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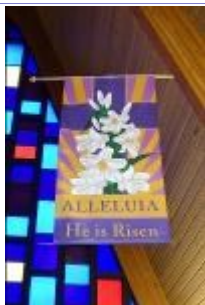
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

When you think of Easter, what comes to mind? It may be the Easter bunny or Easter eggs, Easter baskets or candy like chocolates and jellybeans, Easter bonnets or new Easter dress, the Easter Sunday service or Easter lilies, Easter breakfast at Church or Easter dinner at home with family gathered round the table. For many people this year, a lot of the things that we normally associate with Easter may not take place. The things that do will probably look very different this year as we continue to deal with the pandemic and all the safety measures that it has spawned.

Our Easter services will certainly be different this year from a normal year. For starters, there will be three services instead of the regular two: 6:30 AM, 8 AM, and 10:30 AM. Next, the sunrise service will be held outside at the Columbarium (Lord willing and weather permitting), the 8 o'clock will be inside with the service streamed out live on YouTube, and the 10:30 will also be outside, though on the back lawn this time. Of course, all services will include appropriate social distancing and require masks, which is certainly NOT normal for Easter Sunday. The Easter breakfast has been replaced with a "Coffee And..." event that will use more of a "Grab and Go" format than the traditional Easter breakfast. Yes, Easter will be different this year at CLC.

Still, in spite of all that will be different, the most important things will still be the same. The Easter Gospel will still proclaim the Good News of the empty tomb. We will still sing the traditional Easter hymns (though fewer of them at the sunrise service). The Sacrament of Holy

Communion will still put into your hands, your mouth, the very body and blood of the risen Savior. The Easter acclamation will still proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Our Easter WILL look different this year, but it will be a whole lot better than last Easter when the pandemic had us all worshipping from home. We will gather, we will sing, and we will celebrate. While we may not be "back to normal" yet, we will still be able to share together as a family of faith in all the joy and hope that is Easter. Jesus IS risen. The tomb IS empty. Your sins ARE

forgiven. Even if we don't yet have all the things that normally come to mind when we think of Easter, we still have our risen Lord and He's the most important thing.

Like you, I look forward to the day when our Easter has all that we've come to expect: bunnies, eggs, baskets, candy, bonnets, dresses, services, lilies, breakfast at Church, dinner with family, and whatever else is part of your family tradition. We're not there yet, but I have faith that we will get there. Until then, keep focused on what is of first importance: Jesus died for your sins, that He was buried, and He was raised on the third day for you. In Him your sins are forgiven and everlasting life is yours.

I pray I will see you soon, whether it's on Easter Sunday at one of the services or on another Sunday soon.

God bless and keep you this Easter season and always,

In Christ,
Pastor R

Come Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

Sunday School

&

Adult Bible Classes:

9:10 am

Summer Worship Service:

9:00 am
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Our third Council meeting of 2021 was conducted virtually via Zoom on Monday, March 8th and was attended by all. Each Council member provided updates as we continue to make progress for the year and the highlights are as follows:



From a Wellness and Safety perspective, it has been just over a year now since the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to limit capacity to 50% and implement six foot social distancing. Although the governor lifted the capacity constraints for houses of worship on March 19th, we are unable to increase the number of in-person attendees allowed with the six foot social distance still in place. As more people become vaccinated over the upcoming months, there is light at the end of the tunnel when we all can attend church, worship, and enjoy fellowship together.

Little Cherubs Preschool continues to educate the children with Christian faith based teachings and experiences, and Craig Wilson was delighted to report an increase in enrollment from nine to twelve children.

Our Mission Plan as of the end of February is at 129% and we are extremely blessed to have such a giving congregation. We look forward to continued and increased engagement by members as the year progresses and things begin to safely open up even further.

Vicki DePaolo shared great news that on February 26th we received the paid in full promissory note to the Paycheck Protection Program loan we were granted by TD-Bank back in 2020.

The finance committee will be seeking to identify a replacement candidate in our current Mission Plan as we learned Concordia College Bronxville will be acquired by Iona College and will no longer be a Lutheran based college for us to continue supporting.

Andy Clark continues to diligently lead the effort with a small committee to upgrade our live streaming capabilities as we understand the importance from our Voters on the value this provides the congregation now and after the pandemic.

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The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

Council	Monday, April 26 th at 7:00pm
Voters	Sunday, May 2 nd at 1:00pm

If we have not formally met, please take a moment to introduce yourself. If you have ideas or concerns, regardless of how small, please reach out to me or any council member. I can best be reached at president@cheshirelutheran.org.

Yours in Christ!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC

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.

Remember to sign up with the Church office if you would like to attend service on Sunday morning. Even though the Governor has lifted number-based capacity limits, we still must abide by the 6-foot social distancing requirement. As a result, we only have the same spaces for 16 households that we have had since returning to in-person worship. If you show up to Church without a confirmed space, we cannot guarantee that we will have a place for you. Leaving a message on the Church answering machine does not mean that you are signed up; you must have received a confirmation from the office that we have you on the list and there is a place for you.



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✚ 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...



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



Sunday School lessons are continuing virtually by Zoom. This month students in Grades K-8 will learn about Doubting Thomas on April 11 and, Jesus appearing on the Road to Emmaus on April 25th. The Classes meet by zoom at 9:15 am the link is sent out to the parents by their children's teacher in an email a day or 2 prior to the class.

The Pre-K-8 Sunday School schedule for the remainder of this school year is as follows: April 11, April 25, May 9, and May 23 will be as grade level classes by zoom. June 13, 2021 will be our last day of Sunday School for this school year. We are hoping to have an in person outdoor gathering to wrap up the year if weather and other conditions allow.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent



CLC CHOIR NEWS...



All Choirs continue to rehearse. While it still isn't "business as usual" we do practice & perform 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.
- ♪ Masks are worn at all times.
- ♪ Opportunities for rotation of Bell Choir members are available. 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 perform on Sundays.
- ♪ Only 6—7 in Choir Loft at one time.
- ♪ Masks are worn at all times.
- ♪ Opportunities for rotation of Parish Choir members are available. Call Martha Medford to volunteer for Parish Choir Performances.

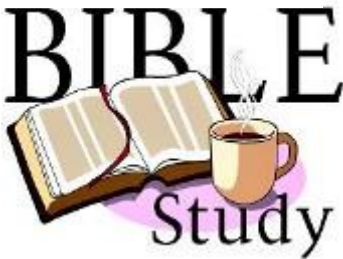
Martha Medford

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 18 - Sunday	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 21 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 25 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 28 - Wednesday	<i>No Rehearsals</i>		
May 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 9 - Sunday Mother's Day	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Men
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Men

CLC HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY...

COME JOIN OUR HIGH SCHOOL



Our High School Bible Study will meet by zoom on April 18th at 9:15 am between the services and April 25 at 7:00 pm.

We are currently working through a set of 12 Bible studies called "Deal Me In! Life Issues". The topic for April 18th is Modesty and the topic for April 25th is Thinking for yourself.

On April 25 we will also check in to see if the am or pm time is better for Bible study in the month of May.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

CLC's featured members for April 2021 are Richard "Dick" and Roberta "Bo" Hagstrom. Members of our Church family since 1961. Dick was born 5/22/1930 in Worcester, Massachusetts and Bo was born 6/26/1930 in Millbury, Massachusetts. They met in junior high school and attended First Lutheran Church in Worcester where they attended Sunday school together and were confirmed in the same confirmation class. They enjoyed the Luther League and singing in the choir. First Lutheran later became Trinity Lutheran church where they were married on June 14th, 1952. They will celebrate 69 years of marriage this June.

Bo attended business school that included secretarial, accounting and bookkeeping. She loved being a mother and homemaker when their children arrived. After Dick's graduation from College, they moved to Kentucky -- there Dick attended graduate school and following graduation was offered a job with Standard Oil in Indiana as Director of Research. Both Dick and Bo had family back here in the east and in 1961 Dick had an opportunity to accept a position at the Olin Corp. in New Haven, CT and that is when the Hagstrom's came to Cheshire and made it their home.

They both enjoy choral music and the game of golf! They are loyal fans of the Boston Red Sox and UCONN Girls Basketball. Over the years they enjoyed travel to Scandinavia, Spain, Canary Islands, England, and Bermuda. Both have fond memories of ski vacations with their children and other families from Cheshire Lutheran Church during February school vacations. Dick enjoys woodworking and Bo loves to cook, bake, and try new recipes. Their children Jeff, his wife Kathy, Patty and her husband Steve reside in CT. In recent years Dick and Bo relocated to Southbury, CT to be closer to family. They have been blessed with five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. "family is their greatest accomplishment".

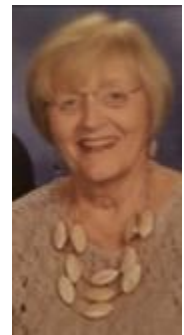
Written & Submitted by Karen Bailey—Member of the Evangelism Committee



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Hope you are enjoying our new feature of getting to know our members, and learning something new. We are also working on a scholarship program and instituting a new baptismal program that will follow the children to three years old. We have a few other ideas that need to be worked out. We're always working towards the goal to spread God's Word. If you have any questions or ideas for our Committee feel free to contact me via phone number or email in our Directory.

Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon



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 in December.

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

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

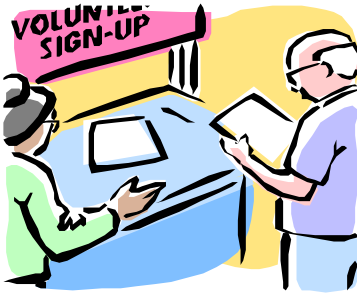


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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

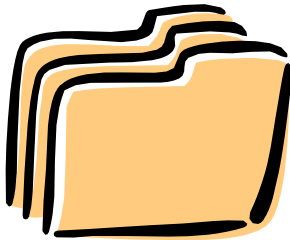
This month on the Bulletin Board:

- ✦ **Cheshire Housing Authority information** regarding Section 8 Elderly Housing
- ✦ **Volunteers Needed for Hospice** information
- ✦ **On With Life (OWL)** bereavement group information
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center 2021** volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2021 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ **Memory Café** in Cheshire information
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members **Birthday** and **Anniversaries**



Others looking for help!

- ✦ **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Pam Clark if you can help in any capacity. 203-271-2640 or email AClark2snet.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, Tricia Rowold or Craig Wilson.
- ✦ **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact Tim Weiland kweiland3@sbcglobal.net



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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

Upkeep of the area by committee members is ongoing.

The Memorial Garden & Columbarium Committee has simplified the forms used to purchase a Subscription for an Inurement and other form and are working on updating the Informational Pamphlet.

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

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Spring is finally here!

I look forward to the time our children and teachers do not have to wear a mask in class any longer. They have been troopers through it all.

This month has been all about Nutrition. The first week we learned about vegetables. The second week we learned about fruit and enjoyed Fruit Pizza. The pizza base was a slice of watermelon with strawberries and blueberries as the topping. I bet you did not know that Corn is a Fruit... The third week was all about Dairy. Yes, Miss Cindy got the children Chocolate Swirl Ice Cream. The fourth week we learned about protein and the last week was Grains. The children had fun spaghetti painting!

We did make Green Eggs and Ham for Dr. Suess' Birthday. The eggs came from Miss Cindy's chickens.

She showed each egg to the children and was able to tell them which chicken laid the egg. So interesting! Oh, and the children just loved the Eggs and Ham. Yes, the Eggs really were green.

The children learned about "Jesus Calms the Storm", "Mary and Martha", "Jesus and the Children", "The Wise man and the Foolish Man". The children are learning the song about the Wise man and the Foolish man who built their house on the Rock and the Sand. They also learned about "The Good Samaritan".

We made it through the Alphabet W, X Y and Z.

Some projects the children made for Spring was "Spring Pussy Willows", "Roller Spring", Forsythia and Spring Flowers. All great projects to celebrate Spring.

I wanted to let you know that we are getting signups for the fall already in the 3 year old class. Four boys and one girl so far. I will keep you posted.

God Bless to all,
JoAnn, Cindy, Beth and Jen



THIS MOTHER'S DAY, BLANKET THE WORLD IN LOVE...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 9th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program.

Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship.

To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin beginning on Sunday April 11th. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office along with the dedication form.

Dedications will be listed in the May 9th bulletin.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon





Lisa and her beautiful Family.
Husband Julian, Max, Alex
and Grace

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

HELP WANTED

The weather is turning warmer and hopefully pandemic restrictions can relax in the coming months and we will be able to get together and have some fun! Join me in planning and organizing events for the youth of the congregation. The time commitment can be as little or as extensive as you'd like. If you are unable to make an ongoing commitment but would like to help out for even just one month that would be greatly appreciated. If you aren't able to help at all but have some great ideas, send them my way at lisarmuller@gmail.com

Thank you!

Lisa Muller
Youth Deacon



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.



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 WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

- † **Reader**
- † **Usher**
- † **Greeter**
- † **Singer or Ringer**
- † **Altar Guild**

Our weekly services don't just happen.

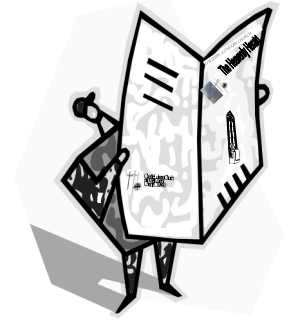
*******Additional ushers are needed at this time! Please contact Tim*******

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

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (May 2021 Articles are Due!)

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



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.



Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks to Bill Juul, Pastor, Martha Medford and Steve Feero for figuring out the technical and functional details to live stream Sunday Services for us. This skillset is still so needed right now. Thank you!
- † Thanks Bill Juul for posting Pastor R's sermons, along with other videos and pictures documenting the life of our church/congregation. Especially, thank you for applying music audio files to our YouTube service videos. We acknowledge that this is no easy task and takes lots of patience. Thank You
- † Special Thanks to the many volunteers setting up the fellowship hall, putting boxes of treats together and clean up our Easter Celebration
- † Another Special Thank You to Don and Diane Drust for the flowers, boxes and all the yummy treats. We are truly Blessed.
- † Special Thanks to Tim Weiland for continuing to contribute and support our Congregation with his pictures and Archivist duties..
- † Thanks to the Manke Brothers for donating the lovely Lilies that adorned the Altar on Easter Sunday. Also thank you to the Altar Guild for arranging the flowers and Altar. Thank You
- † Another Easter and Holy Week Thank You to Martha Medford for working so hard to enhance our Services with music. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to all of us. Thank You



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

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 baby items to the **local** organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire, in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.

Hope Pregnancy Center is also looking for more volunteer board members and volunteer fatherhood coaches for our Earn While You Learn Parenting Program.



Board Member:

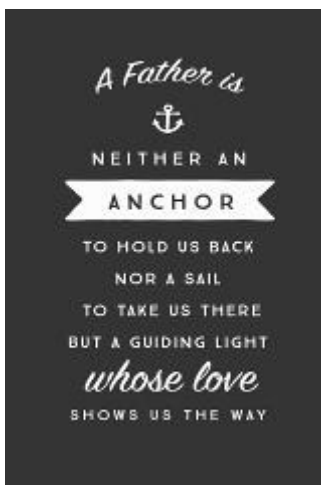
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position. For more information or to apply, email Julianna at hopepcct@gmail.com or call (203) 271-2703.

Fatherhood Coach:

Are you a dad who has wanted to invest in other fathers or provide them with a listening ear? Hope Pregnancy Center is seeking volunteer male coaches to be in the mentorship program for Fatherhood and Parenting classes. Coaches meet one on one every other week for appointments, using a curriculum with spiritual applications. For more information please email Maggie@hopepregnancycenterct.org or call (203) 271-2703.

Hope Pregnancy Center

110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703
hopepregnancycenterct.org



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

"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' " John 21:15b

Many thanks to all of who contributed Food Items in March— Thanks to Linda and Buzz Gancarz for delivering **73 pounds** of food items to the pantry that were collected in March.

The Pantry Current Needs List:

- ◇ Canned Beets, Spinach & Carrots
- ◇ Frosting
- ◇ Cat Food
- ◇ Toothbrushes
- ◇ Paper Towels
- ◇ Toilet Paper
- ◇ Laundry Detergent
- ◇ Dish Soap
- ◇ Cleaning Supplies
- ◇ Feminine Products
- ◇ Dairy Products

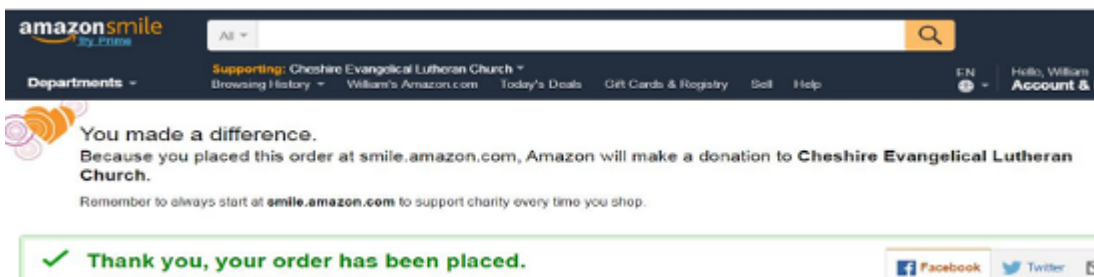


Thank you for your continued support – Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon

YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

If you happen to be an Amazon™ on-line shopper, Cheshire Lutheran Church is now a registered non-profit organization under the "Amazon Smile"™ program. So, whenever you shop on Amazon, instead go to www.smile.amazon.com, then log in, using your same username and password as you normally would on the traditional Amazon site. You will be asked to select a charity by browsing the list of registered organizations and selecting Cheshire Lutheran Church. Amazon Smile will donate .5% (that is .005) of the amount you purchase to CLC.

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



You Shop. Amazon Gives

MEMORIES FROM MY TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND...



It is fitting and appropriate to share Tim Weiland's wonderful memories from his trip to the Holy Land several years ago. Tim chose to share those memories via a beautiful poem he wrote about the trip.

A LAMENTATION OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF OUR LORD AND HIS DEATH AT CALVARY



Fifteen years ago during a business trip from March 17-23, 2006, several colleagues and I had a chance to visit many significant cities and regions of Israel that relate to our Christian faith. Now as we have just celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord, I yearly reflect on that portion in Jerusalem. I was deeply moved by 'walking where Jesus walked' as he carried his cross uphill towards Calvary which is now the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This trek, "Via Dolorosa", or Stages of the Cross, inspired me to write the following. Back in 2013 I tweaked it a tad, and apologize again for taking liberty of creating a few words you won't find in the dictionary.



They arrested our Lord in the Grotto of Gethsemane,
 Judas started it with kiss, he became an enemy.
 Pilate condemned him and commanded he die,
 A purple robe, crown of thorns crucified.
 He falls with the cross, Mother Mary he meets,
 Simon the Cyrenian forced to carry the cross, or be beat.
 Veronica wipes the sweat from Jesus' face,
 He falls a second time, he barely keeps pace.
 "Daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me,
 But weep you yourselves and for your children", see?
 Jesus falls a thrice and is stripped of his garments,
 We're at Golgotha or Calvary, he's nailed and laments.
 Our Jesus breathes his last with the skies darkening,
 Thunder and lightning with the ground quaking.
 His body is lowered upon the Stone of Anointment,
 Mary wept over him while the myrrh, linen and spicement.
 Into a tomb with a stone our Lord is given,
 Then three days later, he has arisen, yes arisen!

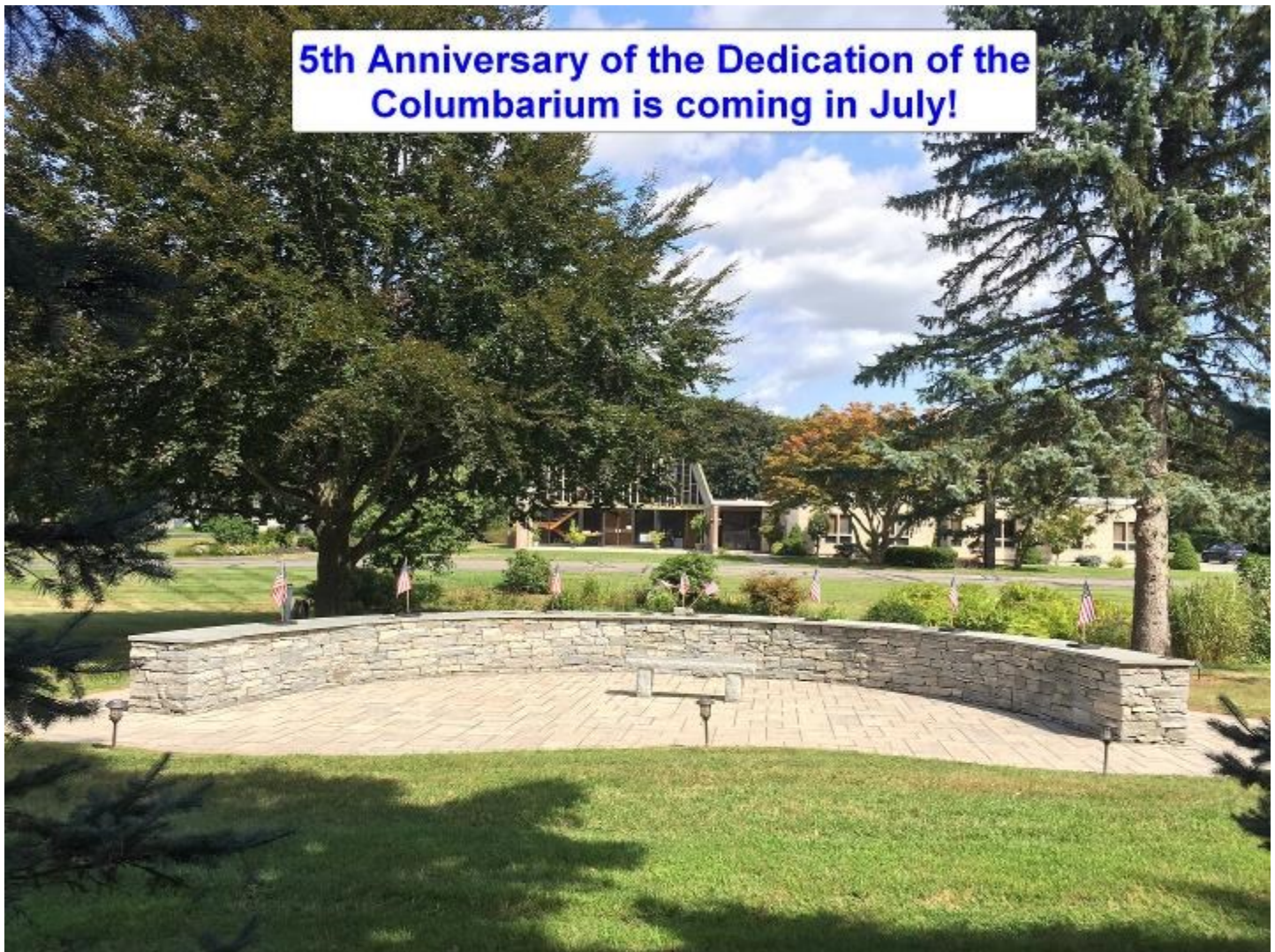


Part of my memories for a lifetime!
 In fellowship, R. Tim Weiland

Indoor Clean Up Memories



Outdoor Clean Up Memories



5th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Columbarium is coming in July!

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



Hi everyone, spring is on its way and here is a quick update on what is going on from house and grounds.

On Saturday March 27 about a dozen volunteers helped clean the inside of the church to prepare it for Holy week and Easter. We washed all the pews, vacuumed and swept the floors, cleaned the inside of the windows and even dusted the curtains and blinds. Thank you to everyone that came out to clean, the church looks beautiful!

Unfortunately during the cleanup, we discovered that the water heater in the basement is leaking and will need to be replaced. I will be looking into getting that replaced in the very near future. Speaking of cleaning, we held the outdoor cleanup on April 10th. We encouraged families and especially the teens in the congregation to come out and give a helping hand. The Youth Volunteers will get credit and were sure helpful with moving the branches, leaves and rocks. Many hands did make for light work.

Later in April I would also like to do an outdoor cleanup at the parsonage, watch the bulletin and emails for a date.

As many of you are aware we have had issues with the streaming of our services and I would like to let you all know that we have a streaming committee made up of several members that have met with four vendors and are awaiting on some quotes and options. Please know we are working as quickly as we can but also taking the time to do it right so that we have a long-term solution that works best for us.

Thank you again to everyone who helped clean the church, indoor and out.

Andy Clark
House & Grounds Deacon



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



Spring is upon us and I'm sure we are all thankful to the Lord for the warmth of the sun, colors of the flowers and, finally some fellowship opportunities! We had the pleasure of a cold but sunny walk on the Farmington Canal walking trail on the morning of March 20th. We had 11 members participate plus one new member; our furry friend, Maggie, new puppy to Ed and Nancy Schweizer.

Due to the success and enjoyment of the first walk, we are planning another walk April 24th, 9AM. Let's mix things up and meet in the parking lot off of West Main St, on Railroad Ave. Hope to see additional faces, maybe some children with bicycles?

Easter morning we had a wonderful Coffee And. . . after the 8AM service. We are hoping this is the beginning of gatherings indoors as well as outdoors as Covid-19 restrictions ease up.

Please send any ideas for fellowship activities to me via email Pam.clark@snet.net or when I see you in church.

Halleluiah! He has risen indeed!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

In late February and March 3 beloved sisters in Christ from CLC were called home to be with those that have gone before us and have been reunited with Our Lord.

June A Shaffer

Late in February our cherished sister June Shaffer also was called home to our Lord. June was the loving wife of the late Edward Shaffer. At the time of this publication not much was known about the arrangements for June.

Sunrise June 16, 1929 ~ Sunset March 11, 2021

Mary (Bianchini) Munter

Mary (Bianchini) Munter, was called home to our Lord on March 11, 2021. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

Mary was the loving wife of the late Arthur F. Munter who predeceased her in 2018.



Sunrise March 15, 2021 ~ Sunset March 13, 2021

Dorothy Ann Rippel

Dorothy Ann Rippel was called home to our Lord on March 13, 2021. A Celebration of her life was held on Saturday March, 20, 2021.

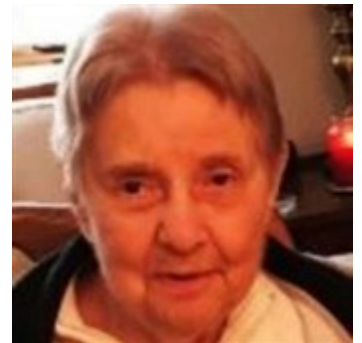
Dorothy was the loving wife of Charles (Charlie) Rippel.

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:7-8)

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to the Munter, Rippel & Shaffer families.

Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21



Good Friday Service





Easter Set Up Memories



Easter Morning Memories

Sunrise Service at the Columbarium



8:00 AM Service Online and in the Sanctuary



10:30 AM Service Outside
on the Back Lawn





WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: “YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED!” ...

Years ago, before I had my own children (late twenties), I was asked by the Education Deacon if I'd be willing and interested to teach Sunday School at CLC. I politely responded that I would consider the request carefully. However, I thought to myself, “I've never taught before, let alone children. I have no experience. What if I mess this up? I probably won't be good at it.”

A few days later, I was traveling with a colleague on a week-long business trip across the country. We had become friends over time as a result of working together. Being spiritual himself, we got onto the topic of faith and religion. I shared with him the request I received from the Education Deacon, and his response was like having water thrown at my face. He said, “For all the things God has given you, this doesn't seem like an unreasonable request. You have been called!” Upon reflection, I knew he was right.

I taught Sunday School for six years—5th and 6th grades. It was rewarding, uplifting and an educational experience for me, not just the children. And, when a child shares his/her innermost feelings with their classmates and their teacher, you see firsthand how scriptures can connect them to their world. It's unforgettable.

And now, I'm the Education Deacon reaching out to you. Please help keep this evangelical mission moving ahead and energized. Tricia Rowold now leads the Sunday School ministry. She is and will do a wonderful job along with the teachers we have. But they can't do this alone. Please help us. We need you. You have been called!

Sincerely and Yours in Christ

Craig Wilson
CLC Education Deacon



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.

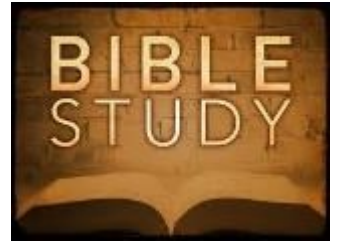
Sally Schrumm, Chairman



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Sunday morning Bible study will not meet on April 11, but we will gather on April 25 at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone comfortable meeting in person (standard Covid precautions of 6 feet of distance and wearing masks apply) is welcome to be in the Fellowship Hall or you can join us via Zoom if you are not attending in person. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email prior to each class. We are currently working our way through a multi-part study that looks at the religion of Islam. Join us on April 25 at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.



Our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke will be taking a break the first two weeks of April, but we will resume on April 21 at 1:30 PM. We are in the Fellowship Hall for those interested in meeting in person (the usual Covid precautions will apply) and also by Zoom for those who desire; signing up in advance is not required. The Zoom link for this is also sent out via a mass email before each class. Join us Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom.



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

At the time I am writing this, we are nearing the end of the first quarter of 2021. Financially, we are off to a solid start! A huge thanks to folks for keeping current with their pledges and contributions!

It was a year ago this month that the pandemic hit – remote work for many, lost jobs for others, student learning via Zoom meetings, distancing, quarantining, and too many other life style changes to list. Many (most?) of us know someone impacted by Covid 19. Prayers to the families that have lost loved ones. But our congregation here at CLC has been fortunate, as we have kept up our worship services going throughout most of the pandemic. I would like to recognize the “production crew” that has helped engineer, set up, and execute the live streaming each week. In addition, I would also like to recognize the folks that have found ways to allow safe, distanced in-person worship. These efforts are outstanding examples of stewardship as they have allowed CLC’s worship to continue over the last year. So to all that have been involved, directly or indirectly, from the camera, video and technical crew, to the safety and wellness committee, volunteers at the in person services including ushers, altar assistants, the music and choirs, and the efforts of Carol and Pastor, I appreciate all of your hard work, thank you for your efforts and energies!

Thank you,
Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2021



13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	25 Years
14 th	Eric & Maria Johnson	14 Years
24 th	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	67 Years
28 th	Ralph & Georgianna Schupp	74 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	61 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✠ The next *Council Meeting* will be Thursday, *April 26th* at 7:00 PM.
- ✠ The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *May 2nd* at 1:00 PM

Meetings most likely via Zoom...

 **CHRIST IS RISEN!**
Christ Is Risen Indeed!



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