



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

I know that Easter Sunday has come and gone, but the season of Easter still remains. The Easter acclamation has been used in our service and sermon every Sunday since April 1, and it will continue to be used for the remainder of the Easter season. (Are you tired of hearing and reading it yet?) In case you are wondering, the season runs for fifty days from Easter Sunday (April 1) through Ascension Day (forty days after Easter – May 10), until the Feast of Pentecost (May 20). On that day we will remember how the Holy Spirit descended upon the Disciples as tongues of fire and giving them the gift of speaking in foreign languages. We will also be celebrating the fact that six young women and men of our congregation will be making their Confirmation that day.

Pentecost Sunday will also be the first Sunday wherein you will not hear Pastor speak the Easter acclamation, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" But even though I may not speak the words that Sunday, the truth that they proclaim remains. As the Apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Rome, so he reminds you and me as well, "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him." (Romans 6:9 ESV). And that is Good News that we need to hear, even when Easter Sunday is long past.

It doesn't matter if Easter was six days ago, six weeks ago, or six months ago, we still need that Good News. We still need it, because all too often life brings us news that is anything but good. Whether it is news that impacts you personally and directly, news about a family member/friend/coworker, or news that comes over the tv/radio/smartphone/tablet. Bad news comes, and it can rend our hearts and even our lives. When that happens, we need the Good News of Easter most of all.

The Good News of Easter, "Praise God! Christ is Risen! Christ is Truly Risen! Praise God!", is what gives light to us in the midst of darkness, hope in the midst of despair, joy in the face of sadness. Christ being raised from the dead is the only thing that will bring true healing and peace to our lives and to our world. Politicians can make as many laws as they want, but they will not change people's hearts and minds. Students can leave classes and protesters can hold demonstrations, but they will not stop sin and sickness and death from having power over us. Only Christ Jesus can make a difference – only His cross, His tomb, His resurrection.

In Christ Jesus we do have light and life, hope and joy; He sees us through all the bad times, the sorrow, the pain, the sickness, and even the death. Just as He is risen from the dead, never to die again, so He brings each of us too through death and the grave to that life that does not end. It's the Easter message, the Easter Acclamation – the Good News that Jesus really is risen, God be praised, and we will be too.

Unfortunately, all too often the news that we hear and read in our lives is bad – problems here, there, and everywhere. It can be so overwhelming at times that we forget the Easter message, the Easter Acclamation. And that is why we come to Church Sunday after Sunday, not because the message is going to change, but because in our ever-changing world it is the one thing that stays the same. So, come to church this Sunday, next Sunday, every Sunday. Be reminded of what you may have forgotten and hear the words that give us hope.

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

In Christ,
Pastor R

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00 am & 10:30 am

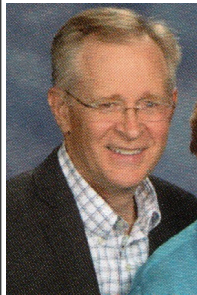
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

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

Summer Worship Service:

9:00 am

(Fathers Day to Labor



Later this Spring, a poll will be developed and distributed to CLC members to obtain members' thoughts and ideas on our worship services schedule...

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Our Sunday, April 8th Voters Assembly meeting, following our second worship service, was well attended and was highlighted by Pastor Rowold's report of his first very busy six weeks as our Shepherd. In addition, he gave us an overview of some of his short-range and mid-range goals. Most of our Deacons reported on their respective areas of ministry which are covered in more detail elsewhere in the Heavenly Herald.

While we have resumed our two worship services schedule through and including June 10th, with our Parish Picnic, we will revert to one 9:00am worship service on June 17th (Father's Day) – September 2nd (Labor Day). Later this Spring, a poll will be developed and distributed to CLC members to obtain members' thoughts and ideas on our worship services schedule, so be on the look-out for that.

Whichever service that you happen to attend, please also be on the look-out for individuals that you may not yet know. Please say "Hello" and introduce yourself, since in God's house, there are no strangers.

Although our Voters Assembly will not be meet again until Monday September 10th, our Church Council will meet again on May 8th and June 5th.

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

Bill

William C. Sherman
CLC Council President

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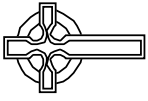
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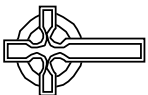
Bill Sherman-Parish President

Beth Soulier-Editor





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NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE AND GROUNDS DEACON...

I would like to start my newsletter by recognizing and giving a great big thank you to some members of our congregation for their donations recently. To Don Drust for donating a new buffer for laminate floor and for replacing all the florescent lights in the common room and kitchen. Not only is the room brighter, but the floors look amazing! To Curt and Karen Smith for donating their vacuum and to Beth and Bill Soulier for donating a new wet/dry vac to the church. Both donations are greatly appreciated! If anyone would like to donate any other tools or appliances to the church, please let me know, thanks.

On April 21st, we had our annual outside cleanup of the church. The flower beds were weeded and raked, bushes were trimmed, leaves were raked, the butterfly garden was raked, weeded and cleaned and the driveway was swept/blown. A big thank you to all that helped, the church and grounds look beautiful!

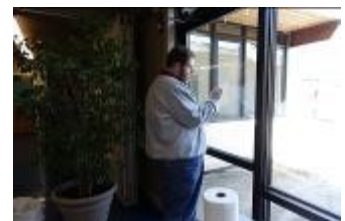
The project to replace the church sign is moving along. We have a preliminary design and I hope to have it finalized by May with installation sometime in June or July. The new sign will be larger than our current one and more visible from the road. The sign will also include Little Cherubs so they will have a presence out front also.

Some upcoming projects that will happen over the next few months:

- ✦ The dishwasher in the kitchen was leaking and we had a plumber come out to look. They replaced the water line, but we also need to replace the solenoid valve. I will be working with some of the other members of the house and grounds committee to determine if we can fix ourselves, have an appliance person fix it or just get a new dishwasher. More to come.
- ✦ There was water coming in by the sliding doors at the back of the sanctuary and one of the big windows in Little Cherubs. We think it should just be a matter of doing some caulking to correct the problem.
- ✦ There are a few broken stained-glass windows; I will be looking to replace them now that the weather is getting better. I will keep you all informed.
- ✦ Joanne and Martha mentioned Little Cherubs would like to improve their playground with some new playscapes and re-do their sandbox area. We will be working with them on ideas and I'm sure I will be looking for volunteers to help make improvements. Stay tuned.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the church mice for all the work that is done behind the scenes every day. Ed Schweizer and Tim Wieland get the first calls when something goes wrong and usually fix it before I even know about it. David Schrumm probably knows every inch of the church and is always making little fixes here and there on things you don't even notice but make a big difference in the long run. Jim and Margie Mertz who keep our gardens weeded and beautiful all year long. Carol Santoro who makes sure all the yearly inspections and services are done, handles all the bills and service calls and generally keeps me on my toes. And to everyone who helps whether they are asked or not, thank you and God bless!

Andy Clark





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRANTS...

On Sunday April 15, 2018 we celebrated the Rite of First Holy Communion of the following members:

Max Muller
Mark Sheeche

May this life-giving Bread and Wine always feed your soul and nourish your spirit. Congratulations as you receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.



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.



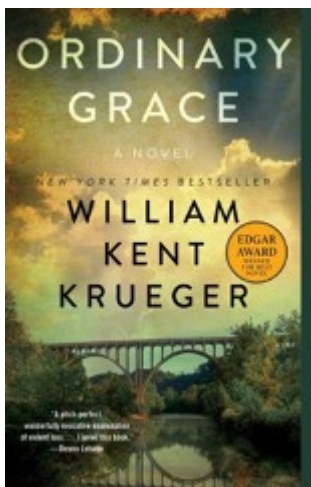
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (Summer 2018 Articles are Due!)

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 25th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.



Thank You!



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

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Between the Holidays and snow days the weeks have been very much interrupted. This is just a quick overview of the past few weeks:

☺ Bible Studies:

- ◆ We learned about Palm Sunday
- ◆ We learned about Easter
- ◆ We learned about Doubting Thomas
- ◆ Pastor R visited us

☺ Language:

- ◆ We learned letters T, U, V, W & X

☺ Math:

- ◆ Numbers review
- ◆ We started a number block
- ◆ We learned about Next and Last

☺ Science:

- ◆ We learned about the food groups
- ◆ We learned about Dairy and made Ice Cream
- ◆ We learned about Fruit and made a Fruit Pizza
- ◆ We learned about grains and made resurrection bread and cereal
- ◆ We learned about Vegetables and stone soup
- ◆ We learned about protein and ate White Castle Hamburgers
- ◆ We learned about sweets and ate chocolate pudding

☺ We made Spring Flowers for the Bulleting Board

- ◆ We learned about Pussy Willows, Forsythia and made fork spring flowers

☺ Enrichment:

- ◆ We learned about Van Gogh and studied his Starry Night painting
- ◆ We learned about Monet and studied his Lilies Pond painting
- ◆ We are learning about Seurat



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 HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONS...

Students in grades 9 through 12 are encouraged to attend High School Devotions during the education hour on Sundays from 9:10 to 10:10 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!



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Activity	Choir
May 2 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 6 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 9 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 13 - Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
May 16 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 20 - Sunday <i>Pentecost—Confirmation</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
May 23 - Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 27 - Sunday <i>Memorial Day and Trinity</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 30 - Wednesday	6:00 PM	Annual Picnic	ALL Choirs

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✠ Many thanks to all who came to help clean the inside of the Church in time to make our Easter Services EXTRA Special. And for those that came and helped beautify the outside. We are so Blessed. Thank You
- ✠ Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the Easter Breakfast. We also thank Don and Diane Drust for all they contribute so that the food never runs out and the décor enhances the Easter atmosphere. The Fellowship was wonderful and the volunteers are greatly appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who baked, set up, cleaned up, decorated. It was a joyous Easter Morning!
- ✠ Many thanks to Jon Manke for his very generous contribution of the beautiful Easter Lilies that adorned our Altar and the flowers that were given to the Sunday School children on Easter Morning!
- ✠ Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Easter 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.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor
May 7, 2017	Pastor Gustafson leads his last Service and Retires from CLC

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

Dear Parents of Teenagers,

Thank You for all you do to invest in the life of your teenager(s). You probably feel like an uber driver (ready to pick them up/drop them off when they call), coach (helping them perfect their sport), tutor (helping with them on homework), guidance Counselor (preparing them for the future) and, sometimes, a jockey (pushing them to cross the finish line...without a whip of course!)...all wrapped up in one! That's why, with all the insane busyness of parenting a teen, it's easy to let youth group attendance slide off the grid. It's tempting to think, "My kid's just too busy for a night of hanging out with other teenagers, playing some goofy games and hearing another Bible lesson."

Believe me when I say, I understand the temptation. As a parent of a wonderful daughter (who has tons of homework, takes Karate and is not yet old enough to drive) my fiancé and I are constantly under pressure to measure every event through the lenses of what matters most. We have decided that her continued Christian education outside of the weekly sermon is most important. Although we view ourselves as the primary spiritual influence of our daughter, we also believe that a strong youth ministry plays a vital role in her overall spiritual development.

With this as a backdrop here are 5 short, yet powerful, reasons you should encourage (make?) your teenager(s) go to youth group:

1. Teenagers need models and mentors.

"O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come. " Psalm 71:17,18

Of course you as a parent are called to be the primary spiritual mentor of your own children but he/she also needs other Godly adults! It's important for your son or daughter to see that this whole "Christianity thing" is more than just mom's and dad's belief system. They need to have models and mentors that reinforce all of the spiritual truth they are learning from you.

2. Teenagers need community.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. " Hebrews 10:24,25

In an age of bullying, gossip, slander and hatefulness (which can destroy a teenager's self-identity), young people need other young people who can lift them up, encourage them and challenge them in all the right ways. Youth group is also a place where teenagers can discover their spiritual gifting and begin to use it to serve others. This will help them have a heart to selflessly serve others for the rest of their lives!

3. Teenagers need a mission.

When Jesus challenged his most-likely teenaged disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations", he was tapping into the activist wiring of these young men. In the same way your teenager needs to be challenged with the mission to reach their peers with the good news of Jesus in a loving and contagious way.

Youth group is a place where your teenager can invite their unbelieving friends to hear the gospel. But it's also a place where they can be equipped to share the good news of Jesus with their own peers (which will help them grow in their faith!) As your youth leaders continue to build a Gospel Promoting ministry the message of Jesus will advance in them and through them. These activities will accelerate the discipleship process in the life of your teen in ways you could never imagine!

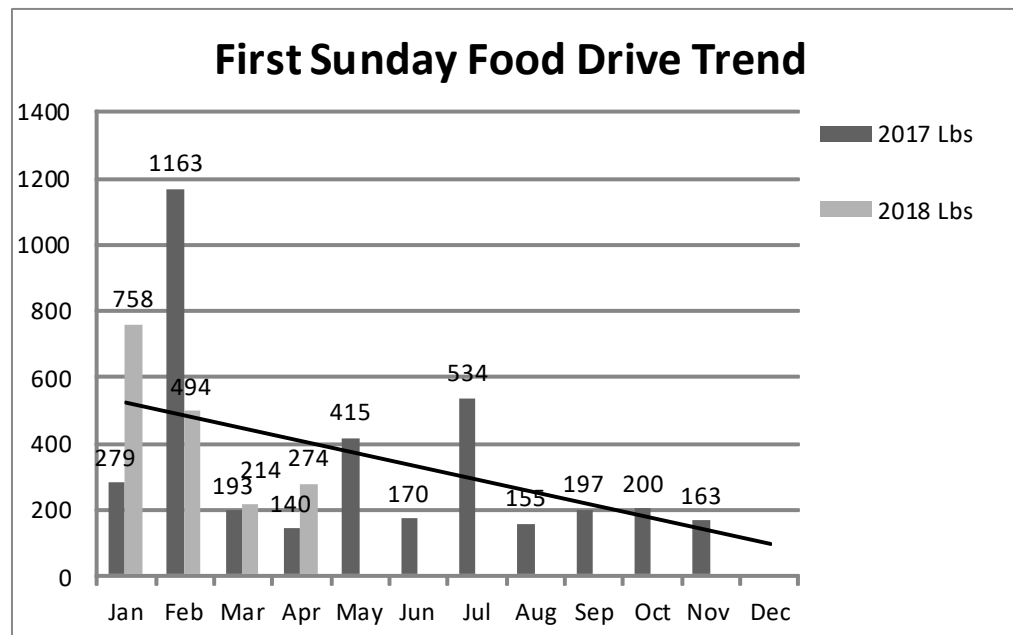


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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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.

Rita Stark, chairperson of the Greeting Card Fundraising project, presented a \$500 check to the Church. This donation is to be used for the future replacement of the existing CLC sign on our Front Lawn.

Thanks to all who continue to buy cards. Your generosity has provided many opportunities to further the mission of the church.

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

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4. Teenagers need theology.

"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:14,15

Youth group is a place where teenagers can wrestle through the theology you've been teaching them (you've been teaching them right?) and have it reinforced in a powerful and personal way under the guidance of a youth leader who knows how to ask great questions and point teens to sound truth.

This should result in your teenagers knowing and owning their faith on a deeper level. Youth groups and small groups should be a place where teenagers can ask tough questions and even share doubts and struggles with their beliefs without fear of rebuke. Skilled youth leaders can take questioning teens back to God's Word as the source of authority and help them process through all of the Biblical truth you are praying they grasp, Believe and live out.

Great youth groups build on the foundation that Godly moms and dads have laid. And, for those teenagers who don't have believing parents, an effective youth ministry helps lay a solid foundation of Biblical truth for the rest of a teenager's life.



5. Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide.

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16

Often teenagers who struggle with sin and temptation have nowhere to confess and confide. They feel trapped by their sins. But a healthy youth ministry can create a safe space for teenagers to open up and talk honestly about their struggles. Of course this doesn't mean they should confess every sin to everyone. But it does mean that they should have a handful of others who know their struggles and can pray for and encourage them to walk in victory over those sins.

I often overhear my daughter confiding in adults she trusts outside the household. As we as parents often enforce rules and guidelines upon our children, it can be hard for our children to confide in us as they fear there will be consequences. For the parents reading this, I challenge you to look back at your youth and think of a time where you were scared to confide in your own parents.

An effective youth ministry can help teenagers deal with these challenges now and prepare them to be victorious both now and later.

Food for Thought?

Yes, I know that teen life is busy. But it would be a shame if our teenagers graduated from high school and were catapulted into "the real world" without every opportunity to know, live, share and own their faith in Jesus Christ.

At the end of the day, our teenagers embracing and embodying the Christian faith is more important than sports and more important than academics. Getting them involved in a healthy, vibrant youth ministry is worth fitting into a crazy, busy schedule. And if it's not quite as healthy as you think it should be then why don't you volunteer and make it better?

There's too much at stake for us to get this wrong. So let's get it right!

To Reach a Generation,
Bradley Shick
CLC Youth Deacon

Easter 2018 Memories



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DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN! COME TO VBS AT CLC! BRING A FRIEND!...

Vacation Bible School will be held at Cheshire Lutheran this summer from Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29 running from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00.

The theme of this year's VBS is "**SHIPWRECKED**", where kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Children will enjoy making crafts, doing experiments, singing lively songs, learning Bible stories as well as playing fun-packed games. There will also be snacks!

VBS at CLC is free and the public is invited, so encourage your friends to join in the fun. Children 4-years old to those entering grade five in the fall are invited to register for the program. Students entering grade six and older as well as adults are encouraged to volunteer to help during the week. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, feel free to call Judy DiDomizio, Vicki DePaolo, or Karen Smith.

To register children, fill out a form at church or call the church office at 203-272-5106. You can also visit our website at www.cheshirelutheran.org. Download and fill out a registration form for each child and send it to Cheshire Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 157, Cheshire, CT 06410.



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS—JUNE 10, 2018...

Please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the 10:30 service on June 10th. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

For further details, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also needed, that same day, are people to help set up the tables and chairs in the tents on the lawn beforehand and to clean up afterwards.

All are welcome to sign-up to have a great time with your fellow church members. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Karen Weiland
Fellowship Committee





CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise November 19, 1963 ~ Sunset March 23, 2018

Ken Leslie's son, Scott Leslie, was called home to our Lord on Friday, March 23, 2018. A funeral celebrating his life was held at CLC on Thursday, March 29, at 11:00 a.m.

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:7-8)

Sunrise May 20, 1929 ~ Sunset April 20, 2018

Our beloved brother and Charter Member Ernest Josephson, was called home to our Lord on April 20, 2018. A celebration of Ernie's life took place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We thank God for Ernie's ministry and service among us and for the opportunity to share in a common witness to the faith. The time has come to offer words of hope and comfort as we remember the promises of our Lord and faithful God.

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to the Leslie and Josephson Families.

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

Matthew 25:21



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MAY 2018...

HAPPY SPRING! In celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday April 22, 2018; the Sunday school sang "Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?" . Bravo to all who sang!

The Sunday school will be singing one more time before summer vacation! That will be on Mother's Day, May 13th, at the 10:30 service.

Starting April 29, we will have seven weeks of lessons left. June 10 will be the last day of Sunday school until September 9.

On June 10, during the Sunday school hour, there will be games & awards given for different areas of achievement followed by the picnic!

Martha Medford is offering a challenge to all Sunday school students to learn the 23rd Psalm by heart! Upon accomplishing this, the student will be rewarded. So all students get busy and memorize the 23rd Psalm & see what kind of surprise you will receive!

"Little children, let us not Love in word or talk but in deed & in truth!"
John 3:18

God's Blessing Always,
Carlene Myers



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All our choirs are planning their last performances before they take a break for the Summer. They are also planning their year end All Choirs Picnic. This year the Picnic will be held at Church on Wednesday May, 30th, at 6:00 PM. All Choir members are invited to bring their families and also a food item to share. See Martha for Sign-Up sheets in the coming weeks.

Look forward to seeing you there.



DO YOU KNOW THE 23RD PSALM BY HEART?... PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS TAKE NOTE...

We are starting a new project for our Sunday School students. Below is Psalm 23 in the King James version. Your challenge is to memorize the entire Psalm. Your parents can work on this with you, along with sisters and brothers. When you know Psalm 23, come to me and recite it. You will win a surprise prize. Also, you will have a great psalm in your heart to last your whole life. Let the Memorizing Begin !...

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for though art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

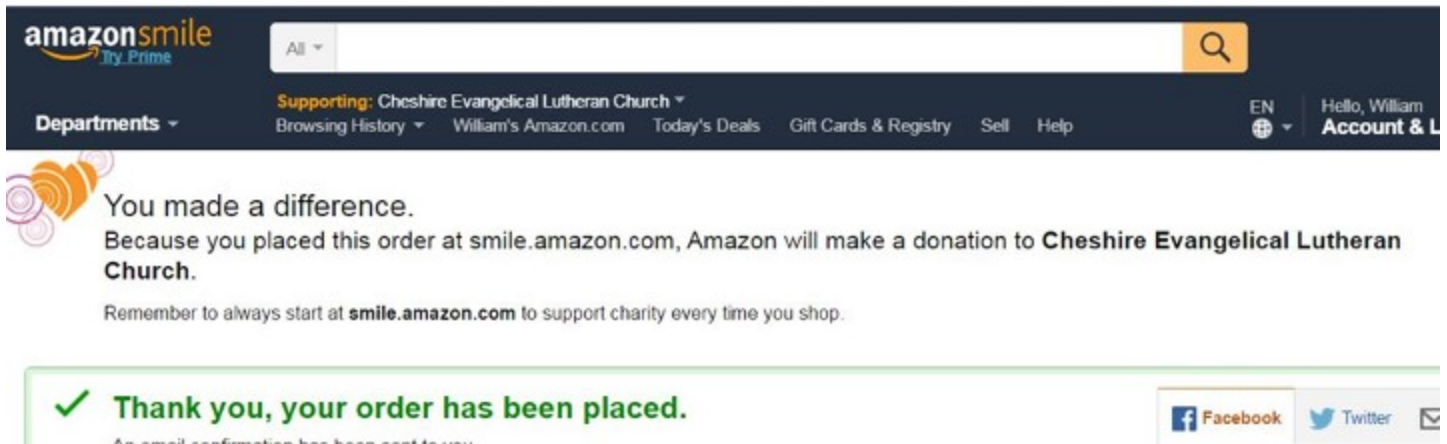
This month, our CLC Finance Committee would like to provide you with a couple of ways that you may not be aware of and that you can utilize to expand your individual stewardship efforts.

First: Use your talents to PLAY SOFTBALL!!!!

Second: If you happen to be an Amazon™ on-line shopper, Cheshire Lutheran Church is now a registered non-profit organization under the "Amazon Smile"™ program. So, whenever you shop on Amazon, instead go to www.smile.amazon.com, then log in, using your same username and password as you normally would on the traditional Amazon site. You will be asked to select a charity, by browsing the list of registered organizations and selecting Cheshire Lutheran Church. Amazon Smile will donate .5% (that is .005) of the amount you purchase to CLC.



Here is a sample of the screen that you will see after completing a purchase:



Again, the Amazon Smile website is www.smile.amazon.com



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday, May 13th 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 Sunday, April 15th. 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 13th bulletin.

Dottie Dierolf, Social Welfare Deacon



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".

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



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers are needed to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire. 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 that 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 that 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.

SHOP AT PATRICK 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.



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:

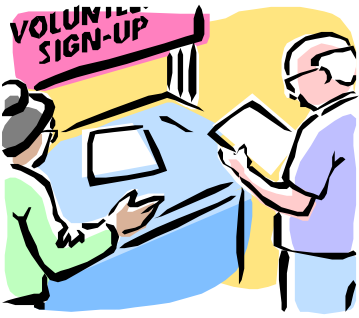
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by our Choirs last month
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Pictures from Palm Sunday and Easter Services
- ✚ Pictures from Inside and Outside Clean-Up
- ✚ Much, much more...



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO SELECT 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 Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **Hope Center** 2018 volunteer sign-ups
- † **Birthright** looking for Volunteers—Call 800-550-4900
- † **Little Cherubs** enrollment information
- † **Helping Hands** Committee volunteer sign-up
- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** volunteer Sign-Ups
- † **Sunday Morning Greeters** Volunteer Sign-Ups
- † 2018 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
- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregation's children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Judy DiDomizio.



CLC MUSICAL OFFERING...

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

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

We would be happy to include you.

Judy & Bill Juul

2018 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...



The 2018 Softball season is upon us, consider joining the team or help cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon games. We will play 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.

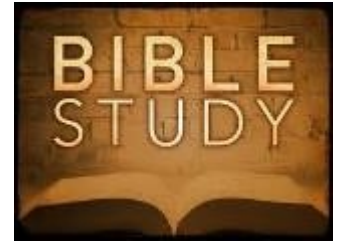
If you are 15 years or older and interested or need more information, contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber (203) 271-3111 or dveleber@cox.net.

Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Pastor Rowold is leading our congregation's weekly adult Bible Study. Sessions are each Sunday morning after the 8:00 AM church service.

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



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 starting May 6th through June 6th. 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 | |



For additional information, contact Holly Flugrath or Dorothy Dierolf.

- Michael Plantier
- Carolyn Bammann
- Norm Benedict
- John Greenhalgh
- Kristen Green
- Janet DeLaubell
- Edyth Izard
- Kristen Donewald
- Emily Soulier
- Cynthia Metz
- Beth Soulier
- Allyssa Hajjar
- Vanessa Falk
- Nancy Feero
- Richard Hagstrom
- Katelyn Lynch
- Megan Smith
- Donna Quast
- Kyle Fiedler
- Julianna Tyler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY May 2018



1 st	Glenn & Carlene Myers	35 Years
13 th	David & Mary Beth Blair	12 Years
18 th	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	50 Years
25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	26 Years
26 th	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	17 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	19 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	59 Years



THANKS TO OUR
VETERANS AND
SOLDIERS

IN MEMORY OF
MANY, IN HONOR
OF ALL

COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, May *Council* meeting will be held, Tuesday May 8th and again in
 June on Tuesday the 5th at 7:00 p.m.



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