

# The Heavenly Herald

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## FINAL PASTOR'S MESSAGE...



*May 14, 2017*

*Dear Members and Friends at CLC:*

*Few words can express the sincere thankfulness that both Kathy and I share for the kindness and care shown by the congregation through the wonderful retirement celebration and Sunday morning "birthday" sendoff.*

*We received many cards and notes which expressed appreciation for a ministry that lasted quite some time. It was a wonderful ministry that gave glory to God which he allowed me to lead and to share. The celebration of my retirement could not have been more fulfilling, not only because the speakers that day spoke so kindly and sincerely, but because so many came to express their recognition of a ministry that was a meaningful part of their lives.*

*In so many ways my ministry has been a journey which I believe the Holy Spirit has guided. I will always remember my work and labor at CLC which I know the Lord has blessed closing it in a manner that was simply wonderful.*

*May our good and gracious Lord continue to bless you all!*

*Yours in Christ,*

**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 )



Please keep our Call Committee in your daily prayers as they continue their important work. We are blessed to have such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers leading this process.

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

Greetings All,

First of all, thank you to everyone that attended Pastor Gustafson's retirement luncheon! We had right around 150 members, friends & guests in attendance and Pastor and Kathy were truly honored and touched by such an overwhelming sendoff. By the time you read this Pastor and Kathy will have officially departed Cheshire to begin the next phase of their lives in Delaware.

Special thanks to Pat DiDomizio for doing such a fantastic job while serving as MC for the retirement luncheon! Pat kept the entire event on pace, provided an element of entertainment, and kept the focus on Pastor G where it belonged.

Thank you to Karen Weiland for organizing this wonderful event, and for all the volunteers that jumped in to assist. Martha Henderson did a fabulous job of making the centerpieces, Karen Bailey acquired the gifts and did a beautiful job reading a special poem. Tim Weiland and Beth Soulier put together an impressive photo chronology of Pastor's time at CLC, Vicki DePaolo prepared and photo album depicting events and achievements throughout Pastor's career. Tim Weiland, assisted by Pastors Gustafson and Nuechterlein, created a beautiful calendar featuring our CLC Bell tower. I apologize if I forgot to mention any helpers – many hands made light work and CLC **always** has **many** hands!

Speaking of Pastor Nuechterlein, please continue to keep him and Gloria in your prayers as Pastor continues to fight the good fight and make progress on his recovery. We certainly look forward to seeing Pastor Nuechterlein back to good health and back to CLC. We also pray for Gloria as she plays such an instrumental role in Pastor's recovery.

For those that may not have been at church on Sunday 5/21, I was extremely pleased to announce that Judy DiDomizio has volunteered to serve in the very important Christian Education Deacon position. This position has been vacant since January and we are blessed to have someone so uniquely qualified step in and take the lead – Thank you Judy!!

I am happy to report that during our last Council meeting, it was reported that we are now at 99.05% of our Mission Plan. Thank you for staying current with your pledges! This is a great accomplishment and allows us to properly meet our financial obligations and stay current with our planned giving. Our challenge now is to continue this good work throughout the summer months.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and hope to see you in church on Sundays.

Please keep our Call Committee in your daily prayers as they continue their important work. We are blessed to have such a talented and dedicated group of volunteers leading this process.

Our next Council meeting will be **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 9:00 service, in the CLC library. The next Voter's meeting is **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff

Jeffrey A. Mann  
Parish President, CLC

*The Heavenly Herald is published for members and friends of Cheshire Lutheran Church.*

**Church Staff**

*TBD-Pastor*

*Carol Santoro-Office Manager*

*Martha Medford-Organist & Choir Director*

*Jeff Mann-Parish President*

*Beth Soulier-Editor*

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

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

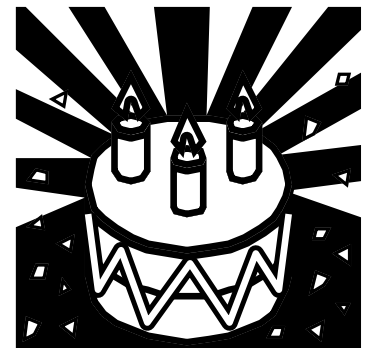
Lynn Balash	Diane Taylor	Emily Soulier	Christina Webster
Christina Plantier	Judy DiDomizio	Erich Strunk	Carolyn Carrington
Jonathan Schrumm	Todd Plantier	Paul Emerick	Wendy Emerick
	Steve Feero	Todd Peters	

Superintendents - Carlene Myers & Andy Schaefer



## JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

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



# Service Reminder!

- ⌚ 9:00 AM Services have begun now through Labor Day
- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic will be in September—See future announcements in the Sunday Bulletin and on the Bulletin Board!
- ⌚ September 10, 2017 - Resume two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM) & Sunday School begins with Rally Day

# June Servants

## THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!...

- \*New friends ☐
- \*Amazing experiments ☐
- \*Creative games ☐
- \*Lip-smacking snacks
- \*Surprising adventures ☐
- \*Incredible music

# CLC's Vacation Bible School

**Dates:** July 17 -21, 2017

**Time:** 9am to noon

**Ages:** 4 to those entering 5th grade

**Contact:** the church office at (203) 272-5106 for further details, or go to:

[www.cheshirelutheran.org](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org) where you will find a registration form. Simply download and complete the form (PDF format) and return to our CLC office.

Register soon to secure a spot!



**YOUTH:** We need your help at VBS! We guarantee you will have a great time, and that you'll make the week memorable for the younger children! Sign up on the youth bulletin board or email Judy DiDomizio at [jdidomizio@aol.com](mailto:jdidomizio@aol.com)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR JUNE 2017...

Many thanks to students & teachers for a job well done. Yes, it was a very different schedule and I thank you all for raising to the occasion and hanging in there. Moving forward, Please mark your calendars for July 17-21 2017 for VBS & September 10, 2017 Sunday school Rally Day. Speaking of Sunday school; I'm calling on all people of our congregation to consider perhaps helping out with teaching. Ideally three teachers per grade lightens the teaching load considerably. Giving all flexible schedules.

Please have an Enjoyable & SAFE summer. Hebrews 13:5-6

In Christ,  
Carlene Myers

✠ **September 10, 2017**—Sunday School resumes with Rally Day.



# Happy Fathers Day!



## SUMMER SERVICE "REFRESHMENT" FELLOWSHIP...

We commence this wonderful fellowship on Sunday June 18th. We will be serving refreshments after the service. We always look forward to this time for weekly fellowship, so please plan on staying after service for a short while.

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

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2017



1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Joy McHugh	60 Years
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim and Elaine Schlupp	29 Years
8 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Linda Gancarz	43 Years
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alan & Kristen Green	31 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	65 Years
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	55 Years
21 <sup>st</sup>	Craig & Kathy Wilson	37 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	48 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	William & Deborah Sherman	34 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Julie Lamb	25 Years
	Erich & Monica Strunk	2 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Judy Giamarco	23 Years



## VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

When you get a chance, visit our new website. Thanks to Steve Ferro and Bill Juul for keeping our website up to date. 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.

## 2017 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The very exciting 2017 Softball season has begun. Join the team (must be 15 or over) or consider helping to cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games:

**First team listed is HOME team**

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at Hamden Middle School

CLC vs. City Church

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School

Mt. Carmel vs. CLC

*Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> No Games—Fathers Day!*

Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School

CLC vs. Spring Glen

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



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**HARK THE HERALD READERS' PAGE**  
**LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO!**  
**SUMMER 2017**

Submitted by and Special Thanks to Debbie Sherman

From the **Gospel of John** (NIV)

Fill in the blanks:

**1 John 5:13**

**13** I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have e\_\_\_\_\_ life.

**John 1:12**

**12** Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become c\_\_\_\_\_ of God—

**John 3:16**

**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not p\_\_\_\_\_ but have eternal life.

**John 3:18**

**18** Whoever believes in him is not c\_\_\_\_\_, but whoever does not believe stands c\_\_\_\_\_ already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

**John 3:36**

**36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's w\_\_\_\_\_ remains on them.

**John 6:35**

**35** Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be t\_\_\_\_\_.

**John 7:38**

**38** Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, r\_\_\_\_\_ of living water will flow from within them."

*See Answers on Page 10*

## CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - CHURCH PICNIC DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER...



The church picnic is being delayed until after Labor Day this coming September. The church calendar this year has been unusually busy and it seemed that it would be better to have a picnic in September. So, when summer is coming to an end, please look for announcements and sign-ups.

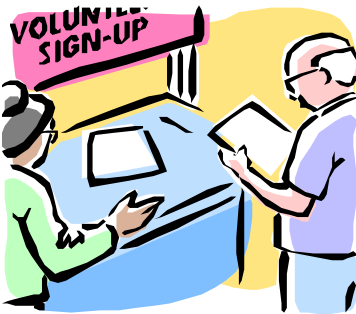
Fellowship Committee  
Karen Weiland

### 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:*

- † Cheshire Strawberry Festival—Craft Fair Information
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † VBS Information
- † LCEF Lunch and Learn Information
- † National Day of Prayer Information
- † CWS Blanket Sunday Information
- † CLC Spirit Softball Sign up Sheet—Schedule
- † New England LCMS Preparedness Workshop Information
- † Sunday Morning Greeters: Are especially needed now that we are in transition. Prayerfully consider being a Sunday Morning Greeter!
- † Hope Center 2017 volunteer sign-ups
- † 1st Sunday Food Drive Sign-Ups
- † Sunday Coffee Hour Sign-Ups
- † Mountain Laurel Zone Spring Rally Information
- † 2017 Usher Schedule



#### *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.
- † 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



# Bible Studies at CLC

## ALL BIBLE STUDIES...

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



# Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the May Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- † Many thanks also to Martha Medford for leading our children in song & praise this Sunday School year!
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Gracious thank you to Ed Schweizer, Tim Weiland and Randy Raddatz for for seeing to it that our lawn and grounds at CLC stay beautiful. We are blessed that you take on these beautifying tasks out of your love for our Church and Congregation....



## 2018 PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEY TO SCANDINAVIA...

A "TRAVEL EVENING" with Pastor Greg Wismar was 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 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016...UPDATE

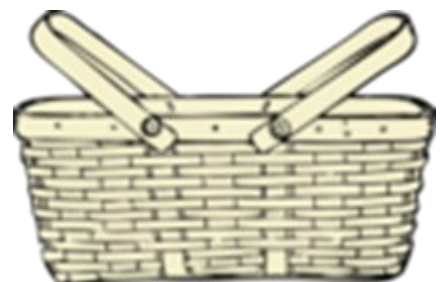
The Women's Retreat was held on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Retreat House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. 20 ladies attended this special event. We spent the morning viewing Oprah Winfrey Presents, Mitch Albom's "For One More Day". We then discussed it as we also listened to the author explain many of the discussion questions.. We all enjoyed a delicious lunch, the beautiful surroundings of the Guest House & Conference Center and the wonderful fellowship of our CLC sister's and friends.



## CLC ANNUAL PICNIC...

Mark your calendars, and start planning now to come to our annual Church Picnic which will be later this year. Due to all the recent activities and goings on, we will have our Picnic in September. Check the Sunday Bulletins and Bulletin Board for more information during the summer. This is always a fun family fellowship event. Bring the entire family for some great fun and a few surprises!

Karen Weiland





## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

With Memorial day here, the summer season is just beginning. This is a time of picnics and vacations. It is an excellent time to invite others to our church. As we search for a new pastor our church still proclaims the Gospel message every Sunday. People still need to hear about love that comes from knowing Jesus. We will be conducting a Vacation Bible school in July. The work of the church is not seasonal, it continues all year long. We need everyone's participation to continue our journey with our Savior.

Mark your calendars – There will be an Evangelism Committee meeting on Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

John Balash, Evangelism Deacon



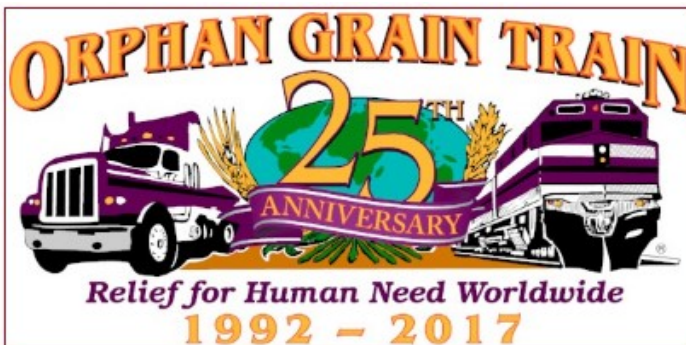
## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Sunday morning coffee hour will be taking a break over the Summer in lieu of Summer Lemonade, Iced Tea and snacks. Volunteers will still be needed once the Summer is over! In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers. Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!

## NEWS FROM YOUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

This summer we will be donating School Kits to The Orphan Grain Train.. We can deliver the school kits directly to the Orphan Grain Train branch in Terryville, CT, saving us the shipping costs.

Collection of school supplies will begin Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and end August 20<sup>th</sup>. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway. Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance.



Items being collected include:

- ✦ Spiral notebooks
- ✦ Pens & pencils
- ✦ Construction paper
- ✦ Crayons
- ✦ Glue sticks
- ✦ Blunt scissors
- ✦ Washable Markers
- ✦ Protractors

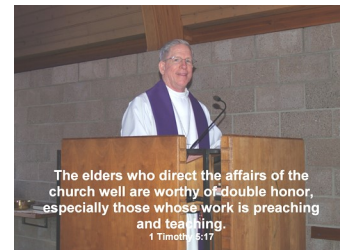
### Answers from Page 7:

Answers: 1) eternal 2) children 3) perish 4) condemned 5) wrath 6) thirsty 7) rivers

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PASTOR G...

Pastor G and Kathy will be sharing their address and other contact information when they get settled in their new home the “wonderland that is Delaware”. In the mean time, you can contact him via email at:

coachrev@sbcglobal.net



## 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
- ✚ Photos from recent Baptisms and Sunday School
- ✚ VBS Information—Sign-Ups
- ✚ Pastor Gustafson’s Retirement Luncheon movie
- ✚ CLC Memorial Bell 50th Anniversary movie
- ✚ Pastor Gustafson’s Birthday and Farewell Service movie
- ✚ Pastor Gustafson’s Retirement Luncheon pictures and movie
- ✚ Pastor Gustafson’s Timeline movie



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

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



## 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.



## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

In gracious appreciation for the Choirs and Sunday School Children in their faithful service to Cheshire Lutheran.

The Youth Choir, the Bell Choir and the Parish Choir is an important part of each Sunday's service, as well as the Festival services throughout the year.

Another appreciation goes to the Sunday School singers. They have given the church members their time for singing in church and we all love to hear them sing.

Yours truly,  
Martha Medford



## 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.

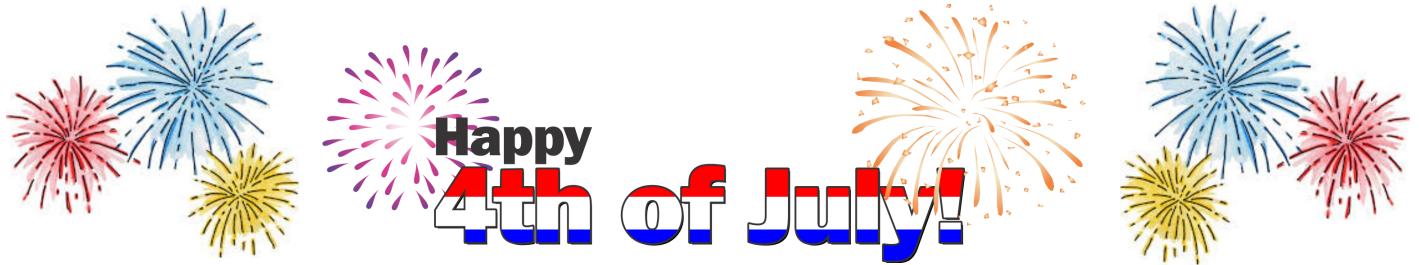
Please feel free to contact any Committee member below to request more information or to obtain an application. The Committee thanks the members and leaders of Cheshire Lutheran Church for their vision and support of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden.

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.



## REVISED 2017 USHER SCHEDULE ...

We will be adopting a one service schedule starting May 7. Since there will be higher attendance we need to have more ushers at each service. If you cannot make service, please try to arrange a replacement and notify head usher.

May 9:00 a.m.  
Diane Drust  
Don Drust  
Paul Smith  
Tim Weiland \*

July 9:00 a.m.  
Jim Mertz \*  
Jeff Mann  
Dave Veleber

September 9:00 a.m.  
John Shepard  
Jim Schaff  
Al Mayer \*  
Jon Tessler

November 9:00 a.m.  
Buzz Gancarz  
Kurt Lenz  
Larry Fiedler\*  
Paul Fiedler

June 9:00 a.m.  
Paul Emerick  
Bill Sherman \*  
Guy Mason

August 9:00 a.m.  
Ed Schweizer \*  
Nancy Schweizer  
Richard Hagstrom

October 9:00 a.m.  
Don Dobbs  
Andrew Clark  
Rob DeLaubell \*  
Curtis Pryde

December 9:00 a.m.  
Cliff Ongley  
John Shepard  
Joe Stark  
Tim Weiland \*

\* Denotes Head Usher for the month

## MOTHERS DAY BLANKET SUNDAY UPDATE...

Thanks to everyone who donated to date our Mother's Day Blanket Sunday program. We collected \$835. Dedications appeared in the Sunday Bulletin on May 14<sup>th</sup>. These donations exceed last year's by more than \$100!

Vicki DePaolo  
Social Welfare Deacon



## 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 and a new son, Issac born in February of 2017.

### 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



Isaac Philip Cima, baptized into Christ on May 21, 2017. Thanks be to God. 1 Peter 3:21-22, "Baptism... now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him."

- 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



## THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2017



10 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Karen Weiland	35 Years
	David & Meredith Natzel	2 Year
12 <sup>th</sup>	John & Peggy Tessler	36 Years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew & Emily Napp	8 Years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Carol Miller	4 Year
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Emese Ball	19 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	David & Judi Norton	49 Years

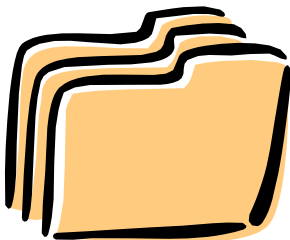


## SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...



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.

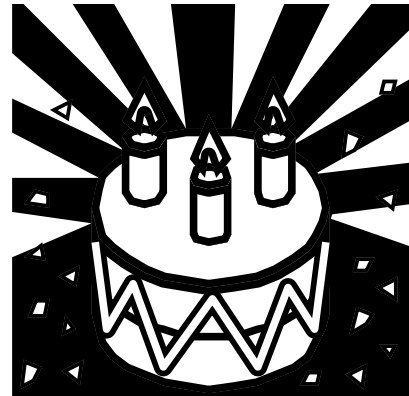
## NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?



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.

# JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th	Paula Ongley	17th	Ian Carrington
	Diane Drust	18th	Lisa Tyler
5th	Julia Plantier	20th	Brian Sherman
	Jordan Neff	22nd	CP Troemel
	Elsie Neuffer		Anne McBain
6th	Elizabeth Blair	24th	Carlene Myers
7th	Alex Hill	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
8th	Carol Miller	26th	Alfred Mayer
9th	Karen Weiland	27th	John Sherman
10th	Wilfred Demers		Robert Becker
11th	Elizabeth Stinson	28th	Eric Johnson
13th	Linda Gancarz	30th	Karen Hays
	Dorothy Dierolf	31st	Will Caron
14th	Max Muller		
15th	Debra Hajjar		
	Peter Mayer		
16th	Owen Kennelly		



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We have been busy at Little Cherubs!

In May we made May baskets, celebrated Cinco de Mayo by making maracas and paper tacos. We celebrated Windmill Day – The Netherlands for Memorial Day we made and red, white and blue pennants. We grew marigolds from seed to give to our Mothers on Mother’s Day. We observed the growth of carrot tops, sweet potato, potato, 4 O’clocks, parsley and butterfly flowers. We also observed caterpillars hatch into Painted Ladies and then we released them.

We continued studying our letters A - Z and our numbers 0-10. We also studied different shapes.

Bible Lessons:

We studied the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm “The Lord is my Shepard” and we made sheep. We learned about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and story of Joseph Coat and his coat of many colors. We also learned about sharing.

Later in the month we practiced songs for graduation which will be held in the Church Sanctuary on June 9, 2017 at 11:00 AM.

All are invited to see the children graduate.

We wish everyone a Happy Summer!

Martha and Joann

PS: We are looking for Thomas the Train sets or just trains and tracks. Also Lego’s and Dress up clothes for boys and girls. Not adult size.



## USE HIS MONEY WISELY....

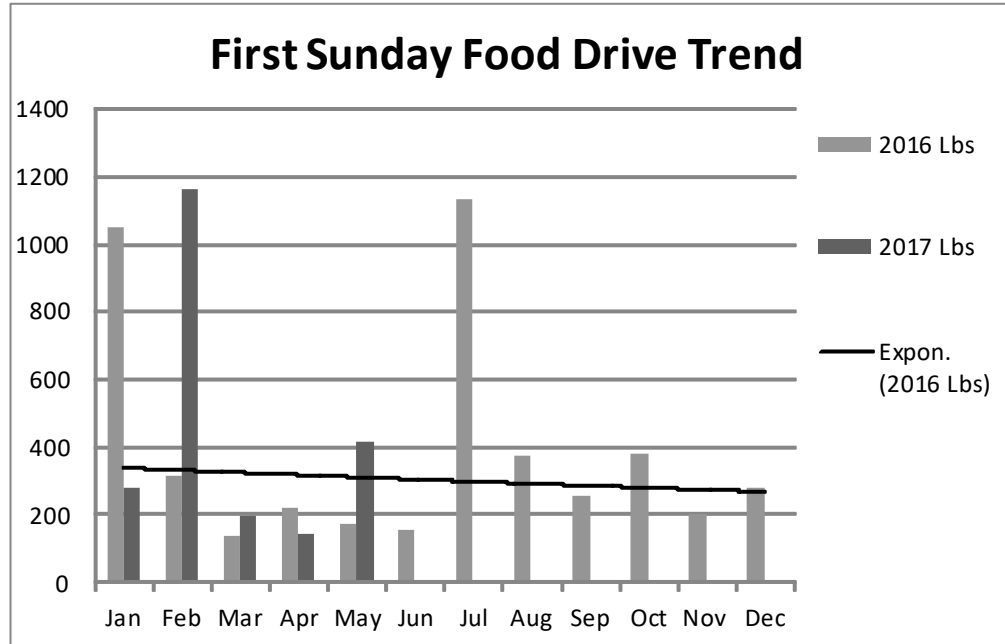
When the master gave his servants money to keep in his absence, he expected them to use it wisely. One wise use of the money the Lord gives us is to invest it with Church Extension Fund. Not only will it grow through interest, it will also be used to help congregations grow as they build, improve, and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





**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.

**GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!**

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)

New cards continue to be added to the display case. All cards sell for \$1.00 and monies can be left in the yellow box attached to the rack.

The ladies thank the congregation for their generous support and hope to continue their record of giving to various church ministries.

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

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





**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!**  
**(September 2017 Articles are Due!)**

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2017. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 25<sup>th</sup> or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth’s lateral file fold on the hallway table.

Thank You!



**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...**

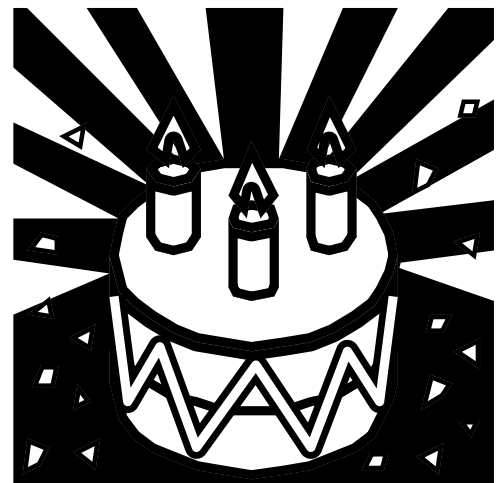
Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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



**AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER**

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|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Caroline Veleber    | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Alan Green          |
|                  | Paul Emerick        |                  | Maggie Strunk       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Tim Slocum          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Janice Matson       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Kurt Lenz           | 24 <sup>th</sup> | Colin Harding       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Daniella Wilde      | 25 <sup>th</sup> | Christine Smith     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Eleanor Verner      |                  | Alex Wilde          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Donald Drust, Sr.   | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Karen Smith         |
|                  | Julie Lamb          | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Laura Richter       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Andrew Clark        |                  | Matthew Emerick     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Hanna Mayer         | 28 <sup>th</sup> | James Matson        |
|                  | Thea Mayer          | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Patricia Greenhalgh |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Georgianna Schupp   | 31 <sup>st</sup> | Robert DeLaubell    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Douglas Henderson   |                  |                     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Matthew Ball        |                  |                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Richard Schellinger |                  |                     |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2017



5 <sup>th</sup>	Rob & Terri Daly	28 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	23 Years
6 <sup>th</sup>	James & Margie Mertz	51 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Wendy Emerick	17 Years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Alex & Daniella Wilde	12 Years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	William & Sandra Gayda	53 Years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve & Nancy Feero	21 Years
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	35 Years
31 <sup>st</sup>	James & Janice Matson	49 Years



## TEACHERS NEEDED!...



In order for our CLC Sunday school to continue to operate in an effective manner, we are always looking for folks to step up and do their part. We **team-teach** at CLC which means that each person is only obligated to prepare **13 lessons** during the school year. Schedules are flexible among the members of each team. We have thorough teacher guides that take you through each lesson step-by-step. It is not necessary to have a child currently in Sunday school as demonstrated by several of our current teachers.

There are many blessings attached to being an active part of the Sunday school. You become a good Christian role-model to your children. You get to know the young people at CLC much better. And finally, it can be spiritually enriching for you personally as you revisit many of the Bible stories of your own youth.

**HELP!** Please prayerfully consider volunteering some of your time for this important mission of Cheshire Lutheran Church. Talk to Andy or Carlene Myers if you would like to volunteer or if you'd like to learn more about the program. We could also use folks that are willing to be on a Substitute List.

## CLC HELPING HANDS...



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*

## NEWS AND UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE...

See Congregational Survey Results Summary on page 20. The Committee will also make this information available for review on the Bulletin Board.

As always, if you have questions, feel free to speak to any member of the Call Committee.

### The Cheshire Lutheran Church Call Committee:

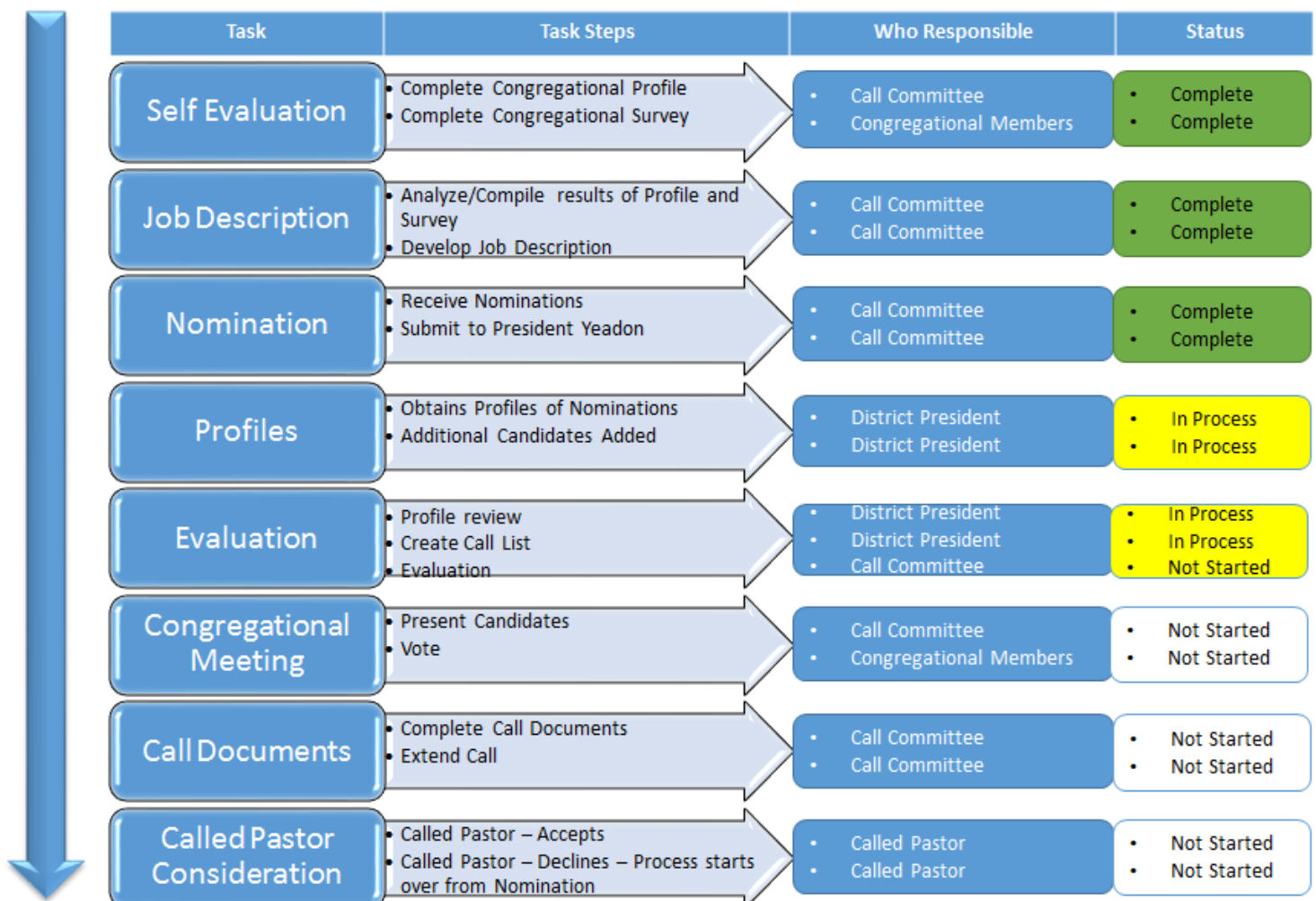
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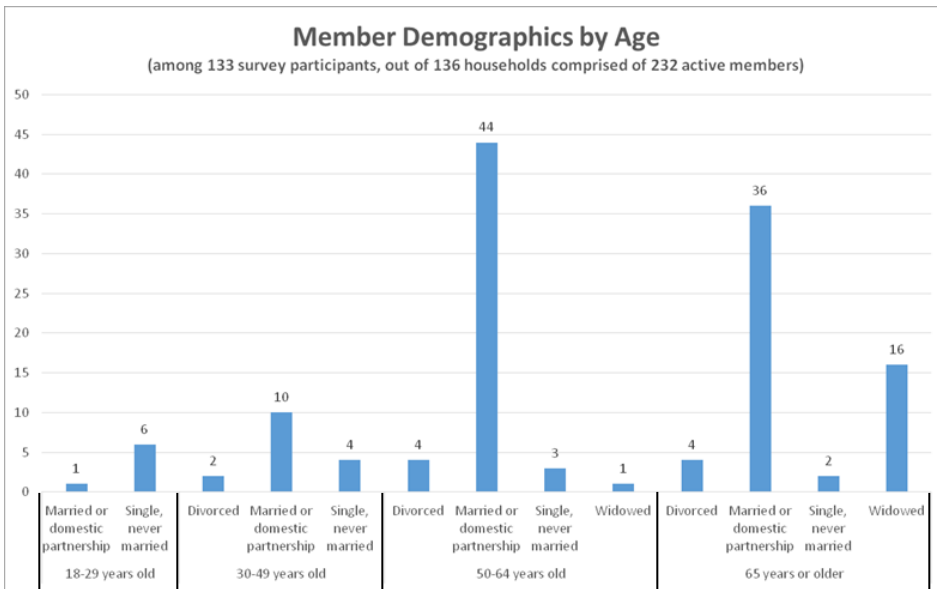
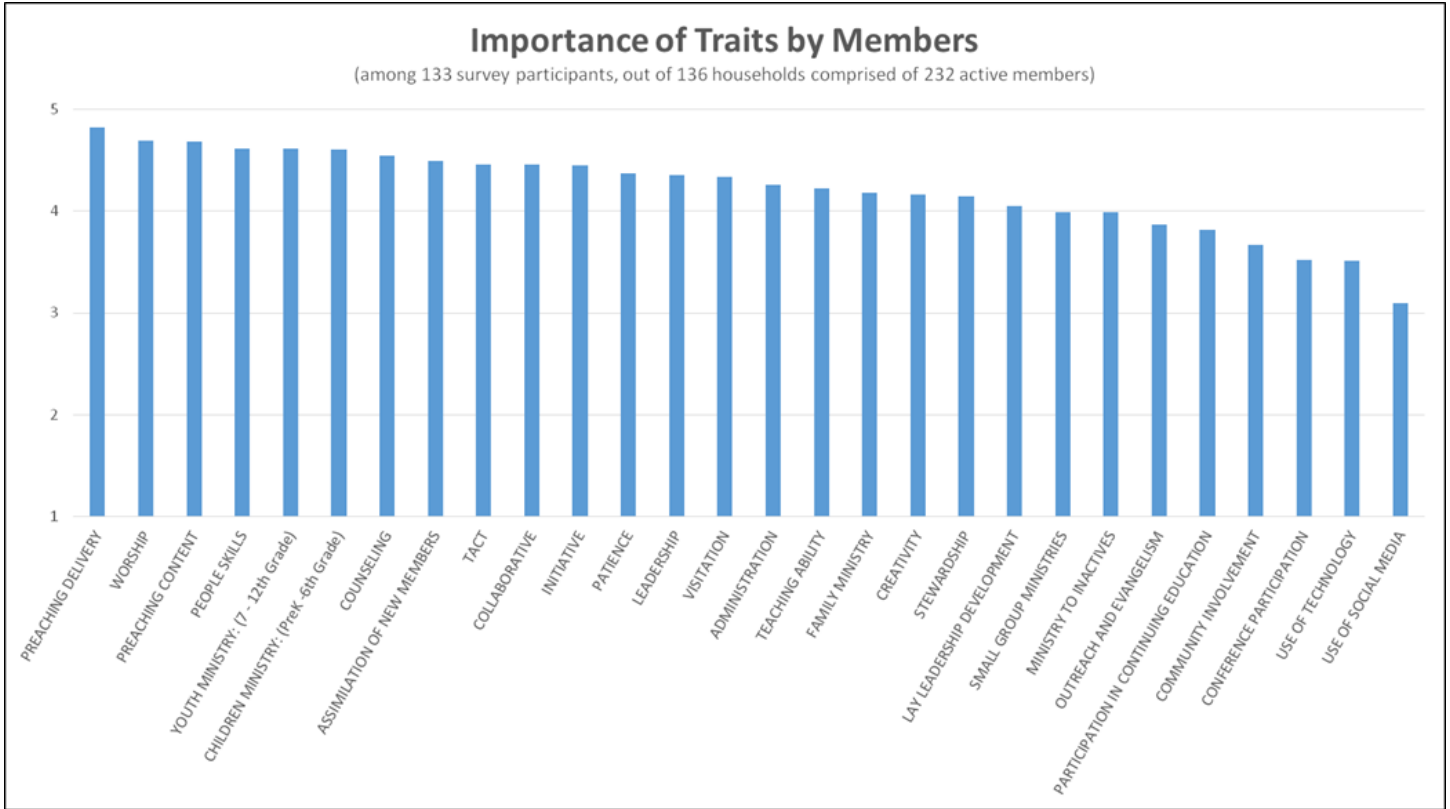
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Below is Task List and Status of the activities the Call Committee and You the Congregation must complete to Call a new Pastor to Cheshire Lutheran.

## Call Process at Cheshire Lutheran Church

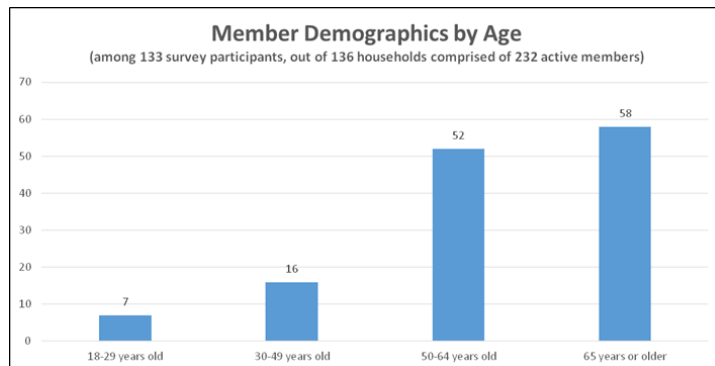


# CALL COMMITTEE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY...



Row Labels	Counts
<b>18-29 years old</b>	
Married or domestic partnership	1
Single, never married	6
<b>18-29 years old Total</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>30-49 years old</b>	
Divorced	2
Married or domestic partnership	10
Single, never married	4
<b>30-49 years old Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>50-64 years old</b>	
Divorced	4
Married or domestic partnership	44
Single, never married	3
Widowed	1
<b>50-64 years old Total</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>65 years or older</b>	
Divorced	4
Married or domestic partnership	36
Single, never married	2
Widowed	16
<b>65 years or older Total</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133</b>

Row Labels	Count
18-29 years old	7
30-49 years old	16
50-64 years old	52
65 years or older	58
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133</b>



## CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...

Carol Weinschel of Fairfield has supported over 35,000 soldiers from her house, primarily with Combat Aviation Brigades (CABs). These soldiers have been deployed numerous times with the 159th, 82nd, 101st, 16th and 1st CAB. Currently, she has adopted a headquarters unit from the 1st Infantry Division, the 82nd CAB, a special operations group and a combined joint task force from the 3rd Infantry Division. Soldiers continue to need the items we take for granted – toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lotion, soap, female items, emery boards, small notepads, hand wipes, tissues, snacks, gum, powdered drink mix (individual packets), coffee, cough drops, band-aids and always contributions towards postage. Treat bags have transformed from children's party bags to quart-sized bags; travel-size items are best for packing. In the words of one of the commanders: “thanks for all you do and your gifts were definitely heartfelt and on point”. Our soldiers continue to need our support and it is with the most sincere appreciation that I thank the Church in advance for your answering the call. You folks are truly the best.



We will be collecting the items to support this project at Church in May. You can chose any or all of the following items:

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|--|---|
| ✦ Band-Aids  | ✦ Money for Postage   |
| ✦ Batteries  | ✦ Mouthwash   |
| ✦ Beef Jerky                                       | ✦ Pens (ball point)   |
| ✦ Chap-stick                                       | ✦ Phone Cards (International)                                     |
| ✦ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate                         | ✦ Powdered drink mixes  |
| ✦ Cotton balls                                     | ✦ Power Bars  |
| ✦ Cough Drops                                      | ✦ Q-tips  |
| ✦ Crossword Puzzles                                | ✦ Shampoo   |
| ✦ Dental Floss                                     | ✦ Shaving Cream/Razors  |
| ✦ Dried Fruit                                      | ✦ Snacks (individual size pretzels, peanuts, chips, granola bars) |
| ✦ Eye Drops  | ✦ Soap/body powder/foot powder                                    |
| ✦ Eyeglass wipes                                   | ✦ Toothbrushes & toothpaste                                       |
| ✦ Frisbees (small size)                            | ✦ Trail Mix   |
| ✦ Greeting Cards (birthday, get well, anniversary) | ✦ Wet Ones (individually-wrapped)                                 |
| ✦ Gum  | ✦ Word Searches   |
| ✦ Mechanical pencils                               |   |



## 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



## **HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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



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

Sunday School will resume on September 10, 2017 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!

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

Please join us for 9:00 AM services through September 3rd . Also, remember to join us after the 9:00 AM services for our Lemonade Fellowship.

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

Mark your calendars, *Council* meetings will be held **Sunday June 4th after the Service**  
September *Voters'* meeting will be held, Sunday **September 10th after the Service**



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