

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

A couple of weeks ago we had a problem with the power at the parsonage. For a few minutes the lights flickered, first going dim and then brightening up; then suddenly they went out completely. About a minute later the power came back on, only to go out again right away. After five minutes the lights came back on and stayed on. At the time, we had no idea how long it would last, so we set about making sure we could get to our flashlights if it happened again. Most were exactly where they should be, and their batteries worked just fine, but not all of them. Our large camp lantern, which we used last year when the power went out for several hours, was not where we expected it to be (and we still don't know where it ended up).

Flashlights and lanterns are great tools to have; whether you're camping with family, walking back to your car with friends after watching fireworks, or moving around inside your house during a power outage, they provide us light in the dark. These tools help us to see where we are going and keep us from getting injured in the dark. (Anyone who has stubbed their toe on the way to or from the bathroom at night knows that I mean.) We can even use them to call for help in an emergency. Yes, flashlights are great tools to have, but only if you use them. If they're lost, inoperable, or we simply forget to use them, then they do us no good.

Just as a flashlight or lantern provides you light so that you can see your way in the dark, God's Word provides you light to show you the way in our world. It helps you to see where you're going with your life and keeps you from getting injured in the darkness of sin. You can even use the Word as a source of help in an emergency. Yes, the Word of God is a wonderful blessing to have, but only if you actually use it. Sadly, many of us do not use it very often. Most of the people reading this article right now probably have a Bible, perhaps even more than one, but do you know where it is? If you do, when was the last time that you picked it up and read it? (And I'm not talking about the last time you used it to look up a passage for one reason or another; I'm talking about reading a section of Scripture, and then thinking

and praying about it.) Or when was the last time you attended a Bible study?

All too often, the Bibles that we have spend the vast majority of their time sitting on a coffee table or in a book shelf, and, if they get picked up at all, it's either to move it out of the way so that we can put something else there or so that we can clean the dust off of it. Sure, we can truthfully say that we have a Bible, but it does us no real good if we don't use it. In fact, that begs a question; how much of the Bible have you read? Are you one of the folks who has read the whole thing from cover to cover, or are you part of the large group of Christians who just uses the Bible as a reference book (like a dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia) when you want information or the answer to a question?

I will confess that I have not read the whole book cover to cover. I know, I know, as a pastor I should have read the whole thing by now. I've actually started to do it a number of times, but I've got all kinds of reasons and excuses as to why I didn't succeed. It's not just pastors, though, who really should have ready the whole Bible; every Baptized and Confirmed Christian should be able to say that they have done it, at least one time, if not more. So, I'd like to challenge you: Join me in reading through the whole Bible over the next two years! You don't have to come to a Bible study or do it at a certain time of day. You can read it when and where you want and use whatever version or format that works best for you.

To aid us in this challenge, there are copies of a two-year Bible reading plan available at the back of Church and on the counter outside the Church office. It breaks the whole Bible up over a total of 105 weeks (just over two years), with one reading a day from Monday through Saturday of each week. The plan even gives a day off, with no reading on Sunday; you could also use that break to catch up on your reading if you missed a day during the week. I invite you to take a copy of the plan and use it, or use

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Come Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30
a.m.)

**Sunday School
&
Adult Bible Classes:**
9:10 a.m.

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 a.m.
(Fathers Day to Labor
Day)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL



On Sunday, January 13th, our annual congregation corporate meeting was held after each of our worship services. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the annual report and financial statement may be obtained in the church office, or ask one of the officers, deacons or ushers to assist you. Although Bill Sherman could not recite all of the report details during the meetings, we hope each member will have reviewed the report for the many extraordinary ways that we as a congregation exhibit our faith, service and fellowship to one another and the greater community beyond our church walls.

It's that time of year again as we're several weeks into the new year. How are you progressing on your 'new year resolutions'? Was one of them to eat healthier and exercise more? To help out with a CLC committee, or particular event? To attend an adult Bible study? To bring your child regularly to church and Sunday School? How about to invite a friend, or new neighbor to a worship service or fellowship event? Either way, it's never too late to pick up again, or start fresh. I hope you'll find a few ways to put your resolutions into action; at CLC, we have plenty of ways that you can!

As mentioned in the annual meeting, we welcome and encourage congregation members to attend any of our Council or Voters meetings to see and hear more of the details of mission and ministry as they are discussed, planned and reported on. The full schedule of our meeting dates for 2019 was published in the annual report and meetings are also announced 2 weeks in advance. The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

✠ Council	Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.
✠ Voters	Sunday, February 10 after the late service

As I transition from Vice President to congregation President for 2019, I'm excited to work with a group of talented council members, along with the wealth of wisdom and support that surrounds us from those who have served in the past. As with any leadership role, a good leader must turn to God for wisdom. James 1:5 reminds us "*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*"

I look forward to getting to know many of you better and ask for your patience and prayers. If we have not formally met, please take a moment to introduce yourself. If you have ideas or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach to myself, any council member, or deacon. I can best be reached on my cell at (203) 213-7753, or email at president@cheshirelutheran.org

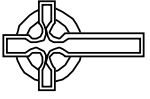
See you in church!

Steven Feero
Parish President, CLC

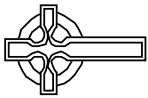


2019 FLOWER CHART...

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Chart which is hanging on the Bulletin Board.



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February

February Servants

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any other system that will work for you. I will be starting this challenge on the first Monday in March, just in time for the season of Lent that begins on the first Wednesday in March.

So, join me this year as we start a journey through salvation history. We'll travel from the Creation in the beginning to the final triumph of the Lamb who was slain at the end. Along the way God's Word will shed His light onto the paths that we walk through this life, showing us the way that He would have us go and giving you His aid in your time of need. You can even join us for Bible study on Sunday or during the week for a little extra light.

In Christ Jesus, who is the Light of the World.

Pastor R

**Read the Bible
In
Two Years**



CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE KIDS...

Attention parents of students at college: We would like to send a "care package" of goodies to our CLC students away at school to let them know they are in our thoughts. If you would like us to include your student, please place their name and school address on the youth bulletin board at church or forward the information to Judy DiDomizio at jdidomizio@aol.com.

CLC Family: There will be a box in the hallway at church where you can donate goodies to send to our college students. We will be sending small boxes, so please bring in small items.

Some suggestions are:

- ✦ Small bags of chips, crackers, cookies, pretzels, nuts
- ✦ Power bars/trail mix/candy bars
- ✦ Lip balm/cough drops/small Kleenex
- ✦ Instant hot chocolate bags/tea bags
- ✦ Small microwave treats

These are just suggestions. Feel free to get creative!

Many thanks



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Well done to our Sunday school children who sang this song on January 13, at the 10:30 service! Words to Live by and this Fruit (words) will Grow in You!!!

Mid-winter Greetings! Hoping & Praying for less ice and maybe a little, (very little) more snow. This is so all that have received new snow sleds, etc. can enjoy and we can worship safely on Sunday mornings. The Sunday school classes are now in full swing in learning stories from the New Testament. In the next four months we will learn about: Jesus as a boy in the temple, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Angels, and how Jesus calls Philip & Nathanael.

Please do come to church & Sunday school, and find out about all the people I mentioned from the Bible. Save the skiing, sledding, and ice skating for after church.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Gentleness, & Self Control

This is the Fruit of the Spirit of God!

"The Fruit of the Spirit!"

Written by Peter & Hanneke Jacob

In Christ, Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio & Martha Medford



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 6 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 10 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School—All Students
February 13 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 17 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 20 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 24 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
February 27 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

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.

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

February

February 18, 1546	Martin Lutheran dies at the age of 66
February 2, 1958	First Holy Communion Service celebrated under parish sponsorship
February 16, 1967	Congregant Pfc Gary Richards dies in Vietnam (town of Cheshire's first casualty)
February 4, 1968	Dedication of Bell Tower, in memory of CLC member Pfc Gary Richards, the first Cheshire soldier to be killed in the Vietnam War
February 25, 2018	Rev. Rowold's installation service at CLC
February 28, 2018	Rev. Rowold's conducted first Lenten Wednesday evening Bible Study and Service.



HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone at (203) 800-5495.



NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

On Sunday, February 3rd, 160 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop a monetary donation and/or a soup donation in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 3rd. CLC's donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

I'm sure we will continue to support old and new projects with the same love and support. Thank you and God Bless you.

Dotti Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Hello everyone,

As my first act as Financial Secretary, let me say thank you to Bill Soulier for his service as Financial Secretary and his amazing patience in showing me the ropes.

If you are looking for some way to be more active in the Church, I could always use some help. Anyone who would like to volunteer can contact me at the e-mail listed below. I will generally be taking care of things on Monday or Thursday evenings around 7:00 p.m. With two people working, it's usually an hour to an hour and half of time.

Guy Mason—gmason94@gmail.com
Financial Secretary



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2019...

Pledge Sunday for 2019 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

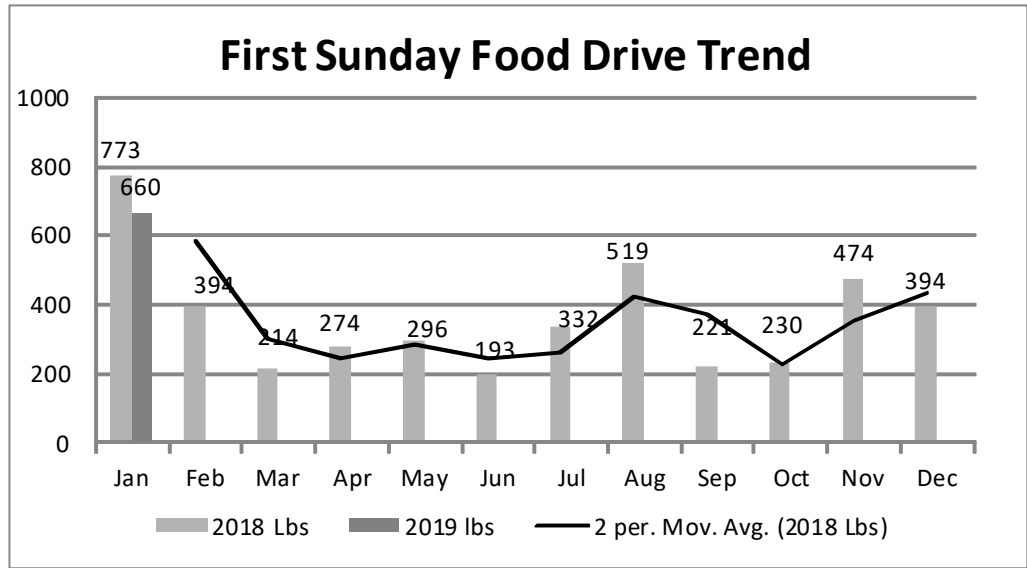
Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others, and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.





DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price “buy one-get one free”, purchase it and donate the free item to First Sunday Food Drive



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed, we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact April Duquette for more information. aduquette@cheshirefoodpantry.org or 203.699.9226.

“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 a.m. until Noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to ensure the food we are sending is not out of date. Also, please remember that we cannot accept opened packages. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.



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.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Thank you for an exciting 2018.

Year-end offering statements for 2018 will be available the first week of February. So, please keep an eye out for them on the table in the hallway. Of course this does not speak to the number of parishioners who make contributions, but who do not make use of offering envelopes. For those who do not use our offering envelopes, I sincerely thank you for your generosity as well, but also encourage you to please consider using envelopes for your personal tax purposes. Please notify our church secretary, Carol Santoro, if you would like envelopes for 2019.

Thank you to those who have already returned their pledge cards. We are off to a good start, so I appreciate the contributions so far. If you would still like to make a pledge, it is not too late to do so.

As I have stated before, the generosity of this congregation is always inspiring, and I look forward to a joyous and wonderful 2019 as we look towards a year of great fellowship and ministry.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

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:



You Shop. Amazon Gives

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

CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:

6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did!



GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



A variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal and miscellaneous choices.

After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display.

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

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

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



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

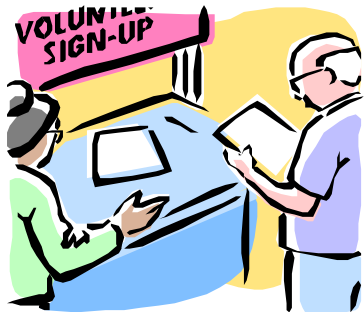
Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † Sunday Coffee Hour Sign-Up
- † Hope Center 2019 volunteer sign-ups and information
- † Altar Flower Sunday sign up
- † Greeters Needed—See Sign-up on the Bulletin Board
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Lutheran Church Extension Fund information
- † 2019 Usher Schedule
- † New Sign for CLC information
- † CLCW Women's Retreat information
- † Quilts of Valor sign-up sheet
- † Dementia Friends Information Session sign-up sheet



Others looking for help!

- † Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- † Helping Hands - Contact the church office (203-272-5106) or Sally Schrumm (203-710-0753) if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee or if you are in need.
- † All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:

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 congregation's children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Judy DiDomizio.
- † Our Financial Secretary Guy Mason is looking for volunteers to help with counting the money. Please contact Guy at church or email him at gmason94@gmail.com



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Hello to all,

Last month I did not include a very special gathering we had with the children who attend Little Cherubs and their family members. We were all shocked as to how many people attended our Christmas Feast in the Assembly Hall. There were 103+ people. Little Cherubs provided the Chicken Pot Pies and the rest of the food was supplied by the families. It was spectacular.

What a Blessing!

Now for what we have been up to this January.

- ✠ Letters: We covered P, Q, R, S & T. We covered Numbers review of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8
- ✠ Bible Time: 3 Kings, Jesus in the Temple, Jesus Grows Up, Jesus Chooses 12 Friends, and Jesus heals a little boy
- ✠ Library Stories: "The Mitten", "My Backyard Birds", "Danny & the Dinosaurs", "Snowmen at Night" and "God Made Me Special", "Millions of Snowflakes", "Tacky the Penguin", "The Penguin who wanted to Fly", "Snowballs", "Stranger in the woods", "I am a Dinosaur", & "My Senses" & "Winnie the Pooh at Tight Squeeze"
- ✠ Art Time: Made Snowflakes out of Coffee Filters, Cardinals, Me-A-Saurus, 5 Senses finger painting, Snowman, Penguins, Winter Trees, Bagel Bird Feeders and Pine Cone Bird Feeders, Dino Rubbings, Hands, Martin Luther King – We are All Friends, 3 Kings Projects & painting a picture Of Winnie the Pooh
- ✠ Science: Ice, Water and Snow Book – See if Ice Floats or Sinks. If we put an ice cube in the sun and one in the shade which one will melt faster
- ✠ The Children are Learning the 23 Psalm. We are so proud at how well they are doing
- ✠ On Friday's we, as a class, read a Scholastic for the Current Month – CLIFFORD
- ✠ Enrichment for the children who stay after lunch: Decorating their paper suitcase, putting in the items they would need in their suitcase if they were to travel. They have made their passport, with a photo of them and their passport number. They are going to be traveling all over the world

As you can see, we have been up to many great learning and fun activities here at Little Cherubs. Have a Safe and Blessed month, Until Next Time,

Miss Martha, Miss Cindy and Miss JoAnn

PS: We had a Preschool Fair at the Library and have been getting many inquiries and signups for the Fall.

Special Note:

Please keep JoAnn in your prayers - On January 22, 2019 she fell on ice when getting out of her car and broke her wrist into her hand and her elbow area. She is in a cast from hand to above her elbow. Her time at work will be limited until she is healed.

Rest up and heal JoAnn!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(March 2019 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **February 22nd** 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!



THRIVENT MEMBER UPDATE...



HOW TO DIRECT
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Just a reminder to all Thrivent members that, even though we are in a new calendar year, there is still time to allocate any remaining 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars that you may have available to you. Please check to see if you have Choice Dollars to allocate by either signing in to your account online or by calling Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836. You have until March 31, 2019 to allocate any 2018 Choice Dollars available to you.

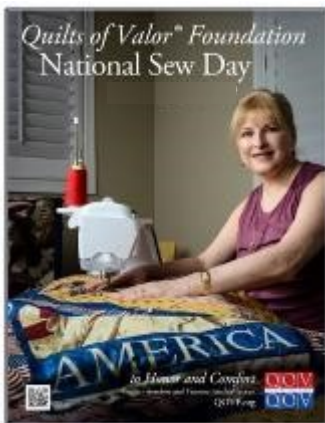
Also, there have been some “cosmetic” changes to the Action Team program. However, the basics are still the same. If you are a Thrivent member with a desire to make a change in our Community by using Action Team funds available to you, please contact either Alan Spose at 203-623-1650 or Mark Manning at 203-241-0858.



DEMENTIA FRIENDS USA...

A Dementia Friends Information session will be held at CLC on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 1:30 PM. Dementia Friends USA is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. Developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom, the Dementia Friends initiative is underway in the USA. By helping everyone in a community understand what dementia is and how it affects people, each of us can make a difference for people touched by dementia.

An Information Session is a face-to-face session that lasts approximately one hour (60 minutes) and is run by a Dementia Friends Champion or a pair of Champions. It covers the five key messages everyone should know about dementia through activities and discussion, but the session is not a formal training. Dementia Friend Champions, Vicki DePaolo and OT Students from Quinnipiac University will be presenting this informative session. Everyone is welcome; feel free to invite a friend to come along. If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board to insure we have hand-outs.



QUILTS OF VALOR...

February 16, 2019; 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Location: Cheshire Lutheran Church

The mission of Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. If you are interested in making quilts for veterans, we are having a sew day here on February 16th.

We need any and all help to sew, iron, quilt or cut fabric. Kits will be provided to sew. Bring your sewing machine if you have one and sewing supplies.

For lunch, please bring a dish to share for our community table. We will provide coffee, tea & dessert.

If you want to donate fabric, it can be any color, but must be 100% cotton.

Hope you will join us. Please RSVP if you are planning to come; a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you.

Marilyn Miller
(860) 621-4619



The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.

Caring about our neighbors

Now that we are in our new building at 175 Sandbank Road and we have lots of refrigeration, we can finally take non-expired perishable items as well as nonperishable goods. We also have a vestibule with a refrigerator, so you can drop off donations when it is convenient for you.

Here is our "hot list", however, we appreciate any and all non-perishable/non-expired food, cleaning supplies, paper goods and health and beauty items. Your generosity helps us keep our shelves filled and makes life a little easier for our clients:

Dairy:

Eggs, Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

Condiments:

Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard

Cooking/Baking Products:

Salt, Pepper, Cooking Oil, Olive Oil, Spices, Baking Mixes (various)

Pantry:

Salad Dressing, Pickles, Juice Boxes/Bottles, Canned Chicken, Applesauce and Canned Fruit, Cereal boxes, Crackers/Cookies, Grape Jelly (and any other flavors!), Coffee (regular and decaf)

Cleaning Supplies and Paper Items:

Paper towels, Toilet Paper, Paper Napkins, Laundry Detergent (small sizes are encouraged), Dish Detergent, Sponges, Wipes

Personal Items:

Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Razor, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Lotion

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

On Sunday January 13, 2019, CLC installed the following Deacons and Officers:

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Deacon of Christian Growth Fund
Deacon of Education
Deacon of Evangelism
Deacon of Fellowship
Deacon of House & Grounds
Deacon of Social Welfare
Deacon of Stewardship
Deacon of Worship
Deacon of Youth

Steve Feero
Vicki DePaolo
Terri Daly
Guy Mason
Karen Smith
Alan Santoro
Judy DiDomizio
Alan Spose
Karen Weiland
Andy Clark
Dotti Dierolf
David Veleber
David Schrumm
Brad Shick

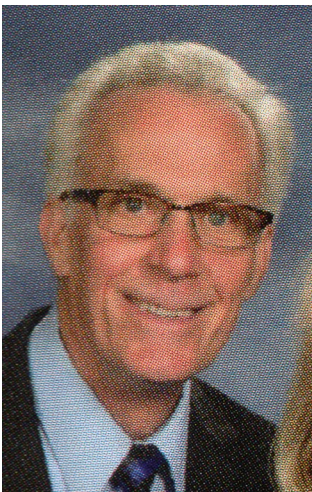


May God Bless their important works! We are very grateful for their wonderful talents and dedication! Heartfelt thank you to our out-going council members Bill Sherman & Bill Soulier who faithfully served our congregation. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Special thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations and Tree this year. Many hands do make light work!
- ✦ Bill Soulier, our Financial Secretary wishes to thank all the volunteers that helped him with the offerings over the past 6 years. Could not have done it w/o you. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Please continue to do the same for Guy Mason. Thanks
- ✦ Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Tim Weiland for serving as our CLC photographer. Tim can always be scene with camera in hand either during events or even during the day when he is taking pictures at and around our beautiful grounds. We are BLESSED!
- ✦ Another Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Bill Juul for serving as our CLC videographer and audio recording expert. Check out both Tim's pix and Bills audio and video recordings on our website. Thank you Bill...



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

As we enter into the second month of 2019, there are probably some of us who have found it difficult to keep those New Year resolutions made after the giant ball dropped in Time Square. Those pounds that haven't "fallen" off yet, going to the gym is impossible to fit into our schedule and saving money became a lost cause as you stare at the "Buy Now" button on Amazon. BUT don't be discouraged or think of yourself as a failure or weak because you haven't "renewed" your life by fulfilling your resolutions. Our lives have already been renewed through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

We all have been saved and we have constant support through His love. Let us all continue to celebrate that love and salvation as we take advantage of all the opportunities to gather with our CLC family at worship, fellowship and Bible study.

MARCH 6TH IS ..ASH WEDNESDAY!

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday March 6th. We will have a service at 7:30 PM to begin this penitential season. Once again ashes will be offered to all who would like to receive them as part of their Lenten discipline.

Throughout the season of Lent we will continue to offer worship services on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM until Holy Week.

We will also gather at 6 PM each Wednesday for soup, salad, fellowship and Bible study beginning Wednesday March 13th. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend our evening fellowship with you. Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us in fellowship during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline.



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!

CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019...

When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You through the Power of Coincidence by Squire Rushnell

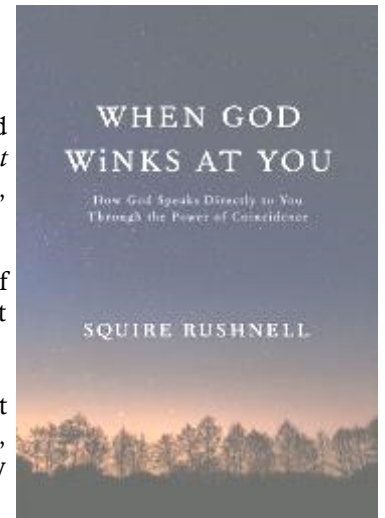
Our 12th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment, could God be showing you that He cares about the details of your life?

Best-selling author Squire Rushnell says these silent little miracles are *godwinks* - messages of assurance that, no matter what is happening in your life or how uncertain things may seem at the moment, God is with you and will help you move toward certainty.

Please plan on joining us in May for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The registration fee including lunch is \$44, payable to CLCW, and can be placed in the silver box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by April 14th.

A copy of the book will be found on the counter near the church office after January 1st. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which will be located outside the church office window in January.

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



NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists, Choirs and Sunday School
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Pictures from special events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures from all our past events and other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



2018 PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEYS TO ISREAL, GERMANY, OBERAMMERGAU AND SCOTLAND IN 2019, 2020 AND 2021...

Presenting upcoming "Pastors Pilgrims" trips will be Pastor Greg Wismar and Ben Cross, from GLOBUS travel.

Planned journeys are to Israel in Lent of 2019, to Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020 and to Scotland and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2021.

See the Bulletin Board for more information.





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 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.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE...

We hope you all saw the Timeline Poster and New MG & C picture put up by Margie Mertz and Vicki DePaolo.



Former DCE Office is now being used as the Columbarium Office. This is so committee members can conduct private and uninterrupted conversations with anyone considering inurnment or plaques.

A reminder that if a family does not witness an inurnment--Pastor Rowold and Pat will witness the event, and a letter to the family will so indicate--along with notice that the inurnment plaque has been placed on the wall.

For more information, grab a pamphlet and/or contact any member of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee.

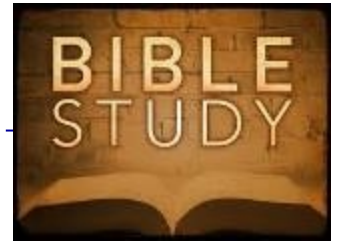
Bible Studies at CLC

Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in Bible Study.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m. as we continue our study about Noah and the Flood.



WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

You're also welcome to stop by on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as we continue to walk through Luke's Gospel; we're in chapter 6 right now and we'll soon be in chapter 7.



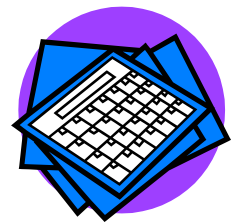
THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUPS...

We will continue with Men's and Ladies' Bible studies; both of these will meet twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as follows:

- ✦ Ladies are invited to come out on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. as we look at great women of the Bible
- ✦ Men are encouraged to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.; right now, we're digging deeper into the man who raised Jesus, Joseph the Carpenter.

CLC CALENDARS FOR 2019...

2019 Calendars are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Al-derson/Slater Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up for the between service Coffee Hour. In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers.

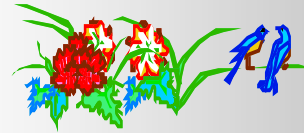
Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2019

Somebody needs to get married in February!



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Guy Mason.

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Priscilla Mulvaney
- 19 Quinn Hays
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 23 Norma Baker
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
Connor Collins
- 25 Gloria Nuechterlein
Janice Schaff
- 28 Vicki DePaolo



Happy Birthday!



ATTENTION ALL CLC PARISHIONERS...

February 24th marks a VERY special anniversary for our CLC family. It is the 1 Year Anniversary of Pastor Rowold, Tricia and Sarah's arrival. Please remember to acknowledge this wonderful milestone to the Rowolds. We will also be memorializing this day so be sure to attend Church that day!



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