

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.” 1 Corinthians 9:24 (ESV)

On the first Sunday in February every year, our nation celebrates an annual ritual. Family and friends gather from far and wide, food is shared, and people sit down together, all in order to... watch commercials. I kid, of course. The focus on Super Bowl Sunday is on the game down on the field (unless your team gets eliminated and you are actually only watching for the commercials). In the contest that day, two teams of athletes battle with all their might for four quarters to see who will win the title of Super Bowl Champion.

I mention the Super Bowl because this is the February edition of the Heavenly Herald and it will be available on the day of the game, but that’s not the only reason. The Christian life that you and I live every day is actually a lot like an athletic competition. Saint Paul says just that in a number of his letters to the early Christians, though, admittedly, he speaks of running a race and not the distinctly American sport of football. For those of you who are athletically inclined, the parallels may be pretty obvious; I had to have someone else point them out to me before I could see it. The comparisons between the Christian life and an athletic competition are numerous: both take hard work; the more you train and practice, the better you will do; there is a definite start and end to it; there is both an individual and team element to it; a crowd of fans is watching and cheering you on; and the goal is to do well enough that you win the prize.

As for the hard work involved in being a Christian, you know that well enough on your own without my having to mention it. You train and practice for it by reading your Bible every day, talking to the Lord in prayer regularly, coming to Church on Sundays, and studying the Scrip-

tures with your brothers and sisters in Christ – and the more you do these things, the easier it becomes to live a Christian life. The competition started for you on the day that you came to faith in Christ Jesus; for many that was the day you were baptized, but for those who don’t know Jesus until later in life, it was the day the Holy Spirit first moved you to believe in Jesus. Whichever it was, you are now in the contest until the final whistle blows on the day the Lord calls you to Himself. Your faith is your own and no one can believe for you, but you don’t have to believe by yourself; you are surrounded and accompanied by the whole body of Christ that is in this with you and for you. There is a great cloud of witnesses, both living and departed, who want you to do well and who are pulling for you. The prize that waits for you at the end is the upward call of God, the everlasting life earned by Christ on the cross and given to you by faith.



All of this does not mean that you have to be physically fit or highly active to be a Christian. The competition in which we are participating is primarily a spiritual one and not a physical one (apart from the “holy aerobics” that may take place during the Divine Service, as we stand, sit, kneel, and stand some more during the liturgy). In fact, some of the best competitors – the strongest Christians – that I have met in my life are folks who have lost much of their mobility, either due to age or injury. Whoever you are and whatever your physical condition, you can compete mightily in the contest that is the Christian life.

Athletics sometimes gets a bad reputation in Christian circles, especially when games, matches, meets, and tournaments happen on a Sunday morning and prevent people from

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***Come Worship
With Us***

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

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

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 am



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL



On Sunday, January 12th, 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 I 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 exercise and eat healthier, or to help out with a CLC committee, or particular event? To attend an adult Bible study, or to bring your child to church and Sunday School regularly? 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!

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Our Education Committee Deacon position remains open. If you're interested in learning more about what it entails, please reach out to one of our Nominating Committee members Rob DeLaubell, Alan Santoro or Alan Spose to learn more about this exciting opportunity to serve.

As mentioned in the annual meeting, we welcome and encourage congregation members to attend any of our 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 2020 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:

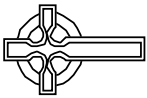
Council	Monday, February 3 rd at 7:00pm
Voters	Sunday, February 9 th after the late service

I look forward to getting to know many of you better, and 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 out to me, any council member, or deacon. I can best be reached on my cell at (203) 213-7753, or email at president@cheshirelutheran.org

God Bless and see you in church!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC

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February

February Servants

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attending Church. Still, the physical discipline can be good for the body that God created. It can also serve as an example to the athlete and spectator alike of the kind of hard work and determination that ought to be part of the Christian life, as we all seek to compete well enough to obtain the prize of eternal life.

As you're watching your next sporting event, whatever it might be, keep that in mind; when it's over, pick up your Bible and start practicing.

In Christ,
Pastor R



LENT IS COMING...

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletins and the March Heavenly Herald for information about services, soup & study, and devotionals for adults and kids.



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.



2020 FLOWER CHART...

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



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs continue to meet for Wednesday Evening Rehearsals as follows:

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!



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 5 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 9 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School—All Students
February 12 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 16 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 19 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 23 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
February 26 - Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 27 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 1 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2020...

Pledge Sunday for 2020 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!

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.



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Greetings All,

As this is my first newsletter as Stewardship Deacon, I would like to briefly introduce myself. I have been a Cheshire Lutheran Church (CLC) member for about 22+ years, and have served 6 years on the CLC Council in the past in the roles of Christian Growth Fund Deacon and Vice President. And during my time as Vice President, I served as acting Stewardship Deacon for a short while, when our Brother in Christ Phil Kenney, who was serving in the Stewardship role, asked for my assistance in completing his term. I have been a member of the Voter's Assembly for most of the time that I have been a CLC member. Personally, I am married and have three children.

We start 2020 after showing a strong financial 2019, as measured by exceeding our 2019 Mission Plan. This is amazing, since I do not recall many years when we have exceeded our goal. This was due to you – our generous CLC members – and your commitment to supporting our mission. So THANK YOU!

As we are aware, Stewardship includes time, talent and treasure. Per my above comments, we nailed it on “treasure”. Would it be a fair impression then that our collective 2020 focus might be in the areas of “time” and “talent”? Indeed, there are many opportunities at CLC to get involved. Need ideas? Ask! Ask any Council member, or Pastor... “Hey, what can I do to help?”, or “I would be interested in helping out with <insert your interest here>.” As we move forward into 2020, please do consider how your time and talent can benefit our CLC Family and CLC’s mission.

Sincerely,
Rob DeLaubell



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

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!



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

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.



“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 MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is held between services during Adult Bible Study. 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!

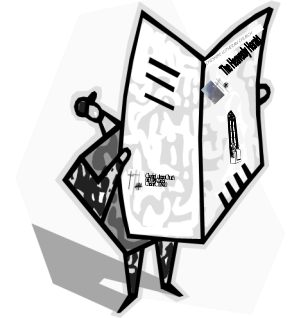
NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

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.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (March 2020 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **February 21st**, or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table. Thank You!



PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEYS TO THE BALKANS AND TRANSYLVANIA IN 2020...



You are invited to join the Pastor's Pilgrims travelers as Pastor Wismar hosts "The Treasurers of the Balkans and Transylvania" August 18-30 2020. Brochures are available on the counter near the library or by contacting Pastor W. at 203 405-1135. You may also speak to Vicki DePaolo about this trip.



NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

On Sunday, Feb 2nd, 160 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl. There will be mountains of food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time there were people worried about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Join young people around the US as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbor through the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

Thank you for caring for others by donating soup and money. All donations will go to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

The food pantry won!!! The final score will be posted on the bulletin board. There was also a \$250 Thrivent Action Grant obtained for the worthy ministry.

Don't forget you can use your Thrivent Choicer Dollars for any organization that you want to support. March 31, 2020 is this year's deadline.

Social Welfare Deacon
Dotti Dierolf



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.

Thanks to all who continue to support this ongoing program. As a result of your purchases, \$100 was donated to replenish the kitchen supply of pitchers. 8 ceramic (cream/milk) and 4 large plastic (Juice/iced tea) pitcher were purchased and will be used for fellowship activities.

We appreciate your thoughtful participation in making this benevolence so successful.

Contact Persons: Paula Ongley

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:

- ✦ Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **Hope Center** 2020 volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Little Cherubs** enrollment information
- ✦ **Helping Hands** Committee volunteer sign-up
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Greeters** Volunteer Sign-Ups
- ✦ **2020 Usher Schedule**
- ✦ **Help with Odd Jobs**—See Erik Galuska flyer on the Bulletin Board
- ✦ Thrivent Action Team Sign Up
- ✦ Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Sign Up
- ✦ Quilts of Valor Sign Up
- ✦ Volunteers Needed for Hospice & Palliative Care information
- ✦ Pastors Pilgrims BALKANS AND TRANYSLVANIA IN 2020

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 congregations children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Judy DiDomizio.
- ✦ **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.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...



The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Guy Mason (203) 250-7708 and/or gmason94@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

- ✦ If you have Pledge envelopes PLEASE use them, having to lookup members envelope numbers can lead to human error.
- ✦ Please remember to mark on the outside of your offering envelopes with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
- ✦ If you've been absent for some time and want to bring your offerings up to date, kindly use ONE rather than MANY envelopes - since the fewer envelopes our financial assistants must handle, the lighter their workload.
- ✦ PLEASE do not post-date checks.
- ✦ PLEASE use black or blue ink for your checks. Our friendly bank tellers thank you.



The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after Sunday services or Monday night, based on volunteer preference. If you are available 1 or 2 months per year for approximately one hour a week, please contact Guy Mason, our Financial Secretary.

The Financial Secretary has a new church e-mail address if you wish to volunteer or have a question email me at: finsec@cheshirelutheran.org

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. A box for **postage contributions** will also be on the hallway counter. We will be sending small boxes, so please bring in small items. Some suggestions are:

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

These are just suggestions. Feel free to get creative!

Many thanks



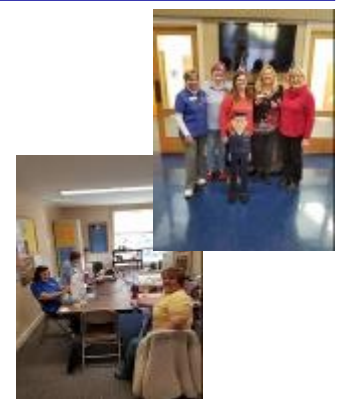
QUILTS OF VALOR NEXT CLC SEW DAY...

Cheshire Lutheran will host the next Sew Day on Saturday, February 22, 2020. If you have questions, you can speak with Marilyn Miller.

Quilts of Valor is a totally volunteer organization and depends on donations from the public to make these quilts happen.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

For more information please visit their website at <https://www.qovf.org/>



Our Sincere Appreciation



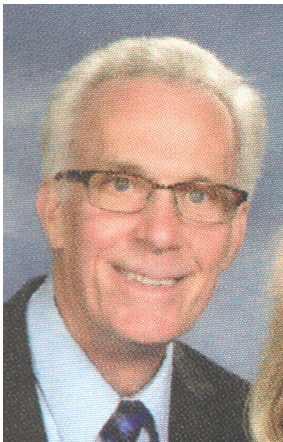
- ✠ Special thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations and Tree this year. Many hands do make light work!
- ✠ Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Tim Weiland for serving as our CLC photographer and over all Church Historian. Tim can always be seen with camera in hand either during events or even during the week 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...



February 2, 2020

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NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



February marks the start of Lent as Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching on the 26th. As we enter into the season of Lent, one cannot help but reflect upon the redeeming power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have received forgiveness from sin through his death and resurrection. We all should keep this in mind and share it with others, especially those who seem to need reassurance and comfort for whatever reason. I encourage everyone to attend one of our upcoming Lenten services, bible studies or fellowship events with our CLC family ... and perhaps bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker or maybe even a member who has drifted away from our family.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

Alan Spose
Evangelism Deacon

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

You are cordially invited to be a:

- † **Reader**
- † **Usher**
- † **Greeter**
- † **Singer or Ringer**
- † **Altar Guild**

Our weekly services don't just happen. For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 "periods of service" when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir's musical offerings that make our worship special).

Will you answer like Isaiah?....."Here I am Lord. Send me."

One can see there are so many ways we can use our time and talent in service to Our Lord and CLC. In this issue we want to stress the need for ushers and greeters.

Recently our Wellness and Safety Committee joined our Worship Committee to review the duties and responsibilities of ushers. The Worship Committee's plan is to encourage three person teams, including family teams. Basic instructions are available for any new team members. And if currently ushering, please consider an additional month.

Regarding greeters, we also encourage individual and family greeting teams and hope greeters will serve for a month at a time if possible. This is certainly not required, however. Name tags for greeters will be available on the table near the second library door, (or on the shelf under the guest book in the Narthex).

Of course we need ushers and greeters for both Sunday services, and early arrival on days of service is encouraged.

If inspired to greet, go directly to our bulletin board signup sheet to indicate your willingness to serve. See Tim Weiland to determine convenient months to aide in ushering. Please reach out to Tim concerning any other questions.



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

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





ALL ABOARD! GET READY FOR *ROCKY RAILROAD VBS* AT

When? June 22 to June 26

Where? Cheshire Lutheran Church

Kids, invite your friends to join you on this exciting trip. Adults and youth, you can get onboard by volunteering your help. For more information, check the bulletin boards at CLC and the Herald or speak to a committee member:

- ✠ Judy DiDomizio
- ✠ Karen Smith
- ✠ Vicki DePaolo
- ✠ Pastor Rowold



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



"Count your Blessings, name them one by one; count your Blessings, see what God hath done!"
Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Thank You to all the Sunday school children that sang on January 12th & all who participated in the Advent coin boxes benefiting the Cheshire Community food pantry. Seven Sunday school students gathered \$16.06 plus a personal contribution by the Sunday School Superintendent of \$21.51 giving us a total of \$37.57! Great job and it is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, the Sunday School children will be singing "This little light of Mine" during the 10:30 service on February 9th!!!

Inspirational Thought:

"Do we miss Blessings because they are not packaged as we Expected?"
Unknown

Carlene Myers
Judy DiDomizio
Martha Medford

FEBRUARY 26TH IS...ASH WEDNESDAY!

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. 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 4th. 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.



INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

On Sunday January 5, 2020, CLC installed the following Deacons and Officers:

President	Steve Feero
Vice President	Vicki DePaolo
Recording Secretary	Terri Daly
Financial Secretary	Guy Mason
Treasurer	Karen Smith
Deacon of Christian Growth Fund	Alan Santoro
Deacon of Education	Open Position
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	Rob DeLaubell
Deacon of Worship	Tim Weiland
Deacon of Youth	Brad Shick



Installation of the Church Council January 5, 2020

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 Dave Veleber, David Schrumm and Judy Didomizio who faithfully served our congregation. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Please prayerfully consider and if anyone is interested in filling any of our open positions please speak with any of the current officers.

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.



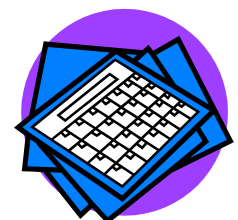
CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class continues for the 8th and 9th Grade students. Class meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. during the school year and the Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2020...

2020 Calendars are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We are loving the weather this winter. The children have been able to play outside more than past winter seasons.



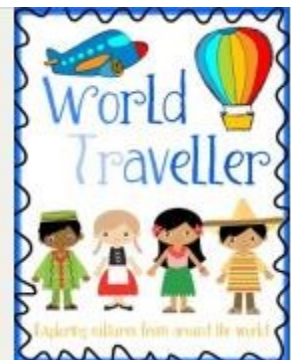
On January 11, 2020, Martha, Cindy and I took part in the Library Fair for Preschools/ Day Care Centers in town. We had 11 people sign in with information about their children. All were 3 years old and one family had twins. We were very pleased with the outcome.

The 3 Year Old Class:

- ✦ The theme for January was “Winter Fun”
- ✦ They were busy working on Letters P, Q, R, & S and Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
- ✦ Bible time – Bible Grows Up, Jesus at the Temple, Jesus chooses 12 friends, and Jesus heals a little girl.
- ✦ Art Projects consisted of Mittens, Cardinals, Me-A-Saur-Us, 5 Senses Snowman, Snowflakes, Dinos in the swamp, and Hands (finger painting).
- ✦ Story Time “The Mitten”, “My Backyard Birds”, “Danny and the Dinosaurs”, “The Snowy Day”, “Over and Under”, “Stranger in the Woods”, “I am a Dinosaur”, “My Five Senses”.

The 4 Year Old Class:

- ✦ For the 4’s it was Winter Fun as Well
- ✦ The 4’s were working on Letters O, P, Q, & R & Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8.
- ✦ Bible Time - Simon and Anna, Jesus at the Temple, Jesus Chooses 12 Friends, and Jesus heals the little boy.
- ✦ Art Time – Making Sleepy Bears, Pine cone Bird Feeders, Doily Snowmen, cooking project making veggie soup to go along with the story “Stone Soup”, Snowflakes, Decorate Mittens, make a winter tree out of pretzels, 3 Kings Project, Penguins (Science – Ice Cubes – see what happens to them when put outside). Martin Luther King Hat, Snowmen at Night, and a Ground Hog Day Project.
- ✦ The 4-year-olds have started their Lunch Bunch Enrichment.



Our Pre-School is Traveling The World:

We are off on our Travels for 2020. We have our passports and are ready to go. We left the USA on January 15 and flew to Portugal. We watched an in-flight movie and ate popcorn. On January 17, we ate Canja de galinha (Chicken Soup with rice) at a Portuguese café. We painted Azulejos tiles, blue and white tiles that decorated the buildings.

January 22nd, we took a river boat on the Douro river to Spain. As we traveled on the river, we had churros as a snack as we learned about Spain. On the 24th of January, we ate Spanish Rice and made cork picture frames. Cork is an agricultural product of Spain.

On January 27th, we will fly to China and celebrate Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the rat. We will watch a movie and eat chow mein noodles using chop sticks. We will low mein noodles with Chop Sticks and enjoy fortune cookies. We will read the Story of Ping on the Yangtze River and use rubber stamps; stamping began in China. Our travels continue in February.

On a personal note – I (JoAnn) want to THANK everyone for my generous Christmas Gift.

For those of you who do not know, my father Alfred “AL” Adinolfi passed away on December 18th. It is a great loss without him. He was loved by many.

God Bless to all,
JoAnn, Martha and Cindy

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 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.

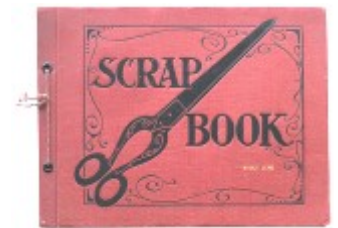


SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...

Have you seen the church's latest scrap book in the Fellowship Hall, next to where a puzzle is being put together? Tim Weiland has done a terrific job capturing our events of 2019, taking pictures and organizing them in the year book. For example:

- ✠ Individual pictures of each Confirmand and their responses are in the book.
- ✠ The Christmas pageant put on by our Youth was captured, with multiple photos of the many participants. See the two young men with their morning newspapers crying "Read all about it, a new baby was born!" And they all knew their lines.
- ✠ The large group of men that harvested our Christmas tree. Pictures were taken at the site of harvest and all through the final decorating of the tree, with Dave Schrumm setting the crown on the very top of the tree. A description of the Chrismons is also included.

If you like pictures evenly spaced and meticulous placed, you will enjoy the scrap book. Thank you Tim Weiland for all your hard work.





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

Cheshire Lutheran Church



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

It is the intention of our Wellness and Safety Committee to submit informational articles and inserts for each 2020 issue of the Heavenly Herald. We hope the information is helpful to you and serves to keep everyone aware of our Wellness and Safety project progress.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

Having snow and ice safety controls in place is important in preventing slip and fall accidents. Consider pre-application of ice melt before a storm, store ice-melt in an easy to reach location, conduct periodic inspections of your property for needed re-applications of ice melt, give attention to areas that are in the sun early in the day and in shadow later in the day, a puddle in the morning sun will become a sheet of ice in the afternoon.

IMPORTANT--use de-icing products as directed.

Coming soon: Fire/Medical/Emergency Safety Plans, Recognizing Signs of Potential Issues in our Church Building and Surrounding Property.

Bible Studies at CLC

Come and join us for Bible study during the week.



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday morning Bible study continues in the Library at 9:10 a.m.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

On Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. we're walking through the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke; by the time you receive this newsletter, we hope to have finished chapter sixteen and be ready to start seventeen

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

Our 1:30 p.m. Thursday Bible study alternates, with Ladies meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and the men meeting 1st and 3rd.

You're welcome to join us any time. See you in Bible Study.



Come on out and join us for Bible study during the week.!

CLC HELPING HANDS...

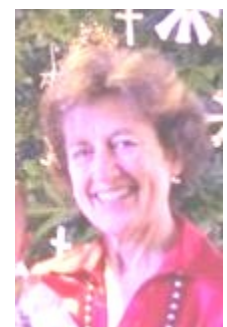
"Helping Hands" of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping "behind the scenes" from women 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.

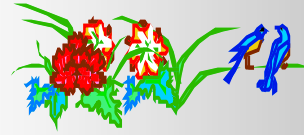
Sally Schrumm, Chairman



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2020

Somebody needs to get married in February!



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- 16 Jim Mertz
- Priscilla Mulvaney
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 23 Norma Baker
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
- Connor Collins
- Bill Hillis
- 25 Gloria Nuechterlein
- 26 James Donewald
- 28 Vicki DePaolo



Happy Birthday!



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