

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"[Mary Magdalene] turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'" John 20:14–15 (ESV)

It was early that first Easter morning. The women had found the tomb empty and gone to tell the Disciples. Simon Peter and another disciple responded by running to the tomb where they, too, found it empty. After the two of them went home, Mary was left in the garden by herself. First, two angels appeared and spoke to her, then Mary turned and was face to face with Jesus Himself.

I can't tell you how many times I have been asked by kids in Sunday School and adults in Bible Class, "Why didn't Mary recognize Jesus? He was right there with her, why didn't she realize it?" It's a fair question to ask, after all, she had spent more than a little bit of time with Jesus. Mary Magdalene was one of several women who were routinely part of Jesus' inner circle and who supported our Lord and His disciples in their ministry. It could even be reasonably argued that only the 12 Apostles would have an easier time recognizing Jesus than Mary. So, why didn't she realize that He was there?

To answer that question, try to put yourself in her position. First, Mary had seen Jesus suffer in ways He did not deserve and then watched helplessly as His life was cut short. Add to that the shock of finding His tomb empty, and it's not really all that hard to understand. Mary is in the midst of sadness, grief, and confusion. She is hurting mentally and emotionally, is probably angry and frustrated, and is dealing with pain and loss. At a time like that, none of us would think too clearly, see too clearly.

It is actually pretty easy to understand why she didn't realize that Jesus was right there with her,

when you think about it. Not only is it easy to understand, it's also a fairly common occurrence. You see, it's not just Mary Magdalene who fails to realize Jesus is with her; it happens to lots of people when they are hurting, lonely, angry, confused, suffering, or in need. When pain and tragedy strike in life, it's easy for us to become so overwhelmed that all we can see are the bad things that are taking place; that crowds everything else out of our vision. At times, we can even begin to think that the problems are all that there is.

The truth, however, is much different for you and me, and for all believers in Christ Jesus. God's promise to you is "Never will I leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Jesus is always with you, whether life is good or bad. Actually, He's especially with you when things are bad. When you are tired...when you are weak...when you are overwhelmed...when you no longer have the strength to deal with things, that is when the power of God is most at work in you. Just as God said to Paul, when He did not remove the "thorn in the flesh" that was tormenting Paul, so also He says to you and me when life becomes too much: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God in Christ Jesus is with you, is at work in you, when life is good and you have reason to rejoice and be glad. He's also with you and at work in you when life is bad, and you have reason to mourn and be sad. He's promised to be with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20) and He gives you the strength and ability to face all that life brings with hope and confidence. With Paul we can truly say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear" (Hebrews 13:6).

On Easter morning, when we are surrounded by the hope and the joy of Jesus' resurrection,

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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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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

As I write this article, I am excited to experience the warm weather, amazing colors, wonderful scents, and beautiful flowers of Spring, and most importantly seeing the pandemic taking more of a back seat in our daily lives as things begin to open-up more as folks receive their vaccines.



Our April Council meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom on Monday, April 26th with strong attendance. Each Council member provided updates as we continue managing church matters for the year and the highlights are as follows.

From a Wellness and Safety perspective, as local regulation anticipates reducing restrictions, we will continue to adjust our in-person Sunday Services and events as permitted. Keep an eye out on the bulletins and your email for the best means of obtaining updates, as we look forward to getting to our new norm for in-person worship activities and enjoying fellowship together.

Little Cherubs Preschool continues to do well educating the children with Christian faith based teachings and experiences per Craig Wilson, and Bill Sherman shared good news they are financially operating above the line due to the current enrollment, which is ahead of the Mission Plan forecast.

The Finance Committee will be bringing a proposal to the Voters for a Mission Plan replacement candidate for Concordia College, Bronxville, which will be aimed at a local Lutheran based education organization. We are thankful to all congregants that CLC is able to support those in need.

Andy Clark and committee continue to lead the effort to upgrade our remote service live streaming video and sound capabilities, so stay tuned on an update on this topic that we understand is important to Voters now and after the pandemic to reach those unable to attend church in person.

Evangelism, in collaboration with Education will be proposing a scholarship program to Voters for graduating High School Seniors, so look for this topic led by Marilyn Miller.

Fellowship, led by Pam Clark, is delighted to share plans for an in-person Church picnic in June.

Our Mission Plan as of April 25th is at 117% of target and we are extremely blessed to have such a giving congregation. We look forward to increased and sustained engagement by members as the year progresses and things begin to safely open-up even further.

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

✠ Voters Sunday, May 2nd at 1:00 p.m. remote via Zoom
✠ Council Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. remote or in-person TBD

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

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it's hard to understand why Mary didn't realize that Jesus was there with her. When you, yourself, are surrounded with trouble and hardship, not only can you understand, but you may also feel like her. Still, even though Mary did not recognize Him because of her own pain, Jesus was right there beside her. Jesus is right there beside you too, walking with you all the way of your journey, even if you don't realize it because of your own pain.

Christ Jesus is there with you, and so are we. All of the members of the body of Christ that is Cheshire Lutheran Church walk with you throughout your life, to celebrate and rejoice with you when times are good, and to support you and help you when times are hard. We are here for you and we are here with you.

May almighty God bless and keep you as we continue our journey through this Easter Season, and as we look ahead together to the life of the world to come.

In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,
Pastor Rowold



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 have lessons on "Jesus Appears in Galilee" on May 9th and "Jesus ascends into Heaven" on May 23rd. The Classes meet by Zoom at 9:15 a.m. and the link is sent out to the parents by their child(ren)'s teacher in an email a day or two prior to the class.

The Pre-K-8 Sunday School schedule for the remainder of this school year is as follows: 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. This year we did not have our typical Advent and Lent collections, so we will have a collection for Orphan Grain Train starting in May and finishing on June 13, 2021. Watch your bulletins and emails for details coming soon.

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
May 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 9 - Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Men
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Men
May 16 - Sunday	Prior To Service	Rehearsal	Soloists/Ensemble
	8:00 or 10:00 AM	Performance	Soloists/Ensemble
May 23 - Sunday	Prior To Service	Rehearsal	Soloists/Ensemble
	8:00 or 10:00 AM	Performance	Soloists/Ensemble
May 30- Sunday <i>Memorial Day</i>	Prior To Service	Rehearsal	Soloists/Ensemble
	8:00 or 10:00 AM	Performance	Soloists/Ensemble
Summer Services will be an opportunity for solo and ensemble performances. Please consider enhancing our Summer Services—If interested, and when you know your summer schedule, please see Martha for available times and sign up.			

CLC HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY...

COME JOIN OUR HIGH SCHOOL



Our High School Bible Study will meet by Zoom on May 2nd and May 16th at a time to be determined at our April 25th meeting.

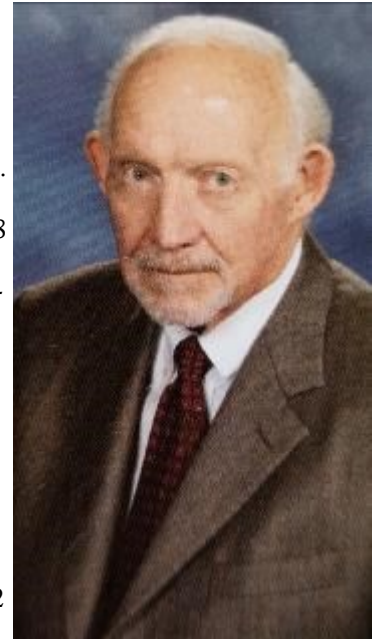
We are currently working through a set of 12 Bible studies called "Deal Me In! Life Issues". The topics for May are "Risk Taking" and "Justice/Fairness". On May 16 we will discuss whether or not to meet over the summer and a service opportunity with which the Youth could help the Sunday School.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

Norman Benedict

Norman was born in Norwalk, Ct. He lived in Stamford, Ct., Chicago, IL. (6 1/2yrs.), Branford, Ct., Hamden, Ct. and currently in Cheshire, Ct. He first met Pastor Nuechterlein at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Hamden. He graduated from Yale University. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Yale Club. Norman is an active real estate appraiser. He has 1 son, NR, and 2 grandsons, Ross & Caleb. His son, NR, and daughter-in-law, Kathy Sue are also appraisers working with Norman in a job he loves. His career has taken him to 38 states and several countries. He taught for the American Institute of Real Estate appraisers from 1959-2001. He has been designated by them as AI-GRS (Appraisal Institute-General Review Specialty). He has prepared forensic reviews for private & government attorneys. His career is so fascinating. I can't wait to learn more!



One of Norman's favorite places to travel to is Hawaii. He has been there many times. (7 times in 1 year).

On a personal note: After college he learned to ski. He said if he was going to live in the northeast, he needed to love winter. He became a "hill captain" at a ski resort. He has some very interesting stories to tell about keeping the slopes safe. If you have a chance to chat with Norman, I know he would love to share them. He has owned 2 sail boats, a fishing boat and 2 airplanes. I am sure there were many adventures.

When asked about his favorite music, he remembers when "Big Bands" came to Lake Compounce on Sunday evenings to play. Good Times!!

Norman has 2 beautiful paintings in his living room by a local artist.

He has authored a book along with Dr. Ted Szatrowsky about real estate analysis. He has several books on his book shelves. Norman said most of the books are cookbooks. We know who to call for our next pot luck dinner. His favorite book is the Bible. He had a serious accident last May that injured his leg and left him immobile for several months. It gave him time to read the Bible. He almost finished reading it. He is very grateful!

When asked about a hidden talent, he said gardening. His vegetable garden gets a little smaller each year, but he still loves a tomato from the garden.

Norman said his greatest accomplishment is his son NR.

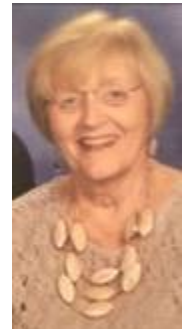
God Bless.

Respectfully written & submitted by: Diane Drust, Evangelism Committee Member

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

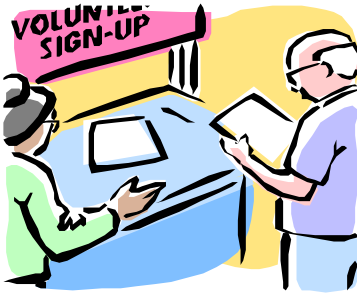


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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

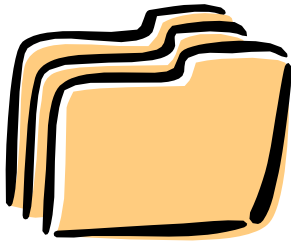
This month on the Bulletin Board:

- ✦ **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.
- ✦ **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 to volunteer.



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

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John Mulvaney

Randy Raddatz

Beth Soulier

Tim Weiland

We, meaning the teachers, are all vaccinated now! Glad that is over with.

We want to share with you how much we appreciated the parents who have trusted us to teach and love their children while going through the pandemic. It has been a blast watching these kids grow, learn, and explore more than they ever thought they could.

BIBLE TIME started off where we thought we were going to teach Doubting Thomas, but thought about it and decided to teach Jesus Returns Home. We taught the children that Jesus walked among his friends for 40 days. They were amazed! Now they know that someday Jesus is going to return to take us home to Heaven. They all have the understanding that Jesus lives within them and that he will never leave them.

We then taught about The Lost Sheep: Jesus would leave his 99 sheep to find number 100 and bring it home. Even when we wonder off, Jesus will be right there to bring us home. We know that he will never leave us. He is the Shepard, and we are his sheep. The Art Project was making a sheep. They had a story read to them, "Brave Charlotte", and they learned all about the rhyme "Little Bo Peep".

The last week of April they learned all about Saul and Paul.

We finally finished the alphabet. We made it to Z. We have learned all the letters and the sounds they make. They worked so hard each week to think of words that began with the letter we were working on. If they could not think of any words before, they now know many of them.

The Food Groups are over. They filled their refrigerators with all the food groups. We finished with Grains and Sweets. Cindy, Jen, and I felt like we would never finish cutting out pictures of all the food groups. Oh yes, Miss Martha helped as well. She had some already cut out for us.

The first full week of April was all about SPACE: The Solar System, Build a Rocket, Star Collage and so much more. Miss Cindy brought many toys that were her boys for the children to explore with as they imagined they were in Space.

The rhyme "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" was so appropriate for this theme. Some of the stories read to them were "Dogs in Space", "Be an Astronaut", "Roaring Rockets", "Every Planet has a Place".

The second week we were off for Vacation...

The Third week was all about recycling and composting. Earth Day was on the 22nd: Recycle, Renew, Reuse.

Some of the stories that were read were: "Recycle Everyday", "Compost Stew", "One Plastic Bag", "Not for Me, Please" and "Wonderful Worms".

On the 21st of April, MaryJane brought a container filled with worms. The children just love digging in the dirt to pick one of the worms up. They are not afraid.

This week was all about spring flowers and that is what they made on Monday. They spun flowers with paint. They made fork flowers on Thursday.

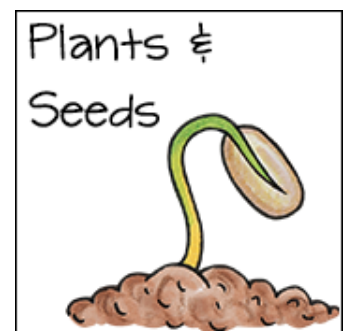
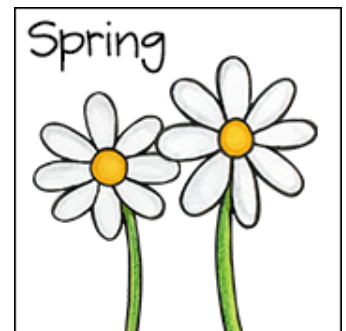
The last week of April was all about seeds and planting. Art consisted of "what will your seed grow to be?" The next project was spring garden! How about worm painting on April 28th (not real worms ,LOL). Next to last for the week was flower box gardens and finally dandelions. Stories read for the week were "Planting a Rainbow", "Wiggly Worms", "Flower Box Garden" and "Inch by Inch". The rhyme for the week was "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary".

I want to thank everyone who has helped us here and there this school year. Fixing the play scape, the fence, the light bulb in the classroom, making masks for us and so much more. You all are thought of and appreciated. Pastor and Carol are appreciated as well for all they do for us.

The new cleaning crew is fantastic.

God Bless to All,
Miss JoAnn, Miss Cindy, Miss Jen and Miss Beth

PS: I must say that we have wonderful substitutes...



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



COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS REMINDER AND ATTENDANCE INFO...



As of the writing of this edition of the Heavenly Herald, the COVID-19 restrictions 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 here.

Please remember to sign up with the Church office if you would like to attend service on Sunday morning. We are aware that the Governor expects to lift many of the Covid restrictions during the month of May (for outdoor activities on the 1st and indoor on the 19th), but, until these changes are official, we are still limited to spaces for 16 households. 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 receive confirmation from the office that we have you on the list and there is a place for you.

When the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, masks will still be mandated for indoor activities, and the Connecticut Department of Public Health is expected to release recommendations for indoor gatherings and large outdoor ones. The Wellness & Safety Committee will be reviewing these guidelines and working with the Church Council to determine the most responsible course of action for our congregation as we move forwards. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE CLC COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN...

1, The Columbarium and Memorial Garden is a place to memorialize and lay to rest ashes of loved ones, and additionally provides a beautiful, peaceful space for quiet reflection and remembrance. a) False b) True	7, A requirement to determine eligibility for inurnment in the Columbarium is being a Christian. a) False b) True
2, The dedication and blessing of the Columbarium wall took place on July 24, _____. a) 2014 b) 2015 c) 2016 d) 2017 e) 2018	8, The Columbarium was constructed, as was the stone wall around the new CLC sign, by ____ Landscaping of Cheshire. a) Ives b) Zentek c) Carmody d) Arisco
3, ____ officiated at the dedication of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. The Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, Pastor Emeritus The Rev. Charles Gustafson, Pastor The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor	9, Memorial plaques can also be installed on the wall. Requirements include: a) member or former member of CLC b) ordained minister who served as Pastor of the Church c) employee or former employee of the Church d) all of the above
4, A niche is one of the multiple spaces in the Columbarium wall for one urn in which cremains are placed. There are ____ niches in the current wall. a) 22 b) 44 c) 66 d) 88	10, The basin of the Memorial Garden continues to serve as a temporary receptacle for parking lot rain runoff. a) False b) True
5, As of March 2021, there are ____ urns with cremains residing in the Columbarium wall. a) 4 b) 5 c) 6 d) 7 e) 8	11), A subcommittee of the ____ Committee of the Church is responsible for administering, operating, maintaining, and controlling the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. a) Worship b) House and Grounds c) Evangelism d) Fellowship
6, On Nov. 3, 2019 a service was held at the Columbarium and Memorial Gardens related to: a) Ascension Sunday b) Veteran's Day c) All Saints Sunday d) Labor Day	Bonus question: The deciduous tree overhanging both the Columbarium and the Memorial Garden is a _____. a) silver maple b) white pine c) blue spruce d) red maple e) copper beech

Prepared by R Tim Weiland, Church historian. Answers can be found on Page 14

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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





ALL ABOARD! GET READY FOR *ROCKY RAILROAD VBS* AT CLC THIS SUMMER...

Vacation Bible School will happen this Summer. It will be in person at Cheshire Lutheran Church from July 19th – 23rd. Our theme is “Rocky Railway: Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through”. What a great message to share with the participants and staff alike!

There are many details still to be worked out.

ALL ABOARD! Get ready for *Rocky Railway VBS* at CLC this summer!

When: July 19th—23rd *tentatively* 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Cheshire Lutheran Church

Who: Kids, invite your friends to join you on this exciting trip.

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover Jesus’ power can pull them through life’s ups and downs. The program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences, hands-on fun science experiments and crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats.

Adults and Youth, you can get onboard by volunteering your help. Please reach out to Vicki, Karen, Tricia, or Pastor if you are willing and able to help.

Watch for sign-up sheets and registration forms in the church hallway. More details will be available by May 9th, so watch your email and the church bulletins for more information.



NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



April showers bring May flowers and grass and mowing and cleanup, you get the idea, lots of cleanup. I'd like to thank all the members that came to our outdoor cleanup on April 17th to clean the gardens, rake the leaves and clean up the property. The church looks wonderful! Special thanks to Ed and Tim who took control while I was away.

As I write this, we will be cleaning up the parsonage on April 24, clearing the trees and branches that came down last fall and beating back the growth in pastors back yard to give him some more space. Thank you in advance to everyone that came out to help.

The lastly, I would like to let you all to know that the streaming committee is hard at work going over the proposals from the various vendors and hope to have a proposal to the congregation very soon.

Thank you again to everyone that came out to help clean up the church and parsonage, it is very much appreciated.

Andy Clark
House & Grounds 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.

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Lunch on the Lawn: We will be starting a weekly or bi-weekly lunch get together in the upcoming weeks, as soon as the weather allows. Pack a lunch, drink and a chair or blanket to enjoy good friends and conversation while eating a quick lunch outside on the church grounds. This is a great way to get together while social distancing and as the Covid-19 restrictions ease, it's just a fun way to spend your lunch hour in good company! Dates and times TBD. If you are interested, just check the Sunday bulletin for announcements and hope for warmer temps!

We are beginning plans for the Annual Church Picnic on June 13th. It looks like we will be able to have our traditional picnic outdoors with members preparing and sharing side dishes. While it is still up in the air whether or not we need to continue our social distancing, we will be able to accommodate that requirement if need be. If things change, we will make adjustments. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board for attending, as well as volunteering for setup, side dishes, grill masters, and cleanup. This is always a great time to connect before the summer and, particularly this year, when we are all looking forward to being together to catch up.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon



Fellowship Walk Memories

Thank you Pam for arranging the Fellowship Walks on the Beautiful Cheshire Walking Path—Farmington Trail, in March and April. Great to get out and start enjoying the warmer weather after Winter and isolation in 2020.



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 a form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin. Additional dedication forms can be found next to the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" along with the dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 9th bulletin.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon





NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

First quarter contribution statements have been sent. If you have not received one, or notice on your statement that anything is not inline with your expectations, please contact Carol Santoro in the church office and myself.

Thank you,
Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...



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

Sending a BIG thank you to the teens who helped out with the indoor and outdoor cleanup days!! Your time and effort are greatly appreciated. Another big thanks to the group who came to the pizza lunch. It was nice to get to know some of you!

Saturday, May 15th at 5pm there will be a virtual pizza cooking lesson for all youth. RVSP to my email address below by Sunday May 9th for a list of ingredients. Younger kids might need parental supervision using the oven, but this is a simple recipe using store bought dough that can be adjusted to suit anyone's taste. I was always too intimidated to make sauce from scratch until my son made this as a school project (just 3 ingredients!) Plus you'll learn a hack for peeling garlic.

Have you heard the saying "It takes a village"? I would love some help with planning and organizing activities or events for the youth of the congregation. The time commitment could be as much or as little as you'd like. If you are unable to make an ongoing commitment, but would like to help out for even just one month or one event, that would be greatly appreciated too. If you aren't able to help at all but have some great ideas, send them my way.

Thank you!

Lisa Muller
Youth Deacon



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).

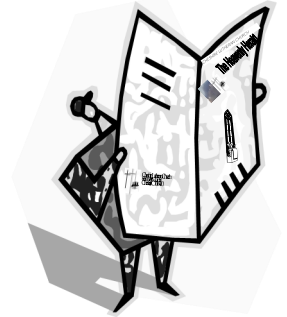
Thank you in advance!
R Tim Weiland, your CLC Worship Deacon

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

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 21st** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hall-way 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

- † Gracious Thank You to everyone that came out to clean and invigorate the inside and outside of our Sanctuary, Church property and Grounds in April. Everything looks beautiful, we are Blessed
- † Many thanks to the wonderful folk that continue to keep the grounds around the Columbarium and berm so beautiful. The area gets more beautiful each year. Thank you
- † Continued thanks Bill Juul for posting Pastor R's sermons, along with other videos and pictures documenting the life of our church/congregation.
- † Special Thanks to Tim Weiland for continuing to contribute and support our Congregation with his pictures and Archivist duties.
- † Thanks to the Manke's, owners of Tower Farms, that donated Lilies around the Altar on Easter. They are beautiful in person and on camera. Thank You

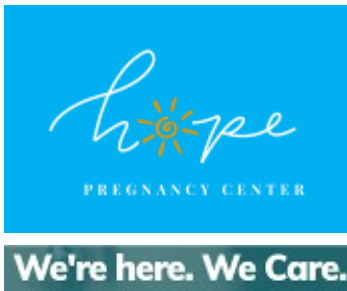


THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor
May 7, 2017	Pastor Gustafson leads his last Service and Retires from CLC





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:

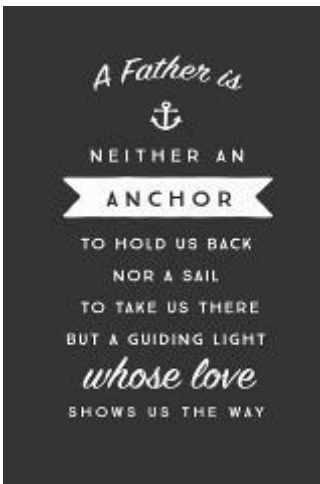
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position. 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



HOPE BLOOMS 2021 AT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...



Mothers Day is just around the corner! At Hope Pregnancy Center we are excited to announce our second annual Hope Blooms Fundraiser, in honor of a Mom. Buy a flower in honor or memory of a Mom in your life, or one of the CT Moms we support, and we will plant it at our center as a tangible reminder of her love. Suggested donation is \$15 which you can donate on our website, and write in the name of the woman you are donating in honor or in memory of.

Proceeds will go to support Moms and their families in the Central CT area with diapers, formula, baby items, pregnancy/parenting one-on-one coaching program, resource referrals/community support, Post-Abortion support and Bible Study, and the love and hope of God!

You can get more information about us at Hopepregnancycenterct.org and on Youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4ts_6gCN3w&ab_channel=HopePregnancyCenterCheshire

Blessings,
Maggie Strunk
Client Services Director

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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

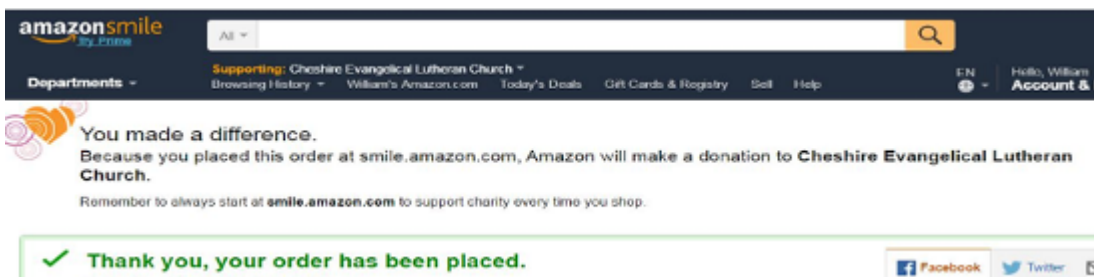


Thank you for your continued support – Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon

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



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

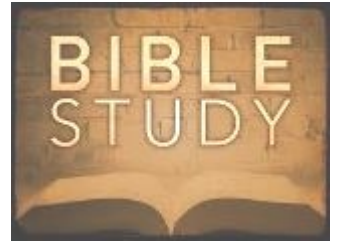


Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together.

Sunday morning Bible study continues during the month of May at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall on May 9 and 23. 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. See you in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom at 9:15 AM on Non-Communion Sundays.



Our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke meets every week 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. Currently, we are in chapter 23 of Luke's Gospel and hope to finally finish the Gospel by the end of the School year. 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS...

Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and by Zoom.

Students should arrive or sign-in by class time with their homework done and ready to participate.

As a reminder, we will not be meeting on *Mother's Day (May 9)* or *Memorial Day weekend (May 30)*.

Please contact Pastor Rowold if you have any questions.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

After a long delay, we will finally be resetting the list of names in our Sunday morning prayers.

On June 1 all the names currently on the list will be removed and we will be starting from scratch.

If there is a name that you would like kept on the Prayer list after June 1, please send Pastor a note (either on a piece of paper, by email, or by text) with the name you would like left on the list and your name, in case he has any questions.

This will be the first time the list has been reset since the pandemic began, so please make sure to be in touch with Pastor if there is a name that you do not want removed from the Sunday morning Prayer list.

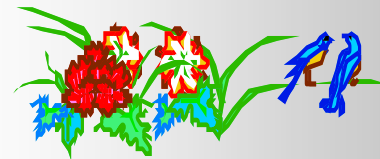


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 2021



1 st	Glenn & Carlene Myers	38 Years
13 th	David & Mary Beth Blair	15 Years
18 th	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	53 Years
25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	29 Years
26 th	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	20 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	21 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	61 Years



THANKS TO OUR
VETERANS AND
SOLDIERS

IN MEMORY OF
MANY, IN HONOR
OF ALL

COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- † **Voters meeting - Sunday, May 2nd at 1:00 PM via ZOOM**
- † **Council meeting - Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM via ZOOM**



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