

The Heavenly Herald

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Enjoy your...



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

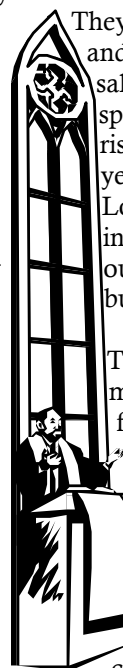
60 years ago, shovels were put into the dirt in a field along West Main Street in Cheshire. The land where the people were standing now bears the address of 660 West Main and those shovels marked the beginning of the work that would build Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church. Over the years much has changed. The cars that people drive and the style of the clothing they wear are all different. The priorities in people's lives are not the same. Many areas of the building that was constructed all those years ago have also changed.

Even the way people are participating in the worship in the Lord's house is very different right now, due to the global pandemic that continues to impact every aspect of our daily lives. Most of our members attend, not by walking in the doors, but by waking up their computer or tablet. Those who are in the pews have their faces covered by masks and they are sitting 6 feet apart to maintain "proper social distance." Several lights line the front pews on both sides, a multi-media cart with computer and a tripod with webcam now fill the front of the center aisle, and microphones are not just aimed at the person leading the service, but the people in the pews as well.

Offerings are given electronically, through the mail, or dropped off at the church, and only a few actually enter the offering plate on a Sunday. The Sacrament of the Altar managed to escape with only minimal change at this point, only because the change that was enacted is waiting to celebrate Holy Communion again until conditions are safe. Yes, many things are different now from the way they were sixty years ago.

Yet, in spite of all the changes that have taken place, some things have remained the same.

The house of the Lord that was built by those women and men 60 years ago still stands and the children of God who make up Cheshire Lutheran Church still call it home. We are blessed to still have with us so many of the people who were a part of that ground-breaking. And most importantly, the members of this congregation earnestly desire to come back to the house of the Lord for worship.



They want to be back in Church, right now, and that is what I am hearing fairly universally from the people with whom I am speaking. Even folks who are at increased risk for multiple reasons tell me they yearn to come back to the House of the Lord. The good news is that, Lord willing, Cheshire Lutheran Church will begin our gradual process of re-opening our building SOON.

The Wellness & Safety Committee has met numerous times to discuss guidance from the CDC, the state of Connecticut, and the White House. We have developed a plan for the phased re-opening of our Church that will follow our Governor's Executive orders and the best practices put out by the Centers for Disease Control. This will bring people back to the service, while still continuing our Sunday morning live stream for those who choose to stay home. All this has been shared with the Council and now we are taking the first steps.

In the coming weeks, members will be contacted by electronic and paper mail to explain the process and how people will be able to come to Church. It will include starting with only the 8 AM service, wearing masks, keeping social distance, limiting the number of people in worship at one time, and having to sign-up in advance (to make sure we comply

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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,



The Council met virtually on Monday, April 27th, and our meeting was very productive. We had reports from all leaders and continued to discuss the pandemic situation to forecast when we might be able to open the church for in-person Sunday services. Based on the local regulatory environment, we concluded that all Sunday services and Spring events would need to be deferred with dates TBD, and that our 8 a.m. livestreaming service was the best means to continue to keep everyone safe. We discussed the importance of members connecting socially and on Sunday, April 19th, CLC made history with our first virtual fellowship hour via Zoom. As a precautionary measure, we applied for the Paycheck Protection Program and thanks to Vicki DePaolo and the finance team we obtained loan approval of \$39K on April 27th. Loan forgiveness eligibility requires use of the funds for staff wages, plus up to 25% for utilities, as we anticipate a reduction in overall Little Cherubs income driven by preschool cancellations. The favorable news is that we anticipate a net gain from this loan to our Mission Plan, based on current projections after we compensate Little Cherubs teachers.

We will continue the 8am livestream via YouTube, and we ask that you frequently watch your email and postal mail as we expect to provide details in early June on next steps.

The Voter's Assembly met on Sunday, May 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. Our meeting was well attended considering it was virtual using Zoom, and all Council leaders provided updates. Voter's decided to rescind the prior agreed upon motion to provide \$5K to the New England District from the Christian Growth Fund and resurface the topic in the September Voter's meeting with potential to leverage a different fund based on market conditions. We also expressed the need to identify a new Youth Deacon. If you'd like to nominate a member, or God is calling you to this role and you're simply not sure what it fully entails, please reach out to Pastor, any Council member or myself to learn more about this exciting opportunity to serve.

As of mid-May, CLC is holding its own at 3% above our 2020 Mission Plan considering the pandemic situation. Many thanks to all our faithful pledgers and weekly donors for your steadfast support! Giving consistently within our means is one of the most important ways we can help keep CLC strong and relevant within the Cheshire and worldwide communities.

As we look to the future, the Wellness and Safety committee has met several times considering regulatory guidelines to plan a phased re-opening for Sunday service starting with the 8 a.m. service. We will continue the 8 a.m. livestream via YouTube, and we ask that you frequently watch your email and postal mail as we expect to provide details in early June on next steps.

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

Council	Monday, June 8 th at 7:00pm
Voters	Sunday, September 13 th , after the late service

Our church office remains open; we simply ask that you call before stopping by. If any questions arise, please reach out to myself, Pastor or the office. I can best be reached at (203) 213-7753 or president@cheshirelutheran.org

Happy summer; see you in church!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC

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with limits on the number of people), but we will be able to gather together again in the House of the Lord. As time goes on and conditions continue to improve, we look forward to adding the second service, resuming in-person Bible class, and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

As we do all of this, the Sunday service will continue to be streamed live at 8:00 AM and made available for viewing later. Bible study will still be accessible by Zoom for those who desire, and arrangements will be made to be sure Communion is available to all who desire to receive it. As the re-opening process proceeds, the most important priority is that you stay safe and well, even if that means you choose to stay home. There is absolutely nothing wrong with deciding to remain at home for now because of concerns for yourselves or someone else. When you are ready and able to rejoin us, the house of the Lord will be here and we will be waiting for you.

Many things have changed in the 60 years since ground was broken at CLC. The building has changed a number of times, the pastor has changed twice, and the people have changed as well. Still, now more than ever, one thing that has not changed is that we will be glad when they say unto us, let us go into the House of the Lord.

I look forward to the day when we will all go into the House of the Lord together. Until then, God bless and keep you; stay safe and be well

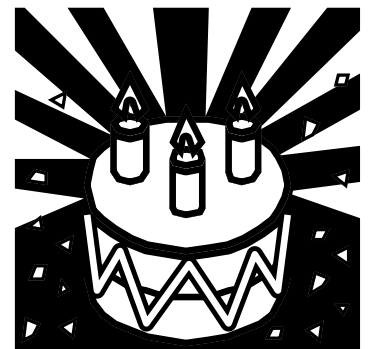
In Christ,

Pastor R



JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

1 st	Will Lamb, III	17 th	Jeff Mann, Sr.
2 nd	Jon Tessler		Joseph Stark
	Diane Taylor	19 th	Amanda Nowak
4 th	Lillian Derganc	25 th	June Shaffer
6 th	Claudia Chong		David Mason
9 th	Curtis Pryde		Jonathan Mason
10 th	Ella Napp	26 th	Bo Hagstrom
11 th	Barbara Carson		Joe Nowak
12 th	Lauren Hajjar	27 th	Gabriel Mann
14 th	Bill Soulier	30 th	Monica Strunk
15 th	David Lynch		
16 th	Mary Munter		
	Tim Weiland		
	Barbara Fiedler		



CONFIRMATION CLASS!...

Confirmation class sessions will be coming to an end during the month of June. The Rite of Confirmation for the current class has been postponed for the present and will be rescheduled for a date later in the year when it can take place at Church in a more normal manner.



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 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. The list will receive a total reset when we can worship together in Church normally. Meanwhile, please make sure to let me know if there are any names that should come off the list. Thank you.

Pastor R

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL



Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

LOWER ELEMENTARY:

Tricia Rowold, Terri Daly & Carlene Myers

UPPER ELEMENTARY:

Lynn Balash, Christina Plantier & Andy & Pam Clark

GRADES 5 & 6:

Paul Emerick, & Judy DiDomizio

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

Jonathan Schrumm, Erich Strunk

SUBS FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

David Schrumm & Deb Sherman

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Carlene Myers/Judy DiDomizio

EDUCATION DEACON:

Judy DiDomizio/Craig Wilson



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



Even with the pandemic disrupting so much of life, 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. Printed copies are also available for those interested. Contact Pastor by e-mail, text, or phone and he will make arrangements to get it to you.

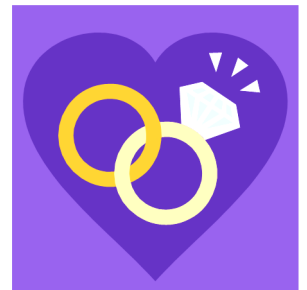
Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is TBD—Post COVID 19 Restrictions
- ⌚ 8:00 AM Services continue until further notice
- ⌚ Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays real soon



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2020

8 th	Walter & Linda Gancarz	46 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	34 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	68 Years
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	58 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	40 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	51 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	37 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	28 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	5 Years



Happy Fathers Day!

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





SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers Are Not Needed During this Time—Volunteers will be needed when we resume our regular in person 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!

Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks also to Martha Medford for leading our children in song & praise this Sunday School year!
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to all those (lead by Jim and Margie Mertz) working so hard to keep Gancarz Creek and other gardens so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee lead by Karen Weiland for arranging and conducting the many, many fellowship events throughout the year. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Thanks to all that contributed time, funds & expertise with the new lighting, sound systems and computer equipment in the Sanctuary. During this unprecedented time it is wonderful to still be able to worship (although not in person) by whatever means our skills and expertise allow. Online/streaming services are greatly needed and appreciated. Steve F, Bill J, Pastor & Tricia, Martha and those few that attended the services. Thank you
- † Thank you to Carlene Myers for serving as Sunday School Superintendent for the last few years. Carlene, your hard work and dedication is much appreciated by all. Thank You
- † Archivist Tim would like to thank Martha Medford and Bill Juul for selected music across all the Church choirs to accompany the soon to be released updated movie, celebrating the 60th anniversaries highlighted in this Heavenly Herald. Lots of kudos to Bill spending many many hours producing it.



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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

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 (and appropriate to current COVID 19 physical distancing requirements) 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

Guy Mason—Financial Secretary



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.



JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th	Paula Ongley	14th	Max Muller		
	Diane Drust	15th	Debra Hajjar	24th	Anne McBain
5th	Julia Plantier		Peter Mayer	25th	Carlene Myers
6th	Elizabeth Blair	16th	Owen Kennelly	26th	Paul Greenhalgh
9th	Karen Weiland	17th	Ian Carrington	27th	Alfred Mayer
10th	Wilfred Demers	18th	Lisa Tyler		John Sherman
11th	Elizabeth Shick	20th	Brian Sherman	28th	Robert Becker
13th	Linda Gancarz	21st	Lucas Donewald	31st	Eric Johnson
	Dorothy Dierolf	22nd	CP Troemel		Pastor Rowold



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2020

10 th	Tim & Karen Weiland	38 Years
	David & Meredith Natzel	5 Year
12 th	John & Peggy Tessler	39 Years
15 th	James & Cynthia Metz	3 Years
18 th	Matthew & Emily Napp	11 Years



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



This summer/fall we will be donating Hygiene Kits to The Orphan Grain Train. We can deliver the hygiene kits directly to the Orphan Grain Train branch in Terryville, CT, saving us the shipping costs. We hope to begin collecting items for the hygiene kits in mid-August thru September. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 hygiene kits will be located in the narthex in August. Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Monetary donations will be welcomed to purchase items or help with shipping costs for the "kits" final destinations. A red box designated "Hygiene Kits" will be located on the hall counter for placing monetary donations.



What's in a Hygiene Kit? :

- ✦ 1 bath towel
- ✦ 1 wash cloth
- ✦ 1 bath-size bar of soap
- ✦ 1 toothbrush
- ✦ 1 sturdy comb
- ✦ 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4") secured together

Linens should be in good condition and dark colors are recommended

Content items must be new, can be any brand, and are wrapped in the washcloth

Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday UPDATE...



Thanks to everyone who donated to our Mother's Day Blanket Sunday program. Last year over 154,300 blankets and kits were distributed throughout the world, 96,000 of them distributed in the USA and Puerto Rico. These blankets and kits can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. We collected \$615. Dedications appeared in the Sunday May 10th service attachments.

Thank you for helping to provide blankets to people in need.

But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. – 2 Corinthians 8:2-4
Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

HELP WANTED – NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED...



After many years of faithful service, Carlene Myers is stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent and we are in need of a volunteer to take on the task. The Superintendent oversees the Sunday morning education program for the members aged Pre-school to Teen and coordinates with the Education Deacon and Pastor. While we are searching for a new Superintendent, Judy DiDomizio has graciously agreed to **temporarily** serve as the Interim Superintendent. If you are interested or have any questions about the position, please speak to Judy D, Pastor R, or Education Deacon Craig Wilson.

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

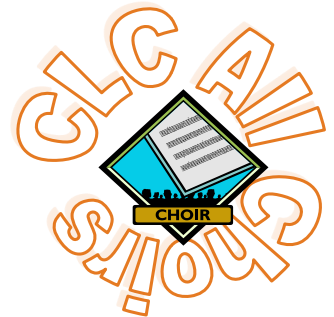
Date	Time	Activity	Choir
May 31 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Singers
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Singers
June 7 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Singers
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Singers
June 14- Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloists
	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloists
June 21 - Sunday <i>Fathers Day</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Women
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Women
June 28 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Singers
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Singers
Summer Services will be an opportunity for solo and ensemble performances. Please consider enhancing our Summer Services—If interested, and when you know your summer schedule, please see Martha for available times and sign up.			

CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Music at CLC has continued for worship with the outstanding help of Sally, Cliff, Paula, Bruce, Beth, Tim, Jim and Christina. We added our Bell choir members – Nancy, Beth, Sally and Dave in a lively song of praise. The plan for June will follow a similar progression – Parish singers preparing anthems and several soloists in between. July and August will give an opportunity for solos and small ensembles to join in the music offerings. Anyone interested to help carry on this ministry, please call 203 481 6952 or email frank.vasi@comcast.net to pin down a date.

As I heard a religious leader of the Muslim faith say that we should call our precautions as physical distancing, not social distancing. We all need the connections to our friends and fellow members of the church fellowship. We hope everyone will stay in touch.

Martha Medford



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
- ✦ 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...

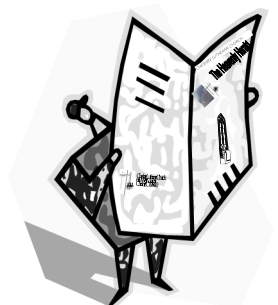


PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(September 2020 Articles are Due!)

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2020. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 21st or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth's lateral file fold on the hallway table.

Thank You!





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:

Mac and Cheese, hardy soups, jar sauces, rice sides 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

WAYS TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE & SUPPORT FOR CHURCH WORKERS...



This is a difficult time for church workers. Opportunities to gather with their people have dwindled, and workloads have increased dramatically. They have had to learn new technologies and face new challenges. They are working hard to find ways to care for their flocks.

Here are some suggestions for ways to show your gratitude and support for your pastors, teachers, church musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers:

- ✝ **Mail a thank-you note:** Download and print one of these cards or postcards, color it, and write a note to your pastor or church worker. Address it to them and mail it to your church's address.
- ✝ **Record a video message:** While you may be seeing your pastor or church workers on a livestream, they miss seeing you! Record a short video of you or your family singing a hymn, reading a psalm, or sharing words of encouragement and thanks. Send it to your church worker, and share it as well on social media to show your support publicly!
- ✝ **Create sidewalk art:** Write a Bible verse or a thank-you message (“Thank You, Pastors!”, “Thank You, Lutheran Schoolteachers!”, etc.) on the sidewalk and share a photo of your art on social media.
- ✝ **Give financial support:** Support your church workers in this time of financial strain with an extra donation to your church or by sending them a VISA or other gift card. You might tuck this inside your thank-you note!
- ✝ **Show support on social media:** Visit the LCMS Facebook Page to access social-media shareables and profile picture-frames with messages of support for church workers.
- ✝ **Pray:** Above all, your church workers need prayer. Pray for these workers and let them know you are doing so.
- ✝ Use the hashtag **#LCMSThankYous** when sharing your thank-you notes, video messages, sidewalk art, etc., on social media.





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:

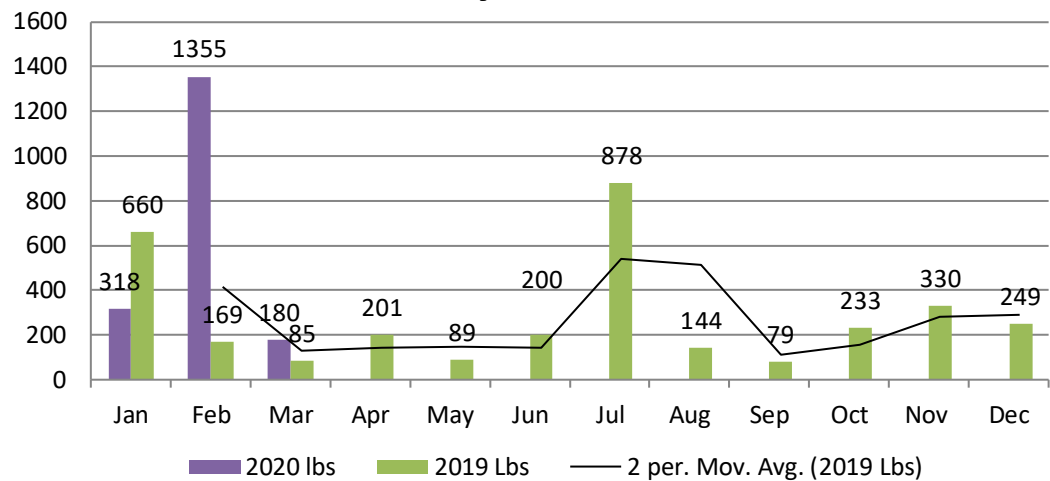
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you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

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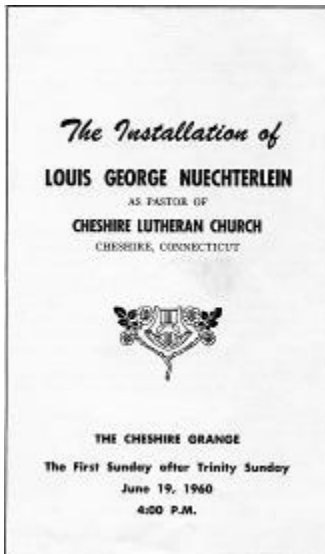


Blessed 60th Anniversaries

Cheshire Lutheran Church!

Cheshire Connecticut

1956 - 2020



Young Pastor Accepts Call To Cheshire Lutheran Church

The Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, III, has accepted the call to become pastor of Cheshire Lutheran Church. For the past seven years he has served as assistant pastor and director of music and Christian education at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Son of Mrs. Gertrude Nuechterlein and the late Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, Sr., the young pastor was born and raised in Saint Joseph, Michigan. He attended Concordia High School and Juniper College in Fort Wayne. He then enrolled at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, from which institution he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1951 and the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1953. In addition, he has done graduate work in music at the University of Michigan, receiving a Master of Arts degree in Music Literature from that institution in the summer of 1959.

In 1964 the Rev. Mr. Nuechterlein was married to Gloria Kinsworthy of St. Louis. The couple have three

children: John, 6, Mary, 5, and Paul, 3. They plan to arrive in Cheshire June 10 and make their home in the Lutheran parsonage at 265 Peck Lane.

Ground Breaking for Cheshire Lutheran Church at 660 West Main Street on June 12, 1960



NEWS FROM OUR EDUCATION DEACON...

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Unfortunately, there will be no Vacation Bible School at CLC this summer due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid 19.

The VBS Committee, however, looks forward to offering Rocky Railway VBS next summer. We hope to have many children from CLC, Cheshire, and the surrounding communities join us at that time for a week filled with fun activities and spirited praise of God.

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume with all new materials in the Fall. Although we do not yet know exactly what changes will be necessary following the current pandemic, we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Little Cherubs

Little Cherubs remains closed following Governor Lamont's Executive Orders that closed the Connecticut public schools back in March. While plans have not been finalized, we hope to have some kind of Graduation Celebration before the new School year starts in September for all of our 4's who are leaving us and headed on to Kindergarten.

Thanks to all for your submissions and to you Beth for publishing.

Best regards,

Craig Wilson
Education Deacon
(203) 228-2000



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.

Assistance During COVID 19:

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



Happy Summer!!!

It has felt like an endless Spring & Summer vacation since March 13th with no end in sight. However, September will come & with that (hopefully, the new normal) school schedule!!!

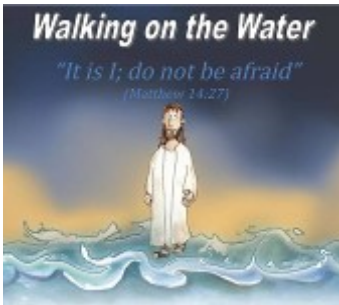
In the past, Sunday School has begun the First Sunday after Labor Day weekend. We do not know when the Governor will schedule the first day of Sunday school. Subject to change our tentative "Rally Day" will be September 13th. September's Heavenly Herald and communications from Church Council and Pastor/Carol will have the official date.

In the meantime, may our Lord Bless you this summer & KEEP you Well!

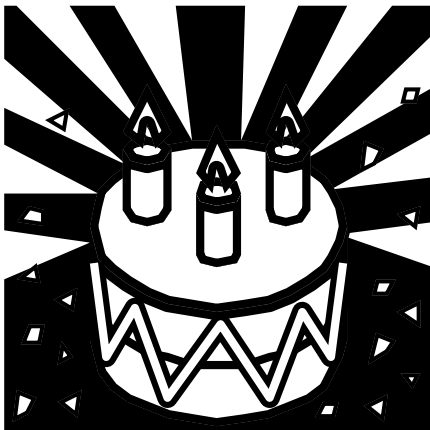
WHERE JESUS ABIDES, Fear SUBSIDES
"Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."
Matthew 14:27

Thank You! In Christ

Carlene Myers
Martha Medford



AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1 st	Caroline Veleber	17 th	Douglas Henderson
	Paul Emerick	21 st	Richard Schellinger
6 th	Tim Slocum	22 nd	Alan Green
7 th	Kurt Lenz		Maggie Strunk
8 th	Daniella Wilde	23 rd	Janice Matson
9 th	Eleanor Verner	25 th	Christine Smith
11 th	Donald Drust, Sr.		Alex Wilde
	Julie Lamb	26 th	Karen Smith
12 th	Andrew Clark	27 th	Laura Richter
14 th	Hanna Mayer		Matthew Emerick
	Thea Mayer	28 th	James Matson
15 th	Georgianna Schupp	30 th	Patricia Greenhalgh
	Christina Webster	31 st	Robert DeLaubell



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Soon CT will begin re-opening, and CLC will be as well. As we contemplate about what our new normal will be, I would like to share the following thoughts.

Sharing of our time and talent will be as important as ever as we re-acclimate back into in person services. I expect there will be some changes in HOW certain roles do their job, but I trust the WHAT will continue. Sunday morning services will always need greeters, ushers, the altar guild, acolytes, readers, our choirs, musicians and communion assistants to make our services successful. I encourage those in these roles to embrace any upcoming changes, as they will be for our collective well being.

Also a special thanks to those working hard during our hiatus from in person worship, to keep our congregation running and connected. There has been a tremendous amount of behind the scenes effort from a lot of folks (e.g. live stream services), and they deserve a appreciative thank you!

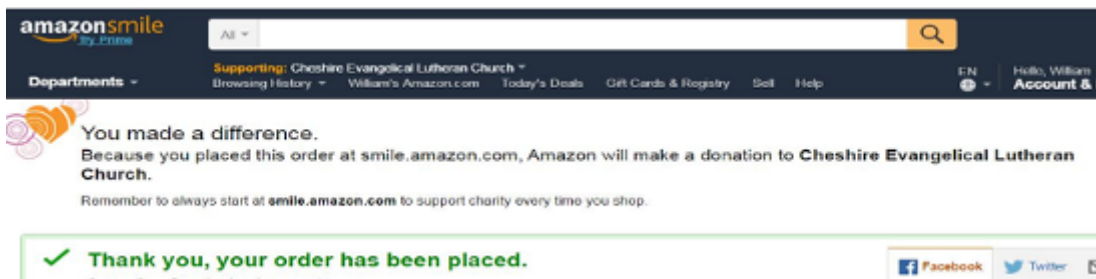
Rob Delaubell
Stewardship Deacon



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, 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:



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2020

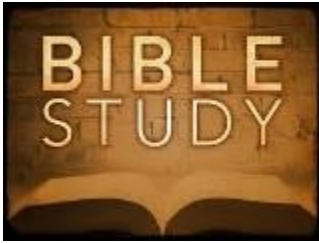


5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	31 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	26 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	54 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	4 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	20 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	15 Years
22 nd	William & Sandra Gayda	56 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	24 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	38 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	52 Years



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

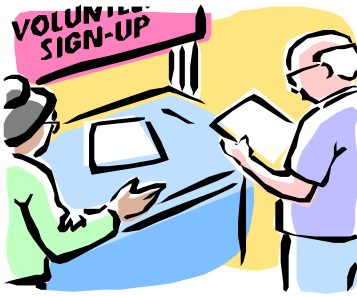


Our Wednesday Bible study is continuing over the Summer via Zoom. We are using lessons from *Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School* from Lutheran Hour Ministries for our remote classes. People with access to a computer and the internet can join us that way, or you can call in and participate by phone. Information on how to connect is emailed out weekly by the Church office.

The Wednesday study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Thursday Men's and Ladies' Bible studies, and the Sunday morning Bible study will resume when we are able to gather in church again. Please contact Pastor directly if you have questions about any of the adult Bible studies.

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
- † **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
- † **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".
- † Church Council is looking for a new **Superintendent**. See article in this edition on page 18 for more information. Please prayerfully consider need and ability to fill this critical position.



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.

THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

Summer 2020

Issue 194

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

June	
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
August	
June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Just a quick update on Little Cherubs and what they have been up to since the last time they met together with their Teachers and Pastor on March 13, 2020.

On Thursday March 12th, we said goodbye to our 3's, at that point, not knowing what was ahead.

On Friday March 13th, we said goodbye to our 4's. The After-lunch group left on our last day of travel with their suitcases, passports and itinerary. We knew it would be some time before seeing them again—never thinking that was their last day of preschool.

Miss Cindy set up a YouTube program for the children to meet 3 mornings a week for 20 minutes. It was well attended.

On May 6th, the parents formed a parade and drove by the homes of the teachers with the kids—lots of posters—smiles and waves. It was really wonderful. We are all missing our “Children” and school. Hopefully we will be together again soon.

Submitted by Martha Henderson



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).



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

Cheshire Lutheran Church



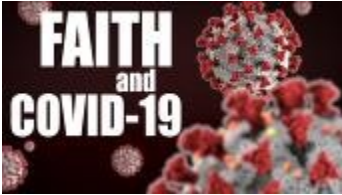
The Wellness and Safety committee met by zoom on Wednesday, May 13 to discuss plans to open CLC. A second meeting was Wednesday, May 20. Additional meetings will be called as needed.

Of course when our W&S Committee was formed, many months ago, we had no idea we would be faced with the present issue. Thanks to Pastor Rowold and the dedicated crew at CLC we are prepared to act.

Steps to open will include adherence to the restrictions our civil authorities have in place, and all precautions will be taken.

In time, there will be a mass e-mail and postal mail to alert everyone of actions taken, including a target date to hold our first service. This is a day by day, week by week process as so much can change that may impact how we progress.

More to come.



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 or call Hope Pregnancy Center at 203-271-2703.

What Goes On at Church During Live Streams...



HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Summer 2020

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Job Description:

Lead enthusiastic children in songs, Crafts, games, Bible stories

Qualifications:

A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun

Work Schedule:

Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10 (except Summer Months)

Compensation:

Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children

How to apply:

Speak to Craig Wilson, Judy DiDomizio or Pastor



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Please join us for 8:00 AM services until further notice as we review CDC and CT State guidelines. We will continue to present the Service Online. Look for letters and emails from the Church Office for updates on changes to this plan.

COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars: *This is the plan IF we resume normal Non-COVID schedule!*

- ✦ Council meeting will be held Monday June 8th & Tuesday September 8th at 7:00 PM
- ✦ September Voters' meeting will be held, Sunday September 13th after the Late Service



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