

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We shall speak this affirmation later on in the month of April. We shall speak it, but only after we have first walked the steps of Holy Week following the work known as the Passion of our Lord.

The Story is so familiar to us all. It is about the love of God for us. It is a wonderful story and yet a sad story because it reminds us all of sin. It is after all because of sin that Jesus came to us; that Jesus came for us. Sin has condemned us all to death. Sin has grabbed hold of our lives since the day we were born and has caused so much harm and destruction no one can keep up with it all, let alone try to fight it all. Certainly, there are many who deny sin's existence and who believe that people are simply good or bad depending upon some type of subjective morality code. It really does not matter. Denial does not make a reality go away, it simply adds to the ignorance of the reality and its power. Putting it out on the table, so to speak, helps us to recognize its strength and its reality and the fact that since we are all involved in it, it would seem to me that we cannot overcome it.

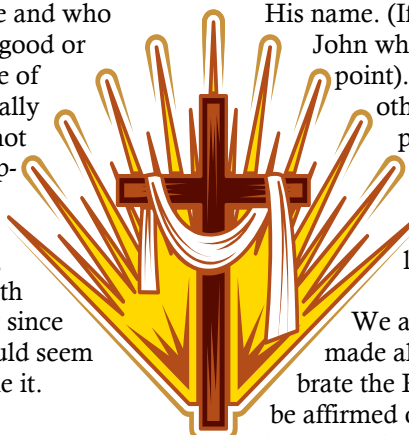
The Story so familiar reminds us as we hear it, again and again, that only one would overcome it for us. Jesus, the Son of God, overcame sin and its partner death for us. Holy Week tells us the how. Holy Week makes us acknowledge our part in sin's work and forces us to ask the question why? Why would God bother with us? Why would God redeem when he could simply start all over again? Why would God offer us a hope that there is something far better than the world in which we live where sin and death destroy and "moth and rust consume?" When you take in all of the destruction from every day and the sense of immoral behavior from every quarter of our world over all of the time of the earth's existence one must ask, 'why would God care and why suffer our presence any longer?' It is, I

would imagine, how most would feel coming from a human point of view. Yet God gives us his point of view. It is the right point of view and the only point of view that counts. God's point of view is simple. "That while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."(Romans 5:8)

This story so familiar never loses its meaning to me. This story so familiar is, as one movie from long ago once titled it, "The Greatest Story Ever Told." It is a story, a song, of "love unknown." It is one of love so deep it is hard to understand, but we are only asked to believe so that believing we might have life in

His name. (If I recall correctly it is St. John who wants us to remember that point). In believing we come to the other side of Holy Week, to the place where real joy shall be found; Christ is risen! He lives, and because he does I shall live also... We shall live also.

We are reminded, "And you he made alive!" This is why we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord; to be affirmed of our own "aliveness." We who were blind now see! We who were dead in trespasses and sin, are alive, but only because He lives triumphant from the grave! So, each day we take the journey into the world and like our Savior and Lord we seek to redeem it. Instead of going about so willing to condemn, we remember our Christ, risen from the dead, and we look for ways to save and ways to redeem. It can be a painful journey. It can be a most magnificent walk. Indeed, it will be both as we mend and as we celebrate, as we heal and as we rejoice. It is a life filled with God's love toward us which love we share with our world remembering that God loved us first so that we could love one another to the end.



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COME WORSHIP WITH US

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

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

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



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

Spring has sprung – at least that’s what the calendar says! Easter is right around the corner along with our annual between service brunch. This is always a terrific meal and wonderful time of fellowship with family and friends. This year our plan is to have two Easter Sunday services, one at 8:00 and the other at 10:30. The Brunch is planned from 9:00 to 11:00am. Many thanks to all the volunteers that make this such a nice annual event.



The Council met on March 7th with a full and spirited agenda. With the upcoming retirement of Pastor Gustafson, it was decided that we will transition to our single service summer schedule about a month earlier than normal. This decision will obviously impact the remainder of the Sunday school schedule and the plan is for Sunday school to continue its important program following the church service, with classes beginning at approximately 10:10am.

Our 9:00am single service Sunday schedule will begin May 7th with Pastor Gustafson presiding over his final service as Pastor of Cheshire Lutheran Church after more that 21 years of service.

President Yeadon, New England District, Missouri Synod will preside over our service on Sunday May 14th, and will be available after the service to speak with congregants and answer any questions you may have concerning the Call process.

The committee is motivated, well-organized and focused. You will be receiving letters soon inviting you to participate in an important survey. Please complete this survey as soon as possible, preferably on-line.

Our next meeting of the Voters Assembly will be Monday, April 10th

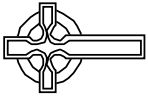
While preparing to coordinate with President Yeadon to arrange for Pastoral coverage throughout the call process, I decided to first speak with Pastor Nuechterlein to see if there were certain Sundays he would like to preach. I am pleased to inform you that Pastor Nuechterlein has volunteered to preside over our services throughout the entire single service Sunday schedule.

Pastor Nuechterlein asks for your continued prayers for strength and good health. He was very happy and honored to have the opportunity to fulfill this important Pastoral need and we as a congregation are indeed fortunate that he and Gloria are always so willing to help when a need arises.

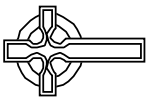
I had the opportunity to sit in on the first couple of Call Committee meetings, and am happy to report that things are progressing nicely. The committee is motivated, well-organized and focused. You will be receiving letters soon inviting you to participate in an important survey. Please complete this survey as soon as possible, preferably on-line. Our next meeting of the Voters Assembly will be Monday, April 3rd.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Mann
CLC President



GAELIOMDAR



April

April Servants

(Continued from page 1)

It has been a privilege and an honor to have been one among the many to remind God's people of his love for us all; to preach Christ crucified for us and to rejoice each day in the words, "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! AMEN!!

A Blessed Easter to you all,
Pastor Gustafson



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR APRIL 2017...

HOSANNA!!! BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

The Sunday children have been practicing their songs of Praise for Palm Sunday! They will be singing April 9, 2017; 10:30 service. The children should arrive at 9:10 to rehearse during the Sunday school opening; then sit with their families during 10:30 service when they will be called up to sing. At Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday services the Sunday school children are requested to bring their Lenten coin boxes. The money will be given to the Cheshire food bank.

March's Heavenly Herald I presented about 10 Bible verses what were they all about? God's LOVE & SUPPORT of all of us!!! God wants to be part of our lives especially our children. God gives us free will to choose our paths in life. As parents it is our responsibility is to guide our children in a safe, Joyful, faithful life. In Psalm 12:1 David asks the Lord for help because people were not being godly or faithful. Being faithful is as important, (perhaps more so) today as it was then.

Let us gather our children together to learn to build their trust in our Lord.

Keep your life free from love of money and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13: 5-6

Yours in Christ,
Carlene Myers



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(May 2017 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **April 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

Thank You



2018 PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEY TO SCANDINAVIA...

A "TRAVEL EVENING" with Pastor Greg Wismar will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 2 Colonial Road (at Rte 37) in New Fairfield on Friday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. to introduce the 2018 Pastor's Pilgrims Journey to Scandinavia. Copies of the trip brochure are located on the hallway counter.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 2 - Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 5 - Wednesday 5th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 6 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 9 - Sunday Palm Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School and Parish Choir
April 12 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir, Instruments & Parish Choir
April 13 - Thursday Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir - Select Group—Althea
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir - Select Group—Althea
April 14 - Friday Good Friday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Soloist
April 16 - Sunday Easter Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Sunday School Children
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments and Sunday School
April 19 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals!!!		
April 23 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 26 - Wednesday	6:30PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 23 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!...



A committee has been formed to plan VBS at CLC this summer as we no longer have a DCE. Karen Smith, Judy DiDomizio, Vicki DePaolo, and Carlene Myers have met and ordered a program. The program is called **Maker Fun Factory**, where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover that they've been lovingly crafted by God. The committee is hoping that many from the congregation will volunteer to help implement this popular outreach program as well as other programs during this challenging year at CLC. VBS will be held on July 17 to July 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If enough volunteers come forward, we can accommodate folks who cannot commit to the entire week. A sign-up sheet can be found in the hallway at church.

SHOP AT PATRIC BAKER & SONS...CLC GETS 10%...



Patrick Baker & Son's, 1650 West Street, Southington, has initiated a program that can earn cash rebates for CLC. 10% of purchases will be deposited in the church's account. Simply give them Cheshire Lutheran's name when shopping in the store. If purchasing through the web, visit www.Churchgoods.com; when checking out, select CLC as your church and place the provided church ID# in the church code box.

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

March has been a busy month once again. We made lions and lambs to discuss weather and the saying in like a lamb out like a lion.

The birthday of Dr. Seuss was March 2nd so we read stories - Green Eggs and Ham which we made for snack. We also used the Foot Book to learn about foot prints and left and right.

We learned about George Washington Carver, The Peanut Pioneer. We did activities estimating how many were in a jar, a peanut relay race and a peanut plant growing mobile.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with some special snacks and rainbow experiments. We used lucky charm marshmallows to make a graph. Pastor taught us about St. Patrick.

We had a visit from Dr. Celliers, the dentist, to learn about taking care of our teeth.

March is Nutrition month so we will learn about the food pyramid and making healthy food choices.

We are preparing for Easter. We talked about lent and learned how Jesus Calmed the Storm. We learned about the Prodigal Son. The woman with 2 gold coins. It has been a very busy month.

Be Blessed,
Joann and Martha



NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE AND GROUNDS DEACON...

Hello everyone,

The snow is piled up, the sky's grey and cars need to be warmed up in the morning... wait that was last week, today it's sunny, only a few piles of the white stuff and it's almost 70 degrees outside. It's hard to tell what season we are really in and that makes our annual spring cleanup so fun, we never know if there will be snow, rain, sleet or beautiful sunshine and I'm pretty sure this year will be no different.

As we did last year, we are going to spread the work over two weekends to make sure we can get as many helpers as possible. We will do the inside cleanup on April 1st (no fooling) starting at 9 AM and the outside cleanup on April 8th beginning at 9 AM also. For the inside clean up we will be sweeping and mopping the floors, wiping down the pews and woodwork, cleaning the counters and tables and straightening everything up. Many hands make light work so I'm encouraging kids from one to ninety-two to come out and lend a helping hand (families welcomed). For the outside cleanup we will be making our church look heavenly by raking up leaves and fallen branches, weeding the outside gardens, trimming bushes and sweeping the sidewalks and parking lot. Once again I encourage any and all members to come help us get everything done, the more the merrier. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board with more information (what to bring, tools, cleaners, etc.). If you can make it, please mark your calendar and I look forward to seeing you on one or both weekends.

I'd like to give a shout out to Tim Weiland, Ed Schweizer, Jim and Margie Mertz, Jeff Mann and Avery Clark for coming out on a cold and snowing Saturday afternoon to take down our crèche and store it before it was buried in a foot of snow. This was a great example of how having many hands helped take down the crèche, move it to the shed and store it away in one hour. Thank you all!

House and grounds deacon,

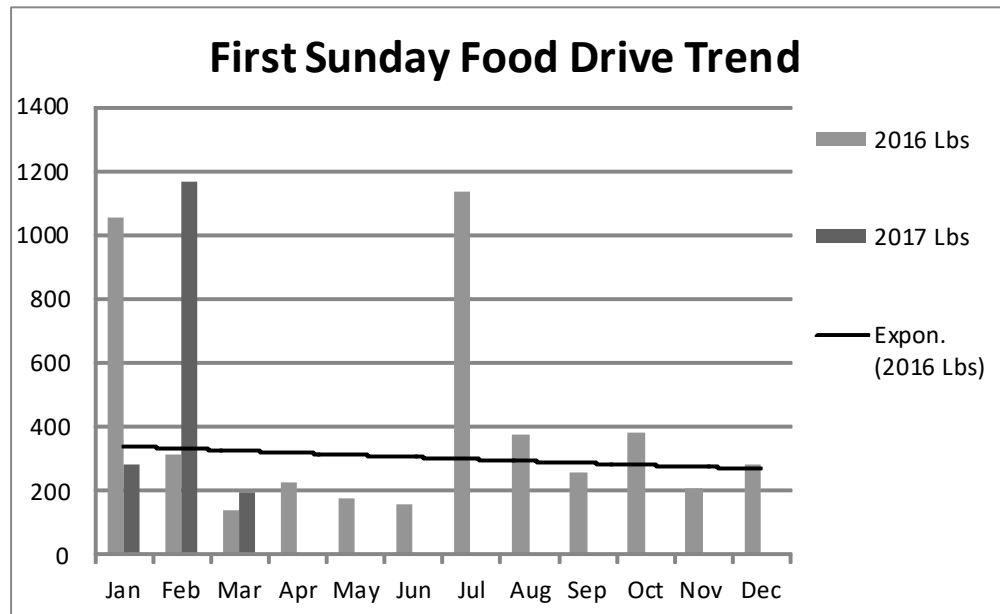
Andy Clark





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. 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!

APRIL 2017

Submitted by and Special Thanks to Debbie Sherman

Have you notice the wall hanging in our church hallway that tells us about the sections and prophets of the Bible?

I. Are the following **PROPHETS** listed as **MAJOR (6) OR MINOR ones** ?
Write **MAJ** (MAJOR) or **MIN** (MINOR) for the following **PROPHETS**:

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|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| _____ 1. JOEL | _____ 6. OBADIAH | _____ 11. ZECHARIAH |
| _____ 2. AMOS | _____ 7. JONAH | _____ 12. HAGGAI |
| _____ 3. MALACHI | _____ 8. ISAIAH | _____ 13. EZEKIEL |
| _____ 4. JEREMIAH | _____ 9. MICAH | _____ 14. NAHUM |
| _____ 5. HOSEA | _____ 10. LAMENTATIONS | _____ 15. DANIEL |

II. **Match the Book of the Bible with the following :**

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A. THE GOSPELS | C. LETTERS FROM PAUL | E. HISTORY |
| B. THE EARLY CHURCH | D. THE LAW | F. POETRY AND WISDOM |

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|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| _____ 1. GENESIS | _____ 6. ACTS | _____ 11. RUTH |
| _____ 2. JOSHUA | _____ 7. SONG OF SONGS | _____ 12. JOB |
| _____ 3. LUKE | _____ 8. ROMANS | _____ 13. NUMBERS |
| _____ 4. PROVERBS | _____ 9. EXODUS | _____ 14. EZRA |
| _____ 5. 1 CHRONICLES | _____ 10. MATTHEW | _____ 15. GALATIANS |

III. **Micah 6:8**

He has told you, O man, what is good;

And what does the Lord require of you

but to do j _____, and to love

k _____,

and to walk h _____ with your God?

Final Question: What are Pastor C.H. Gustafson and Pastor L.G. Nuechterlein middle names?

See Answers on Page 14

Junior Version!

APRIL 2017

Submitted by and Special Thanks to Debbie Sherman

Easter Crossword

Word List:
 bread cross
 sacrifice love
 stone hosanna
 empty risen
 slept thorns

Across

- 1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
- 4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
- 7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
- 8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
- 9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

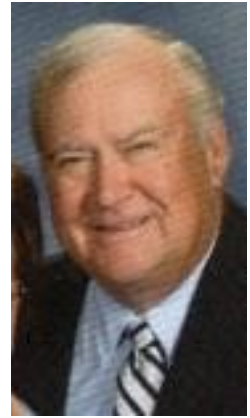
Down

- 2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
- 3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- 5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
- 6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
- 8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

I would like to thank you for reading my report this month. I know that you all have a lot to do and to read all the articles can be a daunting task. I promise to be brief. We have the example of St. Paul to follow as we work to spread the Gospel message. There will always be conflicts and tension in the church of our time just as St. Paul had his issues to deal with in the early Christian religion. The key for St. Paul was to remain positive amid all the difficulties that he faced and this positive approach will help us to be good ambassadors of Christ.

Yours in Christ, John Balash, Evangelism Deacon



SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS NEEDED...

Greeters are needed prior to the start of both of our services. Please sign up on the bulletin board indicating which Sunday (s) you are available.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

As we have made it through the first quarter of the year, the quarterly statements for the first quarter will be going out shortly. The good news is that, of the people who pledged, I am happy to say that the vast majority of them are at or above their pledged amount. I am also happy to announce that pledge amounts for this year have exceeded the pledges at this time last year.

I would also like to thank all of you who directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CLC. Those funds are very helpful and they are basically free money for the church.

I am so thankful to be part of such a wonderful and caring congregation. I thank all of you for all you contribute in time and talent as well as treasure.

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.” — [Steve Goodier](#)

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 14th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin beginning on Easter Sunday April 16th. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office along with the dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 14th bulletin.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon



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
- † **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:

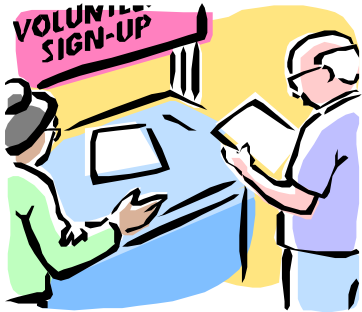
6:30 PM – Youth Choir

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.



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

"Sarah said, 'God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me' (Genesis 21:6).

Thank you for your prayers leading up to Isaac's birth. Please pray for Aimee's recovery. Pray, too, for the start of our leadership development program on March 7 at Hanoi University of Science and Technology. Please pray also for the Asia region as LCMS recruits two key positions: a Regional Director and a Regional Business Manager.

Indeed, we have been all smiles since Isaac (which



means "he laughs") was born on February 16 at 2:17pm,

weighing 9.1lbs with a length of nearly 21in. Aimee labored admirably for more than 36 hours, but in the end Isaac was delivered via c-section. We were blessed by excellent doctors and care. Isaac is healthy and Aimee is recovering well. Isaac is already sleeping very well for a 2-week old! Celeste and Bella are happily getting to know their brother, though they have not followed through on their promise to help change diapers.

Our dog, Coco, is having the hardest time; she is no longer the prima donna!



See more pictures at cimsafam.com

Isaac Philip



Help us impact Vietnam by sending a tax-deductible gift to: P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, memo: support of Cima family. Or give on-line at: www.lcms.org/cima.

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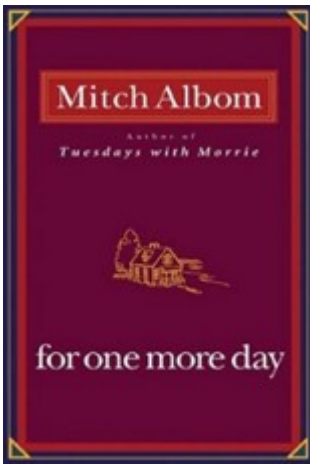


Meeting their brother for the first time. At this moment they didn't even know his name yet!

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.





CLC ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT 2017...

Our 10th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 20th 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? A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in April for those planning to attend. I hope you will plan to join us 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 DePaolo - 203-697-0810



LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date
6 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday April 5, 2017

Answers: Part I – MAJOR PROPHETS = #4,5,8,10,13,15.

Part II - 1. D 2. E 3. A 4.F 5. E 6. B 7. F 8. C 9. D 10. A 11. E 12. F 13. D 14. E 15. C

Part III - justice, kindness, humbly

Final Question: I have no idea :)

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Across: 1) Bread 4) Thorns 7) Risen 8) Slept 9) Love
 Down: 2) Empty 3) Hosanna 5) Sacrifice 6) Cross 8) Stone

Answers from Page 10:



LITTLE CHERUBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted for the 2017-2018 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the church or preschool office for more information, or pick up a registration packet from the hallway counter. Take a look at the preschool area if you are not familiar with it. Look at the bulletin board outside the church office to see the artwork made by the children and pictures of them in action during class time located on the bulletin board located outside the narthex. We have a great program with wonderful teachers!

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!

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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by our Choirs last month
- ✦ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✦ Photos from recent Baptisms and Sunday School



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.



Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the March Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- ✦ Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Lent
- ✦ Many thanks to those who participated in the sermon messages during the Wednesday evening Lenten Services
- ✦ Thank you as always to Tim Weiland for his beautiful photography that chronicle all the activities that take place at CLC
- ✦ An additional thanks to Steve Feero and Bill Juul for doing such a great job with keeping our Website up to date
- ✦ Loving Thanks to Ed Schweizer and David Schrumm for staining the woodwork in the narthex. This is not something that was asked of them to do and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication to our Church and Congregation

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



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.

NEWS AND UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE...

Call Committee Information - How the New England District Helps Vacant Congregations

The following from A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

LCMS VOLUME 19, ISSUE 4 SPRING 2017.

A few months ago, I rejoiced and sang praises out loud "We have NO VACANCIES in the District!! We have NO VACANCIES in the District!" That reality lasted a couple of weeks. Right now, we have nine vacancies. Yes, how quickly the situation changes for us all here in our beloved District.

Let me define what I mean by "vacancy". A vacancy is basically a pastoral vacancy. The pastor of one of our congregations retires. The pastor receives a divine call to serve another congregation in our church body and decides that the will of the Savior is for him to accept that divine call, leaving our New England parish without a pastor. Any number of reasons exist that can create the lack of a pastor at one of the Lord's churches... but it always is a time that creates anxiety in the hearts of our people. To be sure it is also a special time to trust in the Lord and it is a marvelous time for the people of God to remember that it is the Lord's church and their church, and the gifts of the Lord are given to the people of God. Sometimes in a pastoral vacancy special lay leaders emerge and grow among us - certainly that is a reason to thank the Lord. But all in all, the best thing about a pastoral vacancy is when it ends. But how do we get to that point? That is what this article is about and admittedly a pastoral vacancy is one of the primary reasons a district exists. As partners in the gospel the District President, his representatives, and the district as a whole works with the local congregation to seek out the next pastor for the congregation.

Some congregations admittedly cannot afford a full-time pastor. In those cases, the district works with available retired pastors or other pastors to provide pastoral coverage for Sunday worship and to make sure that hospital visits on the sick are made, funerals are provided, confirmation classes and counseling for hurting believers can occur. In those cases, we list the congregation as "served by Pastor Jones/Pastor Smith". In some cases, a congregation with the help of the district links up with another parish experiencing the same needs and the same inability on her own to provide for a full-time pastor. We have a number of those situations in our district and we thank the Lord for shared ministry, shared resources, and a pastor who can bless saints in both places!

But what happens in general when a pastor leaves a congregation and where does the district come in? As District President, I make every effort as soon as possible to be with the leaders of the congregation. If possible I ask for the privilege of preaching on the first Sunday after the pastor is gone. Then in that initial meeting I outline what needs to occur as the congregation begins the journey toward securing a new pastor under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

I ask if perhaps a seminarian is the best option for the congregation. If so the congregation sends in an application to the seminaries of our church body (located in St. Louis, MO and Ft. Wayne, IN) and the church asks the seminaries to send them a man to be the next pastor of the church upon his graduation from the seminary that year. But many times a congregation determines that they want to call a man from the field who already has experience as a pastor. In that case the congregation forms a "Call Committee".

Most church constitutions outline the procedures for forming a call committee, once it is in place the District President meets with this committee.

The first thing a call committee does is a congregational "self-study". They need to know who they are so that they can seek a pastor with the special unique gifts from the Savior that will match the needs of the parish. Then, people in the congregation are invited to nominate names

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of LCMS pastors whom they feel would be a good match for the congregation to be the next pastor. I as District President also know of pastors in our synod and district who might be available for a move and it is my privilege to add those names to the nominations of the congregation. When that "call list" is complete, district headquarters seeks out the Personal Information File (PIF) and the Self-evaluation Tool (SET) that every pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has completed. When these files that contain personal information that the pastors answer to about thirty general ministry questions arrive, they are given by me to the call committee. It is their job then to look at these PIFs and SETs to determine which men are the very best option for the congregation. Usually they whittle down the list to 3, 4, or 5 names. These names are then presented to the congregation. The congregation holds a special call meeting and votes to extend her divine call to one of the men presented. At the conclusion of that vote, prayers are extended to heaven and the call documents with relevant information about the church are sent out to the man who has been called. It is now his job in the next two to four weeks to decide if the Lord wants him to remain at his current location or to in fact accept the divine call extended to him by our congregation here in New England. If he declines the call, with thankfulness to Jesus we start the process again. If he accepts our call, with thankfulness to Jesus we plan his installation as the next pastor for our people in our congregation!



In a nutshell, that is the process. It is a privilege as a district to be there for our people during a vacancy and to help them fill the need for securing the next pastor. I see it as one of my highest honors and most serious responsibilities as a District President. For the bond of pastor and people is indeed a sacred bond in the Lord. What a joy to be part of making that bond happen! And in the end, it is the Lord Himself who uses us to bring these blessings about. It is His Church. It is His Call. It is to His glory and the blessing of the people He loves!

New England District President Rev. Tim Yeadon



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

We celebrate together as **Douglas Donald Ballard** and **Chloe Renee Burke** were baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday March 26, 2017.



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.





HOLY WEEK

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

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS BACK...

This Easter the church will again hold its Continental Breakfast between the first and second services. Please join us for breakfast and for the opportunity of fellowship the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals.

Please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, quiches and egg casseroles. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

Questions? Contact Karen Weiland



2017 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The 2017 Softball season is upon us, consider joining the team or help cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games. We will play on at various fields in Cheshire and Hamden during the end of April thru June (except Mother's Day and Memorial Day).

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

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





COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...

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.



SAVE THE DATE—PASTOR’S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON...

We will be honoring and celebrating the retirement of Pastor Gustafson on Sunday, April 30th after the second service with a buffet luncheon at The Waverly Inn. Invitations have been mailed, please return your RSVS to CLC as soon as possible.

Please call Karen Weiland (203-250-1574) with any questions.



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

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. Jim Mertz will lead the sessions each week.

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2017

13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	21 Years
14 th	Eric & Maria Johnson	10 Years
24 th	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	63 Years
28 th	Ralph & Georgianna Schupp	70 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	57 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, April *Voters* meeting will be held Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.



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