



# The Heavenly Herald

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 ESV)

It has been just about a month since the Governor of Connecticut issued his Executive Order that closed all “non-essential” businesses, took the kids out of the schools, and altered life as we know it.

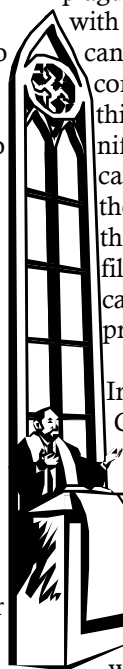
Our children are not getting up in the morning, getting ready, and climbing on the bus to go to school. No, they are getting up, getting ready, and then sitting down in our homes (at the Dining Room table in mine) to attend school “remotely.” Their classes are all on the computer, the resources they use are almost entirely online, and gone are the days when papers or physical projects were turned in; now they are all submitted electronically. Even after school activities, like dance and martial arts classes, are taking place in front of computer screens and cameras.

Many adults are working from home, while many more are not working at all right now. For those who are still going in for work, what is being done and how is it being done has also changed dramatically. Shopping for daily necessities has exponentially shifted to happening via the internet with so many stores closed. Customers at the ones that are open are often faced with arrows on the floor to direct the flow of customers, lines and x's (or boxes) to mark out acceptable social distancing, and fewer choices on the often sparsely filled shelves.

Even in the church, which the Governor did consider an “essential” business, things have changed. Our worship is now taking place “remotely,” with one service every Sunday being streamed live into people’s homes or watched as a recording some time after the live stream. We are also looking to use technology to resume our

regular Christian Education programs remotely (which had been either on hiatus due to Lent or temporarily suspended at the same time we stopped in person services). Our Coffee Hour and Church meetings too are moving into the realm of group chats and conference calls for the time being.

Everywhere you look, people have a veritable host of worries and concerns that seem to be plaguing them as this situation continues on with no guaranteed end date of which we can be certain. Some of those worries and concerns are the ones we had before all this started, but now they have been magnified exponentially, others are new ones caused by this situation that have replaced the old ones. For many people, the things they see and hear and experience do not fill them with hope and joy; no, they cause doubt, anxiety, fear, and even depression.



In the midst of life as it is right now, God’s Word from Romans 8 may seem a little hard to believe. “All things work together for good” – how on earth does all this work together for good? People sick or dying, out of work, stuck at home, anxious and upset, stressed out, and facing an almost daily stream of Executive Orders from the Governor – where is the “good” in all that?

First, let me say that none of that is good. It is all bad, and the devil, the world, and our sinful nature would love nothing less than to use all of it to turn us even more inward on our selves – to amplify and multiply all of our doubts, fears, and anxieties – and lead us further away from our loving Heavenly Father. Second, what the Holy Spirit inspired St. Paul to write in the Greek of Romans 8 actually reads a little more like this:

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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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*Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, PhD-  
Pastor*

*Carol Santoro-Office Manager*

*Martha Medford-Organist &  
Choir Director*

*Steve Feero-Parish President*

*Beth Soulier-Editor*

## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Greetings All,



During these far from normal times, it made me ponder where to begin for this month's article. Just over two months ago, all seemed somewhat normal and then this pandemic hit us. It certainly disrupted my family's daily lives; as I am sure it has all of yours. One minute I'm commuting to Hartford for work, visiting colleges for our oldest son Brandon to select as he graduates Cheshire High School this year, the next minute I'm working from home, my wife Nancy is furloughed, we're attending virtual college sessions, and both boys are attending school remotely from home. Regardless of how its impacted all of us in different ways, there is one thing for sure, we will prevail and get through this with lots of prayer, support from family and friends, and of course God's help!

our first Sunday Service YouTube livestream on 3/22 and on 4/19 our first Sunday morning Social Hour via Zoom. We hope you have been able to tune in for the remote Services and Social Hour, as they are great methods to further our faith and connect with fellow congregants from the confines of our living spaces.

Our March Council meeting was conducted on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, and was very productive. Craig Wilson was elected to the Christian Education Deacon role. We welcome him to his new role and thank Judy DiDomizio for her three year term and staying on as Interim until we found a replacement. The \$5K Christian Growth Fund disbursement to the New England District, voted on at the February Voters meeting, was decided to be put on hold, and we will revisit it when these trying times are behind us. Additionally, we began the topic of online giving solutions and, since then, Rob Delaubell worked with the Finance Committee to research options. For more on where we stand, look for his update in the Stewardship article.

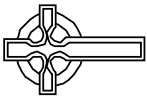
As the health situation put a damper on our church services, events and social gathering, we quickly looked for ways to improvise and adapt. From this was born our first Sunday Service YouTube livestream on 3/22 and on 4/19 our first Sunday morning Social Hour via Zoom. We hope you have been able to tune in for the remote Services and Social Hour, as they are great methods to further our faith and connect with fellow congregants from the confines of our living spaces. Continue to check your email as we look for more ways leverage technologies like Zoom for Bible studies, confirmation class and Sunday School.

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:  
Voters—Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> after the late service (logistics are TBD)  
Council—Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

May I remind you our church office remains open, we simply ask that you call first before stopping by and continue to adhere to all local and government official instructions, which as of late is to simply stay home. If any ideas or needs surface during these abnormal times, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Pastor or the office. I can best be reached on my cell at (203) 213-7753 or email at [president@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:president@cheshirelutheran.org)

Yours in Christ!  
Steve Feero  
Parish President, CLC

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## CONNECTICUT'S INFORMATION REGARDING— CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)...

### Information about Coronavirus (COVID-19)



#### Latest Guidance from the State of Connecticut

- **Face Coverings:** Following recommendation from the CDC for everyone to wear cloth face coverings in public settings to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Governor signed an executive order directing face coverings to be worn by anyone in public wherever a six-foot distance is unavoidable, including by employees while in the workplace. A CDC video explains how to make a face covering. This does not apply to anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition. Guidance on face coverings has been

issued to the state's businesses.

- **Stay Safe, Stay Home:** The Governor signed an executive order directing Connecticut residents to "Stay Safe, Stay Home." It directs all nonessential businesses statewide to prohibit in-person functions. Guidance has been issued to the state's businesses. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers:** All workplaces considered essential must follow Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Gatherings:** All social and recreational gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited. This includes things such as sports, parades, concerts, festivals, live performances, and conventions. Religious, spiritual, and worship gatherings of more than 50 are prohibited. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Food establishments:** Restaurants and bars that serve food are required to provide take-out and delivery services for off-premise consumption only. These establishments must limit entrance of customers to the minimum extent necessary to pick up and/or pay for orders, and use touchless payment if available. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Retail establishments:** Stores that are permitted to stay open under the "Stay Safe, Stay Home" executive order must follow "Safe Store Rules" that several requirements, such as a cap on occupancy at 50% capacity, and floor markings measuring 6 feet must be at checkout lines, among other items. Guidance has been issued detailing all of the "Safe Store Rules." This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Gyms, movie theaters, hair and nail salons:** All gyms, fitness centers, and similar sports venues; theaters and cinemas; and hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas, and tattoo parlors are closed. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Schools:** Classes at all public schools are canceled. This remains in effect until May 20, unless otherwise modified.
- **Travelers:** Any person coming into Connecticut by any mode of transportation for any reason is strongly urged to self-quarantine for 14 days.



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“And we know that for those loving God, He works together all things for good for those called according to His purpose.”

It's not that all these things that are happening to us are good or that they, in and of themselves, will work good for you. No, **HE** works together all things for good. God is able to use everything that is happening and still work good out of it for you and me. He is even able to work good for you when people are sick or dying, out of work, stuck at home, anxious and upset, stressed out, or facing the Governor's executive orders.

Remember, this is the same God who brought everlasting life for you out of the death of His Son on the cross. He worked the joyous forgiveness of all your sins out of the sadness of Jesus' suffering and death. And He **IS** working good things for you right now, even in the midst of the world as it stands right now. I know this for a fact for two reasons.

The second reason (Yes, I am working backwards!) is because you, yourselves, are telling me so. Husbands have told me they are getting things done on their “honey do” lists that have been on them forever. Wives are telling me that they are accomplishing things around the house that they have wanted to get to for a while, but have not had the time. Parents are telling me that they are actually sitting down to dinner with their children and not running out to get this one or that one to an activity. Grandparents are telling me that they are now talking to their grandchildren almost daily either on the phone or online.

People are eating at home more and out less, with food they made for themselves that is better for them. They are getting more fresh air and exercise – going for walks, working in the yard and the garden, or even just sitting in lawn chairs in their driveways. Kids can't wait to get back to school. People are anxious to go to Church and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We long to spend time together in person and not from a distance via electronic devices.

If we are willing to look around us and see what is taking place, there is good that God is working, even in the midst of all the troubles that life brings us right now. Does that mean that everything is good? No, but there is good out there to be seen that God is working for you. Does that mean that everything is right? No, but that's not what He promised.

The first reason I know that God **IS** working good things for you right now is because that is exactly what His Word in Romans tells us that He is and will do. Just after the words of Romans 8:28 above, we find these:

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:31–39 ESV)

God gave up His Son for you. In Christ Jesus, you will overcome everything in this life – even global pandemics. He is working good for you each and every day. And when this life is all said and done, you have an everlasting life with God in Christ Jesus waiting for you.

Right now, things in life are not all good. There is a lot of bad that is happening, and it can be overwhelming. Even now, God is working to bring about good, and He is doing it for you.

God bless and keep you; stay safe and be well.

In Christ,

Pastor R



## NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

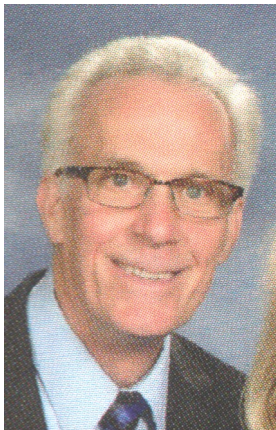
### Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

- ✠ 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](mailto:finsec@cheshirelutheran.org)

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



Yes, we are in the middle of an immensely complicated crisis. Everywhere we go, there is concern about being “contagious”. However, in extremely emotional times, we have to remember it is not only the virus, the flu or the common cold that are contagious. Our attitude is also contagious and it can be as contagious as COVID 19. We all look for immunity boosters for our physical health. Prayer and Bible reading can be the immunity booster we need to reinforce a positive attitude and an essential part of our emotional system. This will help us individually through any crisis and spread positivity to others...and it can even be done while maintaining social distancing!

Rather than focusing on what happened in the past or worrying about what is going to happen in the future, use the power of prayer to lessen anxiety and help get through the present. Reach out to others emotionally and spread God's presence and hope to others.

Alan Spose  
Evangelism Deacon



## 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!

By now you have likely heard from other church communications that our CLC online giving portal is up and operational. If you have not already seen the page, I encourage you to check it out! You can access it on the CLC website home page, where you may review it, and/or take advantage of this channel in order to make a contribution.

We have partnered with Prolific, a Lutheran Church Federal Credit Union affiliate, to bring you this secure, convenient, and user friendly option, which will work on your computer, tablet or mobile device browser. When arriving on this page, you will be able to input several fields, including donation amount, envelope number, indicate if this is a general fund contribution or a designated gift (and if so, for what purpose), payment information, and donor information. You will receive a confirmation number after your submission, and your contributions will be reflected on your quarterly offering statements.



**MAKING DONATIONS AND PAYMENTS EASY, SECURE, AND SEAMLESS**

Although we had discussed offering our congregation and the public an online option before our social distancing began, it is more important than ever now that we offer an online option to our congregation to provide flexibility and choices for making contributions. Note that this site is an option in addition to other options you have, including US-mailing contributions to CLC's PO box (checks only, please do not send cash), dropping contributions off at church during designated times, or using your personal bank's online portal to make a contribution.

Special thanks to Steve Feero for his efforts to set up this option.

I am extremely pleased that CLC now has this capability online, for both CLC members and non-members to use. Our vendor partner met all of our requirements, including internet security, reputation, having a Lutheran or Christian affiliation, a low cost fee structure, and having the key features we desired. Our desired features included an ability to customize our giving page with our church name on it, accepting both credit and debit card payment options for maximum flexibility for donors, ability to include a note or message with a contribution should a donor choose to specify a contribution as a special gift, in memory or in honor of someone special. In addition, we wanted to ensure it would work on various devices, and that support would be available, should there be any question about a transaction.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this online giving option, or if I can be of assistance in any other way.

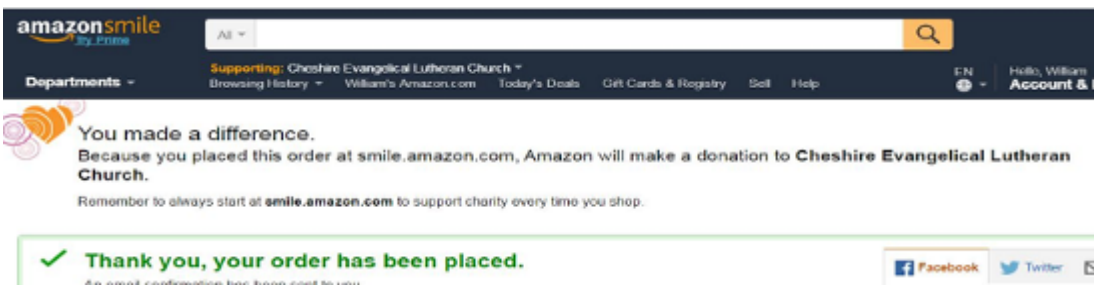
Sincerely,  
Rob DeLaubell  
Stewardship Deacon



**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](http://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.

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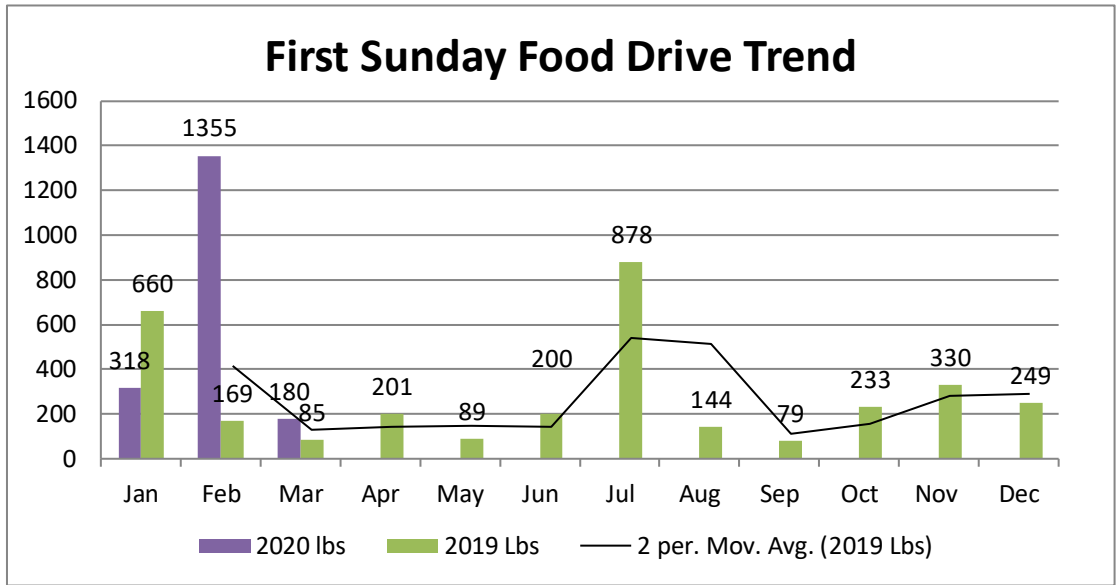


You Shop. Amazon Gives



**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.



**CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Corvid19 has decreased contributions, children are home and people out of work. There are no Sunday donations to the Pantry. We can directly drop off items at the Pantry or send a cash for them to purchase what they need most. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:  
175 Sandbank Rd  
Cheshire Ct 06410

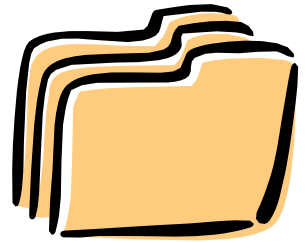
Send Checks to:  
Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457  
or  
you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226



## 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.

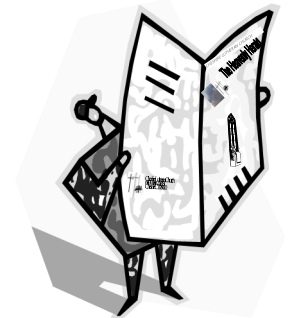


## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (Summer 2020 Articles are Due!)

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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 22<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## CLC ANNUAL PICNIC IN JUNE (TENTATIVE)...

If we are released from shelter at home orders by Gov. Lamont and per the agreement of the Church Council, CLC will be holding a picnic on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Announcements will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

So, if the current situation with the Covid-19 improves, please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the second service on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

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

Karen Weiland  
Fellowship Committee



## 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:

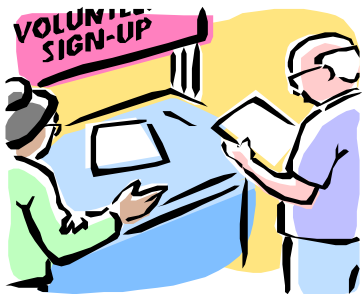
*Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!*

### *This month on the Bulletin Board:*

- ✦ Cheshire Housing Authority information regarding Section 8 Elderly Housing
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Sunday Morning Greeters Volunteer Sign-Ups
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Memory Café in Cheshire information
- ✦ CLC 60th Anniversary of Ground Breaking pictures and information

### *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](mailto: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".

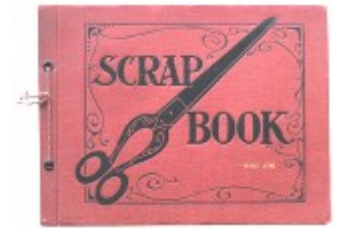


## SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...

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.

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.

Phase 1 of our Library Book renovation has been completed. More recently our tech member's time has been dedicated to the production of our online Sunday services. Special thanks to Steve Feero and Bill Juul.



## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

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



## 2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLANS ARE STILL AVAILABLE BY EMAIL!...

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 Tim Weiland for continuing to contribute and support our Congregation with his pictures and Archivist duties. Also, to Karen and the Fellowship Committee for "thinking out of the Box" with keeping us all connected and in touch with each other.
- † Thanks to the wonderful families that donated and arranged the Lilies around the Altar on Easter. They are beautiful in person and on camera. Thank You







### COLUMBARIUM UPDATE...

Throughout this quiet time at CLC, committee members have provided maintenance to our garden and Columbarium Wall. Special thanks to Tim Weiland.

Congregants wishing to place flowers on the Columbarium Wall in recognition of MOTHER'S DAY may do so on May 8th, 9th and 10th. Please remember to remove the flowers by May 12th

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

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|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Don Drust      | Walt Gancarz       | John Mulvaney |
| Vicki DePaolo  | Linda Gancarz      | Randy Raddatz |
| Pat DiDomizio  | Margie Mertz       | Beth Soulier  |
| Judy DiDomizio | Priscilla Mulvaney | Tim Weiland   |



### THE MEMORIAL GARDEN IS COMING TO LIFE...

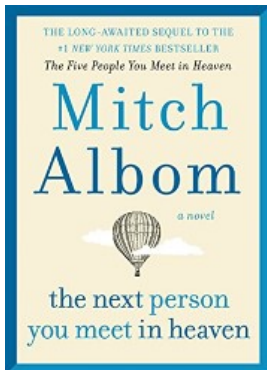
This area was originally created as a collection basin for water runoff from the parking lot when the church addition was added. Over the years many people have contributed plants. In the first phase, plants were donated by Tower Farms (Manke). Left over Easter flowers from bulbs are now up. Daffodils, primrose are in full bloom. Phlox, Shasta daisies, iris, Russian sage, lupine, and a hydrangea are on the church-side bank with the rhododendron and a trimmed Japanese maple tree. Astilbe, day lilies, bleeding heart, lilac, hydrangea, Bugle weed, catmint, clethra and a Rosa Rugosa rose bush cover the bank next to the Columbarium. On the west, a flowering dogwood and another Rosa Rugosa rose overlook clumps of flowering daffodils planted by a Little Cherubs class. Later cone flowers, and bee balm will be shaded by the tree. In the floor of the garden are planted holly bushes, forsythia, a butterfly bush, peony, sedum, and wandering rudbeckia waiting to come forth.

Spring is a gift. Enjoy.



### 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

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CLCW Retreat has been cancelled due COVID-19 the health crisis. That is not to say that we can't get together sometime during the summer to discuss the book. We can brainstorm and come up with a fun time to get together. However, let's wait until this is behind us. I will ask Pastor to include any update in his weekly announcements.

The registration fees of those who have already paid will be returned.

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



## Test Your Knowledge on the Construction of the Cheshire Lutheran Church in 1960 and Pastor Nuechterlein's arrival.

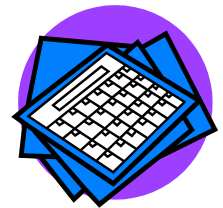
- 1) How many laminated arches hold up the roof of the sanctuary/narthex?  
A) 6 B) 7 C) 8 D) 9 E) 12
- 2) Pastor and Gloria Nuechterlein arrived in Cheshire on Thursday June 9, 1960. Ground breaking for CLC took place how many days later?  
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 10
- 3) Pastor Nuechterlein was installed as Pastor at CLC \_\_\_\_\_ week(s) after ground breaking for the Church?  
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 6
- 4) Preliminary plans for the Church showed its orientation facing east/west versus the north/south orientation as built.  
A) True B) False
- 5) The area just outside of the north facing wall of the church (altar cross end) was to be:  
A) A stairway to heaven  
B) A grove of olive trees  
C) A peace garden  
D) An outdoor chapel
- 6) The dimensions of the sanctuary are:  
A) Approximately 25 cubits by 50 cubits by 25 cubits. B) 36 feet by 72 feet by 36 feet  
C) 12 yards by 24 yards by 12 yards  
D) All of the above E) Only B above
- 7) The total cost to build the church was approximately:  
A) \$60,000 B) \$90,000 C) \$120,000  
D) \$150,000 E) \$180,000
- 8) Soon after being installed at CLC, Pastor Nuechterlein helped the congregation:  
A) Sell commemorative CLC bricks  
B) Pick up rocks around the property  
C) Plant red maple trees  
D) Locate a bell
- 9) How many acres of land were purchased in 1957 to build the church on?  
A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8.5 E) 10
- 10) The blue prints for the church initially showed a caged elevator to the choir loft.  
A) True B) False

CLC Archivist R. Tim Weiland; note he got 9 out of 10 correct!

(Answers can be found on page 18)

### CHURCH OFFICE...

Please remember that the church office is open for email/calls only during the Pandemic. If you need to conduct Church business kindly call or email Carol and/or Pastor. In an emergency, please contact Pastor Rowold through his cell phone number, listed in the church directory.



### 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!



# Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

NEW—Virus Friendly Instructions!



Let us celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Due to the virus you can obtain the form in the following ways:

- ✦ It will be included with the Sunday bulletin email from Carol
- ✦ It will be on our website along with Sunday Bulletins
- ✦ You can pick one, fill out and drop off at our next *external* Church Drive-By/Drop Off to be conducted on April 30<sup>th</sup>

Make sure you make All checks payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" & write "Blanket Sunday" in the Memo section of your check (So we can distinguish between normal giving and payment for the Blankets)

Return completed forms and check via:

- ✦ Drop off at Church on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- ✦ Mail via USPS to CLC PO Box 157

**Please make sure all forms and checks are dropped off (April 30<sup>th</sup> only) or mailed to the Church by May 5<sup>th</sup> or earlier.**

Dedications will be listed in the May 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

Dottie Dierolf, Social Welfare Deacon



## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...[WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://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
- ✦ 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 RAILWAY 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.

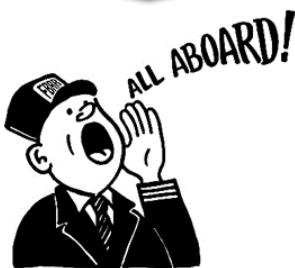
**Where:** Cheshire Lutheran Church

**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.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Dear Sunday School Students,  
Hoping & Praying your Easter Sunday was healthy & safe & 6ft. apart!!!

For May's Heavenly herald, I would like to repeat (on line) one of our Sunday school lessons. It will 15-20 minutes tops (if that). This lesson is taken from the book of Mark 2:1-12!!! Younger students please have an experienced reader, read to you.

Jesus Heals a Man Who is Paralyzed:

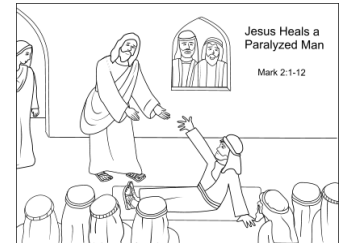
This story not only is about a paralyzed man & his friends' determination and strong faith. It is a story of the people who gathered there with Jesus who were "paralyzed"(not physically) by their doubts, their questions, or even their fears!

During these uncertain times there are a lot of people paralyzed with fears & disbelief. Your assignment is to make a card with: encouraging words, giving support or confidence, happy thoughts, GOD'S got this etc. Once you finish your card, put it in a safe place to hand in when we meet again for Sunday school; or better yet, give it to someone who is having a hard time with this pandemic!

As always, remember to be Kind, Helpful, & Unselfish!!! The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever Trusts in the LORD is SAFE!!! Proverbs 29:25

PS - Once you are finish with your Sunday School lesson, ask if you can watch the movie: " Angels in the Outfield!" starring Danny Glover, Tony Danza, Matthew McConaughey, & Christopher Lloyd. It's a Disney movie free on most cable companies. A happy uplifting movie! Along with God, Angels are always watching over us!!!

Wishing You Blessings always:  
CarleneMyers  
MarthaMedford



## CLC HELPING HANDS...

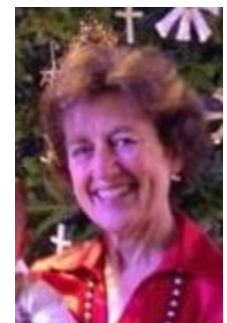
"Helping Hands" of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping "behind the scenes" from women 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. Please know that Helping Hands may be able to help during this **Coronavirus** quarantine chapter in our lives. If you are in need of groceries or other essential items, or just want a daily or occasional phone call, please contact Sally at the above number.

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





# 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INITIAL GROUND

In June we celebrate 60th anniversaries for the ground breaking of our church and Pastor Nuechterlein and family coming to Cheshire. I hope you enjoy the CLC History Quiz in this issue and the group picture (below) taken the day of the ground breaking. I encourage you to look at the latter using the May Heavenly Herald link in our website. You can enlarge and see the smiles on the congregants' faces (including Pastor N's, Gloria's, Diddy Izard's, Al Manke's, and other angels of our Church). Perhaps you can also find Cater Pillar!

I have updated the file used to make the 2016 60th Anniversary movie with additional construction pictures and events since 2016.



Look for its availability in June. We should all thank Bill Juul for adding music and making it conveniently accessible in our website. Could there also be an almost 60-year old movie concerning CLC????

As a bonus question, what primary colors are displayed in our stained glass windows?

R. Tim Weiland, Archivist

**Cheshire Lutheran Church Congregants as of June 12, 1960, the Day of Groundbreaking for Our New Church Building here at 660 West Main Street in Cheshire, Connecticut.**

**Pastor Nuechterlein and Family had arrived in town to begin his pastorate here only three days earlier on June 9, 1960.**







# 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

## CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS...

Confirmands and parents, please be watching for an email that will be arriving shortly regarding Confirmation Class and attempts to resume instruction remotely. We will also need to begin looking ahead to the scheduled Confirmation Day of Pentecost Sunday, May 31, and whether or not that date will be feasible.



# Bible Studies at CLC

Looking into resuming Bible Studies via Online Platform....Stay Tuned...



## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES TO RESUME REMOTELY...

With Easter having come and gone, now is the time when the Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday Bible Studies typically resume. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we are not currently gathering in the Church. As a result, we will be looking to alternate avenues for our weekly Bible studies. This will most likely involve using a platform such as Zoom, which will allow members to participate from home via either their computer or the telephone. No decision has been made to the exact format the Bible studies will take or how frequently they will be, but keep your eyes and ears open for more information coming soon.



## 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. I had originally planned to reset the list beginning with the first Sunday in May, however, I will **NOT** be doing that at this time; instead, the total reset of the list will be postponed until after we have returned to worshipping in the Church together. Still, I would appreciate it if you would please make sure to let me 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 [ho-pepcc@gmail.com](mailto:ho-pepcc@gmail.com) or call Hope Pregnancy Center at 203-271-2703.

(Answers from page 13)

1 B; 2 C; 3 A; 4 A; 5 D; 6 D; 7 C; 8 B; 9 B; 10 B

## HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

Keeping Mind and Body Fit During Coronavirus/COVID—19

Anytime we are forced out of our routine and habits, we have opportunities for growth. The very act of successfully adapting to change creates flexibility, an essential component of good mental health.

Coronavirus has affected all aspects of our lives and the constant news about the pandemic can feel never-ending. Below are some tips that might help us all deal with the current situation.

Establish a routine which can facilitate a sense of normalcy even in abnormal times:

- ✚ Have a consistent sleep schedule.
- ✚ Shower and get dressed even if you aren't leaving the house.
- ✚ Eat meals at the same time each day if possible
- ✚ Stick to a healthy diet
- ✚ Block off specific time periods for work and exercise

Boost your mood by moving your body:

- ✚ Get into the yard or garden to get sunshine and exercise
- ✚ Go for a daily walk
- ✚ Exercise at home by connecting to YouTubes or videos for cardio workouts or yoga
- ✚ Clean closets, the basement or other projects you have put off

Keep your mind and faith active:

- ✚ Read the Bible
- ✚ Read daily meditations
- ✚ Listen to music
- ✚ Work on crafts, even try a new one
- ✚ Watch movies/play games
- ✚ Paint, do crosswords
- ✚ Bake or try new recipes
- ✚ Read a book a friend recommends

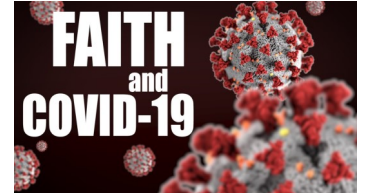
Stay in contact with others:

- ✚ Now is a good opportunity to connect with friends and loved ones, even those that we have lost touch with. Connecting with others on the phone, on email, text, skype or zoom can give us all a gratifying boost.

Practice kindness and gratitude:

- ✚ Check in (via phone/email) on elderly neighbors/relatives to see if they need help.
- ✚ Pick up some groceries/medications to place on their porch if needed.
- ✚ Share a positive attitude and stories with those who need it
- ✚ Give thanks for the many ways we have been blessed/ start a journal

Cheshire Lutheran Church



## 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 CHOIR NEWS...

Greetings from Martha Medford, Choir Director

I am so glad to hear that choir members have stayed safe and healthy since I saw Parish choir on March 15. Having our group on Sunday service streaming to sing the hymns in April has been so important to continue our Musical Spirit. Rehearsals for the full Choirs are not yet definite. We will update our May schedule as Pastor and Council continue our plan forward.

God be with you 'til we meet again....

Martha



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## May 2020

3<sup>rd</sup>  
6<sup>th</sup>  
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- Michael Plantier
- Carolyn Bammann
- Norm Benedict
- Barbara Hillis
- John Greenhalgh
- Kristen Green
- Janet DeLaubell
- Edyth Izard
- Kristen Donewald
- Emily Soulier
- Cynthia Metz
- Beth Soulier
- Allyssa Hajjar
- Vanessa Falk
- Nancy Feero
- Richard Hagstrom
- Katelyn Lynch
- Megan Smith
- Donna Quast
- Kyle Fiedler
- Julianna Tyler



1 <sup>st</sup>	Glenn & Carlene Myers	37 Years
13 <sup>th</sup>	David & Mary Beth Blair	14 Years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	52 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	28 Years
26 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	19 Years
29 <sup>th</sup>	Todd & Christina Plantier	21 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Frank & Marilyn Miller	61 Years



THANKS TO OUR  
VETERANS AND  
SOLDIERS

IN MEMORY OF  
MANY, IN HONOR  
OF ALL

## COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✦ *Voters* meeting - Sunday **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** time & location TBD—May be via ZOOM
- ✦ *Council* meeting - Thursday **June 8<sup>th</sup>** time & location TBD—May be via ZOOM



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