

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32 (NASB)

Just after 11:45 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, September 27, 2020, seven young adults stood outside of Cheshire Lutheran Church on the back lawn. They wore white robes while gathered around them were forty-some-odd relatives, friends, and members of CLC. There, under cloudy skies that had me constantly on the lookout for drops of rain and standing before a new outdoor altar and pulpit (an Eagle Scout project for the Church just completed by David Mason, the son of Christine and Guy Mason), those seven young people confessed their faith in our Savior Jesus Christ and the Triune God whom we worship and adore.

It was the culmination of two years of Confirmation instruction that included the last three months of class being completed remotely on the internet via Zoom (a video conferencing program). The day itself had been delayed almost four months due to Covid-19, while we hoped and prayed that life would return enough to normal that we could celebrate the Confirmation Rite as we have so many years and decades before. It did not, and so we gathered on the back lawn of the Church to celebrate the Rite outside with those who were comfortable being present in person; those who were not able to attend in person had the opportunity to join us via a live stream on YouTube – which itself had technical difficulties and required restarting with a different link. (The Confirmation service from September 27 can today be viewed on YouTube by going to CLC's YouTube page and looking for our most recent video.)

In the Confirmation Rite those young women and men rejected the devil and his empty promises, they confessed the faith, and they spoke their intent to remain in the Word & Sacraments and to live the Christian life – all by the grace of God. They took upon themselves the promises

made on their behalf by their parents and sponsors in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism nearly a decade and a half ago. Those promises were easily spoken in Baptism and may even have been easily spoken on Confirmation day, but it's much harder to live out those promises.

It's hard to consistently confess Jesus in our modern world. The temptations to give into the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh abound. They come at you and me fast and furious, and from all sides. Sometimes the temptation is clearly a call to reject Christ, His Word, and His way; other times it is a much more subtle attempt to convince us to substitute our own wants and desires in place of the path God has laid out for us. It's not easy, but, as I told the Confirmands, you are not alone.



It is by the grace of God that we walk the Christian way and confess Christ before men; it is with God's help that we reject sin and follow our Savior. That's why the responses from those young adults was "I do, by the grace of God." It's by the grace of God that Jesus lived and died and rose again for you. It's by the grace of God that your sins are forgiven for the sake of the cross of Christ. It's by the grace of God that the Holy Spirit was poured out on you in Holy Baptism and that He is at work in you to this day, moving you to reject sin and confess Christ. It's by the grace of God that when we stumble and fall into sin, our Heavenly Father welcomes back you, me, and every sinner who turns to Him in repentance.

The way we celebrated Confirmation this year was new and hopefully unique; it was a way of not letting Covid stop this event in the life of the Church, but what happened that day is nothing new. People confessed their faith in Jesus, which the Church has been

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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,

Although 2020 has thrown us a few curve balls this year, our congregation continues to find ways to innovate and celebrate milestones, while adhering to social distancing guidelines. On September 27th, we made history with CLC's first outside live streamed service where seven young adults celebrated the Rite of Confirmation. Exciting times here at CLC continue as we plan to celebrate our 60 year anniversary and 60 years since Pastor Nuechterlein's installation outside via a "bring your own" picnic style lunch on October 4th. Thank you to everyone who continues to offer their time and talents to allow these events to be a success!



On the topics of worship and treasure, Summer attendance held its own each week amidst our capacity limitations and we've had plenty of members attending our 8:30 and 10:30 services as we transitioned to our regular Fall schedule. Although these are healthy signs, please do not let up on your giving, so we can finish the year strong considering we are just under 94% of our Mission Plan goals. Thanks to all for your commitment to the faith and giving, allowing CLC to deliver on our congregational commitments locally and afar.

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 of Tim Weiland, Andy Clark and Pat Didomizio will be looking to fill upcoming vacancies. The following positions are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, November 8th:

Regarding future finances, the Council and Voters Assembly received a draft Mission Plan for 2021 from our Finance Committee; the Committee will continue its work toward a final version and expects to present a final proposed Mission Plan in November to the Voters.

Finally, 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 of Tim Weiland, Andy Clark and Pat Didomizio will be looking to fill upcoming vacancies. The following positions are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, November 8th:

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

Deacons (3 year): Christian Education, Christian Growth Fund, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Welfare, 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. Refer to the church directory for their contact information. This is a rewarding way to make a contribution to your church!

Our Church Council will meet virtually on Monday, October 26th, at 7 p.m. and our next Voters' Assembly meeting will be on Sunday, November 8th, virtually at 1 p.m.

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.](mailto:pastor@cheshirelutheran.org)

See you safely in church!

Steve Feero

Parish President, CLC

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since the very beginning. Every day people across the globe confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior. On that Sunday morning in September, it was young men and women on the back lawn of CLC. They joined you and me in confessing Jesus before men and, one day, Jesus will confess each of us before the throne of His Father in heaven.

Until that day, may the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you, as you confess Jesus before men through what you say and the way you live your life.

In Christ,



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.



NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacon are to be elected at the Voters’ Assembly meeting on Sunday, **November 8th**, 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



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 All Saints Sunday, November 1, 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 you would like added, please contact me with the name and an update on how that person is doing.

Pastor R

C. F. W. Walther



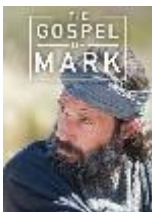
Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther was born on October 25, 1811 in Langenchursdorf, Kingdom of Saxony. Rev. Dr. C.F.W. Walther was the first president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and also served as president of its seminaries.

Walther joined the Saxon Germans who immigrated to the United States in 1839. On April 26, 1847, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was founded. He served as its first president, a position he held from 1847 to 1850 and again from 1864 to 1878.

He died in St. Louis on May 7, 1887, and was buried at Concordia Cemetery, where a mausoleum was later built in his honor.

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!

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—Will NOT be Live Streamed
- ✦ **Sunday School** will be held via Zoom -
- ✦ **Adult Sunday School/Bible Study** at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall *face to face* with Social Distancing and via zoom starting.
- ✦ **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.

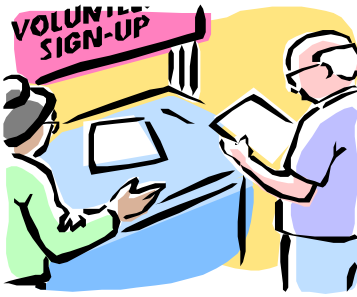
We appreciate your thoughtful participation in making this benevolence so successful.

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 *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.

Reformation



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...

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Little Cherubs had their first day of school. Some of our students wore masks while others did not.

It was not until September 21, 2020 that a new memo came out from the state directing children 3 and above to wear masks while in school. If the child decides not to wear it at any time in the class, we gently remind them to place it back on. If they need a mask break that is fine as long as we have social distancing of 6 feet. We don't ask them to go home. We try to plan many activities outside, so that they do not have to wear a mask. If a new parent does not agree to have their child wear a mask, we can not enroll that child into our school (So Sad). This the new rule from the State is in response to updated guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

We have 9 children enrolled. All 4 or above. We have 3 children from the 4's class attending Tuesday and Thursday as well. We have 4 children in the Lunch Bunch.

Parents continue to hold back enrolling their children due to COVID-19. They are keeping a close watch on the numbers throughout the State and School Systems before they will send their children to school.

The children are adjusting to the new norm here at Little Cherubs. We have the parents sign their child in and out outside the school. Parents are not allowed in. We ask a series of questions to the parents and take the child's temperature as well. The child enters the school, they hang up their back-pack and use hand sanitizer. They are then escorted into our classroom. WOW have times changed. Children are spread out and only a certain number of children are allowed in certain areas of play and learning. We are continually cleaning the classroom, washing toys that can be washed and then bleaching them or Clorox wiping them. **If anyone has extra wipes, we are looking for them - Clorox or Lysol.**

We started our school year with the beginning of the Alphabet and the number One. Bible time consists of Creation and Noah. Now that fall is here, we have begun Fall projects. September 22nd was Ice Cream Day, so Martha told the children how the waffle cone was developed. They all had vanilla ice cream with cones. **Yummy!**

Pastor is back with the children on Wednesdays, but we meet in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen. Each child sits on a circle socially distancing.

The children are so excited to be back in school.

We miss the 3 children who were here last year who are staying home due to the COVID-19.

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,

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



- ✦ Thanks to all who helped plan, work and help out for the Zoom Sunday School kick-off. The folks planning really had to “think out of the box” during these difficult times. Thank you
- ✦ Always we want to remember to thank all the folk that help out around the church, especially the Senior men & women! So much work needs to get done and does get done due to the hard work and dedication of so many unsung heroes! We are blessed and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
- ✦ Very Special thanks to the folk that helped with painting the outside of our Church building and Little Cherubs. It looks fantastic. Well Done..
- ✦ We can not thank Pastor, Martha, Steve Feero & Bill Juul for working so hard to make sure our online Services run so smoothly. We appreciate you all and we are Blessed.

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

October

October 31, 1517	Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany
October 11, 1953	Pastor Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
October 2, 2012	Schlicker Pipe Organ rededication; guest organist Andrew Schaeffer



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.

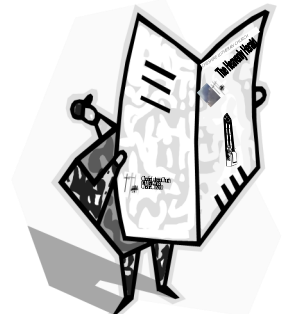


PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(November 2020 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **October 23rd** 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...



Sharing an anecdote about Stewardship as shared by a friend. It is a great message. Spoiler alert - there is no accounting magic dust!

"I was very excited that my father-in-law to be was an Accountant as it was tax season and he agreed to review my taxes which I had prepared. I wanted every possible tax advantage - e.g., deductions, credits - anything for which I was eligible in order to get the maximum refund possible. And he was not just any old Accountant... he worked in New York City, and had on the job experience with tax accounting and was knowledgeable of all the most current tax laws. Certainly, his review would yield some ideas and/or recommendations which would lower my taxes. Yup, I thought, I got it made... I will get the edge this year for sure on my taxes...

His feedback was not what I was expecting. He simply said "I think you can increase your giving". This was his reaction upon reviewing my taxes, the charitable contribution deduction being what resonated to him. There were no ideas, recommendations, or suggestions for reducing my taxes.

In hindsight, his words of wisdom were worth more than I was expecting - certainly more than a few bucks off my taxes. Still today, I am reminded of his spirit of generous giving. Truly, he embraced being a good steward, and encouraged the same." - anonymous

Rob Delaubell
Stewardship Deacon

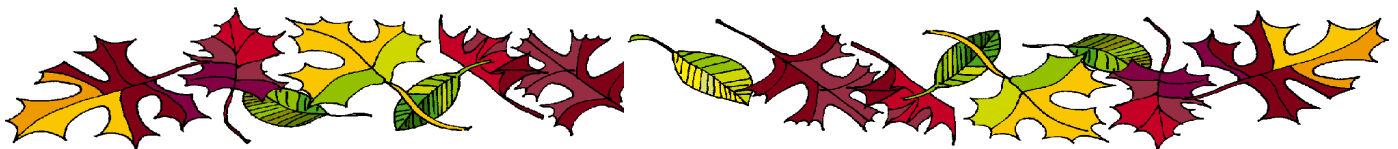
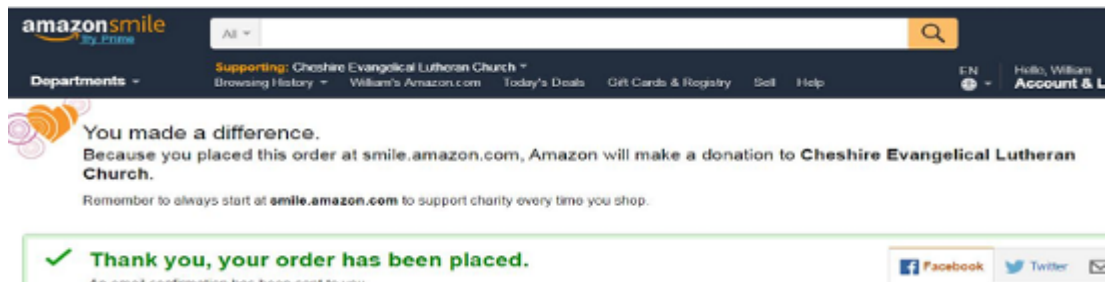
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



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, 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:



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. Two 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
(203) 228-2000



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

We are aiming to begin 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.

You will receive a Zoom invitation from your child’s Sunday school teacher at the email address you submitted to us. Please check your email often to catch any communication and/or invites from your child’s teacher. The following are the brave volunteers who 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. Please look for his emails.

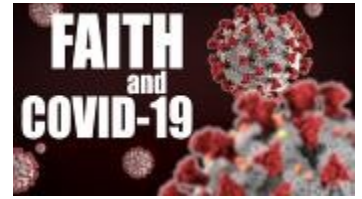
We seek your cooperation, help, and prayers as we go forward with this new approach. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to contact Judy DiDomizio at jdidomizio@aol.com



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...



We have collected items for health or school kits for many years. Did you ever wonder who distributes them and where do they go? Wonder no more; here is the answer and a little history.



In 1992 Rev. Roy Wilke of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska joined a Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz, former The Lutheran Hour speaker, who traveled to Latvia and Russia. It was after the break up of the Soviet Union. The people were desperate for spiritual and humanitarian help. Rev. Wilke promised his support. He thought of a train that would collect grain as it traveled through the Midwest and then ship it to the starving orphans in Eastern Europe. But the railroad concept was changed to van line owned by Clayton Andrews. It was a worldwide transportation company and together they founded Orphan Grain Train (OGT).

Mr. Andrews donated several warehouses for storage for OGT donations and numerous semi tractors and trailers. Since then OGT volunteer have manned and operated a set of 27 regional locations and have delivered more that 36 million meals and 3728 shipments of humanitarian aid to needy people in several states and 69 countries on 5 continents.

OGT has built a mobile chapel with help from a grant from LCMS Disaster Relief for a Nebraska church demolished by an F4 tornado. In 2017, after hurricane Michael, OGT delivered building supplies and trailer truck of groceries, and then 400 turkeys for Thanksgiving a year later.

OGT is a recognized LCMS service organization.

Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

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.

DID YOU NOTICE THE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH WAS PAINTED...

When I suggested painting, I was not sure how it could be done. All the volunteers made it possible. My prayers were answered, and I thank the Lord that no one was hurt.

I would like to thank the following volunteers: Karen Bailey; John Balash; Pat DiDomizio; Buzz & Linda Gancarz; Jim Matson; Jim Mertz; Alan & Carol Santoro; Tim Weiland; and my brother Tom Schweizer.

Please join me in thanking all the volunteers for a job well done.

Ed Schweizer



QUILTS OF VALOR CONTINUES TO MAKE & DELIVER BEAUTIFUL QUILTS TO OUR BELOVED VETERANS...

Even though we are hampered by this virus, we decided to give quilts out because these veterans should be recognized for their unselfish service to our country. *See pictures.*

They were all thrilled and thankful for this remembrance and quilt. Some of the quilts that were given out were made by some of our members. Carolyn Bammann, Paula Ongley, and myself. Volunteers are so major to this Foundation; without them we would not be able to continue distributing quilts to our Service Men and Women. We are blessed with these volunteers.

Marilyn Miller

Questions? Please contact Marilynn Miller at (860) 621-4619



On Monday, Sept 21st, Richard received his quilt at home



Five veterans received quilts of valor on Friday Sept 18th. From r-l Joe, Tony, Bobby, Dick, Tom. The ceremony went well.



Jeremy Ongley received a quilt after his son's baptism on September 6th. Paula presented him with a quilt that was beautifully made by her

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—203 481 6952

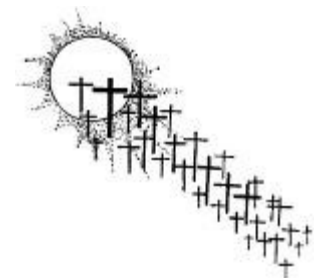
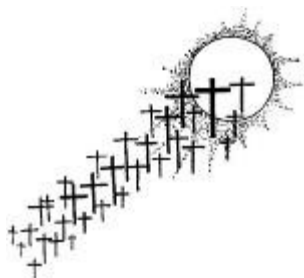
Parish Choir:

- ♫ 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
October 4- Sunday <i>Church Picnic & Anniversaries Celebration</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
October 7 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 11 - Sunday <i>Bell Choir Performs</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
October 14 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 18 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
October 21 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 25 - Sunday <i>Bell Choir Performs</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
October 28 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir



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

We celebrate together as *Ryan John Ongley* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday, September 6, 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 Guilder**

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 CONFIRMANDS

On Sunday September 27, 2020 we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation of the following members:

Sean Parker Horton
 Hannah Lynn Mayer
 Thea Elizabeth Mayer
 Max Gunther Muller
 Michael Stephen Plantier
 Sarah Ann Rowold
 Julianna Michele Tyler



We rejoice together as these youth mark this significant milestone in their personal and spiritual lives.



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

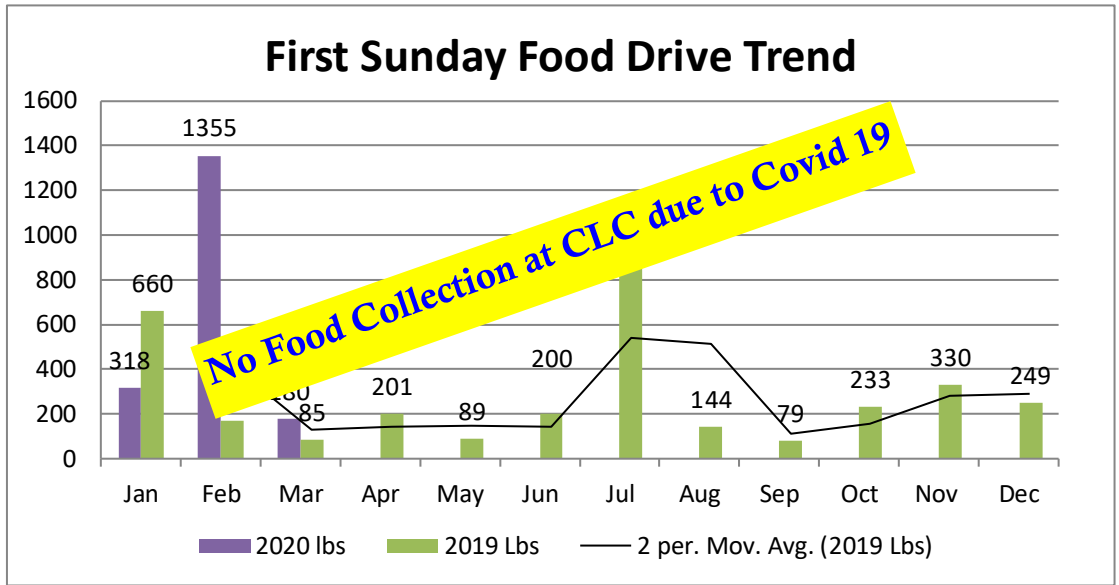
Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- 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



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 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

Vicki DePaolo

Pat DiDomizio

Judy DiDomizio

Walt Gancarz

Linda Gancarz

Margie Mertz

Priscilla Mulvaney

John Mulvaney

Randy Raddatz

Beth Soulier

Tim Weiland



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:



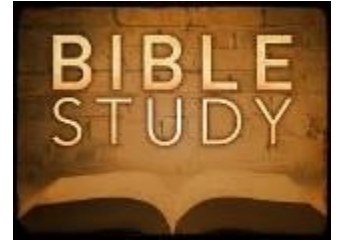
- ✦ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services during COVID-19 restrictions
- ✦ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✦ Current and Past 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...

Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AND IN PRINT...

Sunday morning Bible study will be starting on Sunday, October 11. Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall for everyone comfortable meeting in person (standard Covid precautions of 6 feet of distance and wearing masks apply), and it will be available via Zoom for folks not attending in person. The Zoom link will be sent out via a mass email. Join us October 11 at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.

Our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke will resume on Wednesday, October 14. This class will also meet in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in meeting in person (the usual Covid precautions will apply), and it too will be available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link will be sent out via a mass email. Join us October 14 at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.



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.

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.

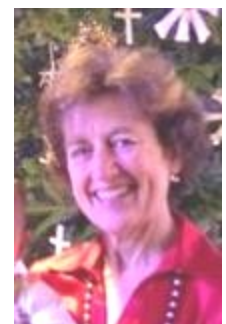
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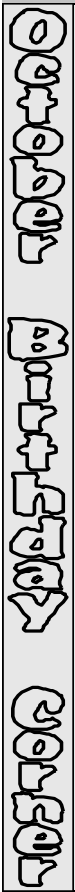
Please consider requesting assistance such as meals, transportation, occasional errands, minor household repairs, and visitors. Please know that Helping Hands may be able to help during this *Coronavirus* quarantine chapter in our lives. If you are in need of groceries or other essential items, or just 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





- 1st Kelly Lenz
- 3rd Mary Beth Blair
Grace Wilde
- 6th Frank Vasi
- 7th Matthew Plantier
- 8th Kelley Collins-Pardee
- 10th Louis Nuechterlein
Abigail Lynch
John Balash, Jr.
- 11th Grace Muller
- 12th Jonah Tyler
- 15th Timothy Fiedler
Sarah Rowold
- 16th Brandon Feero
- 17th Nicole Daly
Matthew Blair
- 18th Benjamin DeLaubell
- 21st Karen Bailey
Marilyn Miller
- 24th Avery Clark
Edward Schweizer
Rachel Henderson
- 25th Holly Flugrath
- 26th Donald DePaolo



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 2020

1 st	Craig & Rachel Henderson	15 Years
6 th	Jon & Eva Schrumm	36 Years
	Frank & Martha Medford	41 Years
7 th	David & Regina Lynch	13 Years
10 th	Bill & Beth Soulier	33 Years
12 th	Bill & Judy Juul	57 Years
13 th	John & Diane Taylor	30 Years
14 th	Alfred & Helen Mayer	53 Years
18 th	Don & Arta Dobbs	40 Years
20 th	Michael & Carolyn Carrington	19 Years
22 nd	David & Anne McBain	26 Years
23 rd	Alan & Donna Spose	38 Years
28 th	Scott & April Slauson	25 Years



COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER...



Council will meet Monday, **October 26th at 7:00 pm** . Most likely the meeting will be held via Zoom. Look for more information via email.



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