

# The Heavenly Herald

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100 (ESV)

It would be easy to look at the world today and to be anything but thankful. I won't go into lots of details, but between the pandemic and its wide ranging repercussions, the divisive presidential election that draws to its close on November 3, the increasing cold and darkness that descends this time of year, and all the personal problems that our members seem to be encountering (especially related to their own health or the health of a loved one) there seem to be more reasons to be sorrowful than there are to be thankful. Yet nothing could be further from the truth.

Back in May I wrote of the good that God was still working for all of us in spite of events in the world, and even working blessings for us through some of them. Well, the same is true when it comes to being thankful. Even in the midst of all that can seem to be wrong in this life, God is still blessing you. You are His; He made you and His love for you in Christ Jesus is never ending. He is pouring His good gifts out on you every day, provide us with ample reason to give thanks to Him and bless His name.

Just look at some of the many things that He has done since only March: CLC celebrated two 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries – the arrival & installation of Pastor Nuechterlein (along with Gloria and the kids) and the groundbreaking for our sanctuary. Sure, we had to wait to celebrate them in person, but when the day arrived to celebrate together outside, the Lord blessed us with a beautiful one. Those are lots of reasons to give thanks to Him.

Seven (7) young men and women confessed their faith in Jesus this Fall in the Rite of Confirmation. Admittedly, the ceremony was pushed back from the Spring and we experienced some technical difficulties. Still, as the students stood outside on the back lawn of the Church, the weather cooperated wonderfully. Those are more reasons to give thanks to Him.

Over the last two months alone, four (4) little children have been welcomed into the Lord's family by Water and the Word in Holy Baptism – and those are just the ones done by me. Pastor N and Pastor G each also conducted a Baptism here at CLC during that time. In total, half a dozen new souls were added to the number of the faithful by the Lord here at CLC alone. Those are even more reasons to give thanks to Him.

Despite all the hardship and the challenges that the pandemic has brought, by the grace of God you all have continued to be as faithful as you could in giving of your time and your talents. As a result, though our Mission Plan does not stand where we thought it would be when we established it last year and we have been impacted by what is going on, CLC is still blessed to be not too far off from our Plan. That's a reason to give thanks to Him and to all of you.

Our nation is more divided now than it has been at any time in recent history and people are at odds with each other over many issues. At the same time, people in our nation have now become more involved in their communities and in the political process than they have before. The numbers of people and the percentages of the population who are joining civic organizations, sending

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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

(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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is published for members and  
friends of Cheshire Lutheran  
Church.*

### **Church Staff**

*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,

Our remote Council Meeting in October had full attendance and each council member and committee deacon provided productive updates. Amidst the abnormal times we are living in, overall CLC is running smoothly. A few key highlights were that we exceeded our goal with helping our neighbors and delivered over 1,500 lbs and \$1,125 to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. The \$39K PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) loan remains likely to be forgiven; however, we anticipate that being delayed and not approved until 2021. Our mission plan giving is trending just under 95% allowing us to continue delivering on our congregational commitments locally and afar.



Sunday School kicked off virtually between morning services on the second and fourth Sunday's of the month, and we thank the volunteers who commit their time to make this happen and teach our children and youth. Adult Bible study continues at 9:15 a.m. between services on non-communion Sunday (2nd and 4th Sundays) in the Fellowship Hall for everyone who is comfortable attending in person, as well as being offered remote via Zoom. Wednesday afternoon (1:30) Bible Study has also resumed in person and via zoom.

Little Cherubs Preschool has remains in session with 9 four year old's enrolled and is adhering to local Covid-19 guidelines. The teachers again are Director JoAnn Holstein, along with Martha Henderson and Cindy Barker, and we thank them for all that they do!

For those unable to attend the celebratory Anniversaries event on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>, we had a great afternoon with fantastic weather and amazing district Pastors offering many thanks and praise to Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria. We are richly blessed for all that they have done and continue to do. Pastor N was very appreciative of the kind words offered by all, and very thankful for the additional \$5K gift we were able to present to Pastor Yeadon for the New England District. The video of this is available on our CLC YouTube Channel.

Please consider giving of your Time and Talent to serve as a member of our Council by filling one of our Officer or Deacon positions. Our Nominating Committee comprised of Tim Weiland, Andy Clark and Pat DiDomizio will be looking to fill upcoming vacancies

**Officers (1 year):** President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer

**Deacons (3 year):** Christian Education, Christian Growth Fund, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Welfare, Youth

Members are invited to contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested or would like to propose a candidate. This is a rewarding way to make a contribution to your church!

Our next Voters' Assembly meeting will be on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> virtually at 1 p.m. and Church Council will meet virtually on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Our church office remains open on Thursdays between 10:00 - 12:00. If you would like to visit during another time, we simply ask that you call before stopping by. If any questions or suggestions arise, please reach out to me on my cell or email listed in the church directory.

See you safely in church!

Steve Feero, Parish President, CLC

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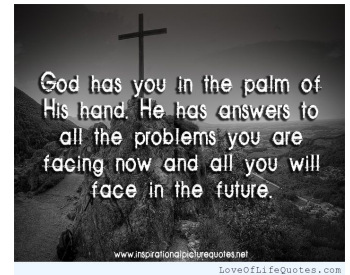
in absentee ballots, or making use of early voting is higher than the people who track these things have seen. Those are all reasons to give thanks to Him.

In your own lives and homes, I know that there are problems you are facing. Health concerns, family problems, difficulties at school or at work. Those may seem overwhelming for you right now, and you may only see the pain and the problems. The blessings that God is giving to you each and every day may be hard to see, if you are able to see them at all. But even then, His love and faithfulness to you is in full effect and He is working for your good. Each new day is from Him, each hug and laugh and smile, each reassuring word and shoulder to cry on, and each expression of encouragement and hope. You do have reasons to give thanks.

God made you and you are His. You are His child, and He cares for you as a shepherd cares for His sheep. Even with all that may be wrong in this world, God's blessings still continue to flow down on you. Amid all the things that are bad, He is still working for your good. Open your eyes, be willing to see, and it is right there in front of you.

The Lord is good to you and you have so many reasons to make a joyful noise to Him. Won't you come and enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise, and join us in worship? I hope to see you soon as together we come into His presence with singing. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

God bless and keep you; stay safe and be well.  
In Christ,  
Pastor R



## NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacon are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, for subsequent installation on the first Sunday of 2021:

<u>Officers (term of 1 year)</u>	<u>Deacons (term of 3 years)</u>
	Christian Education
President	Christian Growth Fund
Vice-President	Evangelism
Recording Secretary	Fellowship
Financial Secretary	Social Welfare
Treasurer	Youth



CLC members are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in filling an elected position, or if you would like to propose a candidate for election. Nominees shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall be confirmed members of the congregation. Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Pat DiDomizio, Andy Clark, and R Tim Weiland





## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The list of names included in the Prayer of the Church during our Sunday morning service is going to be reset. Starting with the service on November 8, 2020, the list will be cleared and the only names kept on will be those specifically requested. If there is a name you would like kept on the list, or a new name added to it, please call me at the church office or send me an email.

Pastor R

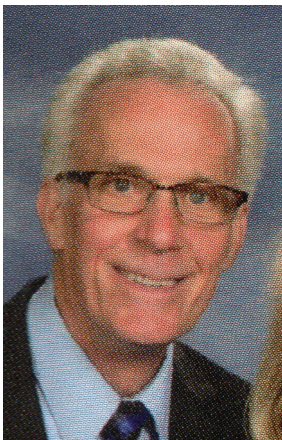


## NEW FRIENDS MADE AT ARBOR ROSE...

Ann Duncan and Ken Leslie (beloved member of CLC) moved into Arbor Rose one day apart in 2018 but they didn't meet until they were sitting in the courtyard last summer. They soon learned they had much in common – both were widowed, both had children and grandchildren, both loved the outdoors. Now they are pursuing mutual interests including exercising at GoodLife Fitness, doing jigsaw puzzles and reading – all while observing social distancing... and wearing matching masks. Even with the restrictions during the coronavirus, living at Arbor Rose at Jerome Home has not been hard, they said. And their friendship has helped. "It's much better than living alone as I was," Ken said. "Here, they can't do enough for you. I'm more than pleased I moved here."



## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we need to look past the difficulties we have been faced with over the past 9 months. Our strength to overcome these difficulties comes from Him. The same God that has cared for us throughout our lives will continue to do so into the future. Our faith has shown that He will either protect us from suffering (whether physical, mental, emotional or financial) or He will provide us the strength to live through it. For this reason, we need to use the power of prayer to continue to give Him thanks.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalm 28:7

Alan Spose  
Evangelism Deacon

# Service Reminder!

We have resumed our 2 Service Sunday Schedule:

- ✦ **Sunday Worship Services** at:
  - ✦ 8:00 AM—This service is also Live Streamed via YouTube
  - ✦ 10:30 AM Service in the Sanctuary only—NOT normally Live Streamed unless there was a problem with 8:00 AM
- ✦ **Sunday School** will be held via Zoom - at 9:15 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- ✦ **Adult Sunday School/Bible Study** at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall *in person* with Social Distancing and via Zoom.
- ✦ **All Services still require us to make reservations by calling or stopping by on Thursday's between 10—12. This is so we can assure we have the space, because we are social distancing during the services.**
- ✦ **After Communion Services, those who are watching live-streamed, will have the opportunity to be communed outside between the hours of 9:30-10:00 and 12:00-12:30.**

## SERVICE SCHEDULE...

Now that we are back to our fall 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 given to the CLCW recently.

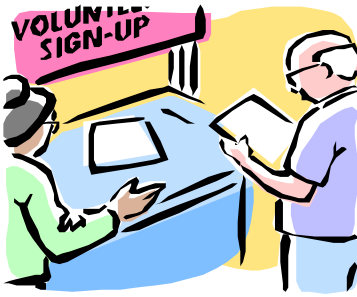
We appreciate your thoughtful participation in making this benevolence so successful.

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—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 *Birthday* and *Anniversaries*
- † Thank You letter from Soldier Support Packages leader Carol Weinschel



### *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 Pastor Rowold 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.

# Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time (United States) ends **Sunday, November 1, 2020.**

Move your clocks **back** 1 hour so you are not early for Church!



## 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 listed in our church directory.

## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

The children have been wonderful wearing their masks. When it is mask break time they hang up their masks on the Giraffe that Joe Stark made for our school. It is perfect. **THANK YOU JOE!**

Thank You gentlemen for cleaning out our walking trail. The children have loved walking looking for Fall items to put on their science table within the classroom. One of our little boys loves filling his pockets with acorns. Some of our activities relating to leaves and fall consisted of Seasons of an Apple Tree, Leave Sorting, a Leaf Book 1-4, Roller Leaves Art, and ending with Popcorn Day.

The following week was Fire Safety week. One of our fathers was planning on coming to our school to show the children how they dress and what Fire Safety consists of. No fire truck this year; it is not allowed due to COVID 19. We made two firemen, we talked about descriptive words about firemen. (Hard Working, Brave, Courageous). The children made a fake flip phone with 911 inside. They had to also place the numbers where they would belong on a cell phone or telephone. Of course, we had a FIRE DRILL. They watched a Fire Safety CD about Firefighter Fred.

Next came Pumpkin and Teddys. For art they made Harvest Baskets, a Pumpkin Patch, What's inside a Pumpkin? A Pumpkin was carved to see what is inside and for snack they had Pumpkin bread. It was handed out with gloves on. In terms of Teddy, the children learned about Teddy Roosevelt and made Teddy Bear Crafts; they also sorted and counted teddy bears.

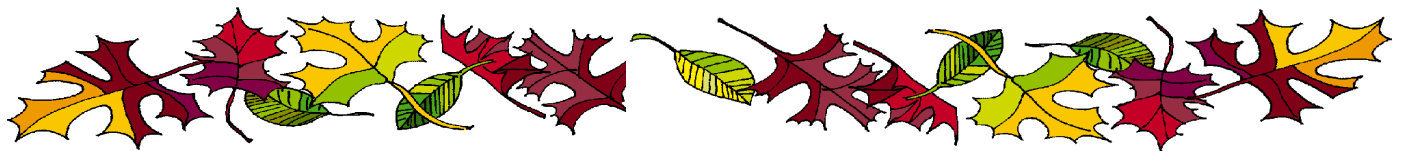
Pastor continued to meet with us on Wednesdays and taught the children about Joseph and his Amazing Coat, Baby Moses in the River, Moses and the Burning Bush and Manna in the Desert. Art time was beautiful when the children created their own version of Joseph and his Amazing Coat, Moses in his basket in the River, and A Burning Bush. **Quite impressive!**

Numbers for the weeks were 7, 8, 9, and 10 and Letters were E, F, G, H.

What a very busy month we had. The children are loving Bible Time and are remembering the Bible Stories. They recite to Pastor all that they have learned.

Please continue to pray for Little Cherubs – our students, our staff, and their families. This year has a unique set of challenges, but with the Lord's help and all the families and Church support Little Cherubs is wonderful.

God Bless,  
JoAnn, Martha, and Cindy



## 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.





## 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.

## Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events, seasonal pix around our beautiful grounds and at Services. We are blessed.
- ✦ Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish, Bell Choirs and special soloists for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- ✦ Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.

## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

### November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication



## 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.

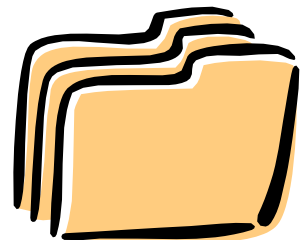
The Financial Secretary has a new church e-mail address if you wish to volunteer or have a question email me.

Guy Mason—Financial Secretary



## NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

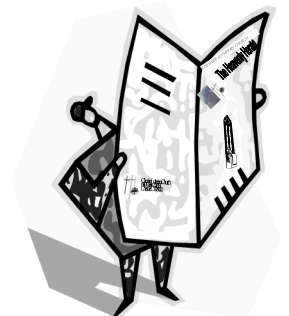
Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others, and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **November 27<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!





## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

We will be rolling out a new Time and Talent card in this year's pledge packet. The pledge packet will be distributed during the annual pledge drive in November.

The Time and Talent card is your opportunity to think about what areas you may like to get involved in at CLC. The new form will be updated to refresh the volunteer opportunities available, and to ensure they align with current needs and roles. The form also will allow you to differentiate between areas where you are currently volunteering versus those where you may be aspiring to volunteer, so we can most easily identify folks offering to get involved and help out.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Rob DeLaubell  
Stewardship Deacon

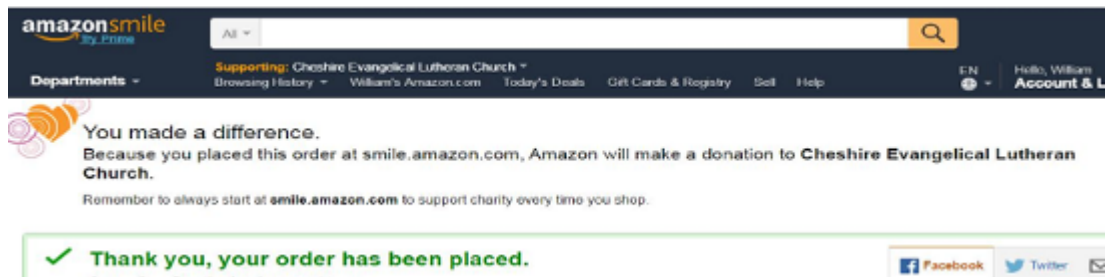
## YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



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](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.

Here is a sample of the screen that you will see after completing a purchase:



## THANKSGIVING SERVICE REMINDER...

We **WILL** be having our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM. The service will be in person and live streamed on YouTube (just like Sunday mornings) and we are asking people to sign up the same way they do for Sundays. Sign up for the Thanksgiving Eve service will be on Tuesday, November 24 from 10 AM to Noon. We will **NOT** be exchanging loaves of bread, as we have done in recent years, due to Covid-19 concerns.

## NEWS FROM OUR EDUCATION DEACON...

Little Cherubs:

Little Cherubs Pre-School is back! Classes started on September 8th with (9) 4-year olds. We currently do not have 3-year olds enrolled. The low enrollment reflects the uncertainty around the pandemic; however, maximum enrollment allowable under COVID state regulations for our facility is 14. We have had parents previously enrolled with their children expressing a “wait and see” approach to future engagement.

We are on a 5-day school option plan: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM to 12PM, or 9AM to 1:30PM, and Tuesday & Thursday 9AM-12PM. Three students have been enrolled in the 5-day option. COVID guidelines are in place and in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control along with the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. A policy for mask wearing is in place. The school passed a State inspection on September 22nd.

We are blessed in having our three teachers; JoAnn Holstein (Director), Martha Henderson and Cindy Barker. Along with Pastor Rowold, all have worked tirelessly to keep Little Cherubs Pre-School open. We owe them our gratitude!

Kristen Donewald & Craig Wilson

Craig Wilson  
Education Deacon



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

We began Virtual Sunday School on **Sunday, October 11, at 9:15 a.m.** due to Covid 19. Our intent is to have Sunday School Zoom on the second and fourth Sundays of each month until we can safely meet again at the church for our classes. We hope to stay connected and to share the Good News of the Gospel with our CLC children. The teachers send a Zoom invitation to their class during the week, and hook up on Sunday. Thanks to Pastor R for helping us navigate Zoom. We are using Concordia Publishing materials that were ordered in the Spring, but never used due to Covid.

The following brave souls have agreed to virtually teach the children:

Grades K, 1, & 2: Terri Daly & Tricia Rowold  
Grades 3, 4 & 5: Lynn Balash & Pam & Andy Clark  
Grades 6, 7 & 8: Judy DiDomizio

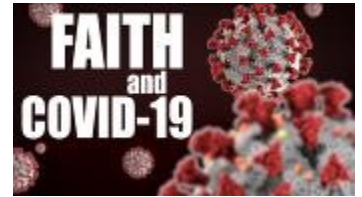
Erich Strunk is in the process of canvassing families of high school students to assess interest in a high school virtual class. We have 20 high school kids, but response has been slow.

We seek your cooperation, help, and prayers as we go forward with this new approach. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact Judy DiDomizio her email listed in the church directory.



**Cheshire Lutheran Church****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.

**COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...**

Upkeep of the area by committee members is ongoing.

The next date for our flag display is set for Veterans Day from Tuesday 11/10 to Friday 11/12.

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

**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
- ✦ 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...

**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.



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S FAMILY...

We celebrate together as the following 4 children were baptized into the Lord's family in October:

On October 3, 2020 *Hailey Marie Sullivan* was baptized (by her grandfather, Pastor Gustafson)

On October 10, 2020 *Wesley Alan Tuscano* was baptized (by Pastor Rowold)

On October 10, 2020 *Natalie Mae Bodeis* was baptized (by Pastor Nuechterlein)

On October 11, 2020 *Sia Marie Kwayu* was baptized (by Pastor Rowold)



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.



## 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.



## CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS...

The Community Food Pantry is again working to help Cheshire families in need with a Thanksgiving Food Collection, but this year will be different because of COVID-19 restrictions. Instead of our church providing large quantities of the same item, we are being asked to donate whatever we would like from the list of items that they will need. This year they are looking for:

- ✚ Boxed mashed potatoes
- ✚ Fried onions
- ✚ Cranberry sauce
- ✚ Stuffing
- ✚ Flour
- ✚ Sugar

Donations received will be brought to the Community Food Pantry after the open office hours on Thursday, November 12. Please give as the Spirit moves you.



## CLC CHOIR NEWS...



All Choirs have resumed rehearsals. 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
- ♫ Opportunities for rotation of Bell Choir members will be discussed
- ♫ Call Martha Medford to volunteer for Bell Choir rehearsals and Performances

### Parish Choir:

- ♫ All Parish Choir members will rehearse on Wednesdays, but only 6-7 will perform on Sundays
- ♫ Parish Choir will perform on November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th.
- ♫ 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

Martha Medford

## CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 1 - Sunday <i>All Saints Day</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 4 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 8 - Sunday <i>Veterans Day</i>	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Members with Congregation
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Members with Congregation
November 11 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 15 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 18 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 22 - Sunday	7:10 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
November 25 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
November 29 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Members with Congregation
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Members with Congregation

## 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, please remember to maintain social distancing and to wear your mask at all times. 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.



## 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



Blessed are those  
that can give without  
remembering and receive  
without forgetting.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

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**2020 - 47 Years of Giving**

# **The Cheshire Food Drive**

**First Saturday & Sunday in November**

**9 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

**On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center**



## **WHO WE ARE**

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

## **WHAT WE DO**

- ✎ Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the *Cheshire Food Pantry* located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- ✎ Financially support the *Food Voucher Program* administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

## **WHAT WE NEED**

**Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please**

Canned meat	Boxed snacks	Powdered Milk	Tomato sauces
Peanut Butter	Pasta and Rice	Tuna Fish	Granola bars
Vegetables	Soups and Stews	Juices/Juice boxes	Cereal

**Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :**

**CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926**



**CHESHIRE  
FOOD  
DRIVE INC.**

First full weekend in November  
Congregational Church Green

### **Shopping List**

- Cash for vouchers
- Shelf-stable milk
- Granola bars/snacks
- Canned chicken/meat
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Tuna fish
- Salt/pepper/spices
- Rice/grains
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Pasta & sauce
- Soups/stews
- Canned/dried beans
- Canned tomatoes
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Nut butters

Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels





## 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

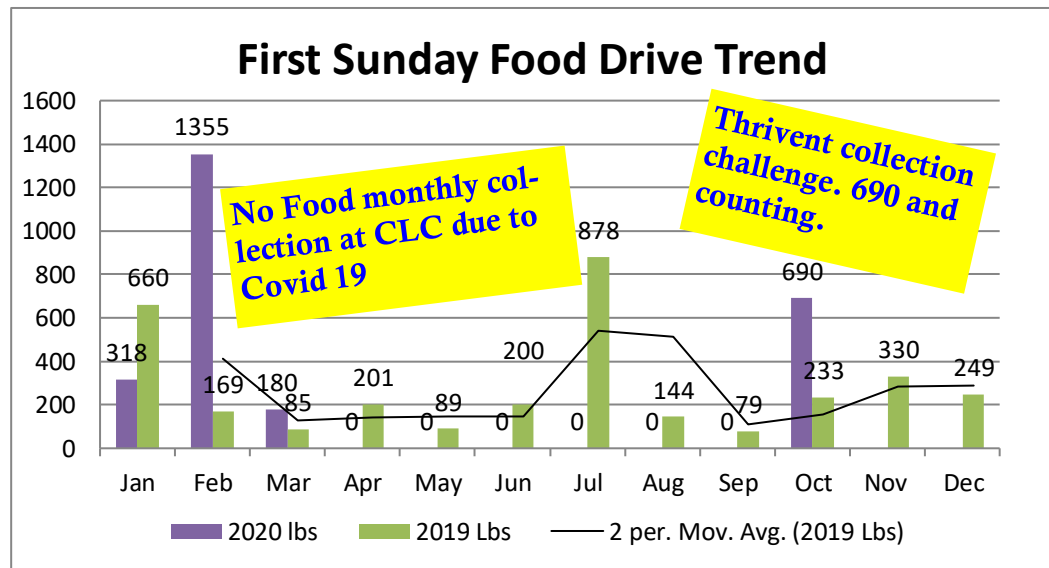
Send Checks to:

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





## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

October was a busy month for Social Welfare. During the month we supported the following causes:

- ✚ Vicki headed the hygiene kit project that supplied 55 kits to Orphan Grain Train
- ✚ We continued to support Holly's friend Carol Weinshel who collects items for the troops in Afghanistan
- ✚ We had a unique chance to support Cheshire Community Food Pantry in October. The Covid pandemic has left the supplies at the pantry limited. Thrivent issued a challenge to Church's in multiple New England states. The first 100 completed Thrivent Action Teams that gathered at least 500 items for donation to a local food pantry will see a \$500 check go to the benefiting organization. So far we have delivered over 600 items to Cheshire Community Food Pantry. The money from a Thrivent Action Team was used to purchase even more food items.
- ✚ Thanks to Don and Diane Drust who have helped to purchase and deliver bulk supplies with the money given.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Orphan Grain Train project. Donations were collected through October 18th. We packed 55 hygiene kits this year. The kits were delivered to the OGT warehouse in Terryville, CT. This was an amazing sight to see. The entire first floor of the warehouse is dedicated to the OGT. There the volunteers sort and pack donations that are dropped off by working for 3 hours every Monday and Tuesday morning. There are clothes, shoes, medical equipment, hospital beds, bikes, health kits, pillow case dresses and backpacks packed into uniform boxes that are eventually loaded on a container and shipped to a needy location is the US or overseas. Many thanks to all who contributed donations and helped assemble the kits.

Dottie Dierolf  
Social Welfare Deacon  
&  
Vicki DePaolo

## CHESHIRE LIGHTS OF HOPE 2020...



Cheshire Lutheran Church will once again participate in Cheshire's "Lights of Hope" on Saturday, November 14th. "Lights of Hope" has evolved into an annual event that now benefits several Cheshire non-profits like the food pantry and Cheshire Youth and Social Services. Proceeds also go towards student scholarships and to The Petit Family Foundation. Cheshire's "Lights of Hope" unites the community by lighting up the town and creating a brighter world while benefiting local charities and promoting volunteerism.

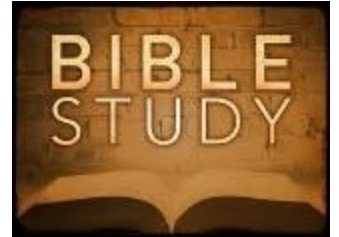
Dottie Dierolf and Alan Spose  
Social Welfare Deacon and Evangelism Deacon

# Bible Studies at CLC

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Sunday morning Bible study meets on the Second and Fourth Sundays of the month at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall for everyone comfortable meeting in person (standard Covid precautions of 6 feet of distance and wearing masks apply), and is available via Zoom for folks not attending in person. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week. We are currently working our way through a multi-part study that looks at the religion of Islam. Join us on the Second and Fourth Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

Our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke meets Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in meeting in person (the usual Covid precautions will apply), and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week. Join us Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom. (Please note, there will be NO Wednesday Bible Study the day before Thanksgiving.)



## 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.

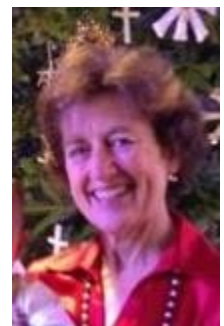
### Assistance During COVID 19:

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 to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Evan Napp  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Griffin Natzel  
 10<sup>th</sup> Lynn Balash  
 Andrea Schrumm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Julian Muller  
 Alexis Veleber  
 13<sup>th</sup> Pamela Clark  
 14<sup>th</sup> Natalie Veleber  
 15<sup>th</sup> David Veleber  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bill Sherman  
 Christina Plantier  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Schrumm  
 19<sup>th</sup> Ralph Schupp  
 Alyssa DeLaubell  
 20<sup>th</sup> Clifford Ongley  
 Steve Behnfeldt  
 21<sup>st</sup> Joanne Casberg  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Emerick  
 Brad Shick  
 26<sup>th</sup> John Casberg  
 Debbie Sherman  
 29<sup>th</sup> Ruth Veleber

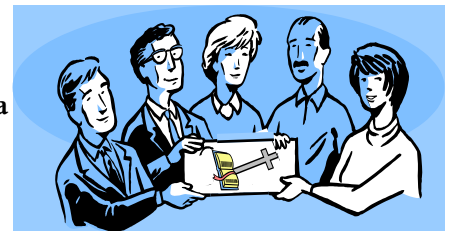


6<sup>th</sup> Joseph & Rita Stark 66 Years  
 10<sup>th</sup> David & Melissa Veleber 17 Years  
 12<sup>th</sup> Don & Diane Drust 48 Years  
 16<sup>th</sup> Alan & Carol Santoro 35 Years  
 20<sup>th</sup> Patrick & Judith DiDomizio 55 Years  
 21<sup>st</sup> Ray & Eleanor Verner 61 Years  
 23<sup>rd</sup> John & Priscilla Mulvaney 35 Years  
 Paul & Christine Smith 29 Years  
 24<sup>th</sup> Tim & Cindy Baker 19 Years  
 27<sup>th</sup> Edward & Nancy Schweizer 38 Years  
 28<sup>th</sup> John & Joanne Casberg 61 Years  
 Blair & Kristen Donewald 39 Years



## VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

**Voters** will meet Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at after the late Service. **We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on.** Meeting will most likely be via Zoom or combination of in person and Zoom. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



**Cheshire Lutheran Church**  
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