

The Heavenly Herald

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2Chronicles 7:14
 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

This time of year, I usually write to you about the excitement and anticipation that comes with the start of a new school year, children piling onto buses, hallways filled with faces fresh from Summer vacation, and all that normally comes with the start of Autumn. This year, however, is anything but normal. Because of COVID-19 everything is different.

The thought of filled hallways now brings fear and anxiety. Many children across the nation will be sitting down at computers in their homes, instead of climbing onto buses. In our part of the country, all the faces they see will either be on a glowing screen or covered in a mask. The same is true for everyone, from students in school to people going to work to folks shopping in the stores. Nothing is the same as it was.

In the face of all this, the common response seems to be to lament the changes we see taking place. I hear talk (and find myself speaking) of “the way things were” or “pre-COVID” or “when things were normal.” We reminisce fondly of how we lived our lives at the start of the year and all the things we took for granted as part of “everyday life” that do not take place now, or which are not the same. In speaking this way, we talk as if change is something new, but that couldn’t be further from the truth.

Yes, the specific types of changes that we have endured since March are unique and the speed of them many be more rapid than we have experienced, but change itself is a constant in life. Every generation says to the one that follows it “when I was your

age...” and then proceeds to recount all the things that have changed. My grandparents said that to my parents, my parents said that to me, and I now find myself saying it to my daughter. Things are always changing. Each new year brings its own set of challenges, difficulties, and problems; what they are also changes from one year to the next, but they are always there.



In our world that is constantly changing, there is one thing that is always the same, one person who does not change, and that is your Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Apostle wrote in Hebrews 13, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” His love for you does not change or fade. His cross and forgiveness stands certain and sure throughout all generations. His help and support in every need is perpetual and unending. You can trust in Him and rely on Him to always be there for you – ready to give you strength and peace – in the face of every change that life brings.

This year is different than last year, but that is true every year. We face unique challenges brought on by COVID-19, and all that is taking place in our nation and across the world. In the midst of it all, we are not overcome or overwhelmed by the changes. You are in Christ Jesus, and you will get through them because He is with you – yesterday and today and forever – always the same, always for You.

In Christ,
 Pastor R

***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,



As the calendar moves along into the fall, we will resume to our two regular Sunday Services on September 13th at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with the livestream on Youtube continuing at 8 a.m. Although things are far from normal these days, we remain focused on our CLC mission and ministry. During a typical summer, Council would not meet. Considering the ongoing pandemic, we met several times in collaboration with our Wellness and Safety Committee to stay abreast of the local Covid-19 guidelines and determine how we could allow members to safely attend church and partake in Communion. CLC is currently operating just under 95% of the established mission plan. Understanding that members and their families may be impacted financially, we are thankful to all our faithful pledgers and weekly donors for your steadfast support during these trying times! 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 a reminder, we were approved and obtained a \$39K Paycheck Protection Program loan in April; thanks to Vicki DePaolo and the Finance committee it is being used wisely, while adhering to the forgiveness eligibility guidelines. Leveraging Zoom virtual meeting technology, the Finance committee has begun to meet to draft the 2021 Mission Plan, and the Christian Education committee and Little Cherubs leadership, in collaboration with Pastor, are working towards safely opening our Christian Preschool and Sunday School programs. Look for more details on each further into this newsletter, as well as Confirmation and other celebratory event plans underway.

As we prepare to get back into the swing of things with summer winding down, two words come to mind – fellowship and thanksgiving. Many of you took the time and continue to frequently reach out to members, friends and relatives who are home bound for a variety of reasons to stay in touch. Whether this was done safely in person or virtually, we thank you, as it is critical that fellowship continues to keep us connected and assist each other where necessary. Some of you took a special day trip to a local destination wearing your favorite mask, or a vacation with family to a new less populated destination; we hope that God kept you safe and wonderful memories were created along the way for you to cherish. As we look back on these blessings God has provided us, let us not forget to offer Him praise and thanksgiving. Observing many quotes by folks stating “2020 can’t end soon enough”, I would encourage us to ignore the naysayers and leverage these blessings, God willing, to rejuvenate our faith to have an amazing remainder of the year.

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

- Council: Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00pm – virtual via Zoom
- Voters: Sunday, September 13th at 1pm – virtual via Zoom

Our church office remains open, we simply ask that you call before stopping by during the in-person hours on Thursday morning’s. If any questions or suggestions arise, please reach out to me on my cell at (203) 213-7753 or president@cheshirelutheran.org, [Pastor](#) or the [office](#).

See you safely in church!
Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Yes, because of the current environment, and concern for our students and teachers, we plan to begin classes for our children and youth virtually this year. We are in the process of putting this program together as we hope to stay connected and to share the good news of the Gospel with our Christian families in the safety of their homes until we can gather at CLC. We tentatively hope to have a YouTube Greeting for families on Sunday, September 13th at 9:15 a.m. and begin virtual classes on September 20th. More information and updates will be forwarded to families via email and snail mail. If the church does not have your email address, we ask that you call or email the church office to submit it. Stay tuned!



COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS REMINDER...

COVID-19 restrictions, as mandated by Governor Lamont's Executive Orders, remain in place at CLC. When you visit the Church for services or Bible study, please remember to maintain social distancing and to wear your mask from the time that you get out of your car until you get back into it. Hand sanitizer is located at various places in the building thanks to Don Drust and Andy Clark, so please be sure to use it as appropriate when you are in the building.



CONFIRMATION & NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS...

A new class of Confirmands will begin their two years of instruction this Fall. With the realities of COVID-19 still changing the way we do things, a number of details still need to be worked out. Parents of 6th and 7th Graders, please watch for an e-mail from Pastor asking for your opinion on a number of matters.

The class of Confirmands that finished in the Spring still needs to confess their faith in the Rite of Confirmation. At this time, we are working to schedule it. Check the bulletin and newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

Please remember to pray for all our Confirmands (both the new class and the one that finished earlier this year) and for their families during this especially challenging year.



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

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



September	
September 30, 1953	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
September 26, 1957	6-acre site of current West Main property purchased for \$15,000
September 1959	First parsonage completed at 265 Peck Lane
September 10, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson installation at Cheshire Lutheran Church
September 2, 2007	Joe Ferwerda DCE installation
September 22, 2013	Andy Schaefer DCE installation

NETFLIX

NETFLIX OFFERS THE GOSPELS!



Netflix features a 4 part compelling and authentic “armchair” step back into our Lords' life and ministry.

Titled, **The Gospels according to Saint Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. Narrated “word for word” from the scriptures. The events and actual locales present classic film making.

Biblical drama at its very best, all described, through the eye witness testimony of the 4 Gospel writers.

Each book of scripture is about 2 hours long

Respectfully Submitted by
Charles Rippel

Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is still TBD—Currently on Hold due to COVID Restrictions
- ⌚ CLC Confirmation plans are in the works—Pastor/Carol will update us in the coming weeks
- ⌚ CLC 60th Anniversaries Celebration plans are in the works—Pastor will update us in the coming weeks

We will resume our 2 Service Sunday Schedule on *Sunday September 13th*

- ✚ **Sunday Worship Services** at 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- ✚ **Sunday School** will be held via Zoom - More information via YouTube announcement on September 13 with classes beginning September 20th
- ✚ **Adult Sunday School/Bible Study** at 9:10 AM in the Fellowship Hall *face to face* with Social Distancing starting. Look for more information in the coming weeks
- ✚ **Fellowship/Coffee Hour** between Services—Currently on Hold due to COVID Restrictions

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE...

Beginning Sunday, September 13, 2020, we will be going back to our normal schedule of two services on Sunday morning – 8 AM and 10:30 AM. People are still asked to contact the Church office on Thursday mornings from 10 AM until Noon to sign up for a spot in Church the following Sunday. We are doing this because capacity is still limited by the Governor's Executive Orders and our social distancing requirements; we want to make sure we don't have to turn anyone away because we do not have a spot for them. We are also having folks sign up just in case we have a situation where contact tracing becomes necessary (God forbid).

The 8 AM service will continue to be streamed out live via YouTube for anyone who is unable to join us in person for the service. It will be available for viewing any time shortly after the service ends.



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, many thanks to Martha Medford for working so hard this summer arranging and rehearsing for all our Summer musical performances. And thanks to all those that enhanced our services with their beautiful voices and musical talents!
- † Special thanks to all that help to keep CLC grounds so lovely throughout the year. This summer saw lots of beautiful changes on our grounds for which we are eternally grateful. Special Thanks to Tim Weiland, Jim & Margie Mertz, Ed and Nancy Schweizer, Don & Diane Drust and Randy Raddatz. We are BLESSED!
- † We all thank Tim Weiland and Bill Juul for their photo and video contributions to us all. We greatly appreciate you always being there in the right time and at the right place to help us relive the memories made with our Church family. Thank you!
- † Thank you to Bill Juul and Steve Feero for quickly standing up our live webstreams of our Sunday Services. It is the next best thing. Thank you for continuing to work to make these services available for us all.
- † Thank you again to Martha for “thinking out of the box” and still providing beautiful music for our services this summer and beyond during these uncommon times.
- † Special Thanks to Pastor R for the many, many things he does for us behind the scenes. It has been a very trying time these past few months. We appreciate all you have done for us.
- † To Carol, THANK YOU, for managing us during COVID times. It can not be easy to manage all the steps that have to be taken to allow us to Worship. Thank you for your efforts, we are blessed.



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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

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.



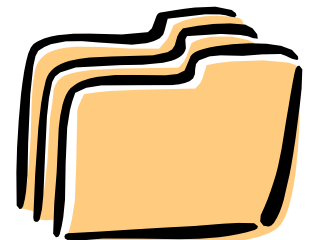
The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after Sunday services or Monday night, based on volunteer preference (and appropriate to current COVID-19 physical distancing requirements) If you are available 1 or 2 months per year for approximately one hour 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.



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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **September 18th**, 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!



CLC CHOIR NEWS...



All Choirs will resume rehearsals in September. While it will not be “business as usual” we will return exercising the utmost caution while still offering beautiful music during Sunday Services. Below are the safety measures and plan for rehearsals and Sunday performances:

Bell Choir:

- ♪ Only 6-7 Bell Choir members will rehearse and perform at a time. This will allow for proper social distancing during rehearsals and Sunday Performances
- ♪ Bell Choir will perform on September 27th at both Services
- ♪ Opportunities for rotation of Bell Choir members will be discussed
- ♪ Call Martha Medford to volunteer for Bell Choir rehearsals and Performances—203 481 6952

Parish Choir:

- ♪ All Parish Choir members will rehearse on Wednesdays, but only 6-7 will perform on Sundays
- ♪ Parish Choir will perform on September 13th and 20th.
- ♪ Only 6—7 in Choir Loft at one time
- ♪ Opportunities for rotation of Parish Choir members will be discussed
- ♪ Call Martha Medford to volunteer for Parish Choir Performances—203 481 6952

Martha Medford

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
September 6- Sunday	8:30 AM	Sunday School	Soloist
	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
September 9 - Wednesday <i>All Choirs Rehearsal Resumes!</i>	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 13 - Sunday <i>6-7 In Choir Loft Only</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
September 16 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 20 - Sunday <i>6-7 In Choir Loft Only</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
September 23 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 27 - Sunday <i>6-7 Bell Ringers Only</i>	7:45 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
September 30 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir

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.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO THE LORD’S FAMILY...

We celebrate together as *Cora Swayner* was baptized into the Lord’s family this Summer on Sunday, August 9, 2020.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.



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.

******* Additional ushers are needed at this time! Please contact Tim*******

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!
R Tim Weiland, your CLC Worship Deacon



SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...

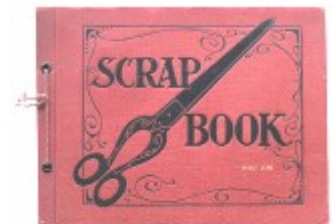
On June 12th and June 19th, Cheshire Lutheran Church celebrated two significant anniversaries. June 12th, 1960 marked the anniversary of the groundbreaking for the Parish Church Building at 660 West Main Street, and on June 19, 1960 Pastor Emeritus Rev. Louis Nuechterlein was installed as Parish Pastor. Both were highlighted in an updated version of the 2016 60th Anniversary movie shown after the June 28th service to many of the attendees.



A movie provided by the Carson family was viewed showing various stages of the construction of the Church up to and including the dedication service on January 29th 1961. Look for links to both on the Church website.

CLC Historical items continue to be on display on our hallway counter.

R. Tim Weiland, Archivist





The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.

Caring about our neighbors

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

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

Dairy:

Eggs, Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

Condiments:

Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard

Cooking/Baking Products:

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

Pantry:

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



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

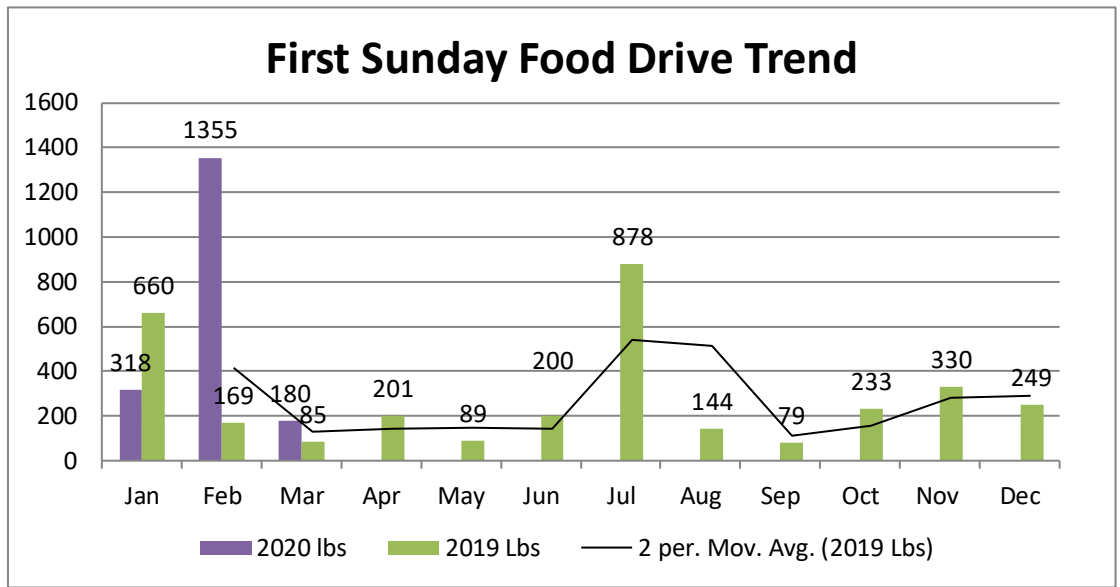
- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services during COVID-19 restrictions
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...





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 the Food Pantry 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. Covid-19 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



COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee is reviewing our previous policy of restricting the placement of flowers--etc--on the Columbarium wall.

Upkeep of the area by committee members is ongoing.

The next date for our flag display is set for Labor Day weekend from Friday 9/4 to Tuesday 9/8.

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

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

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.

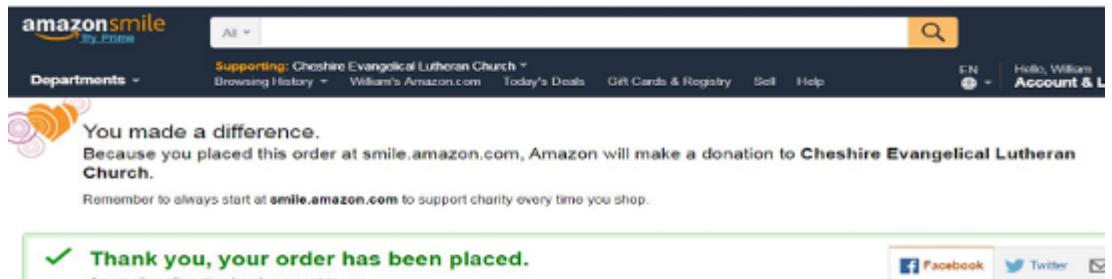
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



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:



Bible Studies at CLC

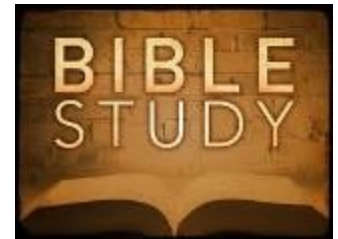
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Don't forget to join us for Bible study during the week.

Sunday School starts this month; see the article from our Interim Superintendent Judy DiDomizio for more information.

Our Wednesday Bible study is taking a short break after meeting most of the Summer via Zoom, as we learned some of the *Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School* (a series from Lutheran Hour Ministries). We will resume in late September or early October and the current plan is to meet *in person* in the Fellowship Hall for those who are comfortable with it. We may also continue to send the class out via Zoom, if there are people interested. (Please contact Pastor R if you are.) We will be restarting our walkthrough of Luke's Gospel, and will pick up where we left off.

After being on hiatus since March, we also hope to begin Sunday morning Bible study *in person* either late this month or early in October. If gathering face to face is possible, we expect to be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please watch your e-mail, the Sunday Bulletin, and the *Heavenly Herald* for updates.



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.

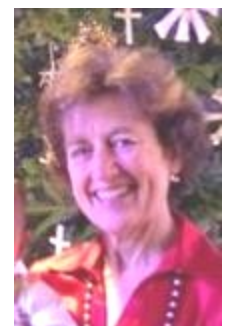
Assistance During COVID 19:

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 number below.

Those able to offer occasional time and your talents, please sign up on the bulletin board, indicating your "offering".

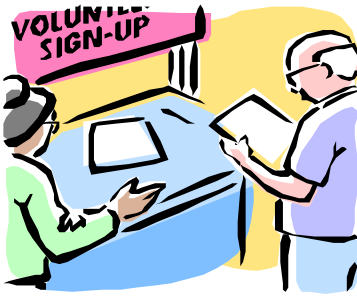
Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please contact the church office (203-272-5106) or me (203-710-0753) to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman



ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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



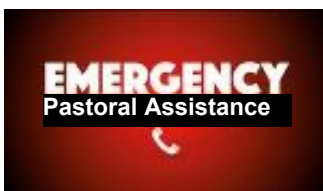
This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † Cheshire Housing Authority information regarding Section 8 Elderly Housing
- † Volunteers Needed for Hospice information
- † 2020 Usher Schedule—NEED USHERS
- † On With Life (OWL) bereavement group information
- † Sunday Morning Greeters Volunteer Sign-Ups
- † Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Sign Up—When things get back to normal
- † 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
- † Monthly CLC Members *Birthdays* and *Anniversaries*
- † Thank You letter from Soldier Support Packages leader Carol Weinschel
- † Flower Chart—Sign ups



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 Judy DiDomizio or Craig Wilson.
- † Church Council is looking for a new Sunday School Superintendent. Please prayerfully consider need and ability to fill this critical position.
- † Ushers are needed to work both services starting in September.



HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

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

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

LITTLE CHERUBS GRADUATION AND A LOOK AHEAD – Pastor R

On Monday, August 17, the *Little Cherubs Christian Preschool* Class of 2020 finally had their graduation!

Students and their families gathered at the Preschool for the first time since classes were suspended in March because of COVID-19. Everyone but the newborns carried by their parents wore masks and the ceremony was held outside under the shade of the tree by the playground, allowing the families to have as much space for social distancing as they desired, and everyone sat on the blankets they had brought.

Following a brief welcome and a word of prayer by Pastor, the students who were able to attend (some had moved away or were out of town) stood up on their blankets and joined the teachers in singing some of the many songs that they had learned over the years. Next, they recited the Twenty-Third Psalm from memory and did a series of hand motions they had used to help them remember the words. Each student then was called by name and came up to receive their diploma and a small gift – a picture book of Psalm 23.

After the ceremony, the children had some time to visit with each other and everyone had a snack – all food and drink was individually-packaged, single-serving items that were generously provided by the Drust family. Thank you, Don and Diane! In spite of how long it had been since they had seen each other, the unusual way the ceremony took place because of COVID-19, and the fact that they all were wearing masks, the children had a wonderful time.

Now the teachers are busy preparing for the start of the school year. Furniture in the classroom has been rearranged to allow for social distancing and new procedures have just been finalized to help keep everyone healthy and safe. Even though some changes to the routine are unavoidable, the teachers are working hard to keep things as normal as possible.

We currently have 9 students enrolled in the 4-year-old class and 1 student in the 3-year-old class. (The State of Connecticut currently allows group sizes of up to 16 students, so we have ample room.) Because of COVID-19, many families have delayed deciding whether to put their child in school or not, making this already unusual school year just a bit more uncertain. We still anticipate more 3's enrolling and may have a few more students join the 4's as well. To help with the class size for the 3's in an immediate sense, this year we are offering the 4's the opportunity to come on Tuesday and Thursday, in addition to their usual Monday-Wednesday-Friday. Even though we just made it official, four families have already requested rates and are preparing to send in payment.

Please pray for *Little Cherubs* – our students, our staff, and their families. This year will have a unique set of challenges, but with the Lord's help and your support it will be wonderful.



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

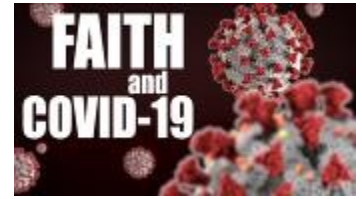
A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place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



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...



The Wellness and Safety Committee has met, and will continue to meet, on an as-needed basis, with Pastor, President Feero and Council. Subject matter includes all facets pertaining to our procedures regarding Covid-19, with special focus on Sunday services.



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



This fall we will be assembling 50 Hygiene kits for The Orphan Grain Train. A poster with the post-it items needed to complete the kits will be available in the narthex on Sunday and on Thursday mornings outside the side door. Please take one or two and then place your donation in the designated bins. We will be collecting **September-mid October**. An Action Team Grant will provide the linens.



A red box designated for the hygiene kits will be available. Monetary donations will help to purchase items and for the shipment to their final destination. Please write checks to Cheshire Lutheran Church with note "hygiene kits". We will deliver the kits to the New England branch of The Orphan Grain Train in Terryville CT (one of 29 in the USA).

Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

What's in a Hygiene Kit? :

- † 1 bath-size bar of soap
- † 1 individually packaged toothbrush
- † 1 sturdy comb
- † 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4") secured together

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.

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Hi everyone, I hope the nice weather has allowed everyone to get out and enjoy the fresh air while being socially distanced and safe wearing a mask. While COVID-19 has kept the church pretty quiet, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes that I'd like to highlight, and I want to let you know of upcoming plans.

In April and May, a temporary sign committee was set up to address the need for signs that are used throughout the year (e.g. Vacation Bible School, Little Cherubs enrollment, Easter service etc.). Don Drust took the lead and used his resources to install a stand and sign holder in front and work with his sign people to create the new signs for us that will follow a template, so all our signs are cohesive and complement our new sign out front. A big thank you to Don and his company for all their work.

In June, hand sanitizers were installed throughout the church. There are now wall mounted hand sanitizers by the back door, in the fellowship hall, by the bulletin board and in Little Cherubs when you first walk in. There are standard size bottles by the front of the sanctuary and throughout the church, as well as two portable stands that we can move as needed.

Also in June, Ed Schweizer and Buzz Ganzcar did some repair work on the bell tower in front by adding some support beams and repairing some rotting wood. The parking lot was swept, cracks were filled and new lines painted to clearly designate parking. Thanks go to Ed Schweizer for getting this all done!

July saw Ed and Tim Weiland, this time, using a power washer to clean the cinder block walls in the front to get off the mold and mildew that was staining them. They also washed the outside of the church to prepare it for painting that we have planned this fall. Thanks guys, the walls cleaned up beautifully.

I met with representatives of two roofing companies in June to discuss repairs to the sanctuary roof of the church. Last fall, Dave Schrumm used a drone to take some pictures of the sanctuary roof and we noticed some copper flashing that was pulling up and the shingles on the East (driveway) side were looking worn and warped. I have received quotes and I'm working with the Council to put together a proposal to replace the shingles and do repairs on the front and back boards on the roof. Stay tuned, more to come.

In August, I talked with Ed and Pastor about changing out the air condition filters with higher rated filters to help clean the air. Ed has already replaced some and I have ordered the others.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Mertz's, Randy Raddatz and everyone for all their work in keeping the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens weeded, watered and trimmed, they look fantastic!

Upcoming events for the fall will be painting of the outside of the church, some clean-up outside of the parsonage and some repairs, and repair of the sanctuary roof. I want everyone to know that we are truly blessed to have the volunteers and knowledgeable members that keep our church and grounds maintained and beautiful year-round. I am extremely fortunate to have so many people that I can call on, thank you all.

Andy Clark
House and Grounds Deacon



Thank You!



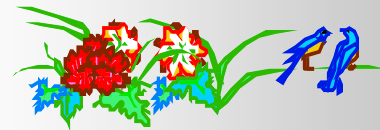
Anniversary

- 1st Judy Watson
- 4th Timothy Daly
Christine Mason
Joe Holstein
- 8th Ian Clark
- 9th Terri Daly
- 11th Sally Schrumm
- 12th Allison Smith
- 14th Alan Spose
Lisette Donewald
Wendy Emerick
- 15th Leigh Giampietro
- 16th Joy McHugh
- 17th Madelyn Veleber
- 18th Alex Muller
Blake Feero
Cindy Baker
Frank Miller
- 22nd Nancy Schweizer
- 23rd Ken Leslie, Sr.
Aliza Taylor
- 24th Derek Henderson
- 26th Heather Shepard
Nancy Engelhardt
- 27th Erich Strunk, Sr.
- 28th Craig Henderson
- 29th Lisa Muller
- 30th Bill Juul

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 2020

8 th	David and Sally Schrumm	47 Years
11 th	Jonah and Lisa Tyler	21 Years
21 st	Julian and Lisa Muller	24 Years
	Peter and Rebecca Mayer	18 Years
25 th	Clifford and Paula Ongley	49 Years
26 th	Andy and Pam Clark	28 Years



COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Council/Voters will resume their meeting schedule in September. **Council** meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM.** September **Voters'** meeting will be held, **Sunday, September 13th at 1 PM** after the late Service.



Both Meetings will be held via Zoom.



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