



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’” Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV)

It's a painful reality that tragedies happen in life. Natural disasters occur, destroying homes and taking lives. Good, hardworking people lose their jobs and struggle to get by. Marriages end, leaving homes and families broken. People that we love – faithful, Christian people – get sick, suffer, and die. When things like these occur, it is natural for us to ask “Why?” Why did this happen? Why didn't God do something? Why didn't He stop this, fix this?

We ask the question “why” because we want things to make sense. We want there to be a reason. We want to understand. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen. The hard truth is that things happen in life that we do not understand and that do not make sense. It happens to everyone, even Christians.

This is difficult for us to accept, especially when we're living through it, yet this is an experienced that has been shared by God's people for thousands of years. He even warned His people that we will experience things in life that we do not understand. Even though they do not make sense to us, God understands them. As events occur that seem completely inexplicable to us, God knows what is going on and why.

When God's people were in captivity in the foreign land of Babylon and they couldn't understand why so many bad things had happened to them, He told them, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways.” That means there are times in life when God's plan is different from ours, and what He knows to be good and right for us will not

always be in agreement with what we want. He goes on to explain that He understands what is best for us better than we do, and that He is looking at the whole picture, while we only see part of it when He says, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

So, what does all this mean for you and me? How are we to respond when hardship or tragedy happens in life? I know it's difficult, but, in those times, we look to God and trust in Him; we rely on Him to take care of us.

You see, God hasn't just said, “I know better” and left it at that. He also spoke these words to His people through the Prophet Jeremiah, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.’” (Jeremiah 29:11 ESV). Even in the face of evil, when seemingly bad things happen to you in your life, God has a plan for you; in Christ Jesus, that plan is to bless you and to do good for you. That may be hard to believe, especially when you are enduring hardship or pain, but it's true. Even when bad things happen, God is still working in them, through them, and in spite of them to bless His people and bring about their good. It's for this reason that St. Paul was able to remind the Christians in Rome that “we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Paul went on to explain, “For those whom [God] foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified” (Romans 8:29-30). In

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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 feeling that we are truly blessed with the warm weather and beautiful colors Spring has to offer here in New England. It is certainly pleasant to experience this as we head into the summer months when the Council takes a short hiatus from scheduled meetings. However, rest assured the team is still diligently managing the day to day at Cheshire Lutheran to keep everything on track. With that in mind here are a few highlights on activities.

The Wellness and Safety Committee met mid-May to discuss the changes related to the pandemic and came up with a well thought out phased approach for CLC to begin lifting restrictions in alignment with local and federal regulation. As communicated via mass email on Thursday, May 20th, we have lifted the social distancing for Sunday Services and no longer requiring folks to register ahead of time. Please note that everyone is still required to wear a mask while in the building. Please continue to check your email as we communicate further actions to get us back to as normal as possible over the upcoming months.

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We are excited that Vacation Bible School will be offered this summer to the public in July, and the team has been diligently planning an amazing program with Rocky Railway as the theme. Look for details on how to register via the website or forms at the church. Volunteers are also needed!

We are delighted to be able to engage in fellowship via the Church picnic in June, so stay tuned on the details from Fellowship led by Pam Clark. I hope you can join us and feel free to bring a friend!

The live streaming committee led by Andy Clark has made great progress on narrowing the selection down to one vendor to provide a solution. They hope to have an update on final selection of equipment and implementation timing soon. Stay tuned for more as we understand the importance of this to reach those unable to attend church in person beyond the pandemic.

As we head into the Summer months and you potentially take a much needed vacation or day trip with family and friends, please remember to keep tithing in mind. Our Mission Plan that we have committed to as a congregation is very important for us to remain on track to meet the increasing demands of those in need locally and globally to learn, hear, and experience God's word.

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

Council	Tuesday, June 8 th at 7:00pm
Voters	Sunday, September 12 th at 1:00pm

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

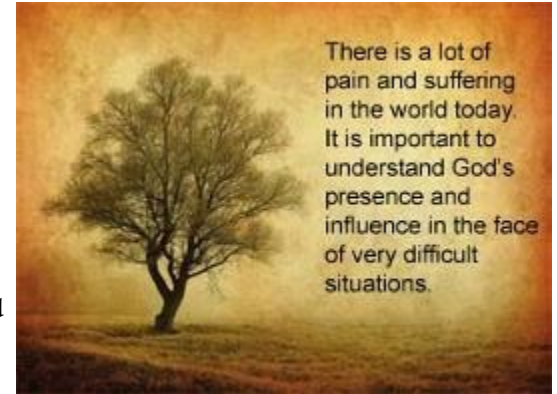
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Christ Jesus God chose you and all believers, called you by name, forgives all of your sins, and has prepared a place especially for you at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. He claimed You as His child and everlasting life in Heaven is your inheritance.

God is at work for you in this life – to bless you and to do good for you – even when bad things happen. He does not stop working for your good when hardship comes. At those times, however, it is difficult for us to see Him at work, know what He is doing, and understand how any good will possibly come out of it. Still, God is at work doing what is best for you and me and all His children; that's exactly what God was doing when the unimaginable happened – when His holy, innocent Son was beaten and killed. Even in the face of that unthinkable evil, He was rescuing you and me from sin, death, and the devil.

For the sake of Christ Jesus and His cross, God continually works all things for your eternal good, even when we don't understand. The God who gave His only-begotten Son for you will not do anything less.

In Christ,
Pastor Rowold



MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

A very special thank you for many years of dedication and service to Judy DiDomizio. We are Blessed to have known you. Words do not express our appreciation for all you have done for our Children and for us. Until we meet again our Dear Friend.

Another big Thank You to Tricia Rowold. Note that not only has Tricia taken on the role of Sunday School Superintendent but she has also helped coordinate and teach classes each week.

THANK YOU....

Pre-K—Grade 2

Terri Daly, Tricia Rowold

Grades 3-5:

Lynn Balash, Andy & Pam Clark

GRADES 6-8:

Judy DiDomizio & Tricia Rowold

GRADES 9-12:

Judy DiDomizio and Tricia Rowold

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Carlene Myers/Judy DiDomizio

EDUCATION DEACON:

Craig Wilson



Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is June 13th
- ⌚ Last Day of Sunday School is June 13th
- ⌚ 9:00 AM Services start June 20th
- ⌚ Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays during the Summer
- ⌚ Summer Sunday Lemonade on the Lawn will be starting up soon...TBD



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2021

8 th	Walter & Linda Gancarz	47 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	35 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	69 Years
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	59 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	41 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	52 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	38 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	29 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	6 Years



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.



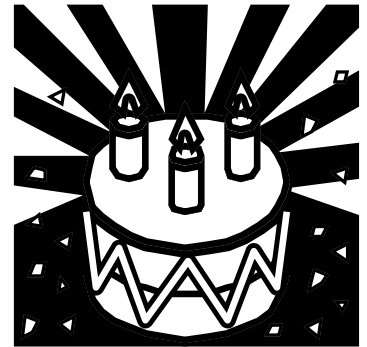
The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after Sunday services or Monday night, based on volunteer preference (and appropriate to current COVID-19 physical distancing requirements) If you are available 1 or 2 months per year for approximately one hour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

JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

1 st	Will Lamb, III	17 th	Jeff Mann, Sr.
2 nd	Jon Tessler		Joseph Stark
	Diane Taylor	19 th	Amanda Nowak
4 th	Lillian Derganc	25 th	David Mason
6 th	Claudia Chong		Jonathan Mason
9 th	Curtis Pryde	26 th	Bo Hagstrom
10 th	Ella Napp		Joe Nowak
11 th	Barbara Carson	27 th	Gabriel Mann
12 th	Lauren Hajjar	30 th	Monica Strunk
14 th	Bill Soulier		
15 th	David Lynch		
16 th	Tim Weiland		
	Barbara Fiedler		



Happy Fathers Day!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

June 2021—Mary Lou Aston

CLC's featured member for June 2021 is Mary Lou Aston of Waterbury. Mary Lou was born in Stuttgart, Arkansas and celebrated her 91st Birthday on March 26th, 2021.

Her father was Rev. Herbert T. Bernthal, a Lutheran Pastor for 50 years. The congregations he served were located in Arkansas, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Panama and Washington D.C. Mary Lou played the organ at many of the churches her Father was called to serve. She met her future husband, Delbert R. Aston at her Lutheran Church in Milwaukee and her Father officiated at their marriage ceremony in 1950.

Mary Lou also had the title of "Homecoming Prom Queen"!

Her husband accepted a job in Granby, CT in the early 1950's and in 1957 had an opportunity to accept a position in Naugatuck, CT at Uniroyal. Mary Lou also worked at Uniroyal for almost 20 years until the company relocated to North Carolina.

Her hobbies include Bingo, playing cards with the Ladies and reading. She always enjoyed baking for her family and watching the UCONN Girls Basketball games; Mary Lou played basketball with The Walther League.

Her son Gary, lives in Rhode Island and her daughters, Cindy and Lisa live in CT. Her son Larry passed away on October 27, 2018. Her daughter Cindy and son-in-law Tim Baker are also members of our CLC Church Family. And prior to CLC, Mary Lou, Cindy and Tim were longtime members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Naugatuck, CT where she and her daughter both sang in the choir on special occasions.

Her greatest accomplishment is her family and she is blessed to be Grandmother to three grandchildren and great-grandmother to eight great-grandchildren.

Written and Submitted by Karen Bailey--Member of The Evangelism Committee



CLC CHOIR THANK YOU...



We want to recognize and thank the Bell and Parish choir members who have faithfully worked and given music to the Worship services at Cheshire Lutheran. They have helped all of our members in the congregation and on Zoom to give praise to our Lord through music and felt comfort in His love as well.

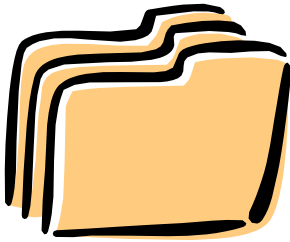
Thanks also to Beth and Paula for recording music on occasions and Bill Juul for using his skill to make the Enhanced Audio versions on YouTube.

The music continues through the summer with solos and ensembles.

Praise God for the gift of music.
Martha Medford

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.

All Choir Picnic being planned for September!
At the writing of this article, Martha will be planning a Picnic for us to be held in September when all COVID restrictions are lifted. More to come in Church Bulletin!



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.



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

Congratulations to all of our High School Seniors! You have made it through one challenging year! May the Lord be with you wherever the next step of your journey takes you.

CLC HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY...

COME JOIN OUR HIGH SCHOOL



After trying to meet by Zoom at different times over various Sundays, our High School Bible Study will now meet in person for the first time on June 6 at 9:10 a.m. We will be wearing masks, either outside under the tree, if weather allows, or inside in the Fellowship Hall, if it does not.

Over the Summer, opportunities to come together and study God's Word will continue. We are planning to meet in person at Church after the 9:00 a.m. service. The dates we will meet are: July 11, August 1, and August 15.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

Sunrise December 4, 1941 ~ Sunset May 10, 2021

Judith (Judy) (Schnaars) DiDomizio

On May 10 our beloved sister in Christ “*Judith (Judy) (Schnaars) DiDomizio*” was called home to be with those that have gone before us and has been reunited with Our Lord.

Judy was a very active long-time member of Cheshire Lutheran Church, serving on the church Council as Education Deacon, Sunday School teacher and Superintendent, Vacation Bible School coordinator, altar assistant, and member of the Columbarium Memorial Garden and Committee.

Services for our beloved sister in Christ, Judy DiDomizio, will be held here at CLC on Saturday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. with inurnment to follow at our columbarium.

We join Pat, David, Jennifer, and their family in grieving our loss of this devoted woman of God and we cling to our Savior Jesus as we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with Judy and all the faithful around the throne in heaven.

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)

Grief is the price we pay for a lifetime of love and happiness.

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to the Pat and the DiDomizio Family.

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

Matthew 25:21



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 OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Update on Scholarships for Seniors:

The scholarship plan is currently in review by the our Council and Voters. Hopefully we will be sending out applications before the end of June.

Quilts of Valor Update:

We are going to Goodwin Park in Hartford to give out 24 quilts to veterans who are participating in project PGA Hope. This program helps veterans to play golf with their injuries caused by war. We are very excited about the opportunity to give out Quilts to these cherished veterans.

Getting To Know Our Members Update:

Look for 3 great features in this issue of the Summer Heavenly Herald. Learn more about Mary Lou Aston, Bob Davis and Al Manke.

The Evangelism Committee continues to work on other projects.
Have a great summer.

Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...WHAT A YEAR!



We learned that God is there for us during the highs and lows of life, we tried new ways of learning, and we learned new ways to keep connected.

Thank You!

Thank you to the teachers who stepped up and learned to Zoom in order to keep Sunday School going this year. Thank you to Pastor R for teaching us how to Zoom. Thank you to the parents who got their kids signed into Zoom and helped the younger ones with their activities and picked up the bags of Sunday School materials from church. Thank you to the Middle School and High School students who were patient as I tried to figure out how to set up and share a Jam Board through Zoom. Thank you to all who helped us figure out a way forward and supported our Sunday School program this year. This was not an easy year but we made it!



One special final thank you goes to a faith-filled woman who sadly is not with us to thank. Judy DiDomizio was called to her heavenly home on May 10th. She filled several Christian Education rolls during her time here at CLC. She taught, led, and mentored in a faithful, joy-filled way. Her many years of service to the families of Cheshire Lutheran Church was and is a blessing. Her carefully kept meeting notes and binders of information are still helping with planning this year's VBS. Thank you, Judy D. We miss you.

Last Day For The School Year:

June 13 will be the last day of Sunday School until the Fall and we will meet in person for the first time this school year! We will have an outdoor gathering to wrap up the year. Even though we will be outside, we will be masked because we will be close together. Come out and join us for some fun, games, and Bible trivia, then stay for the service followed by the church picnic.



Special Collection—Orphan Grain Train:

Our Sunday School did not have our typical Advent and Lent collections this year, so we are trying a fun summer collection for Orphan Grain Train. We are asking students from Pre-K to Grade 6 to bring in packages of new underwear or socks and students in Grade 7 and up to bring in pillowcases. Both collections will go to Orphan Grain Train. They can be dropped off any Sunday from **May 30 to June 13**. The undies and socks need to be new and in their original packaging any size. The pillowcases should be new or in excellent condition, as they will be made into dresses.



Are you a High School student that knows how to sew? Help make dresses and earn community service hours. Are you an experienced seamstress that can teach someone how to sew? Come on out and help our teens make the dresses. We will meet at Church on **Saturday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m.** Patterns and instructions from Orphan Grain train will be provided, just remember to bring your sewing machines. We will sew for a few hours at Church, or you can make arrangements to sew in the comfort of your own home. If sewing at home, please drop the finished dresses at Church by **Sunday, July 11**. Thank you.



First Day of the 2021-2022 School Year:

September 12, 2021 will be the first day of Sunday School for the 2021-2022 School year. We will meet between the services at 9:10 a.m. to kick off the new Sunday School year. More details will be in the September Heavenly Herald.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs Summer 2021

I would like to begin by saying what a great class we had this school year.

We are conducting our Graduation Ceremony outside on June 11, 2021 at 11:00 – 12:00. If it rains it will be in the Church Sanctuary. The children are going to be so excited because they and their siblings, will be able to have something from an Ice Cream Truck that is coming at 11:30 that day.

Bible for this month:

- ✝ Paul Escapes
- ✝ Paul in Prison
- ✝ Angel for Peter
- ✝ Peter Heals

Each week we met with Pastor in the Blue Room. The children enjoy telling Pastor about their Art projects and what other things they were working on that day. The children have also enjoyed talking to Pastor about the Bible Stories they have been learning.

At this point in the school year, we are going over the alphabet. They are reviewing the alphabet by tracing the letters. The children are also learning about numbers. At circle time they have been counting to 100 and then counting backwards to BLAST OFF! They are so ready for Kindergarten.

Our Themes have been:

“We Love Our Moms:

- ✝ The stories that were read to them were “Are You My Mother?”, “Kangaroos have a Mother Too”, “Llama Llama Red Pajama”, “Owl Babies” and “Is Your Mama a Llama?”
- ✝ Our Art Projects consisted of a May Basket for their Moms, Bouncy Flowers, Spin art flowers, and a Special Surprise, a Mother’s Day Handprint that looked like flowers.

“Butterflies and Insects”:

- ✝ The stories read were “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”, “The Ants go Marching”, “From Caterpillars to Butterfly”, “The Honeybee and the Robber”, and “The Very Busy Spider”.

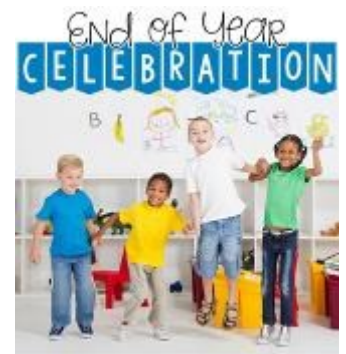
“Clouds and Weather”:

- ✝ The children made clouds. They took a spoon and scooped out shaving cream that had glue in it and colored grey paint. It was puffy. Then they put tinsel on it to represent rain. Pretty Cool
- ✝ For Art this week we continued with the weather theme. They made snowflakes with glitter glue on them, rainy windows, frost, and kites.
- ✝ The stories we read were “Little Cloud”, “Weather Around Us”, “Wet World”, “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs”, and “Gilberto and the Wind”. So they continued to learn about the different kinds of clouds.
- ✝ “Farms” and “Pond Animals”:
- ✝ The last week before Memorial Day they focused on Farms.
- ✝ For art, they made the big red barn, corn fields, Chickies, Pigs in Mud and Peacocks.
- ✝ The stories consisted of “The Big Red Barn”, “Over the Meadow”, “Rosies Walk”, “How Big is a Pig?” and “Old MacDonald Had A Farm”.

We ended our week with Pajama Day. Even the teachers wore PJ’s. What a site. LOL.

This will be our last chance to connect before school gets out. So, I pray for all of you to have a safe, healthy and happy Summer.

Lots of Love from all of us at Cherubs,

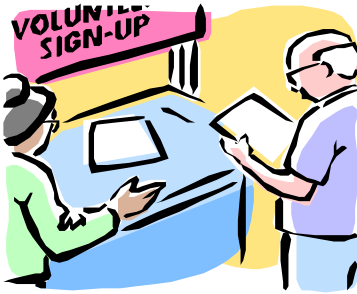


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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:

- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2021 volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2021 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ **CLC Picnic Sign Ups**
- ✦ Lots of Cards and Messages
- ✦ 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.

SUMMER SERVICE "LEMONADE ON THE LAWN" FELLOWSHIP...



We are thrilled to bring back our Lemonade on the Lawn:

Please join us once again after our 9 AM services this summer for some fellowship, lemonade and a treat beginning June 20th. We look forward to this time for weekly fellowship after our worship. Please join us for a bit of catching up.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to serve on the bulletin board. Everything you need is supplied and it is very easy to do. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

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

Consider this Beautiful spot for Memorial Plaque or to house your final remains.

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



Don Drust

Vicki DePaolo

Pat DiDomizio

Walt Gancarz

Linda Gancarz

Margie Mertz

Priscilla Mulvaney

John Mulvaney

Randy Raddatz

Beth Soulier

Tim Weiland

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

2021 School Kit Project

Orphan Grain Train School Kits:

Collection of school supplies for Orphan Grain Train School Kits will begin Sunday, July 4th, and end August 22nd. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway beginning July 4th. Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Monetary donations can be deposited in the Red Box on the counter above the collection bins.

What Goes into a School Kit?

- 1 Backpack
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 2 Pencils
- 2 Pens
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- Crayons (24 pack)
- Ruler
- 2 Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Washable markers (8 or 10 pack)



Mother's Day Blanket Sunday Update:

Thanks to all who made Mother's Day Blanket Sunday such a huge success. We collected \$630 or 126 blankets for Church World Services Blankets+ Program.

Thanks to all who participated in this ministry.



Cheshire Community Food Pantry:

Please remember that we will continue collecting food for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry throughout the summer months.

Thank you,
Vicki DePaolo
Social Welfare Deacon



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

We celebrate together as *Michael Jonathan Rowold* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

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.



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS— JUNE 13, 2021...



Please join us for fellowship at the annual church picnic on June 13th. Following the 10:30 service, we will enjoy cold beverages, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for helping with setup the day before, cleanup after, bringing a side dish, attendance and 'Grill Masters'!

All are welcome to sign-up and enjoy the company of fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Committee



THANK YOU—FROM CHARLIE RIPPEL..

The Family of Dorothy Ann Rippel wishes to give CLC members our sincere appreciation to all for their cards, notes, memorial donations, flowers etc. in honor of my beloved wife Dorothy Ann.

The outpouring of prayers and support has been extraordinary. Especially the bedside services with Pastor Rowold on 3/11 and memorable grave side service with Pastor Harvell of Immanuel Oxford and Pastor Rowold. Impressive Gospel themes of Christian Faith, family unity and eternal salvation.

Our Family Thanks You!

The Rippel Family



CHAPLAIN TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE..

When the final session of Congress ended in 1994, among those who would not return was a man who lived and worked among Senators for the past 14 years, but never played the game of power politics in Washington, DC. He drove himself to work in an older car. His office was smaller than all others, and lacked the elegant furnishings of most. And yet, according to those men in the Senate, who know him best, he has been a very powerful man and good influence in Washington.

Richard Christian Halverson, a native of North Dakota, a former chauffeur, who went to Hollywood as a young man to become an actor, retired as Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

A rare man in Washington, he has been beloved by Democrats and Republicans, from Ted Kennedy to Jesse Helms. His job description required nothing more of him than to open the Senate each day with prayer, as every Senate session has since Benjamin Franklin offered the first prayer, at the birth of our Nation. Some of Chaplains Halverson's prayers were so meaningful and relevant that portions of a few of them found their way into the evening network newscasts. Halverson's prayers were mini-sermons, imploring not only God's blessing on the Senate and its members, but imparting words of wisdom that could and did bring reasoned debate, and wise, cooperative legislative decision-making.

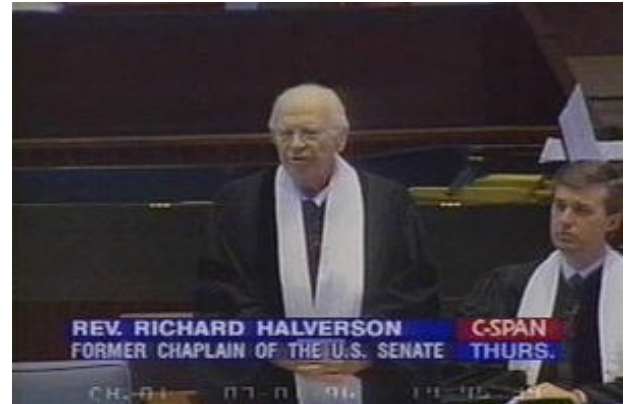
A prayer he delivered on June 23, 1993 was typical: "God of our Fathers, during the Presidential campaign last year, Rev. Jesse Jackson reminded each of us that what is morally wrong cannot be politically right. If we separate morality from politics, we imperil our nation and threaten self-destruction. Imperial Rome was not defeated by an enemy from without: it was destroyed by moral decay from within. Mighty God, over and over again you warned your people, Israel, that righteousness is essential to national health".

From subject matter simple to profound, Chaplain Halverson could always find the best wording in the English language to speak and pray about things in a meaningful and effective way. For over 50 years, he has written a biweekly devotional letter called "Perspective", which has affected tens of thousands of individuals who have received it. Richard Halverson has not been content to sit in his office in the Hart Senate Office Building, waiting for Senators to come to him. He has roamed the halls and knows the names of waitresses and custodians as well as Senators. He has befriended them all, and takes a special satisfaction in bringing his faith and God's love to witness in the United States Senate. Highly respected and frequently sought after to assist in problems, answer questions and advise, not just political but personal as well. Like his famous predecessor, Chaplain Peter Marshall, Richard Halverson has been a true servant of God in a place where God's influence and presence is sorely needed.

Of Peter Marshall, the late Senator Arthur Vandenburg wrote his widow Catherine, on hearing of Senate Chaplain Marshall's death: "To me he was the embodiment of 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. To me he was a personification of true religion. His prayers were eloquent and meaningful. He lived the faith."

The same could be said of Chaplain Halverson, whose power came not from free voting procedures in the election process, nor status from his position in the United States Senate, but from God. A lasting legacy, which reminds men and women in politics and power of a much higher authority that can humble the proud and highlight the faithful.

Submitted in reverence,
Charles Rippel



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

Now Planning for the 2022 Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Youth Gathering



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

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, MO. For additional ways to connect to LCMS Youth Ministry, please visit www.lcms.org/youth.

We need to start planning for this event now. If you are interested in attending, please let me or Tricia Rowold know ASAP. Eligible youth will be 14-19 years of age and/or in 9th -12th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Current 12th graders would be too old, unless they want to attend as helpers. The number of adult chaperones we will need will be based on the number of youth attending. We are not looking for a full commitment at this point. We are just trying to find out how much interest there is.

Lisa Muller, Youth Deacon
lisarmuller@gmail.com



USE HIS MONEY WISELY....

When the master gave his servants money to keep in his absence, he expected them to use it wisely. One wise use of the money the Lord gives us is to invest it with Church Extension Fund. Not only will it grow through interest, it will also be used to help congregations grow as they build, improve, and expand worship and educational facilities. Through LCEF, you can use the Master's gifts wisely. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) for more information.

COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS REMINDER AND ATTENDANCE INFO...



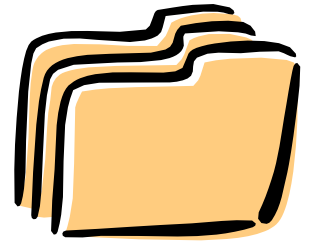
As you know by now, the various Covid-19 precautions we have had in place at CLC for over a year are now being gradually lifted. This follows a change in guidance from the US Centers for Disease Control that allows fully vaccinated people (those who are at least two weeks past their final Covid shot) to be unmasked for just about every activity. It is also in response to a change in the Executive Orders from the Governor of CT and new guidance from the State Department of Public Health. Please be aware, however, that we are not fully back to normal yet.

First, **we are still wearing masks inside the Church building.** This is because we have members who are not yet vaccinated (most notably children aged 11 and under) and we have some who have compromised immune systems. It is also because **we are not socially distancing inside or requiring people to sign up for Church in advance.** Yes, you read that right; you can now decide on Sunday morning if you will come to Church (The answer, by the way, is "YES!") and you can sit wherever you are comfortable. We do not have designated seating locations anymore.

All of our other Covid precautions will be lifted in the coming weeks in alignment with the gradual process that was recommended by the Wellness & Safety Committee and endorsed by the Church Council. The exact speed of this phased approach will be determined by conditions in our congregation, town, and state. The members of the Council and Wellness & Safety will monitor developments and will adjust the speed of our process as appropriate.

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.



JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th	Paula Ongley	15th	Debra Hajjar	22nd	Anne McBain
	Diane Drust		Peter Mayer	24th	Carlene Myers
5th	Julia Plantier	16th	Owen Kennelly	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
6th	Elizabeth Blair	17th	Ian Carrington	26th	Alfred Mayer
9th	Karen Weiland	18th	Lisa Tyler	27th	John Sherman
10th	Wilfred Demers	20th	Brian Sherman		Robert Becker
13th	Linda Gancarz	21st	Lucas Donewald	28th	Eric Johnson
	Dorothy Dierolf		Brynne Mann	31st	Pastor Rowold
14th	Max Muller	22nd	CP Troemel		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2021

10 th	Tim & Karen Weiland	39 Years
	David & Meredith Natzel	6 Year
12 th	John & Peggy Tessler	40 Years
15 th	James & Cynthia Metz	4 Years
18 th	Matthew & Emily Napp	12 Years



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



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

July 2021—Bob Davis



CLC's featured member for July 2021 is Bob Davis. Bob was born in Hartford Hospital and lived in the Windsor area until he entered the service at the age of 21 and served during the Korean War. He is proud to claim that he has lived his whole life here in this state and is happy to call Connecticut his home.

Bob attended John Fitch High School in Windsor. Most of Windsor at that time was agricultural, with the main crop being tobacco. Kids could start working in the tobacco fields at the young age of 14, once they obtained a work permit from their high school principal...which is precisely what Bob did. He spent 2 years from the age of 14-16 doing hard, back breaking work in the extreme summer heat in the tobacco fields.

After returning from the Korean War, Bob met and married his first wife, Martha, and they settled in the Windsor area. Together they had 3 children, Keith, Kevin, and Lisa. Bob belonged to a Lutheran Church in East Hartford during this time and served there as the Sunday School Superintendent while his children were young. His two sons remained nearby and currently reside in Stafford Springs, CT, while daughter Lisa headed south for St. Augustine, Florida.

Bob started his career with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, where he spent 2 years. He then moved into a sales position for a printing business where he spent the next 40 years of his career. He fondly recalls sales and being out on the road selling. "It takes a certain kind of person to handle sales," says Bob. He loved it!

After some time, Bob and Martha divorced and parted ways. In 1971, Bob met Frances, a sweet and kind woman who was well known to our CLC community. Although Fran originally hailed from Raleigh-Durham North Carolina, she was living in Cheshire when they met. This is what drew Bob to our town and our church. Fran also came from a prior marriage and she brought two children, Michael, and Lynn, to this new happily blended family. Bob and Fran married in 1972, but sadly, Fran passed away not long ago, in 2017. Bob remains extremely close to all his children, both his own and Fran's from their first marriages. He proudly boasts that he now has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren who are very well educated and include a medical doctor, a biological science PhD, and a Physical Therapist. Bob remains in the home in Cheshire that he shared with Fran and has lived in for over 50 years.

For over seven years, Bob served on the Governing Board of the Cheshire Land Trust, two of which he served as President. Bob's involvement with the CLT stemmed from his ten years of service on the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. This group sponsors over 800 miles of hiking trails throughout our state. Bob was eventually deemed the Chief of the Western Roving Trail Crew. In this role, he was responsible for supervising the crew of Trail Managers for all trails west of the Connecticut River. This crew worked to open new trails, relocate trails, and build bridges and boardwalks for the trails wherever needed.

After Fran retired from her career with the Southern New England Telephone Company, and the children were grown and off on their own, Bob and Fran took a very memorable cross-country trip. Trailing a small camper, they made their way on an 8-week journey from New York, across Canada, and all the way to Alaska. Although Bob visited Europe a few times, and traveled to Hawaii, this trip was by far his favorite of all.

Bob is an avid reader and a lover of music. He identifies himself as one of Cheshire Public Library's best customers. He enjoys mysteries, fiction, non-fiction, historical, and biographical books...basically anything with an interesting cover and summary that draws him in, he will read. He also enjoys Clint Eastwood and Harrison Ford movies, and prefers adventure films, although he is more of a book reader than a TV watcher.

As for music, Bob has a huge record collection. His musical taste ranges from classical, to rock and roll, to contemporary. He will listen to anything he finds "pleasing to the ears." As a pre-teen he took piano lessons and really appreciated them. He would have continued, if it were not for the discouragement he faced from a difficult piano teacher.

When asked if he had any interest in art, Bob lit up! "Art is my favorite subject!" exclaimed Bob. His mother was an amazing-

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ly talented artist, without ever having lessons. His dad spent his career running a paint and art supply store in the Hartford area, so his mom was well supplied with what she needed to create. She dealt mostly in oil paintings, and the walls of Bob's

home are adorned with them. Bob's older brother, Bill, also carried the artist gene, and attended Parsons Art Institute in NYC, where he studied both advertising and art. One of Bob's granddaughters went to Paier College of Art in Hamden, graduated Summa Cum Laude, and now works as an interior decorator. Since Bob had so many artists in the family, Fran prompted him to try his hand at it. Bob began painting 6-7 years ago and still dabbles in watercolor painting and ink pen drawings. He enjoys taking photos, enlarging them to enhance the details, and recreating them.

Another fun fact about Bob: he is a woodworker! He was so taken by the simple elegance of Shaker style furniture, that he bought books and taught himself how to create his own pieces. He has built Shaker rocking chairs, candle stand tables, oval boxes, and more. Years ago, he sold his pieces at a booth at the former CLC fairs. Bob also attended barn building classes in the Berkshires and has built several barns. He has even built two sailboats – both a 24' sloop, and a 12' catboat, which his oldest son Keith still sails.

Bob has been an active member of our CLC parish since 1971 and has always been a part of the Bible study groups. He even stepped in and ran the Men's Adult Bible Study group for a while years ago. Bob looks forward to the time when we will all be able to gather again for worship and Bible study without the sign-ups and restrictions that we currently face.

Written & Submitted by Diane Taylor—Member of the Evangelism Committee

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 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!

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

When: July 19th – 23rd 8:45 a.m. - 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. Please reach out to Vicki, Karen, Tricia or Pastor R. if you are willing and able to help.

The volunteer sign-up sheets are on the Youth bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. There will be a volunteer training session; watch for announcements coming soon. Registration forms are on the counter at church and online.

Can’t wait to see you there!



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All our choirs are taking a break for the Summer; however, Martha has some wonderful music and special performances lined up for our Summer Services. If you are interested in performing for one service, let Martha know. She will work with you to decide what to do and when.

Also, consider joining the Bell or Parish Choir this Fall. You will be glad you did.



**Happy
4th of July!**



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...

A New Amazing Fellowship Opportunity Has Been Planned:

Lunch on the Lawn:

Our newest fellowship opportunity started on Tuesday, May 25th. At 12:15 PM, everyone brought a bagged lunch, beverage and chair and met by the Columbarium to enjoy fellowship.

Look in the Sundays bulletins for future dates for this lovely opportunity to share time together.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

See information on 2 more Fellowship opportunities in this edition of the Heavenly Herald:

- ✠ Our Church Picnic is Back—See article on page 12
- ✠ Lemonade on the Lawn Fellowship is Back—See article on page 10



Pastor conducting a Dedication Ceremony for the new beautiful lights around the Columbarium on May 9, 2021.

The lights dedicated in honor of our Sister in Christ, Mary Munter.

The Columbarium at night. Come by Church at night to enjoy our beautiful grounds.

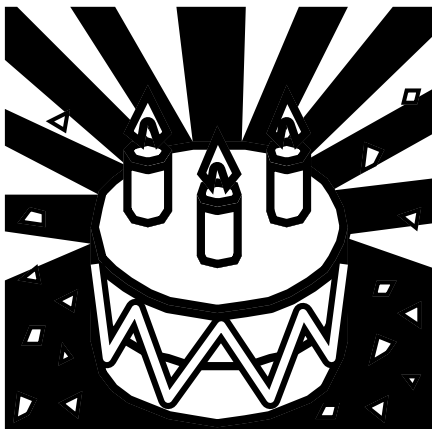


Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Many thanks to Don and Diane Drust for donating the gorgeous solar lights that adorn the area around the Memorial Garden and Columbarium and the main entry of the Church Sanctuary
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to all those (lead by Jim and Margie Mertz) working so hard to keep Gancarz Creek and other gardens so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee lead by Pam Clark for thinking out of the box in being able to arrange and get us back to our cherished Fellowship events. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Thanks to all that continue to contribute time, funds & expertise with the lighting, sound systems and computer equipment in the Sanctuary. During these unprecedented times it is wonderful to still be able to worship both in person and online. More to come on new equipment that is being considered to give us even more options for worship.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1 st	Caroline Veleber Paul Emerick	17 th	Douglas Henderson
6 th	Tim Slocum	21 st	Richard Schellinger
7 th	Kurt Lenz	22 nd	Alan Green Maggie Strunk
8 th	Daniella Wilde	23 rd	Janice Matson
9 th	Eleanor Verner	25 th	Christine Smith Alex Wilde
11 th	Donald Drust, Sr. Julie Lamb	26 th	Karen Smith
12 th	Andrew Clark	27 th	Matthew Emerick Laura Richter
14 th	Hanna Mayer Thea Mayer	28 th	James Matson
15 th	Georgianna Schupp Christina Webster	30 th	Patricia Greenhalgh
		31 st	Robert DeLaubell

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

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

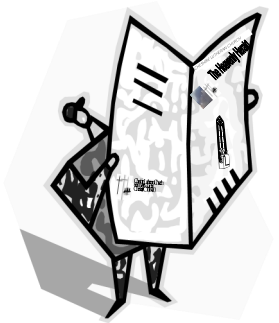
For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 "periods of service" when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir's musical offerings that make our worship special).

If you haven't been able to help in any of these areas and now are willing to assist, or would like to start, please contact Tim!

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

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

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2021. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 27th or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth's lateral file fold 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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2020



5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	31 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	26 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	54 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	4 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	20 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	15 Years
22 nd	William & Sandra Gayda	56 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	24 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	38 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	52 Years



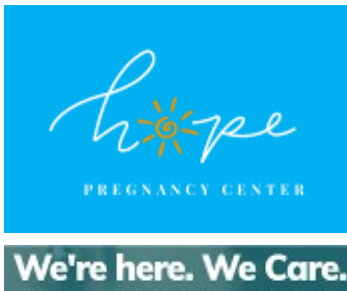
NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG

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...



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.

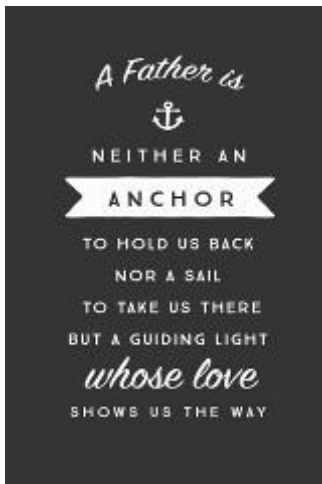
Hope Pregnancy Center

110 Main St.

Cheshire, CT 06410

203.271.2703

hopepregnancycenterct.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 12, 2021 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!



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 April and May 2021:

April—72 lbs and in May—837 lbs WOW

The Pantry Currently Needs List:

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

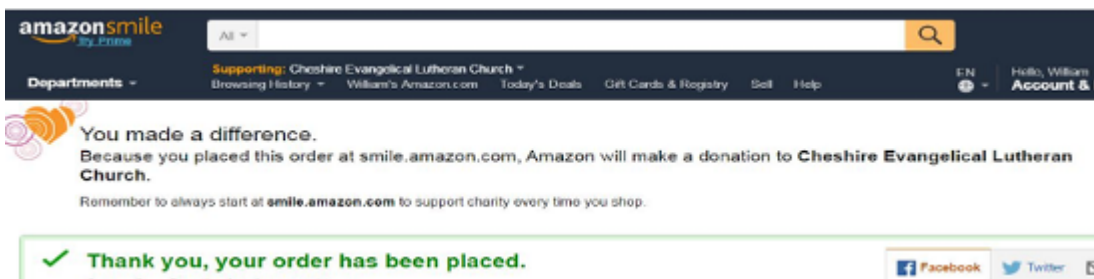


Thank you for your continued support – Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon

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

THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



June	
June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church





GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

August 2021—Al Manke

Al was born in Hartford, Ct. He was baptized at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartford. He graduated from UCONN with a degree in agriculture. He met his wife there. She asked him for help with algebra so Al helped her. They had 5 children: Stephen, David, Kristen, Matthew & Jonathan. He has 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Truly blessed.

After Al graduated from UCONN, he worked at the dairy there. The year was 1945. World War II was all consuming. Al was drafted into the Army. Al was sent to San Antonio, Texas for basic training. He got married there. Because of his education, he was sent to Chicago to learn food inspecting. He was sent to Washington, DC after completing classes for food inspector. His first son was born at Walter Reed Hospital. His next destination was to be Korea. While he was stationed in Washington, DC, he was in a UNIT. (4 men and 1 Captain) The Captain became ill with the mumps. This delayed his deployment to Korea. World War II is over. The war ends!!! Al returns to UCONN to work in the dairy. In 1975, there were 817 dairies in CT- in 2018, there were only 100 dairies. Some of us remember rinsing out glass milk bottles to put back in the milk box on the porch for the milk man to take back to fill. Al's last dairy job was for Tranquility Dairy in Waterbury. Al left the dairy business in 1961.

Al went to work for the bank. He sold mutual funds, insurance and trusts. He became a trust officer for the bank. He enjoyed selling insurance. He retired from the bank in 1990.

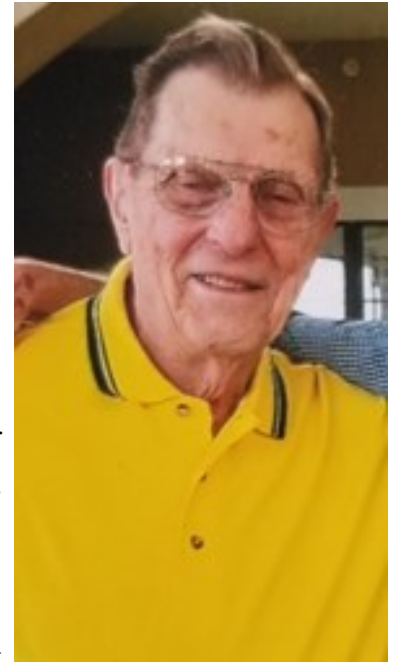
After retiring from the bank, Al went to work at the green houses. At the time, the green houses sold wholesale and retail. Today they only sell retail. Al would deliver product all over New England. He said his dog and God always rode with him. He learned to do mechanical work. He fixed the furnaces at the green houses. Al left the green houses 13 years ago. His son manages them now. We are thankful for the beautiful Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies that adorn the chancel from Tower Farms.

Al remembers hearing about a Lutheran Church being built in Cheshire, CT. That was the reason he moved to Cheshire in 1956. The first services were held at the Grange Hall. Al missed the very first service because he was delivering for the green houses and couldn't get back to Cheshire in time for the service. In the 1950's, the Lutheran Church saw great growth. Al built 2 footings behind the church in anticipation of future growth. When the building was finished, members of the church would take turns cleaning it. Al helped other communities around the state to build churches. He built the 2 planting boxes at the church. He has enjoyed being a Sunday School teacher (Dave Schrumm was a student of his), singing in the choir, a handyman, etc. Al remembers when the parsonage was on West Main Street and Peck Lane. He remembers confirmation class being 3 times a week & Boy Scout meetings in the church. He took his family camping for vacations with many families from the church.

Al enjoys reading. He has read the Bible twice. He is pondering the question "Why Bethlehem?"

It has been my pleasure getting to know Al a little better. We took an easy walk through more than 90 years of great times in America. God bless America!

Written and Submitted by Diane Drust --Member of The Evangelism Committee





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

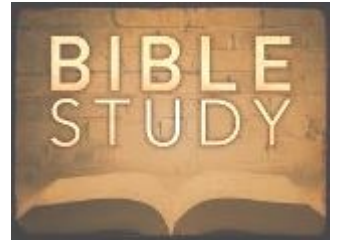


Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Come and join us for a few sessions more this Spring as we dig deeper into God's Word together.

Sunday morning Bible study will continue in the month of June until we have finished the second part of our study on Islam. Everyone comfortable meeting in person is invited to join us in the Library, just remember that we are continuing to wear masks inside the Church – especially with how close together we will be sitting in the Library. You can also join us by Zoom if you can't be with us in person. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email prior to each class. When our currently study on Islam is completed, the Sunday morning Adult Bible study will take a break for the Summer. We will resume in the Fall after Labor Day.



Our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke meets every week at 1:30 PM. We are meeting in the Library for those interested in meeting in person; just remember to wear your mask. The Zoom link for this is also sent out via a mass email before each class. We are finish the last chapter of Luke, chapter 24, and will take a break for the Summer once we finish the Gospel. We will resume in the Fall after Labor Day.

CONFIRMATION CLASS...

Confirmation Class will be wrapping up for this school year in June so that the students can enjoy their Summer vacations.

Once classes go on break, they will not resume until after Labor Day in the Fall.

Please contact Pastor Rowold if you have any questions.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

After a long delay, list of names in our Sunday morning prayers was finally reset on June 1; all the names that were on the list were removed, and the only names that are currently on the list are ones that I was specifically asked to keep on the list.

If there is a name that you would like kept on the Prayer list, please send me a note (either on a piece of paper, by email, or by text) with the name you would like on the list and your name, in case I have any questions.

This is the first time the list has been reset since the pandemic began, so I apologize if a name was removed that you wanted kept on the list. Please let me know and I will put it on the list immediate.

Pastor R



HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Job Description:

Lead enthusiastic children in songs, Crafts, games, Bible stories

Qualifications:

A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun

Work Schedule:

Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10 (except Summer Months)

Compensation:

Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children

How to apply:

Speak to Craig Wilson, Tricia Rowold or Pastor



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Please join us for 8:00 AM services in person and online. We will continue to review CDC and CT State guidelines. Look for letters and emails from the Church Office for updates on changes to this plan.

COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✝ **Council** meeting - Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM via ZOOM
- ✝ **Voters** meeting - Sunday, September 12th at 1:00 PM via ZOOM



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