



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream ... When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." (Matthew 1:18–20a, 24–25 ESV)

When we think of Christmas, there are certain images of our church and our homes that come to mind. There's the Advent wreath and the Christmas tree, the candles that light up our bulletins during the late service and the evergreen wreaths hanging on the walls, the poinsettias and the creche, the table set with Christmas dinner and we can't forget the presents. These things are all so common, so much a part of our celebration of our Savior's birth, that we expect to see them at Christmas time; when we don't see these things, we notice their absence, and it can even leave us feeling that something is wrong.

In much the same way, there are certain things that we expect to hear when the Christmas Gospel is read. There's supposed to be Mary and Joseph in the stable with baby Jesus in the manger, and maybe a donkey and an ox nearby. There needs to be shepherds out in the fields with their flocks and hosts of angels saying "Glory to God in the Highest." (Yes, "saying" glory to God, not singing; Luke records that they said the words.) Eventually the shepherds make their way to the stable to see the Christ-Child and share with Mary and Joseph the news of what they saw. The Christmas Gospel without these things just doesn't feel like the Christmas

Gospel; something is missing and we know it. Without them it feels odd and strangely wrong.

Matthew's version of the Christmas Gospel is just such an account. There's no mention of the trip to Bethlehem, the manger, the shepherds, or the angel hosts. All we get is a vision of one angel before the birth, and we don't even get Mary's name when she gives birth to the baby Jesus. It's short, abrupt even, lacking in all the expected details and participants, and it just somehow feels wrong. It's not like the Christmas Gospel at all. There's no "Glory to God in the highest," just "he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus." That's not what the Christmas Gospel is supposed to be.

For many people, Christmas last year was a similar experience – it was not what it was supposed to be. 2020's "Covid Christmas" meant that families gathered around the screen much more frequently than they gathered around the tree or the table. Gifts were exchanged via porch drops and common carriers like USPS, UPS, and Fedex, instead of while sitting together around the tree. Excited children tearing into wrapped packaged was often replaced with letting them sit in a garage or an entryway for a day or two before being deemed "safe" to be brought inside. The Christmas dinner table, so often shared, looked more like "Meals-on-Wheels", as boxes of food that could easily be mistake for takeout or a purchase from the local supermarket's hot-food bar were delivered to those who dared to eat something that came from outside their home.

Not even our Christmas Eve services at CLC

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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 we approach year end and I contemplate thoughts for this article, our family will begin decorating our Christmas tree for the wonderful season of Advent. Exciting events are ahead, such as spending time with family and friends, tree felling and Sanctuary decorating, singing Silent Night on Christmas eve, and most importantly the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! All reminders there is so much to be thankful for!

Regarding church business, our November Voters Meeting was held as scheduled and each Council member provided productive updates. A few key highlights were that the 2022 Mission Plan was accepted, all nominated Council members were voted in, and we continue to trend at 99% of our current mission plan aimed at delivering on our congregational commitments. We do ask that you consider helping CLC exceed 100% of the plan if you are able, as there is so much need locally and globally.

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I would like to also say a big thank you to Carol Santoro and Martha Medford for their hard work and dedication to CLC. They continue to be instrumental in making sure every detail of our weekly services are properly planned and coordinated in partnership with Pastor Rowold. A thank you to Superintendent Tricia Rowold and all our Sunday School teachers who volunteer their time to make Sunday School what it is for our youth. Thank you to Director JoAnn Holstein and the Little Cherubs teachers, Cindy Barker, Jen Campanelli and Beth Rock for making sure our Christian Preschool continues to deliver on its mission as a key component to CLC. A special thank you to Beth Soulier who works so hard to ensure that our Heavenly Herald is relevant, interesting, and ready for publication at the start of each month – THANK YOU!

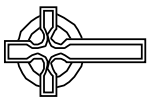
Pledge packets were recently provided to all congregation members. They help the Church have a more consistent expectation of revenue over the course of the year to help maintain our Mission Plan aimed at local and global commitments. We encourage you to repledge if you have in the past or consider the importance of pledging if it's your first time.

This Advent season may provide opportunities for you to tell a friend, co-worker, or a neighbor about CLC and invite that person to join you for a worship service, Bible study, or special event.

As always, please contact me or any member of our Church Council if you have any suggestions or questions.

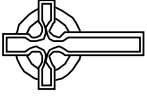
See you in church and God Bless!


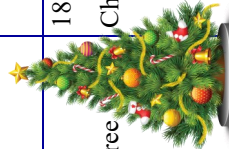



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December 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 Bible Study 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	2 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	3	4
5 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool Pageant Rehearsal 9:30-10 Communion Outside 10:00 Parish Choir 10:30 Holy Communion	6	7 7:00 Council Meeting	8 1:30 Bible Study 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	9 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	10	11 10:00 Youth Cookie Bake
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26 8:00 Lessons & Carols 10:30 Lessons & Carols	27 	28	29	30 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	31 	

DECEMBER SERVERS LIST

Readers/Altar Assistants

(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup

Altar Guild (month)ChoirUshers (month)AcolytesDecember 5
8:00

- Malachi 3:1-7b (I) – Steve Feero
- Philippians 1:2-11 -

Arta Dobbs
Carol Santoro

10:30

- Malachi 3:1-7b (I) – Pat DiDomizio
- Philippians 1:2-11 -

Parish Choir

December 12
8:00

- Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Vicki DePaolo
- Philippians 4:4-7 – John Shepard

Bell Choir

10:30

- Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Children's Program
- Philippians 4:4-7 –

December 19
8:00

- Micah 5:2-5a (I) – Jonathan Schrumm
- Hebrews 10:5-10 -

10:30

- Micah 5:2-5a (I) – David Veleber
- Hebrews 10:5-10 -

Parish Choir

December 24 – Christmas Eve
7:00pm

- Isaiah 9:2-7 (I) – Karen Weiland
- Titus 2:11-14

Parish Choir

10:00pm

- Isaiah 9:2-7 (I) – Bill Soulier
- Titus 2:11-14

Parish Choir/Bell Choir

December 26
8:00

- Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 – Karen Bailey
- Colossians 3:12-17 – Marilyn Miller

10:30

- Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 – Tim Weiland
- Colossians 3:12-17 – David Zeppieri

Attention Readers, Altar Servers and Acolytes –
Reminder – You are responsible for getting a substitute if you are unable to serve on your assigned date. If you need a substitute list, please call the church office.

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last year were spared the impacts of the pandemic. Pews full of families with smiling faces were replaced with socially distanced households sporting face-covering masks. Instead of the music from a choir full of people up in the balcony, only the sound of a solo voice was to be heard. The candlelight part of the service was almost lost too, but for the grace of God and the generosity of a determined family who donated many candlesnuffers, so that people could extinguish their candles while still wearing their masks. For many, something just did not feel quite right; it was not what Christmas Eve service was supposed to be.



Matthew's Christmas Gospel does **not** sound like what we expect to hear. It **is** short, even abrupt, compared to Luke's account. It **does** lack the details and the participants that we've come to anticipate from the story. It may not be what we think it is supposed to be and it may even feel odd or strange, but none of that changes one important fact – it **IS** still the Christmas Gospel. It is **still** the Good News that the Son of God took on flesh and blood in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and that He was born for you and me to save us from our sins. The truth of what happened and the blessing that God gave is not changed, just because the words weren't what we expected to hear.

It **was** Christmas last year on December 25 and we **did** celebrate our Savior's birth last Christmas Eve. It looked different than what we expected and it sounded different too, but God still proclaimed His Good News, bringing light and hope and joy into our darkened world. He still gave us the gift of Himself in the Babe of Bethlehem and under the bread and the wine in Holy Communion. Our services may not have been all that we have come to expect, but the important parts were there and God was still at work.

It's still too soon to know exactly what services will be like on Christmas Eve this year. In spite of all our hopes and prayers, it is highly unlikely that they will be exactly like we have come to expect from years past – like they were in 2019, 2018, and before. Some things may still seem strange, and be more evocative of last year's "Covid Christmas" than what we would like. None of that, however, will change the important facts.

On Christmas Eve this year, we **will** celebrate the Christ-Child's birth in Bethlehem all those centuries ago. We will gather around the altar to receive our Savior in His body and blood in the Sacrament. We will sing the Christmas hymns that we all know and love so well. The light of all those candles will fill the sanctuary with their warm glow as we sing "Silent Night" during the late service. And we **will** hear the words of the Christmas Gospel (from Luke's account), proclaiming the Good News of great joy that a Savior has been born unto us in the city of David.

I pray that I can expect to see you there too.

God bless you this Advent and Christmas season, and may our gracious God watch over and preserve you and all your loved ones.

In Christ Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem,

Pastor David Rowold

OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please remember to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list. We take great joy when we are able to take a name off the list for good reasons.





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 LITTLE CHERUBS...

Our December Heavenly Herald is here already. Time is just flying by. We continue to have two wonderful classes. Miss Cindy and Miss Jen are such a blessing in the 3's class and our 4's class has Miss Beth and I, what a great team and a blessing as well.

The children are thriving, enjoying their time at Little Cherubs Christian Preschool.

Our 3's class is growing. I'll have to fill you in within the next month's Heavenly Herald as to how many.

We have been moving right along in the learning category – Art, Music, Dance, Singing, Shapes, Colors, Numbers, exploring and experiencing Fall, Hibernating animals, Veteran's Day, America Recycles, Thanksgiving and National Cake Day.

The parables from the BIBLE that we have been following are as follows:

Our 3's Bible for November were Joshua and Jericho, David & Goliath, Being Thankful, and Daniel and the Lion's Den.

Our 4's Bible for November were The Good Samaritan, Golden Rule, The Boy who feeds 5000, Jesus Loves the Little Children, and Daniel and The Lions Den.

Our Letters have been H, I, J, K, and L. Numbers – 4, 5, 6, and 7 for the 3's. Numbers – 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 for the 4's.

The 4's took part in Treats for Troops in acknowledgment of Veteran's Day. The group loved making flags to celebrate Veteran's Day. We donated it to our countries heroes. Voting has been a big part of our classroom; we voted on different type of pickles – sweet and sour. SWEET won. Between Oreo cookies and cheesy triangles, Oreos won lol. We can't forget Ice Cream Sundae Day. What a great treat.

The 4's made pumpkin slime as well as a pumpkin volcano. They made homemade butter that went along with our butterfly bread (i.e., toast with butter and sprinkles cut out with a butterfly cookie cutter). We also made cranberry pudding – Miss Martha's favorite, which was a great success.

Both the 3's and 4's worked on small motor skills, grabbing cranberries out of a bucket of water.

The 3's class made flags for Veteran's Day and were proud parading to show them off. They made awesome hand wreaths for Thanksgiving. I am so proud of this group and how they have grown in all that they do in class since school started. Whatever Miss Cindy and Miss Jen put out for the children to play with, the group falls right into place enjoying their time, concentrating, and creating.

God Bless to all and hope you have had a Blessed Thanksgiving,
Miss JoAnn

Council Meeting Reminder:
Tuesday December 7th at 7:00 PM
(In Person)

December 2021—Ken Leslie

CLC's featured member for December 2021 is Ken Leslie. Ken was born in Waterbury, CT on September 23, 1929, and had three siblings: two brothers and a sister. He grew up and went to school in Waterbury. After finishing school, he enjoyed working on a dairy farm before proudly entering the US Navy in 1946. The Navy sent him to Airmen's School in Memphis where he graduated with High Honors! Next, he attended school in New Jersey, where he chose weather as his specialty before serving in Quonset Point, RI. He even traveled on an icebreaker to the North Pole, stopping at Halifax, Greenland, and Canada. Ken also served on an aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Tarawa.

After three and a half years in the service, Ken was supposed to go to Vietnam, but instead had to leave and go home to help his blind father care for his mother, who was very sick at the time. When he came home, he wore his Navy uniform every time he went out since this was the custom in those days during the war. Ken remembered a girl he met in high school named Eleanor whom he liked, but unfortunately, at that time, the feeling wasn't mutual. One night a friend of his, who happened to be Eleanor's brother, invited him to go to a party and Eleanor was there. She took one look at him in his uniform and took quite a shine to him. Eleanor and Ken were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waterbury in 1952 and eventually joined Cheshire Lutheran Church because Eleanor's family were members.

Ken went back to work at a farm, the Maple Hill Dairy Farm, after his time in the service. One day a superior told him that he could do so much better at the power company, so he applied and got job driving a truck for \$1/hour. Soon after, he became a line helper, then advanced to a Main Line Foreman, and ended up working for the power company for 37 before retiring. Eleanor and Ken were not big travelers, but they enjoyed numerous trips to Cape Cod, which was a favorite getaway for them.



The happy couple added two sons, Ken Jr., and Scott, along with a daughter, Karyl, to their family. The Leslie family expanded to include six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Ken is extremely proud of his family. Ken Jr. was an All-American swimmer and worked for Cigna until retirement. Karyl was a nurse and worked for the Visiting Nurses Association along with several other places prior to her retirement. Following in his father's footsteps, Scott worked for the power company prior to his passing away in 2019. Eleanor passed away in 2010.

As for hobbies and interests, Ken enjoys doing puzzles and is an avid fan of both UConn Girls Basketball and the Boston Red Sox. He really loves living at Arbor Rose in New Britain. Ken finds the people there to be very friendly and he has developed a 'best friend' friendship with Anne Duncan, who is a resident there.

Being that Ken is a Veteran, he was just presented with his Quilt of Valor and was both touched and honored by the gift. We thank you, Ken, for your service and are happy to have you as a member of our CLC family.

Co-written & submitted by Marilyn Miller & Diane Taylor—Members of the Evangelism Committee

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...

Thank you to all who attended the Organ Recital on November 14th with Noah Klein's beautiful performance. The music and refreshments were a blessing and a marvelous way to begin the holiday season. The performance was recorded and can be found on the church website. Many thanks to Martha Medford and Tim Weiland for putting this event together and to Don Drust for his expertise assistance in planning the reception.

Please join us on December 5th, immediately following the 10:30 service, for our Advent Jubilee and celebration of 65 years of worship as Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We continue our coffee hour after the 8 AM services for another opportunity for fellowship. Please join us for coffee, tea and a quick bite between Sunday services. Thank you to all who have hosted this weekly event and, if you'd like to volunteer to prepare the coffee and quick bites to eat, please sign up on the board. All materials are supplied and it's an easy way to share your time and talents.



Tis the season to celebrate
And be thankful for the past year

Jubilee Advent lunch
&

Celebrate our 1st Cheshire Lutheran Church service 65 years ago



MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR (Luke 1:47)

Please join us as we celebrate the start of Advent, as well as the 65th anniversary of the first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Sunday, December 5th after the second service.

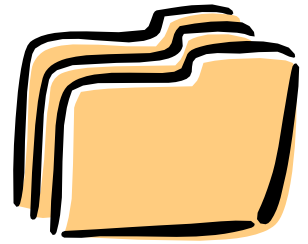
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE REMINDER...



We will be having our traditional Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM on Friday, December 24. Both services will be in person and live streamed on YouTube (just like Sunday mornings). On Sunday, December 26, both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services will be Lessons & Carols. If you are not able to join us for worship on Christmas Eve, please join us the Sunday after as we celebrate our Savior's birth.

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.



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 Bill Soulier, our Interim 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



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CLC MEMBERS...

If you would like to send a Christmas card to all of us here at CLC (instead of to each of us) you can do so by posting it on our bulletin board over the green felt Christmas tree.



6 MEMBERS CELEBRATED THEIR 1ST COMMUNION...

Over 2 Sundays in November we rejoiced together as we celebrated the 1st Holy Communion with the following youth:

- ✦ November 7, 2021: Douglas Henderson, Aika Kwayu, Quincy Kwayu & Noah Wilde
- ✦ October 31, 2021: Gabriel Mann & Alex Muller

We see God's gift of life in many ways. Among the ways we experience God's life and goodness is in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We celebrate together with their families as these youth move further along in their journey with Jesus.





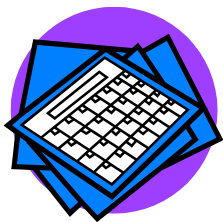
CLC CHOIR NEWS...

We will continue to wear masks as long as this requirement continues on Sunday Services. Please note:

- ♫ Bell Choir will perform *8:00 AM service only* on December 12 then again on Christmas Eve *10:00 PM service*.
- ♫ No Choirs rehearsal on December 29th

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
December 1 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 5 - Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 8 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 12 - Sunday <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School Program
December 15 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 19 - Sunday <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 22 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 24 - Friday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:15 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	9:20 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:00 PM	Performance	Parish & Bell Choir
December 26 - Sunday <i>Lessons & Carols</i>	...NO CHOIRS...		
December 29 - Wednesday	...NO CHOIR REHEARSALS...		



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2022...

2022 Calendars are coming. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table as soon as they arrive. Watch for the notice when they get here.

2022 Pledge Drive Update

Pledge Sunday was November 21st. On this day, each member had a pledge packet available to be picked up in the church hallway. If you are unable to pick up your pledge packet, let me know and I will help get it to you!

The pledge packet contains two important items that we ask you to complete and return. These are the Pledge Card and the Time and Talent Card.

Returning your Pledge Card is important for two reasons. First, it affirms your commitment to support the mission of Cheshire Lutheran Church. Second, it helps us plan our financials by having a better understanding of our expected contributions.

Fear not, as there is no penalty for failing to fulfill a pledge. In fact, one could argue that it is better to set a stretch pledge and fall a bit short, than to completely fulfill a pledge which was too short to begin with.

And should you find that your pen has only enough ink to complete one of the two cards, I would ask that you complete and return the more important of the two, the Time and Talent Card. This is where you can choose where you would like to get involved! Many hands make for light work, but more importantly, it is rewarding to give off your time and talents toward the fulfillment of our mission.

Why is the Time and Talent card the more important is the two cards in the Pledge packet? Because your involvement is the lifeblood of this congregation. Said simply, this place won't run without the collective efforts and energies of our congregation.

Please complete and return these cards to the church if you haven't done so already.

Last, but not least, your pledge packet contains the 2022 Mission Plan. This plan has been diligently prepared by the Finance Committee, and has been voted on and approved by both the Council and the Voters. If you have any questions in this plan, feel free to reach out to me, or anyone on the Council.

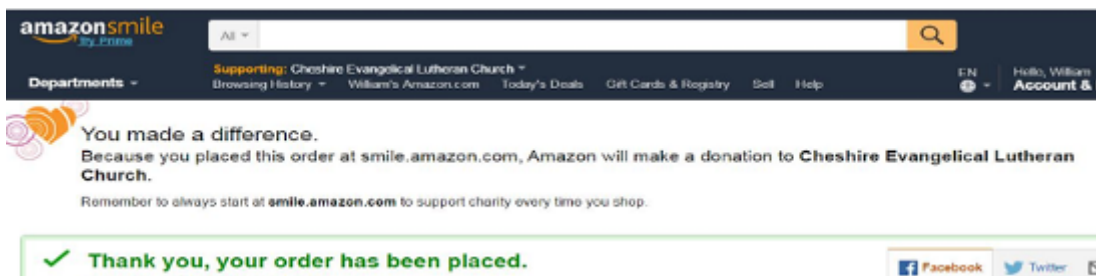
Thank you,
Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon



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

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE HISTORY OF CLC – 65 YEARS AND COUNTING...

- 1) How many laminated arches hold up the roof of the sanctuary/narthex?
A) 6 B) 7 C) 8 D) 9 E) 12
- 2) Pastor and Gloria Nuechterlein arrived in Cheshire on Thursday June 9, 1960. Groundbreaking for CLC took place how many weeks later?
A) <1 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3 E) 4
- 3) Pastor Nuechterlein was installed as Pastor at CLC ____ week(s) after groundbreaking for the Church?
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 6
- 4) Preliminary plans for the Church showed its orientation facing east/west versus the north/south orientation as built.
A) False B) True
- 5) The area just outside of the north facing wall of the church (altar/cross end) was to be:
A) A stairway to heaven
B) A grove of olive trees
C) A peace garden
D) An outdoor chapel
- 6) The dimensions of the sanctuary are:
A) 25 cubits by 50 cubits by 25 cubits.
B) Thirty-six feet by 72 feet by 36 feet
C) 12 yards by 24 yards by 12 yards
D) All the above E) Only B above
- 7) The total cost to build the church was approximately:
A) \$30,000 B) \$60,000 C) \$120,00 D) \$240,000 E) \$360,000
- 8) Soon after being installed at CLC, Pastor Nuechterlein helped the congregation:
A) Sell commemorative CLC bricks
B) Pick up rocks around the property
C) Plant red maple trees
D) Locate a bell
- 9) How many acres of land were purchased in 1957 to build the church on?
A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8.5 E) 10
- 10) Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, Ph.D. was installed as Pastor at CLC in:
A) 2017 B) 2018 C) 2019
- 11) The CLC Memorial Bell is dedicated in the memory of CLC's Pvt. Gary Richards who died in which country?
A) Korea B) Japan C) Vietnam D) Thailand
- 12) The Bell is said to weigh:
A) 158.8 kg B) 350 lbs C) 0.175 tons D) A & B & C
- 13) The Bell originally hung in a steeple at Saint Bridget's Catholic Church that now resides Cheshire Pizza.
A) True B) False
- 14) The Bell dedication took place on:
A) Dec. 24, 1967, B) Jan. 4, 1968, C) Feb. 4, 1968, D) Dec. 4, 1968
- 15) The architect of both the modest CLC Bell Tower and adjacent Sanctuary was from:
A) Geitz, Nuechterlein and Gustafson
B) Schrumm, Schweizer and Clark
C) Schrumm, Soulier and Mertz
D) Russell, Gibson and von Dohlen
- 16) Pastor Nuechterlein retired in 1994. Pastor Charles Gustafson served CLC from 1995 to 2017.
A) False B) True
- 17) The dedication and blessing of the CLC Columbarium wall took place on July 24, ____.
A) 2014 B) 2015 C) 2016 D) 2017 E) 2018
- 18) The basin of the Memorial Garden adjacent to the Columbarium wall continues to serve as a temporary receptacle for parking lot rain runoff.
A) False B) True
- 19) 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
- 20) The organist at the Dedication Service and Recital for the Schlicker Pipe Organ was:
A) Gloria Nuechterlein B) Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, Pastor C) Herman Schlicker D) Rev. Billy Graham
- 21) The dedication service of the Schlicker Pipe Organ took place on November 5 of what year?
A) 1956 B) 1960 C) 1961 D) 1962
- 22) The Cheshire Lutheran Church's organ has ____ pipes.
A) 178 B) 378 C) 578 D) 778 E) 978

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Sunday, November 14th at CLC was a wonderful day in the life of CLC, and a busy, but joyful, day for Pastor Rowold and Martha Medford.

Pastor and Martha left their homes very early to get to CLC to prepare for the 8 AM service, and did so in spite of tornadoes in Cheshire and Branford on Saturday.

After service, Pastor led Bible Study while Martha made preparations for the scheduled 4 PM Organ Recital.

Then both performed their duties at the 10:30 service. Afterward, Pastor was engaged in preparation for the Voter's meeting, and attended same, while Martha continued getting ready for the recital.

At the conclusion of the Voter's meeting Pastor remained to "clean up" electrical materials and other issues before retreating to his home for a short break. Martha remained at church, now preparing snacks for recital patrons.

Pastor returned to CLC in time to join Martha in greeting the guest organist, made final arrangements, and the recital began on time at 4 PM.

A fine crowd enjoyed the recital, which concluded about 5:15, and adjourned to our Fellowship Hall for a bountiful table of food.

Afterward, of course, there was clean up with the usual suspects assisting Pastor and Martha. Martha's day finally ended, departing CLC for the long ride back to Branford.

Pastor had one more duty that evening, starting at 7 PM, Confirmation Class.

So, many thanks to Pastor and Martha for their dedication to CLC and to the other saints who's talent was on display on a Sunday at CLC. Pam and Andy Clark, Tim Weiland, Judy and Bill Juul, Susan Harris, and Diane and Don Drust.

Lovingly submitted,
Pat DiDomizio



OUR BEAUTIFUL THANKSGIVING CORNUCOPIA...

Even during these trying and unprecedented times, and after the loss of our dear Martha Henderson, our wonderful traditions continue. The beautiful Cornucopia that adorned our Altar the Sunday before and for the Thanksgiving Eve service was lovingly put together by Arta Dobbs this year. It not only served to celebrate Thanksgiving, but it also serves to remind us how blessed we are by the abundance our Lord has chosen to give us.

During this time of Thanksgiving and into the Christmas Season, let us all remember those gifts and blessings, and give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. There are many ways to give; we ALL have time, talent and financial gifts to choose from. May our Lord continue to bless you and your family this Christmas Season.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...



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

We held our babysitting fundraiser on November 26th. Although we didn't have any children to babysit, several teens got to spend some time together playing some really creative games and getting to know each other better.

Our next fundraising event is a Cookie Walk on December 12th after the early service and again after the Christmas Pageant. See the flyer in the Heavenly Herald and posted on the announcement board at Church for more details. We could use some more volunteers from the Youth Group to help bake on December 11th. What a fun way to complete service hours for National Honor Society or Boy/Girl Scouts!

Lisa Muller
Youth Deacon



WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year! To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, check TV channels, WTNH channel 8 or MyTV 9, WFSB channel 3 and on the radio, WTIC 1080 AM. All these stations have websites that list weather closings too! A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail, please let the church office know.

Stay warm!



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2022...

Pledge Sunday for 2022 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✚ Many thanks to Arta Dobbs for the LOVELY Cornucopia that adorned the Altar for our Thanksgiving Service. It is just beautiful!
- ✚ Thank you to the dedicated folk for being such loving stewards of our Church grounds. We are so blessed for your service to our Church Family.
- ✚ Very special thanks again to the crew for displaying the Christmas Crèche on our front lawn. The Crèche will speak volumes to passerby's that need to be reminded of the TRUE Meaning of the Season!
- ✚ Blessed Thank You to the Drusts for ALL you do for us!
- ✚ Thank you to Bill Juul for continuing to update our Website with pictures, videos etc. Also for being our Video and Sound engineer using the new equipment. Additionally, many thanks for enhancing some of our recorded Services with supplemental music recorded during the services. We are Blessed by your talents and dedication.
- ✚ Special Thanks to Tim Weiland for continuing to keep our memories alive via his photographic talents.

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING COLLECTION...

THANK YOU ALL! This past November we again helped the Cheshire Community Food Pantry prepare Thanksgiving Baskets for people in need in our community. At CLC, we were asked to collect 170 cans of yams and 170 boxes of stuffing mix. This congregation gave what we needed and more. Over 180 cans of yams and over 190 packages of stuffing were collected, with a total weight in excess of 830 lbs. This was in addition to the regular monthly donations, which we also very generous. Again, that you all so very much!



NEWS FROM OUR EDUCATION DEACON...

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to share a brief, but heartfelt, thank you to the following individuals for their contributions to our education ministry.

First I want to acknowledge those who have contributed their time and talents to the Sunday School program: Tricia & Pastor Rowold, Pam & Andy Clark, Christina & Todd Plantier, Lynn Balash, Carlene Myers and Debbie Sherman.

Next, I want to acknowledge those who have contributed their time and talents to the Little Cherubs Christian Pre-School: JoAnn Holstein-Director, Cynthia Barker, Jen Campenelli, Beth Rock-Teachers, Kristen Donewald and Pastor Rowald.

If I've learned anything from these fine people, along with three educators in my family, it is that this ministry takes time, prayerful thought and preparation. Thank you all for your evangelistic efforts.

And finally, I want to acknowledge the contributions and love shared with our children from Judy DiDomizio and Martha Henderson. It is difficult to think of these ministries without remembering the vast contributions of these special people who set an example for how success is achieved and how to lead a Christian life.

May all of you and those you love have a blessed Christmas and New Year ahead.

Yours in Christ,

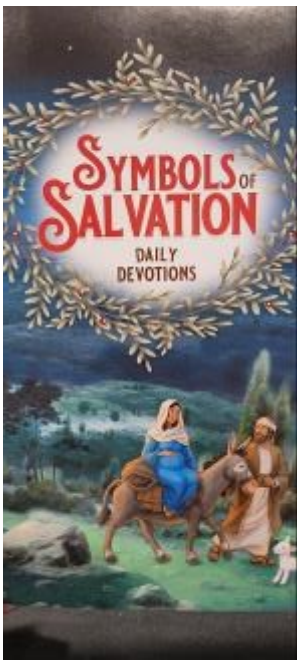
Craig Wilson
CLC Education Deacon



CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Students should arrive by class time with their books and their completed homework. Please note, there will **not** be class on Sunday, December 26 or January 2.





SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

The Sunday School Christmas Program is back!

Sunday, December 12, 2021 will be the in-person return of our annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Rehearsals will be at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays, December 5, and December 12. The Program will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on December 12. Come ready to sing and smile as the students share with us the "Symbols of Salvation." Thank you to all who are participating in and helping with the Program.

December 19 will be a regular Sunday School lesson. On December 26 and January 2, we will be off. Classes will resume January 9 at 9:10 a.m.

Come out and join us as we learn how God redeems His people.

There are Advent devotionals for each Sunday School Family, which match the theme for our Christmas program.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **9:00 AMish** on Saturday, December 18, to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

THANK YOU, AND A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL!

Bill Soulier
CLC Vice President



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

December

December 9, 1956	Inaugural service at Cheshire Grange Hall; Rev. Darrell Geitz giving the 1st sermon
December 24, 1967	Bell first rung
December 9, 2006	New garden crosses imbedded
December 3, 2011	Lawn Crèche first displayed
December 17, 2017	Call extended to Rev. David Patrick Rowold to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

Help Feed the NorthEast: 2021

CLC's Thrivent Action Team's efforts on behalf of the Cheshire Community Food Pantry have earned a \$500 donation from the Northeast Thrivent Member Network. Many thanks to all who contributed food items and to the Drust's who helped us shop for and deliver the items we purchased with our Action Team Grant to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



Cheshire Lights of Hope

Due to a powerful storm that resulted in a tornado ripping through Cheshire, Lights of Hope was postponed one week and took place on Saturday, November 20th. The day was perfect for the event. This year, Lights of Hope donated \$15,000 to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry, \$15,000 to the Cheshire Youth and Social Services, and \$9,000 to the Petit Family Foundation.



Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon

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 and events
- ✚ 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...



ADVENT

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE



For Unto Us a Child is Born



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

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

STATUS OF COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS AT CLC

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Please remember that there are still some Covid precautions in place at CLC due to the continuing impact of the Delta variant on our community. At the moment, we are still wearing masks inside the Church building (but not outside) and we also continue to limit the number of households at the altar rail at one time during Communion. People are, however, allowed to kneel at the rail (if they desire) and to share the greeting of peace in whatever way they are most comfortable.

We hope to soon resume our process of gradually lifting the last of the practices that we put in place to help keep everyone safe continues to remain paused, but we ask your patience and understanding while we do so. If you have questions about any of our Covid precautions, please feel free to speak to Pastor Rowold or any of the members of the Wellness & Safety Committee. Take care of yourself and stay healthy.



CLC HELPING HANDS...

Thank you to all who have offered and provided help with meals, transportation and visits in the past. As we continue to reach out and remain available to those in need, I would like to update my "membership list ". A sign up will be posted on the narthex bulletin board for current and new members. Please include your name, phone number and email as well as your ability to provide meals, transportation or visits. Thank you in advance!



"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
(phone 203-710-0753)



NEW MEMBER/MEMBER REFRESHER CLASS...

Are you someone who has been worshipping at CLC for a while and you've decided that you want to become an official member of the congregation? Are you a member, but it's been so long since you had Confirmation Class that you can't even remember what the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism are, let alone what they say? Do you want a chance to ask Pastor questions about the faith in a small group setting? Would you just like a refresher on what Lutheran Christians believe?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, contact Pastor Rowold as soon as you get the chance. He's looking to put together a New Member/Member Refresher class for people who are interested. It will begin soon after the start of the new year, and Pastor wants to know what day/time will be the most convenient for people who would like to attend. Participants will be asked to bring their copy of Luther's Small Catechism and they will be provided for anyone who does not have one, so we need to know how many to get.



MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED...

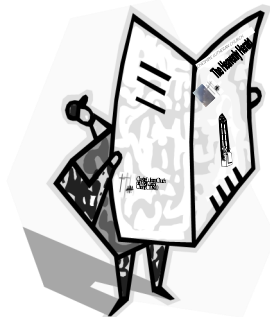
We have an awesome team of teachers who have heard the call and stepped up to help. Please join them. We want to add to our team, so each class has at least 2 teachers. Our biggest need is teachers for grades 5 and up.

Please reach out to Tricia Rowold to volunteer to serve as a Sunday School teacher or substitute. 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.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(January 2021 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **THURSDAY December 30th** (Thursday before New Years Eve) or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



THE RIPPEL REPORT—DECEMBER 2021..

Oh, Christmas Tree

Can we as Christians maintain that special Christmas feeling beyond the dates on the calendar? Most certainly as a statement of faith and a positive attitude.

Christmas in the western world is celebrated by Christians for a 12-day period from December 25th through January 6th. Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th in western churches.

In the eastern religious world, Orthodox Christianity worships our Savior's birth on January 6th which is also referred to as "ittle Christmas".

The first 400 years of Christianity observed the Nativity scene on January 6th. It was out of necessity and self-preservation that the date was changed to December 25th by early church leaders and members.

Roman persecution took a severe toll on anyone who professed and practiced the Christian faith. Pagan worship of Romans to their sun god was held on December 25th each year. Christian leaders quickly seized this opportunity to celebrate the Christ Child's birth, safely mixing in with the pagan masses. This also offered an opportunity to recruit new members into the Church of Christ.

Epiphany represents many ideas of faith to various nationalities and denominations. To some it is the Savior's birth, or the adoration of the Kings, the light coming to the Gentiles, or the evidence and restating of the baptism, divinity, miracles, and teachings of our Lord.

The first time I heard the expression, "Little Christmas" was just 80 years ago growing up in New York City.

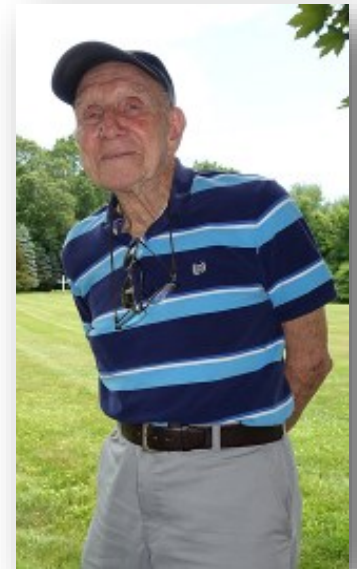
My best friend George and his family were devout Russian Orthodox Christians. When I heard two Christmas observances, I thought this was great; double the excitement, fun and gifts as well.

In the summer of "42", George's older brother Ernie joined the Navy right out of high school. His parents, naturalized citizens who had fled Russia, were very proud of their son enlisting in the armed forces. Ernie was assigned to the USS Alabama commissioned in the spring of 1943 and promptly sent to combat duty somewhere in the South Pacific.

The family eagerly awaited news month by month, especially when the family would be together for Christmas. Unfortunately, the war disrupted millions of Christmas plans and reunions that year.

This family did something very unusual that year. First, they celebrated traditional Christmas: worship, family dinner, live tree, decorations, and gifts. Only small personal gifts were exchanged. The larger, more meaningful presents would not be opened until their son came home for Christmas. Stranger yet was the family decisions to keep the live tree in place until Ernie's homecoming, whenever that would be.

The Christmas season was over, so was Lent. For two Easters the tree from Christmas remained. The green needles turned brown and had all fallen off the branches by this time. The Christmas gifts were unopened, a village scene placed on the white cotton base was blanketed by brown needles. The lights were disconnected months earlier for fear of fire. The branches drooped so badly, that ornaments had to be moved to a more secure locations, less they slide off the drooping branch ends. String was used to support badly sagging branches. Angel hair, the



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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:

- ✦ Advent Jubilee Sign Ups
- ✦ Post your Christmas Cards
- ✦ CLC Usher Sign Up Schedule
- ✦ **Birthright** Needs Volunteers information
- ✦ Information regarding our soon to be installed Sound and Video equipment from HBCommunications
- ✦ Independence Northwest looking for Volunteers
- ✦ Sunday Morning Coffee Hour sign ups
- ✦ Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2022 volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2022 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ 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.

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spun glass tree decoration popular at that time, covered this pathetic looking Christmas tree like a ghostly shroud.

Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, the family Christmas remained on hold.

One day in mid-August, a phone call from Ernie at the Brooklyn Navy yard set the stage for one great Christmas celebration, even if it was eight months overdue.

I was privileged to be there with this family at Ernie's homecoming. All of the finer qualities of life itself were present: love, strength, hope, faith, respect, emotion and support. It was one great Christmas for one fine family in August.

In retrospect, over the years from boyhood to manhood, I learned valuable Christmas gems of wisdom that I wish to share with you.

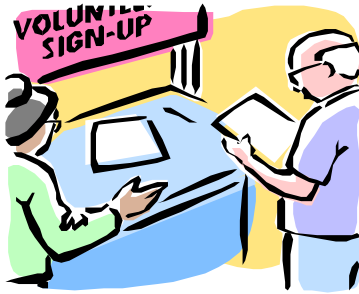
First, there is no suitable substitute for the family circle and true friends. Not gifts, possessions nor all the holiday trappings. People and feelings are what really matters, not material things.

I learned that a Christmas tree that appears cold and ugly can in reality be warm and beautiful when decorated with love and faith. That pathetic looking tree took on a dream appearance to one homesick sailor due to family love and concern.

Finally, I realized that "little" is an improper adjective used to describe the Orthodox Christmas beginning each January 6th.

All Christmas celebrations are "big" in the hearts and minds of believers everywhere.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Rippel



November 2021 Memories



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.

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

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...



The Columbarium Committee continues to communicate and meet regularly to discuss status of Inurnment Subscription and Memorial Plaque purchases.

Subscriptions

- ✚ There are currently 35 inurnment subscriptions & 4 pending possibilities
- ✚ We have 19 memorial plaques purchased, 3 new and one pending possibility

Linda Gancarz will research the possibility of getting a small number, made by the plaque engraver, to designate the section # of each of the 22 sections of the Columbarium. This would help family and friends easily locate positions of loved ones and would also be useful to new subscribers when deciding on a location.



Flags

Flags were placed on the Columbarium for Veterans Day, November 11-14.

The following congregants now rest in our hearts and whose remains are a reminder to remain steadfast in hope and faith that we will be reunited.

Saints Inurned In The Columbarium

Marilyn E. Allesandrine (Jul. 31, 1939 – Mar. 21, 2019)
 Judith Schnaars DiDomizio (Dec. 4, 1941 – May 10, 2021)
 Richard Hagstrom – (May 22, 1930 – July 4, 2021)
 Philip L. Kenney (Aug. 4, 1927 – Nov. 22, 2013)
 Arthur F. Munter Sr. (Feb. 8, 1929 – Jan. 21, 2018)
 Mary Bianchini Munter (Jun. 16, 1929 – Mar. 11, 2021)

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

Linda Gancarz

John Mulvaney

Vicki DePaolo

Margie Mertz

Randy Raddatz

Pat DiDomizio

Priscilla Mulvaney

Beth Soulier

Walt Gancarz

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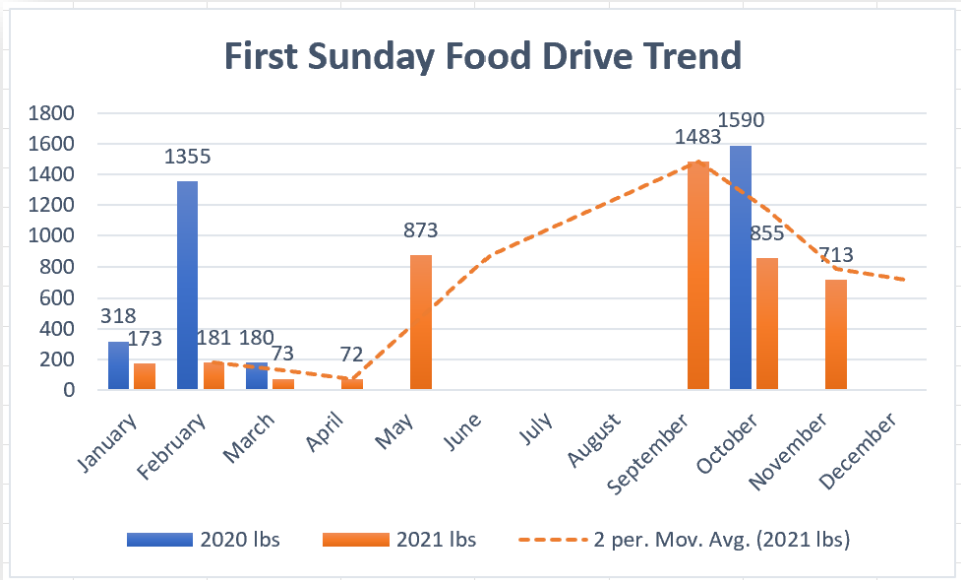
Answers to 65th Anniversary Quiz on page 12

1 B; 2 A; 3 A; 4 B; 5 D; 6 D; 7 C; 8 B; 9 B; 10 B; 11 C; 12 D; 13 A; 14 C; 15 D; 16 B; 17 C; 18 B; 19 D; 20 B; 21 C; 22) B



DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price “buy one-get one free”, purchase it and donate the free item



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed, we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Food Pantry for more information.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 21:15b

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals! Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to ensure the food we are sending is not out of date. Also, please remember that we cannot accept opened packages. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc. tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Covid-19 has decreased contributions, children are home and people out of work. There are no Sunday donations to the Pantry. We can directly drop off items at the Pantry or send a cash for them to purchase what they need most. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:

175 Sandbank Rd
Cheshire Ct 06410

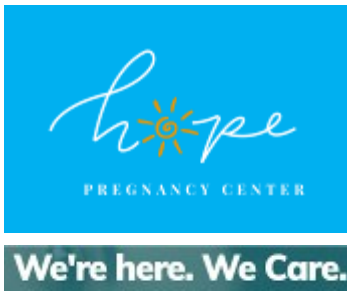
Send Checks to:

Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457

or

you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226



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:

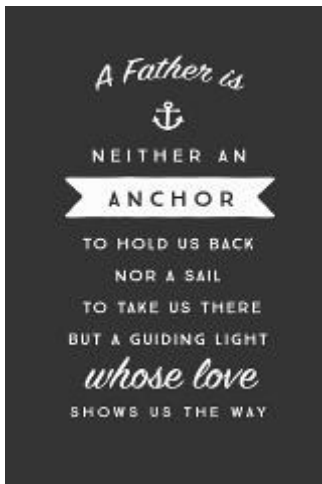
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position.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

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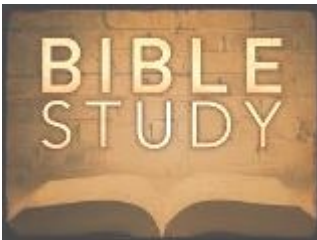
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Bible Studies at CLC

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

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



Sunday morning Bible study meets every Sunday morning between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who is able to be with us in person. We are currently working our way through a study that looks at several of the miracles that Jesus performed during His earthly ministry. Please note, there will **not** be Sunday Bible Study on December 26 or January 2.

Our Wednesday afternoon study meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Church Library for those interested in meeting in person and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the lesson for the day. We are taking a look at Genesis using a thirteen-lesson study that will give us a general overview of the book. Please note, there will **not** be Wednesday Bible Study on December 29 or January 2.

You're welcome to join us any time, even if it's your first time, and even if it will be the only time. I look forward to seeing you.

COOKIE WALK

DECEMBER 12TH

The Cookie Walk will be open after the first service and again after the Christmas Pageant. Stop by and pick up a box of delicious cookies. The price is \$8 per pound and proceeds will go towards the Youth Group trip to the National Youth Gathering in Texas. Bakers will take covid precautions in the kitchen.

- Gingerbread
- Spritz
- Truffles
- Including gluten free options

...and more!



2nd Tim Baker
 4th Steve Feero
 5th Carolyn Carrington
 6th Sydney Taylor
 10th Paul Fiedler
 12th Ali Tyler
 14th John Mulvaney
 16th Christian Kjeldsen
 17th Alwin Manke
 21st Blair Donewald
 22nd Judith Juul
 25th Curt Smith
 27th Paul Smith
 29th Samantha Nowak
 30th Alan Santoro
 David Blair

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 2021

12th Jeff and Kyong Mann 41 Years



Christmas Services Reminder!

Friday December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:

7:00 PM & 10:00 PM

(Both services will be in person and live streamed on YouTube)

Sunday, December 26, both the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services
 will be Lessons & Carols



GOD BLESS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please say a special thank you to your children's Sunday School teachers. They serve in a very important mission of our church, our children! A simple and sincere "we appreciated your help to us and our children" will mean so much to them.

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy...Luke 2:10



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