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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Giving Up" For Lent

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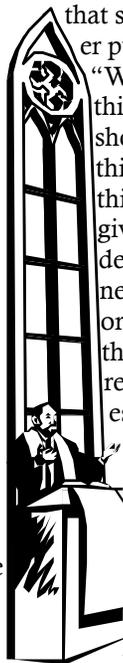
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We find ourselves in the heart of the Forty Days of Lent, with all the changes that the season brings. The paraments on the altar and the banner that hangs in our chancel are purple; we sing some different hymns, and there are parts of our liturgy we don't use and a certain word that we don't say (which begins with the letter "A"). Lent is a time when it is common for people to abstain from certain things. "What did you give up for Lent?" is the often-asked question, and the answers vary. For some, it's foods, like meat on Fridays, or chocolate, or coffee, or alcohol. Others give up activities or conveniences, things such as social media, and smartphones, and tablets (or, at the very least, giving up some of the time normally spent on them). Then there are people who give up certain "vices," shall we say, during Lent – things they know they shouldn't really be doing. My own household has had a bit of experience when it comes to giving up things this Lenten Season.

As Ash Wednesday approached this year, we sought to give up the possessions that we did not want to move with us from Bloomfield, New Jersey to our new congregation, our new home, in Cheshire, Connecticut. Some things we gave up to friends and acquaintances and family, finding new homes for possessions that had been ours. Other things we gave up to the people from the town Department of Public Works, as they collected boxes of recycling and bags of things we threw away. When the time of the move came, there were still things that we wanted to give up, and that we will continue to give up, in the weeks and months ahead. But,

really, all of that is not what people have in mind when they ask, "What did you give up for Lent?"

How about you, "What did you give up for Lent?" Was it a food you could live without, a vice you should be avoiding anyway, or maybe an activity that was taking up time that should have actually been spent on other pursuits? All too often, the answer to "What did you give up for Lent?" is something that we really could, or really should, be living without. We give up things that are not as difficult as we might think or feel, things that we actually can give up by sheer force of will or by sheer determination. What each of us really needs to be giving up for Lent is not food, or convenience, or vice, but sin – the sins that weigh us down and which make the repentance of the Lenten Season so necessary.



This Lent, give up anger and frustration, give up envy and avarice, give up fear and doubt and worry. Give up jealousy and pettiness, give up criticizing and condemning, give up judging and gossiping. There are so many things that we ought to give up for Lent – not just for Lent, but for always. It sounds so nice, it sounds so noble, it sounds so Christian, and it sounds so impossible. It sounds impossible because it is impossible. Our entire lives are spent trying to give up the sins to which our fallen human nature is drawn; we struggle to give up all the temptations into which the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh would lead us. The frustrating

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 11, 2018.**
 Move your clocks **ahead** 1 hour so you are not late for Church!



COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Worship Services:
9:00 am
(Nursery Care Available)

Sunday School
10:10 am

Adult Bible Classes:
After Service

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



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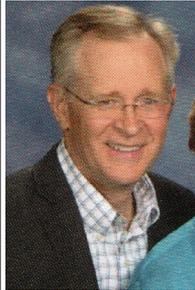
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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The first Church Council and Voters Assembly meetings of 2018 were held during February with all Deacons submitting reports and an excellent turnout of our Voters. A good portion of the Voters Assembly meeting was focused on topics about Pastor Rowold's then approaching arrival.



By the time this edition of our Heavenly Herald is published, Pastor Rowold has begun his ministry with our congregation. I and all of our staff – Martha, Carol and preschool teachers Joanne, Martha and Cindy will have met with him during his first week 'on the job'. All of our Deacons are anticipating meeting with Pastor Rowold very shortly.

As I recently addressed our Voters Assembly, I'd like to share a few of my thoughts about our congregation's transition to our new Shepherd. Whether you have experienced no, one, or several pastoral transitions in your congregational life, we all understand that such a change can often be a bit of a challenge. At Cheshire Lutheran Church, we have been blessed with only 3 pastors over the past 60-year span! While that speaks wonders of the pastors that CLC has been blessed by Him to have had, it also speaks volumes about everyone who has called CLC his or her church home.

While our Call Committee members diligently worked to seek candidates that they trusted and prayed would be the "right fit" for CLC, Pastor Rowold also had to evaluate, trust and pray that CLC would be the "right fit" for him and his family. So, as we have Called and Installed him as our new Shepherd, let's all strive to make Pastor Rowold feel, in accepting our Call with the Lord's guidance, that he has come to the right place. To accomplish that, I am asking each congregation member to consider these 5 measures:

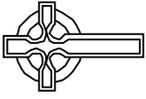
Be open to change as our Shepherd leads us. We believe he will respect CLC traditions and practices, and will be collaborative when he sees, or we see, opportunities for change arise

1. Let him get settled in and set his pace. He will learn who we are as a congregation as he meets with our Deacons and staff and gets to know each of us.
2. Tell him your name, each time you speak with him. Give him time to remember you.
3. Be open to change as our Shepherd leads us. We believe he will respect CLC traditions and practices, and will be collaborative when he sees, or we see, opportunities for change arise.
4. Give him encouragement and when he asks for your help - say "yes".
5. Lastly, but not the least, pray for him, Tricia and Sarah.

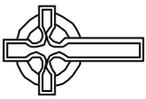
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Lent 2018

Begins Wednesday, February 14. Ends Saturday, March 31.



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March

March Servants

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truth is, so often we fail to give them up. That's why week after week, when we confess our sins during those moments of silence at the beginning of the Divine Service, we end up confessing the same sins time and time again.

That is also why Christ Jesus gave up everything, not for Lent, but for you – YOU. He gave up His heavenly throne, laying aside all the power and glory that was His as the only-begotten Son of God for YOU. He gave up His mother and family, His friends and His followers for YOU. He gave up His humility and His honor, His health and even His very life, for YOU. Our Lord Jesus gave up literally everything for YOU – to buy you back from sin, death, and the devil, to rescue you from the threatening perils of your sins. All that we cannot give up, all the sins and trespasses and iniquities, Christ Jesus takes from you and carries it Himself to His cross; all that belonged to Christ – His holiness, His righteousness, His life – He freely gives it up to you, giving it to you by His Word and Sacrament in the Divine Service.

This Lenten Season, DO give up something for Lent. Give up trying to please God all by yourself. Give up the anxiety or the worry that you do not measure up. Give up the fear or the doubt or the anger that keeps you from His house. Give up anything and everything that is preventing you hearing God's Word and from receiving His Sacraments. Christ Jesus is ready and waiting to give His forgiveness, His life, His salvation as a free gift – all that is missing is YOU.

God bless and keep you, and see you in Church,

In Christ,
Pastor R



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Our Council members and Deacons welcome your questions, suggestions and concerns about our CLC ministries, so please let the appropriate Deacons, Pastor Rowold or me, know of them. My contact information is:

✠ home telephone number: 203-272-3715

✠ email address: president@cheshirelutheran.org or bill@wshermancpa.com

I hope to see you in church! Yours, in Christ's service,

Bill

William C. Sherman
CLC Council President



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (April 2018 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **March 16th** 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



A MESSAGE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE...



The Cheshire Lutheran Church Call Committee:

Left to Right:

- ✝ Steve Feero
- ✝ Craig Wilson - Alternate
- ✝ Ethel Daly- Alternate
- ✝ Ed Schweizer - Alternate
- ✝ Pat DiDomizio - Chair
- ✝ Beth Soulier
- ✝ Don Drust
- ✝ Carol Santoro - *missing*

This is the first of a two part message that will conclude with the April edition of the Heavenly Herald. Much of what follows was presented to our CLC congregation through announcements during the CALL process. I feel it warrants repeating.

First, I know I speak for myself and my colleagues on our CALL COMMITTEE when I attempt to express how honored we are for being chosen to serve, and how grateful we are for the trust and confidence shown to us throughout our search to recommend a pastor to serve and lead God's saints at CLC.

As I reflect on the makeup of our committee I am reminded that, from my point of view, it was a group guided by the Holy Spirit which brought commitment, expertise, knowledge and spirituality to the task. We were a blend of energy, thoughtfulness, caring, wisdom and seriousness, however, we allowed ourselves to demonstrate a sense of humor when called for.

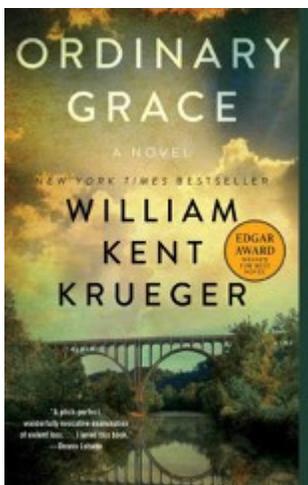
Second, I want to commend the Call Committee formed on February 14, 1994. That committee included Priscilla Mulvaney Hilton Roth, Carolyn Bammann, Kurt Lenz, Kristen Donewald, Roy Walls and Paula Pierson. That group left behind a file of documents, surveys, letters and notes that were extremely helpful to the 2017 committee. They did so without the benefit of the technology and technical expertise enjoyed by the 2017 committee.

It is important to note that the protocol suggests three to five recommendations be provided to the congregation indicating the number one choice, the number two choice—and so on. From those selections the number one pastor is to be called. If that pastor declines, the protocol clearly dictates the Call Committee shall not automatically move to call the second choice—but to, “go back to the drawing board,” review previously submitted PIFs and SETS, and seek additional PIFs and SETs.

The process noted above thankfully brought the Rev. Doctor David Rowold to our attention as his PIF and SET were not included in the initial submissions received by our committee in February 2017.

Our final message in the April edition of the HH just might be entitled—DELIVERANCE!!!

Pat DiDomizio
Call Committee Chair



CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018...

Our 11th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 5th at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger. This title is stated deep in the story, when the bereaved mother snarls at her man-of-God husband over the dinner table: “Can’t you, just this once, offer an ordinary grace?” By that time, the reader has already witnessed numerous acts of grace among characters strained by tragedy. Please plan on joining us in May for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. The registration fee including lunch is \$42.

Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810

Rev. Dr. Rowold Installation February 25, 2018



SO, WHAT WAS THAT LITTLE PLANNING GROUP UP TO ANYWAY?...

Since we announced on January 14th that Rev. Rowold accepted our congregation's Call, a group of individuals were meeting regularly to plan for the numerous aspects and details of his arrival. Some of the tasks have been:

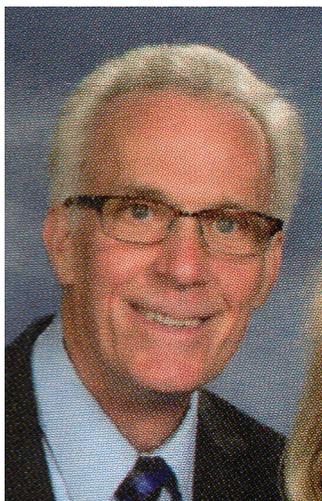
- ✠ Contacting moving companies and coordinating with Tricia Rowold;
- ✠ Keeping abreast of the parsonage readiness;
- ✠ Planning a move-in date and work starting date;
- ✠ Arranging for publicity;
- ✠ "Helping Hands" efforts to provide a few meals and some household essentials upon arrival;
- ✠ Coordinating our remaining few worship services with substitute pastors, including Ash Wednesday and the first mid-week Lent services;
- ✠ Planning the Installation service with other clergy's input; designing and printing a service bulletin;
- ✠ Preparing and mailing invitations to the Installation service to local clergy;
- ✠ Planning for the reception after the Installation service;
- ✠ Reviewing compensation, benefits and fingerprinting procedures;
- ✠ Assisting with daughter Sarah's school enrollment;
- ✠ Tidying up the Pastor's office;
- ✠ Developing an outline for Pastor's orientation to CLC.



Thanks to all those involved!

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
March 7 - Wednesday 3rd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	No Youth Choir Rehearsal		
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 8 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 11 - Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
March 14 - Wednesday 4th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Organ
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 15 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 18 - Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent—1st Communion	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	9:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 21 - Wednesday 5th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	No Youth Choir Rehearsal		
	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 22 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 25 - Sunday Palm Sunday	8:15 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	8:35 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	9:00 AM	Performance	Sunday School & Parish Choir
March 28 - Wednesday	No Youth Choir Rehearsal		
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 29 - Thursday Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 30 - Friday Good Friday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Sax



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

During the season of Lent, we gather as a community to worship together and inspire each other as we look forward to our future life of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a community, we celebrate God’s everlasting love, drawing us closer to Him. Through Jesus’ life, sacrifice and Resurrection, we all are serving as members of Christ’s body ... the Church. In a word, we belong to one another.

Since we are “the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27), we should bring in others who need, for whatever reason, to be drawn to God. Please give prayerful consideration to asking a relative, a close friend, a neighbor or perhaps even a complete stranger to be part of our family as we move together during this Lenten season. There are many upcoming opportunities from our Wednesday evening Soup and Salad, Bible study and Worship Service to our regular Sunday Worship Service, culminating with our Holy Week and Easter Sunday services. Help others to understand that because He lives, we also live!

Alan Spose
Evangelism Deacon

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We are loving writing this message to you. We feel so bonded to all of you in a very special way. We have a very special wish for you this year.

We Wish For You!

Sunshine in your heart, no matter what the Weather is outdoors,
the gift of friends and family surrounding you,
safety and ease and fun where ever you may go,
the joy of miracles awakening within,
the love entering all aspects of your life and those you love,
good food, fun laughter, cheer and
God's Blessings in your life and in the lives of all those you love.



February was a short but busy month.

We have been working on our senses -Smell, Touch, See, Hear, Taste.

Taste:

The taste part was great for the children for they tasted bitter chocolate, sweet chocolate, sour lemon and we couldn't believe how many children loved the lemons and actually ate them.

Sight:

The children learned about Brail and made their first letter or their name and first letter of their last name in Brail.

Hearing:

We talked about people who cannot hear and they learned about sign language.

We had two Dentists come in. For the 4's we had Drs. Erwich and Celliers and for the 3's we had Dr. Amy Vincent come in. Her son goes to school here and she is our consultant.

For Valentine's Day we had a little party and the children had decorated a white bag so that all the valentine's cards could be passed out. We made a Fish Heart for the Bulletin Board and we made Heart Hand Prints for our Second bulletin board by the church office.

Another theme we worked on was Animals in Winter and how they survive throughout winter. Many of our children come in with dinosaurs in the morning so we did a dinosaur theme.

The letter's we worked on was N,O,P, Q, R and the Number's we worked on was 1, 2, 3 for review.

We can't forget about President's Day! The children learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

We love that Miss Cindy is here with her guitar. The songs just keep flowing from her tunes.

The center is growing, growing and growing. We now have 16 three year old's and fourteen 4 year old's.

We look forward to our New Pastor, Rev. Rowold. We have missed our special time with songs and praise that we used to have with Pastor Charlie.

Have a Blessed Month,
Miss Joann, Miss Martha and Miss Cindy

CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

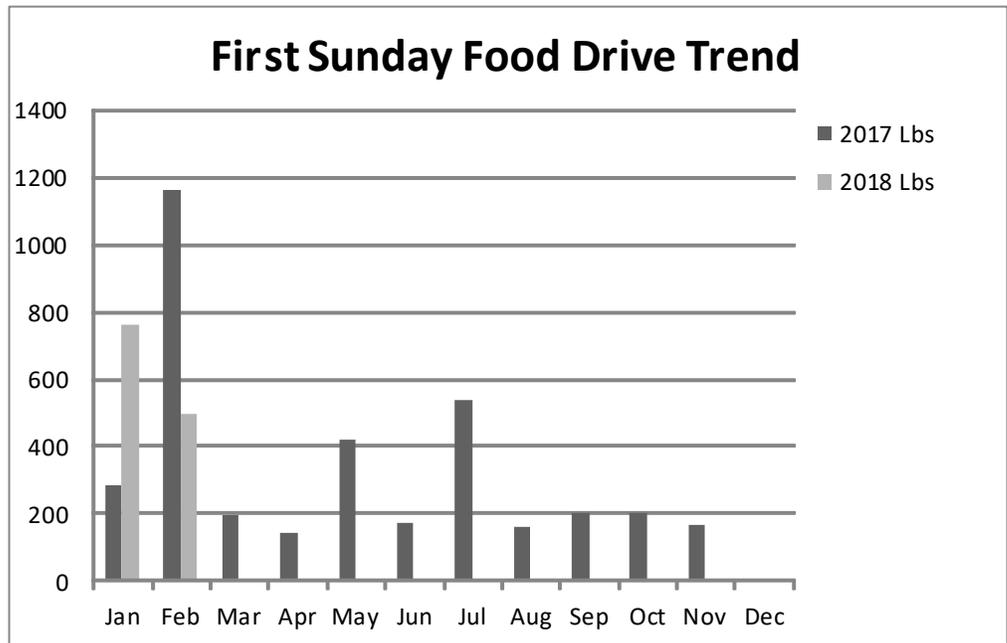
Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.





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 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).

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Thank you again for getting the Mission Plan off to a good start this year. Normally, my articles focus on pledging and contributions. This month I want to discuss another potential source of revenue. This one is essentially **free money**.

I am talking about **Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Many of you have accounts with Thrivent Financial. If you do, you should be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. This is a program run by Thrivent whereby Thrivent members can direct where Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. Cheshire Lutheran Church is an eligible organization to receive these funds. But CLC needs you to make sure you contact Thrivent and direct them to dedicate your 2017 Choice Dollars to CLC.

Regardless of whether you got a reminder in the mail or not, I ask you to please contact Thrivent and direct your dollars to be contributed to CLC. This program provides a couple thousand dollars to the Church, but it could mean even more because only a percentage of members actually direct their funds. A significant percentage of members of CLC who are also Thrivent members never direct the funds at all (even to other organizations). Without the direction, your Choice Dollars will expire and not be distributed to any organization.

REMEMBER: You have to make a specific direction each year. They do not assume that your past directions are your current directions.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available 2017 Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity [to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to](#) Cheshire Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Notwithstanding the deadline of March 31st, please contact Thrivent by mail or phone call by March 17th in order to ensure your dedication is processed by March 31st. Please take a few minutes to contact Thrivent and direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CLC. Thank you.

If you have any questions, you can also contact your Thrivent representative, Mark Manning, at 203-241-0858 or our Thrivent Congregational Advocate, Alan Spose, at 203-623-1650.

Additionally, please remember that it is never too late to submit your 2018 pledge.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



SUNDAY HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONS...

Students in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to attend High School Devotions during the education hour on Sundays from 10:10 to 11:10 a.m. Meet in the Youth Room with other teens in your faith community, discuss basic Bible themes, and how they can be applied to your daily life as a Christian. Share ideas and everyday challenges. Grow in faith together and participate in activities to serve God, your church and community.

[LCMS Youth Gathering](#)

The National Youth Gathering will be held in July of 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Start getting ready to join thousands of Lutheran teens from throughout the country in worship, fellowship, and service projects!





LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
3 rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 7, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
4 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 14, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
5 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 21, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

On Sunday January 14, 2018, CLC installed the following Deacons and Officers:



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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| President | William Sherman |
| Vice President | Steve Feero |
| Recording Secretary | Terry Daly |
| Financial Secretary | Bill Soulier |
| Treasurer | Karen Smith |
| Deacon of Christian Growth Fund | Alan Santoro |
| Deacon of Education | Judy DiDomizio |
| Deacon of Evangelism | Alan Spose |
| Deacon of Fellowship | Karen Weiland |
| Deacon of House & Grounds | Andy Clark |
| Deacon of Social Welfare | Dotti Dierolf |
| Deacon of Stewardship | David Veleber |
| Deacon of Worship | David Schrumm |
| Deacon of Youth | Brad Shick |



May God Bless their important works! We are very grateful for their wonderful talents and dedication! Heartfelt thank you to out-going council member Jeff Mann, John Balash & Vicki DePaolo who have faithfully served our congregation. Well done, good and faithful servant!

THRIVENT CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE UPDATE...

Thrivent Financial believes that all we have is a gift from God and generosity is an expression of faith. Thrivent offers members many opportunities to “Live Generously” including the Choice Dollar Program and the Action Team Program.

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. According to Thrivent, \$3,109.00 in Choice Dollars was directed to Cheshire Lutheran Church from 10 Thrivent members for the 2017 program year. In comparison, during the 2016 program year, \$5,235.00 in Choice Dollars was directed by 21 Thrivent members. As always, 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, 2018** to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars to support organizations. After this date, any undirected 2017 Choice Dollars will expire. To direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state “Thrivent Choice” or log on to the Thrivent website at: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Please keep in mind that Good Friday falls on March 30 this year and Thrivent will be closed. In addition, Thrivent will be closed Saturday, March 31. It is therefore recommended that Choice Dollars be directed by mid-March to avoid missing the deadline.

Thrivent’s **Action Team Program** gives members the ability to become personally involved in meeting a need in the congregation or 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. Please watch future editions of the Heavenly Herald for information on how the program works, how CLC Thrivent members have used Action Team funds and specific details on potential future uses.

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.



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 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.





Pasonage Before - After Transformation



Birthright International

Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies. We have chapters across Canada, the United States, and Africa, as well as a 24/7 North American toll-free Helpline. Birthright is supported by devoted volunteers and private donations.

Love and Affection

Many Birthright volunteers and clients feel a special affection for Louise Summerhill- an ordinary woman who did something extraordinary to help others. Events in her own life helped her understand the feelings pregnant girls might experience, including feelings of loneliness, fear of criticism, tension with parents, and even the shock of finding oneself unexpectedly pregnant.

Humble Beginning

Birthright began very humbly in 1968, with a one-room office and only \$300 in the bank. But Louise's steady leadership and powerful vision ensured that the new pregnancy service survived. In later years, Louise was glad the organization did not begin with a lot of money because it caused Birthright to rely on the "good hearts and hard work of volunteers". Over forty-five years later, Birthright International remains true to Louise's original vision of personal, one-on-one contact in helping relationships. Louise's Birthright means "approachability and informality" for clients and volunteers, instead of bureaucracy and meetings in highly structured, business-like environments.

A Different, more Universal Approach

Birthright takes a non-moralistic, non-judgmental approach toward helping women through their pregnancy dilemmas. Louise regretted the fact that some young unmarried mothers were belittled or ostracized by their relatives: "I can never see anything wrong with any of them." At Birthright, Louise recreated the supportive homelike environment they deserved. Moreover, Louise helped formulate a Charter, followed by all Birthright chapters worldwide, to define Birthright's services, to ensure that pregnant women receive the same considerate treatment at every Birthright chapter, and to help volunteers preserve Birthright's good reputation in the future.

Louise Summerhill's Legacy

On her death, three of Louise's daughters assumed the Co-presidency of Birthright International. Mary Berney, Stephenie Fox and Louise R. Summerhill served as CoPresidents until 2017, when Mary retired from Birthright after over 30 years of dedicated service. Stephenie and Louise remain as CoPresidents of Birthright International, Stephenie Fox, a CPA, oversees financial matters, while Louise R. Summerhill, a practicing lawyer, who provides legal support as needed. Stephenie and Louise are committed to their mother's vision of Birthright and to ensuring that her legacy lives on as long as Birthright is needed. Louise Sr.'s legacy has also taken hold in her family's next generation: her granddaughter, Victoria Summerhill Fox, works in the Birthright International head office. This multi-generational legacy plays itself out in Birthright chapters all over the world!

Birthright operates nearly 300 chapters across Canada, the United States and in Africa. We also have a 24/7 toll-free Helpline, so help is always nearby. Birthright is interdenominational, non-political and supported by volunteers and private donations. To contact your local Birthright, click on the Locations tab and enter your city and country. For additional help or information, email us at contact@birthright.org or call our toll-free Helpline 1-800-550-4900.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MARCH 2018...

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and in the end He will stand on the earth. Job 19:25



During this season of Lent I request of the Sunday school children to reflect & Be Thankful for what God & Jesus gave up for us. Instead of giving up something for Lent, begin a habit of singing praises to God every day. In Thanksgiving in abundance till it overflows. By the time lent is over it will have become a daily thing for you. Believe me the rewards are endless! Try it You will like it!

For the past 6 weeks we have been learning Bible stories from the book of Acts. These stories will continue for the next 7 weeks along with 2 extra Bible stories for Palm Sunday and Easter!

The book of Acts is very inspiring and it encourages us as Christians to look at our "Christianity" as more than going to church. It is also allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in all the affairs of our lives. He came to help & empower us in every area of our lives, not just the parts we call "spiritual." We are not to divide our lives into secular and sacred; everything about us belongs to God & He wants to be involved in all of it!"

*Joyce Meyers' notes from the Amplified version of the Bible.

In closing; I want to apologize for missing the dead line for the January Heavenly Herald. I wanted to Praise the 19 Strong along with Martha Medford & Sunday school staff, who presented the Christmas pagant! The 19 children sounded like 119. Clear, Crisp, Not screaming. Just Wonderful! Also the 5 Strong who presented "A Lenten Prayer" on February 25th. Please do keep up the good work!

My heart, O God is steadfast; I will sing & make music with all my soul! Psalm 108:1

Yours in Christ,
Carlene Myers

My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

Psalm 108:1 NIV



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH (CLC) MEMORIAL BELL (THE BELL)...

1. The Bell is dedicated in the memory of CLC's Pvt. Gary Richards who died in which country?
 - a. Korea b. Japan c. Vietnam d. Thailand
2. Gary's parents, Edwin and Lillian Richards, were charter members of CLC?
 - a. True b. False
3. The Bell was cast in what year?
 - a. 1900 b. 1910 c. 1920 d. 1930
4. The Bell is said to weigh:
 - a. 158.8 kg b. 350 lbs c. 0.175 tons d. a. & b. & c.
5. Until it began ringing at CLC, it had ceased to be around:
 - a. 1940. b. 1945 c. 1950 d. 1955
6. The Bell originally hung in a steeple at Saint Bridget's Catholic Church that now is Cheshire Pizza.
 - a. True b. False
7. When in a steeple at Saint Bridget's Catholic Church in Cheshire CT it was rung electrically?
 - a. True b. False
8. The CLC dedication of the Bell was conducted by Pastor Louis Nuechterlein?
 - a. True b. False
9. The Bell dedication took place on:
 - a. Dec. 24, 1967 b. Jan. 4, 1968 c. Feb. 4, 1968 d. Feb. 18, 1968
10. The architect of both the modest Bell Tower and originally the adjacent Sanctuary was from:
 - a. Geitz, Nuechterlein and Gustafson c. Schrumm, Schweizer and Clark
 - b. Schrumm, Soulier and Mertz d. Russell, Gibson and von Dohlen



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

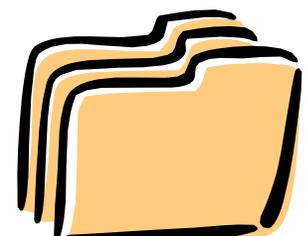
The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by our Choirs last month
- ✦ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✦ Video recordings from many past events
- ✦ Pictures from the Parsonage transformation
- ✦ Stay tuned for movie of Pastor Rowolds Installation



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.



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
- † Birthright looking for Volunteers—Call 800-550-4900
- † Little Cherubs enrollment information
- † Helping Hands Committee sign-up
- † Wednesday Mid-Week Lenten Soup/Salad Dinner and Bible Stud sign-up



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

- † 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.



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

Our Sincere Appreciation

- † To Martha Medford—Words cannot express our gratitude for your non-stop hard work and dedication to our Congregation. You assured all that our Music went on seamlessly this past year (and always). We lovingly appreciate the effort we know it took for you to keep things going
- † Thank you to the Fellowship and Installation Planning Committees for planning and executing the wonderful Installation ceremony and fellowship for Pastor Rowold
- † Many, Many Thanks to the all who helped with beautifying the Parsonage. Lead by Andy Clark, you are all AMAZING. Thank YOU!

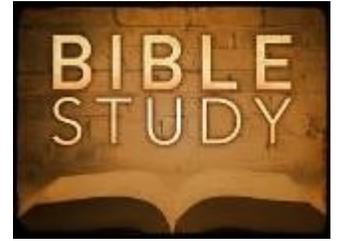


Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

PASTOR ROWOLD WILL LEAD our congregation's weekly adult Bible Study starting March 4th 2018. Sessions will be held each Sunday morning after the 9:00 AM Church Service (approx. 10:10 to allow you time for a quick fellowship coffee/snack).

All our adult members, and your guests, are cordially invited to be with us.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

March 30, 1958	Congregation chartered on Palm Sunday, with 71 communicants received as charter members
March 1960	The Rev. Darrel Geitz released to accept call to Our Savior and Messiah Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana
March 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms construction commenced



LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY IS BACK...

On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm through March 21st, we will be having a Lenten Soup & Salad Supper followed by a short Bible study.

We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend these evening gatherings. The meals are followed by a short Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.

Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline. There is a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season. If you have any questions contact Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574.

CLC HELPING HANDS...



“Helping Hands” of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping “behind the scenes” from women and men in the congregation who see a need and respond to it. It is likely there are others who have needs and those who would be inclined to help but are unaware of the needs. Helping Hands is organized to meet the needs of both groups, men and women, singles and families.

Please consider requesting assistance such as meals, transportation, occasional errands, minor household repairs, and visitors.

Those able to offer occasional time and your talents, please sign up on the bulletin board, indicating your “offering”.



Let me tell you one of the many “stories” from my decades as a Visiting Nurse. An elderly woman living alone (here in Cheshire) in the home her husband built was recovering from a fall. The problem...the overhead light bulb in her kitchen had blown out and was well out of her reach. The kitchen was dark...she would not ask any of the female caregivers to go down into the basement and drag up the ladder to change the bulb. I arrived with an observing male medical student. Immediately she asked him to get the ladder and change the bulb which he graciously did. She was so grateful...just a little light bulb! I am sure there are many ways we can bring light to our fellow Christians!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please contact the church office (203-272-5106) or me (203-710-0753) to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all Information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman



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

We celebrate together as **Lucas James Donewald** was baptized into the Lord’s family on Sunday January 28, 2018.

Lucas James is the son of James and Michelle Donewald. Godparents are Allen Barden and Catherine Donewald Barden.

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.

Answers to CLC Bell Quiz from page 16

The Bell answers:

1. c, 2. a, 3. b, 4. d, 5. a, 6. a, 7. b, 8. a, 9. c, 10. d

(Quiz prepared by R. Tim Weiland; note he got 9 out of 10 correct)



HOLY WEEK

Event	Date	Notes
Passion (Palm) Sunday	Sunday March 25, 2018	Service at 9:00 AM
Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist	Thursday March 29, 2018	Service at 7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	Friday March 30, 2018	Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	Sunday April 1, 2018	Services time(s) TBD

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST...

This Easter the church will again hold its Easter Continental Breakfast on Sunday, April 1st. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity for 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, cooked quiches and cooked egg casseroles. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

Should you have any questions, please call Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574



CLC CELEBRATES 50TH YEAR OF OUR MEMORIAL BELL...

On Sunday February 4, 2018 the clapper of the Memorial Bell struck it 50 consecutive times to note the 50th anniversary of its dedication. Besides calling us all to Sunday service we at Cheshire Lutheran Church weekly honor the memory of Pvt. Gary Richards.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 2018

19 th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	35 Years
20 th	Joe & Joann Holstein	24 Years
21 st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	37 Years



Please join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during Lent.

COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER

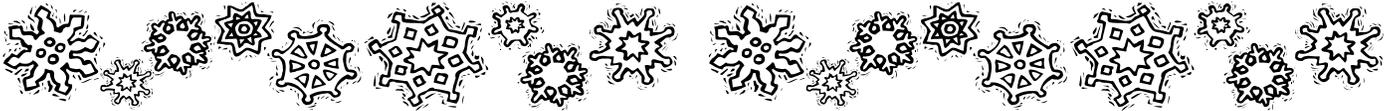
Mark your calendars, Council will meet on Tuesday March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING REMINDER

Mark your calendars, next Voters Assembly will meet on Sunday, April 8, at after worship service.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1st Beth Carlson
Jason Schaff
- 3rd David Schrumm
- 4th Herman Asmus
Dylan Neff
Priscilla Troemel
- 5th Julianna Ball
- 8th Kinsley Clark
- 9th Raymond Verner
Melissa Veleber
- 10th Eva Schrumm
Hannah Kjeldsen
Conner DeLaubell
- 12th Luke Hays
Noah Wilde
- 13th Martha Medford
- 14th John McBain
- 16th Ethel Daly
Phil Giampietro
Julia Schaff
- 17th John Taylor
- 18th Robert Davis
- 19th Laura Gustafson
- 22nd Walter Gancarz
- 23rd Robert Lamb
- 24th Sandra Gayda
- 26th Guy Mason
Mary Lou Aston
Emily Shick
- 30th Rita Stark



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