Wednesday—1st Wednesday in Lent</b>	Wednesday March 1, 2017	Service at 7:30 PM
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b>	Wednesday March 8, 2017	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b>	Wednesday March 15, 2017	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b>	Wednesday March 22, 2017	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b>	Wednesday March 29, 2017	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b>	Wednesday April 5, 2017	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM

# March 1st is Ash Wednesday!





# HOLY WEEK

Event	Date	Notes
<b>Passion (Palm) Sunday</b>	Sunday April 9, 2017	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
<b>Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist</b>	Thursday April 13 2017	Service at 7:30 PM
<b>Good Friday Tenebrae</b>	Friday April 14, 2017	Service at 7:30 PM
<b>Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist</b>	Sunday April 16, 2017	Services at 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
<b>Easter Children's (Family) Service</b>	Sunday April 16, 2017	Service at 9:45 AM

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

On Sunday January 8, 2017, 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	TBD
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 member Jonathan Schrumm who has faithfully served our congregation. Well done, good and faithful servant!

