

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.” (Job 19:25–27 ESV)

I pray you and your family are all doing well as you read this month's Heavenly Herald, and I hope to see you in Church starting on Palm Sunday. Unfortunately, the reality is that neither of those two is guaranteed to be the case. Right now, you may be having a hard time with being stuck at home because much of our state has closed down following the Governor's executive orders aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Those same executive orders have made Church's original plan to resume services on April 5 feel more like wishful thinking. I earnestly want you and your family to be well and I am anxious for the day we can all be back in Church, but those are my desires – not facts.

It's very easy for us to confuse our wants, desires, and expectations with facts – so easy that it happens more often than we realize. Teenagers take for granted they'll get a car of their own to drive after they have their driver's license, and then are disappointed to learn their parents have other plans. Men buy engagement rings for their future brides, only to hear the word “no” when they pull out the ring. Employees spend the bonuses they know they receive every year, but then have to scramble to pay the bills after company profits are down and the bonus does not come. Just because we want it, say it, hope it, or expect it does not make it a fact.

One thing that is a fact is the resurrection. Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Mary, who died on the cross on Good Friday and was laid in the tomb IS alive. He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and now lives and reigns for

all eternity – that is a statement of FACT. It's a fact attested to by the witness of the women at the tomb, who saw the grave empty and heard the testimony of the angel. It's a fact shared by Mary, who saw Jesus with her own eyes there in the garden. It's a fact confessed by Thomas, who touched the marks of the nails in Jesus' hands and the wound from the spear in His side. It's a fact shared by the Apostles, who saw him eat food by the seashore after His crucifixion and before they saw Him rise bodily into heaven. It's a fact confirmed by Paul, who persecuted the Church until Jesus appeared before him on the road to Damascus. It's a fact so true that 11 of the 12 Apostles were put to death because they would not deny it.



Jesus lives. The Lamb who was slain is alive, never to die again. This fact is so sure and so certain that God's people knew it was true even before it happened. King David wrote of it in Psalm 22, almost one thousand years before Jesus was born. Isaiah the prophet recorded it in his “Servant Songs,” roughly seven hundred years before the night the angels appeared to the shepherds. Job confessed it when oppressed and suffering, some two thousand years before Christ. Each of them knew it was true, knew it was certain, knew it was a fact even before it happened.

Because Jesus IS alive, your sins ARE forgiven. Everlasting life in heaven with God and all the rest of the faithful IS yours. Christ IS with you today, tomorrow, and every day – whatever challenges, difficulties, or hardships you might face. Jesus WILL strengthen you by His Holy Spirit and bring you through everything you face in life. Today, tomorrow, and every day your redeemer LIVES, and He gives His victory over sin, death, and

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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

Greetings All,

Our second Council meeting of 2020 was conducted on Monday, March 9th and we had a very productive meeting! A few highlights are as follows:



The Council elected Craig Wilson to the open Education Deacon role. Judy DiDomizio provided her last interim update and a transfer of knowledge is underway for Craig to begin immediately. With Craig in attendance, we welcomed him to his new role and thanked Judy for her time, talents and dedication as Education Deacon during her three year plus two month term.

Amongst other normal business activities, the evolving Covid-19 health situation was top of mind for all of us. Pastor began sharing with us an action plan developed by the Wellness and Safety committee and driven by government and CDC guidelines for how best to reduce the spread of germs, starting with alternatives to sharing of peace through details such as delivery of communion and sanitization.

We also began considering options for Sunday Services, which led to preparing for our first live streaming Service on Sunday morning 3/22 at 8 a.m. via our CLC YouTube channel accessible via our website. We received positive feedback from many of you on the experience and will continue to refine the process and content where feasible and technically possible. Thanks to countless hours of testing by Pastor and Bill Juul focused on sound, technology and lighting.

In partnership with Stewardship Deacon Rob Delaubell, we are diligently researching online giving options and hope to have a secure and easy to use solution in place soon. In the interim while onsite services are cancelled, we ask that you keep our Mission plan for 2020 in mind and continue tithing via the mail, so we can deliver on our local and global commitments to do God's work.

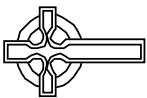
With the health situation fluid at this time, we're unable to predict how long we'll be living our lives while adhering to social distancing practices to keep our families and loved ones safe. For now, while our onsite events are temporarily cancelled, please know our office is still open, Council is here to support you, and we are still operating using remote methods. Do not hesitate to contact Pastor, the office, any Council member or myself if a need arises – best contact info for me is below.

Keep checking your email or our church website for continued updates as we navigate these stressful and trying times. If you're not getting our mass distribution emails, call the church office to make sure we have your current email address on file or you can email office@cheshirelutheran.org

God willing, our next Voters meeting is Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:30 a.m. service. God bless and see you virtually in church!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC
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BTG Galentia



April

April Servants

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 the grave to YOU.

I don't know how you are doing right now, or whether we will all be in Church together on Easter Sunday. What I do know is the same fact that David, Isaiah, and Job knew – Jesus lives. I also know that Cheshire Lutheran Church will be worshipping our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, either together in person in our wonderful building, or together in Christ in our live stream.

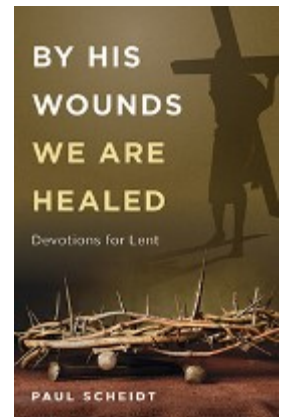
I look forward to worshipping with you on Easter Sunday as we celebrate again the fact that our Redeemer lives.

In Christ,



BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED ADULT LENT DEVOTIONALS...

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In these daily devotions for Lent by Paul Scheidt, we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him "the iniquity of us all." Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and "by his wounds we are healed."



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.

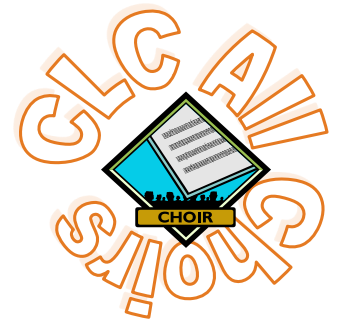


CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choir rehearsals are currently on HOLD following CDC Guidelines to significantly reduce any social contact in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID 19/Corona Virus.

We hope to resume Wednesday Evening Rehearsals sometime in April. Please refer to CLC All Choirs Rehearsal & Performance Schedule in this edition of the Heavenly Herald for more information.

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 can is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE WHEN WE RESUME OUR NORMAL SERVICE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 1 - Wednesday 6th Wednesday in Lent	7:15PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 5 - Sunday Palm Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School & Parish Choir
April 8 - Wednesday	7:15PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 9 - Thursday Maundy Thursday	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Oboe Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Oboe Soloist
April 10 - Friday Good Friday	6:50 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Sax
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Sax
April 12 - Sunday Easter	7:05 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish & Bell Choirs
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School Children
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Sunday School
April 15 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals!!!		
April 19 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 22 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 26 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 29 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 3 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 10th 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 12th. 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 10th bulletin.

Dottie Dierolf, Social Welfare Deacon

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Greetings All,

I hope everyone is staying safe and getting adjusted to this new norm of social distancing. I do not recall ever seeing such a sequence of events as what has transpired this past week, and I am sure we will see more uncharted territory to come. I am, however, optimistic that we will endure and come out of this as strong as, if not stronger than, we were before this started.

On the stewardship front, I can report that we are looking into several online giving services, which will provide us some options and flexibility for our giving. This was something that had been discussed prior to this month's events, but now more than ever it would be of value to our CLC community, since many of our financial obligations continue even while our services are on hold. I plan to have more details that I can share for next month's newsletter.

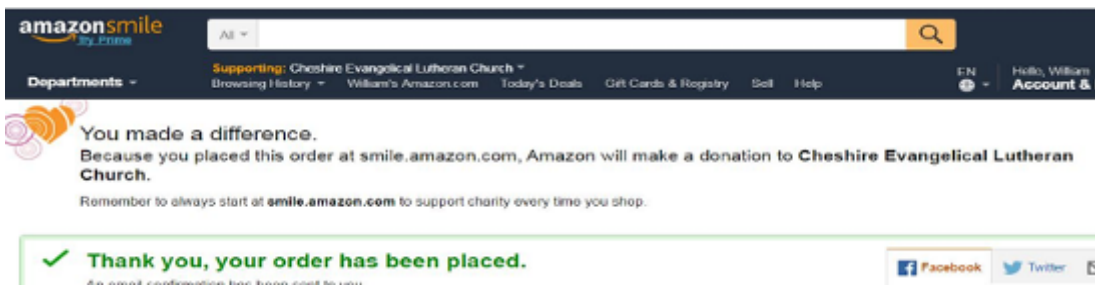
Sincerely,
Rob DeLaubell



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

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.



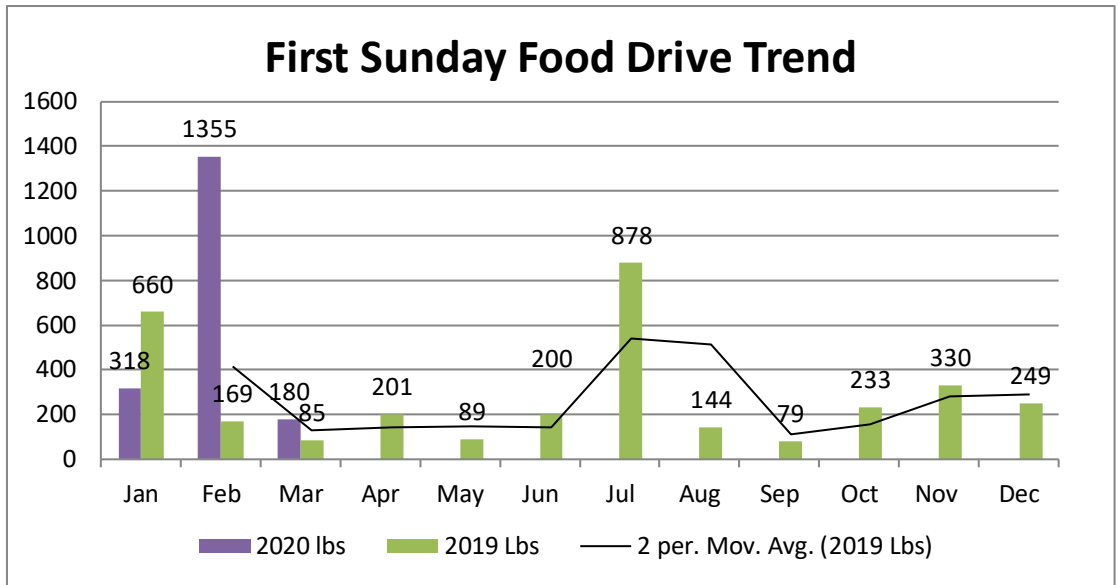
The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after Sunday services or Monday night, based on volunteer preference. If you are available 1 or 2 months per year for approximately one hour a week, please contact Guy Mason, our Financial Secretary.

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



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.



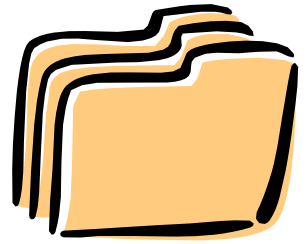
SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers Are Not Needed During this Time—Volunteers will be needed when we resume our regular Service Schedule

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!

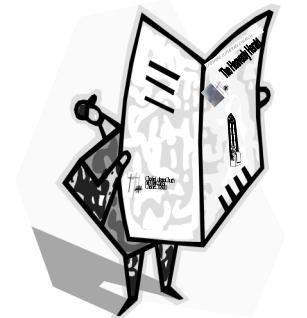
NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

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!! (May 2020 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **April 17th**, or earlier! **This is the Friday after Easter.** Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth’s lateral file folder on the hallway table.



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.



QUILTS OF VALOR NEWS...

Please check with Marilyn Miller to confirm this event is still going to be held!

Cheshire Lutheran will host the next Sew Day on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM. 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/>



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:

- ✦ **Cheshire Housing Authority information** regarding Section 8 Elderly Housing
- ✦ **Connecticut March for Life** information
- ✦ **Volunteers Needed for Hospice** information
- ✦ **2020 Usher Schedule**
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center Job Opening** for Executive Director position
- ✦ **On With Life (OWL)** bereavement group information
- ✦ **Pastors Pilgrims BALKANS AND TRANYSLVANIA IN 2020** trip information
- ✦ **2020 Annual Women's Retreat** information and Sign-Up
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Greeters** Volunteer Sign-Ups
- ✦ **Quilts of Valor Sign Up**—Next Meeting at CLC is in April
- ✦ **Thrivent Action Team** Sign Up
- ✦ **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour** Sign Up
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center 2020** volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2020 Flower Chart** Sign-up

Others looking for help!

- ✦ **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- ✦ **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 weekly during Lent - please see choirs' schedule. 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.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES CANCELED...

Out of an abundance of caution in the face of the COVID-19 situation, the remainder of our Wednesday evening Lenten services for 2020 are canceled. As of the newsletter deadline, we are still hopeful that regular in-person services will resume on Palm Sunday. If they do, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will take place as usual (starting at 7:30 p.m. both evenings). Please watch your email and the CLC website for service updates.



SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...

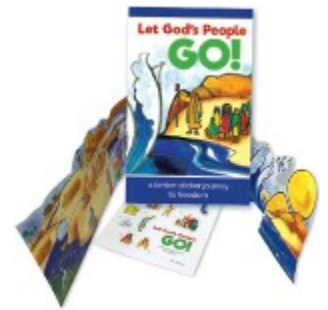
Our library resources are there for the lending to CLC church goes on the honor system. Please treat them as the treasures they are and return them as you found them. Also, on our hallway counter, there are books, newspapers, magazines, resource articles, etc. Please feel free to review the items and take them as your own.

All CLC scrap books are, for the present time, located on a table in our Fellowship Hall. Committee members continue to strive to digitize the material. Please take the time to relive wonderful moments in CLC's history.



KIDS' LENTEN STICKER JOURNEY...

If you have a kid who loves stickers and can't wait until Easter, then we have something for you this Lent. Grab a copy of *Let My People Go! A Lenten Sticker Journey To Freedom*. Through God's chosen helper Moses, God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them to freedom. On this Lenten sticker journey, children discover that through the saving grace of God's Son, Jesus, we are led from slavery to sin and death into freedom and life everlasting. The colorful cut-out centerpiece is used as a "map" that is marked along the way with the stickers in this Lenten "guidebook."



2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLANS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Even with regular services not taking place at the Church, you can still get a copy of the 2-Year Bible reading plan. You can use the plan to catch up if you started last year and got off track, or if you want to start it new this year. Just contact Pastor by e-mail, text, or phone (at his cell) and he will email it to you.



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 (203) 250-7708 and/or gmason94@gmail.com.



Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks to Bill Juul, Pastor, Martha Medford and Steve Feero for figuring out the technical and functional details to live stream Sunday Services for us. This opportunity is so needed right now. Thank you!
- † Thank Bill Juul for posting Pastor R's sermons, along with other videos and pictures documenting the life of our church/congregation.
- † Special Thanks to Craig Wilson for taking on the role of Education Deacon. Craig, we look forward to hearing and supporting your ideas our youth



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST...



This Easter, the church still hopes to hold its Easter Continental Breakfast on Sunday, April 12th. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity for fellowship that the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals.

Also, please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include: baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, **cooked** quiches and **cooked** egg casseroles.

The fellowship committee will need to know who will attend and who can help out with the Breakfast by/on Palm Sunday. Sign-ups will need to be done via direct contact with Karen Weiland at the email listed below or the church office at office@cheshirelutheran.org.

If you are unable to sign-up at Palm Sunday service, please contact Karen Weiland to let her know you wish to attend and to volunteer your services.

Should you have any questions, please contact Karen Weiland at kweiland3@sbcglobal.net.



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.

CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020...

Our 13th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 2nd at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is:

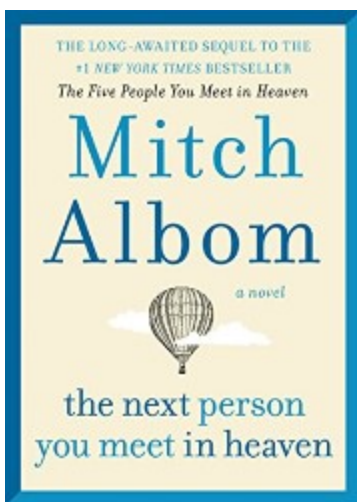
the next person you meet in heaven by Mitch Albom. In this enchanting sequel to the number one bestseller *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom tells the story of Eddie's heavenly reunion with Annie—the little girl he saved on earth—in an unforgettable novel of how our lives and losses intersect.

It's not necessary to have read "Five People" in order to understand "the Next ..." It definitely would make your reading experience richer to have read both books. If you don't have access to the first and would be interested, I can arrange to have a viewing of the movie here at church prior to the retreat! Even if you have read "Five People" it may be a good refresher and a fun get-together.

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 \$46, payable to CLCW and can be placed in the RED box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by **April 12th**.

As of today, March 20th, The Guest House and Conference Center is closed. They expect to reopen at the end of April. However, that may change. Please stay tuned. I will contact all who have signed up if there is any change in plans and will include updates in Pastor's Sunday service announcements.

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



CLC HONORED WITH CHESHIRE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD...



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).

Thank you in advance!





HOLY WEEK

Event	Date	Notes
Passion (Palm) Sunday	Sunday April 5, 2020	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist	Thursday April 8, 2020	Service at 7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	Friday April 9, 2020	Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	Sunday April 11, 2020	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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

ALL ABOARD! Get ready for *Rocky Railway VBS* at CLC this summer!

When: June 22 to June 26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Cheshire Lutheran Church

Who: Kids, invite your friends to join you on this exciting trip.

Adults and youth, you can get onboard by volunteering your help.

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. The program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences, hands-on fun science experiments and crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats.

Watch for sign-up sheets and registration forms in the church hallway.



CHURCH OFFICE...

Please remember that the church office is closed on Fridays. In an emergency, please contact Pastor Rowold through his cell phone number, listed in the church directory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Dear Sunday School Children,

The beginning of Lent, I requested of all of you not to give up something but to give of yourselves! This month, we are quickly approaching Holy Week! Prayerfully we will be able to sing our hosannas to our Lord & King. If it is not to be? Stay home & worship there! Also requesting to still give of yourselves in the safety of your home. There is nothing to fear! Your cooperation really matters in helping your family! How can you help? Household chores, help clean, no arguing with your siblings & PRAY!

Sometimes it doesn't seem like God is present in our lives during times of trials. He's closer to us now than ever before, protecting us. There is no need to feel overwhelmed in times like this. Pray to our Father to help us resist this surge of emotions that threatens to overwhelm us!

My God on Him I lean & rely, and in Him I confidently TRUST!

Carlene Myers
Judy DiDomizio
Martha Medford



CLC HELPING HANDS...

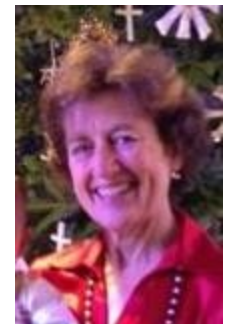
“Helping Hands” of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping “behind the scenes” from women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



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services—During COVID 19 restrictions
- ✚ 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...



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

So Happy that Spring is here!

The 3's and 4's are excited about their surrounding changes, checking the weather and clouds each day. We say a poem every day. We have a weather window and say *"I've been looking out the window for a long, long time checking out the weather as we say this rhyme. Do you see the sunshine? Is there rain or snow, won't you tell us how our day will go?"*

Our 3 year old class has been busy.



Our units this month consisted of – community helpers, healthy habits, nutrition.

Bible – Jesus Calms the Storm, Mary and Martha.

Art Unit - The 3's made a doctor's kit, mailing letters, germs, kind words, fridge.

Stories - to go along with units - The 3's- "Nicky Goes to the Doctor", "Postman Pig", "Germs are not for Sharing", "Words are not for Hurting", "Fast Food", "Pizza Man" "What's for Lunch?", "Wake up! It's Spring", "Possum and the Peepers", and "If I were an Astronaut".

The 3 year old's are moving right along with small motor skill development. They have been using tweezers, playing with playdoh, stringing beads, and using scissors to strengthen those hands for clearer writing. They have been working on letter sounds and words that begin with that letter.

Little Cherubs 4 year old class has been busy as well.

Our units have consisted of – nutrition, vegetable, fruits, dairy, protein and sweets.

Bible – Jesus Calms the Storm, Mary and Martha.

Letter Unit – W, X. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday by making green eggs and ham. Vegetable tasting went well! The children ate them all up. During fruit week, the children got to taste a piece of fruit pizza (the base was a piece of watermelon). Shapes consisted of circle and rectangle. God's blessings to all of you and have a safe and Wonderful Easter.

Please put the word out that our **3 year old** classes having openings this fall!!!

Miss Martha and Miss Cindy finished their traveling. When school re-opens, we will begin our Art Enrichment Program. We look forward to sharing with you. We had to close due to the Corona Virus. We are not sure when we will reopen.

Miss Martha, Miss Cindy and Miss JoAnn

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INITIAL GROUND BREAKING...



In June we celebrate 60th anniversaries for the ground breaking of our church and Pastor Nuechterlein and family coming to Cheshire.

- ✠ Do you know the dimensions of the sanctuary?
- ✠ Do you know the cost to build it?
- ✠ How many acres are there?
- ✠ Do you know what outside the north face of the sanctuary was to be?
- ✠ How many of Pastor's and Gloria's children were born when they arrived?

Many answers to these questions can be found in the church scrapbooks. Study up and perhaps I'll quiz you in an upcoming Heavenly Herald.

R Tim Weiland, Archivist



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

Bible Studies at CLC

Bible Studies On Hiatus During Lent....



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

All of our weekly Bible studies are currently on Hiatus. Sunday morning Adult Bible Study, the Wednesday afternoon Walkthrough of Luke's Gospel, and the Thursday afternoon Men's and Ladies' Bible Studies will resume after Easter. The exact date they restart will be announced before Sunday services and will be listed in the bulletin and on the Church's website (www.cheshirelutheran.org).



The Lent Wednesday evening Bible Study with Soup & Salad has been canceled for the rest of this year's Lenten season.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...



If you have been paying attention to the prayers in our Sunday morning service (whether it was in person before the COVID-19 outbreak or on the live stream recently), you may have noticed that our prayer list on Sunday mornings has gotten rather long. When I receive a name for a person in need of prayers, I leave that name on until the person who gave it to me in the first place tells me to remove it. As a result, we are praying for quite a few people.

I would like an update on all these folks. If you have put a name on the prayers, please drop me a note letting me know how the person is doing and if our continued prayers would be helpful. I'm hoping that some of the people are doing well, and I just haven't gotten the message. Beginning with the first Sunday in May, I will be resetting the list from scratch, and will be including only the names of people you tell me should still be there. Please make sure I know if a name should be left on the list. Thank you.

Pastor R

WE SUPPORT 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.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER LOOKING FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSTION...

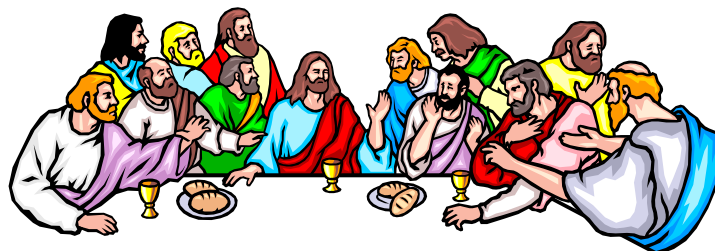


Hope Pregnancy Center in Cheshire is seeking an Executive Director with strong leadership skills who would be responsible for implementing the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors and for supervising the day-to-day operations of the Center.

Hope Pregnancy Center is a faith-based not for profit organization which seeks to meet the emotional, spiritual, and material needs of women who are expecting unexpectedly, as well as the men and children in their lives.

Our goal is to come along side moms-to-be- with the love, support, and help they need making it possible for them to choose to carry their babies to term.

This position would be 18-24 hours and if you're interested, please email Maggie at hopepepcc@gmail.com or call Hope Pregnancy Center at 203-271-2703.



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

How to Wash Your Hands

It's one of the most important things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your community. And if you're like us, you've probably been doing it wrong.

Will touching the wet faucet really ruin everything?

Yes. The faucet may have the same germs you started with! Use a tissue or paper towel to turn it off once your hands are clean. You don't want to begin again, do you?

How hard do I have to scrub?

Most people don't rub vigorously enough, said Barbara Smith, a nurse epidemiologist and infection prevention specialist at Mount Sinai Health Systems in New York. When you wash your hands, you are using soap and water to physically dislodge germs from your skin and then rinse them away.

Do I really have to dry my hands all the way?

Most people don't dry thoroughly enough. Germs love moisture. And don't be afraid to use a little force here too: You are physically removing whatever germs remain.

Do I have to use paper towels?

No. Cloth towels are fine for personal use, but should be washed every few days — more if multiple people use the same towel. A sick person should use a separate towel. Use paper towels for guests!

What about an air dryer?

In terms of hygiene, paper towels are best. Hand dryers are OK, so long as you dry your hands thoroughly. There is inconclusive research that suggests a higher germ concentration around some hand dryers, but using a hand dryer is definitely better than wiping your hands on your pants.

What's the best way to know you've washed for 20 seconds?

One one-thousand, two one-thousand, three one-thousand...

Does it matter what kind of soap I use?

Liquid soap is best. Bar soap is fine too, just don't let it sit around in a gloppy dish. Remember: germs love moisture.

When should I be washing my hands?

- ◇ Before you leave the house (to protect others from your germs).
- ◇ And when you arrive at your destination (to wash off germs you've picked up from door knobs, elevator buttons, public transportation, etc.)
- ◇ Before and after you eat or prepare food.
- ◇ Before and after you clean your home.
- ◇ After you blow your nose, cough or sneeze.
- ◇ After you use the bathroom or change a diaper.
- ◇ After you feed or touch a pet.

What about lotion for dry hands?

Yes, but use your own personal supply (most lotion does not contain antibacterial agents, so it should not be shared). And don't forget to keep the bottle and dispenser clean!

Can I still paint my nails?

Yes, but it's best to keep your nails short and your manicure fresh. Germs can live in cracked and chipped polish.

What's the technique with hand sanitizer?

Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, and scrub your hands the same way you would with soap and water. Be sure to use enough liquid so you can reach every surface of your hands. *Note:* If you've seen the recipe circulating on social media for homemade sanitizer using aloe vera gel and rubbing alcohol, we tried it and it didn't work. You'll just wind up with a batch of diluted alcohol.

Is hand-washing really that important?

"Your hands carry almost all your germs to your respiratory tract. Keeping them as clean as possible is really helpful," said Dr. Adit Ginde, professor of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "It would dramatically reduce transmission if people did it well."

Cheshire Lutheran Church



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2020

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Rob Daly
Fred Neuffer
John Balash
Tricia Rowold
Kyong Mann
Pat DiDomizio
Hayley Fiedler
April Slauson
Matthew Napp
Helen Mayer
Michael Collins
Erich F. Strunk
Peggy Tessler
Donna Spose
JoAnn Holstein
Arta Dobbs
William Sherman, Jr.



13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	24 Years
14 th	Eric & Maria Johnson	13 Years
24 th	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	66 Years
28 th	Ralph & Georgianna Schupp	73 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	60 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✚ The next *Council Meeting* will be Thursday, *April 27th* at 7:00 PM.
- ✚ The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *May 3rd* following the second service in our Fellowship Hall.



CHRIST IS RISEN!
Christ Is Risen Indeed!



**April Showers
Bring May Flowers**



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