



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

[Jesus said] "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34–35 (ESV)

Love. The heart-felt emotion that becomes virtually inescapable every February. For the first two weeks of the month (and now often for several weeks prior), ways to express your love seem to be every where you look. Aisle upon aisle of cards are dedicated to providing you with a plethora of ways to tell someone that you love them. Countless bags and boxes are filled with candies and chocolates, all bearing the image of a heart, that can be given as expressions of love. There are cakes and cookies and cupcakes. There are shirts and sweatshirts and scarves. There are cut flowers and balloons and potted plants. Let's not forget poems and songs and electronic cards. All of these various ways inundate us, offering themselves as another option for how you can tell someone that you love them.

Just as there are a myriad of ways that you can express your love, there are also a multitude of types of love. Sure, there may only be one word in the English language to say it, "love", but there are so many different nuances and meanings. There's the love that parents have for their children, and the love that children have for their parents. There's the love that siblings have for one another and the love that friends share with each other. There's the romantic love that inspires songs and poems and ballads, the erotic love that ignites the passions, and the sacrificial love that gives of one's self for the sake of another. All these, and more, we express with that one simple word, "love."

Christ our Lord also spoke of love, and He even commanded His disciples that they should love. The love that He spoke of, though, was different from many of the ways that we use the word.

He wasn't talking about parental love, filial love, romantic love, or erotic love; no, He was commanding a different kind of love all together. The love that Christ Jesus had for His disciples and the love that He commanded that they have for one another was "agape" love. Now, for those who are wondering what "agape" love is, let me tell you.

You see, while our English language only has one word for "love" and we expound upon its nuances by adding more words to clarify, the Greek language of the New Testament had multiple different words for "love," and each one conveys a different type or sense. When Jesus commands His disciples to "love one another: just as I have loved you" the word that He used for "love" is "agape." "Agape" is a kind of love that you have for someone because you decide that you are going to love them, not because there is something about them that you find attractive or desirable or that draws you to them. "Agape" is a kind of love that is self-giving and does not seek to receive in return. "Agape" is even the kind of love that you have for someone who might otherwise be unlovable.

"Agape" – that is the love that God has for You and for me. God loves us because He has DECIDED to love us; its not because of anything that you did or will do, that you said or will say. God loves you so much that He gives of Himself to you and for you, going so far as to give His life on the tree of the cross to save you from your sins. God's love for you does not count the cost. God loves each and every one of us in spite of ourselves; He knows the very worst things that you have done in your life and loves you any way. That is the love, the "agape," that God has for us. He has chosen to love you, even in those times when we might not

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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,

I am very pleased and honored to once again have the privilege of serving as Council President for this amazing congregation. As I'm sure many of you remember, I last served as Council President in 2016 & 2017, after first serving for two years as the Worship Deacon, and two years as Council Vice President.



My service on the Council was both enlightening and rewarding. I truly enjoyed working with the talented and dedicated members of the Council. We are blessed that so many members of our congregation are ALWAYS ready and willing to rise to the occasion and pitch in to get things done. For this reason, when I was asked to consider serving as this year's Council President – my decision was an easy one. Besides, I have a hard time saying no when asked to serve on the Lord's team.

I look forward to working closely with Pastor Rowold, and promise to do my best to serve the needs of the Council, Voters Assembly and our Congregation as a whole. Our first Council meeting of the new year is scheduled for February and I am excited to be a part of it!

With out a doubt, the most challenging task of my last term as Council President came with the announcement of Pastor Gustafson's plan to retire. This set off an entire chain of important events, from the formation of our Call Committee through Pastor Rowold ultimately being Called, and thankfully accepting, as our new Pastor.

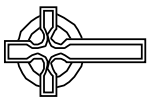
I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of President Timothy Yeadon. Shortly after learning of Pastor Gustafson's retirement plans, I was contacted by President Yeadon. I told him of my plan to hold a special Council meeting and he immediately said that he would be there to provide guidance and support. It was at this moment that I started to learn of the intricacies of the strong and well-organized support system we have in the New England District.

President Yeadon regularly checked in with me throughout the entire process and never seemed to do so out of obligation, but because he deeply cared about Cheshire Lutheran Church and all the "Saints" he was so happy to serve and lead. I will fondly remember his smiling face as he proudly and joyfully participated (and cheer-leaded) as the congregation would sing, "This is the Feast of Victory", when we had the honor of having him preside over one of our Holy Communion services.

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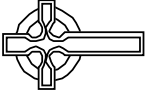
Yours in Christ,
Jeff


Jeff Mann
Parish President



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February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:30 Bible Study 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	3 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up 3:00 Evangelism Mtg (via zoom)	4	5 9:00 Quilts of Valc...
6 8:00 Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	7	8 7:00 Council Meeting	9 1:30 Bible Study 6:30 Scholarship Committee Mtg (via zoom) 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	10 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	11	12
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FEBRUARY SERVERS LIST

	<u>Readers/Altar Assistants</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers (month)</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Altar Guild (month)</u>
February 6 8:00	(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup - Isaiah 6:2-8 (I) – John Balash - 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 – John Balash		8:00 Craig Wilson Alan Spouse		Ethel Daly Christine Mason
10:30	- Isaiah 6:2-8 (I) – David Schrumm - 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 – David Schrumm		10:30 Rob DeLaubell John Casberg	Parish	
February 13 8:00	- Jeremiah 17:5-8 – Andy Clark - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 – Bruce Emerick				
10:30	- Jeremiah 17:5-8 – Beth Soulier - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 – David Zeppieri				
February 20 8:00	- Genesis 45:3-15 (I) – Terri Daly - 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 – Terri Daly				
10:30	- Genesis 45:3-15 (I) – Bill Soulier - 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 – Bill Soulier			Parish	
February 27 8:00	- Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – John Shepard - Hebrews 3:1-6 – Craig Wilson			Bell	
10:30	- Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – Christina Plantier - Hebrews 3:1-6 – Todd Plantier			Bell	

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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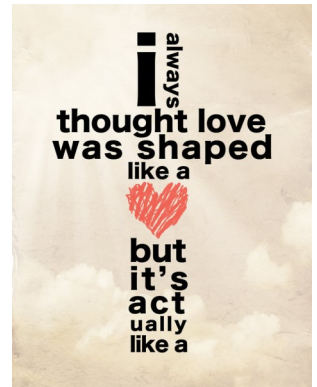
deserve to be loved by Him, and His love for you moves Him to give of Himself, even if it means giving His very life.

Loving like that is not easy, especially for us. The love that we so often have for others always seems to have some kind of selfish aspect to it; there is usually some benefit that we derive from the love that we have for others. What we get in return is different with each kind of love, but it's always there, even if slight. No, the truth is that we are not able to "agape" love each other; that kind of love only comes from God. It is God's gift to you and me, but it's a gift that He gives to us in abundance, so that you can share it with others.

God gave you His "agape" love in the waters of Holy Baptism. He continues to shower it upon you in His Holy Word and in Holy Communion. He shares it with you freely in Holy Absolution. God's "agape" love is yours in abundance and so we can and we do "agape" love others – in and through Christ Jesus. Even if they may not deserve it, even if it may be difficult for us, even if it means giving of ourselves to do it. God in Christ Jesus "agape" loved you first, and He fills you so full with it that you cannot stop it from overflowing from you to others.

Once February 15 rolls around, all the ways to express your love that are so abundant before Valentine's Day will be gone. In fact, they may start to disappear even before Valentine's Day itself arrives. Even after all the retailers have switched their sights to Easter and they are not thinking about "love" anymore, God's love – His "agape" – for me and for you will remain. It will never go away or disappear. In Christ Jesus, God will always love you.

In Christ,
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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

A huge thank you to our Sunday School teachers for giving of their time and talents to prepare lessons each week.

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:10 as we learn how God redeems his people.

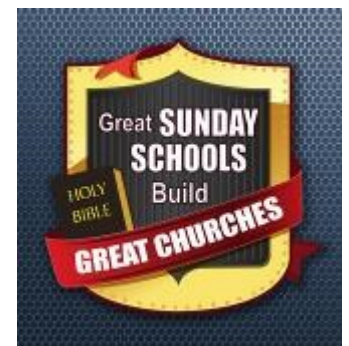
We will have a brief opening in the Sanctuary all together at 9:10 a.m. before going to our individual classrooms. In the event that the sanctuary is not available at 9:10, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall on those days.

High School Bible Study resumed January 9th using its own topic studies with Mr. Andy Clark.

Even if you have not joined us yet this school year, there is still a place for you here.

See you Sunday Mornings.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...



We have been very blessed with little snow accumulations thus far. It has given the children the chance to play outdoors. Both classes have been busy making bird feeders for the birds this winter. We hung them outside the classroom, so the children can see when a bird perches on a branch to eat the birdseed off their Pinecone and from the bagels. Very Exciting.... So much fun - Winter Fun!

The 3's class learned about back yard birds; their craft was a paper cardinal sitting on it's branch with white snow. They also had a great craft which was winter trees, trees in the forest covered in snow. One of the weeks, they learned about dinosaurs and created art projects relating to dinosaurs. They named it Me A Saurus. They then moved on to learning about their 5 senses and finished the month off with dental health.

The 4's class was busy. We finished up all their surprise Christmas gifts for their moms and dads. We moved on to learning about what opposites mean and having them come up with their own ideas for opposites. We read the Gingerbread Man and had them decorate a felt gingerbread boy/girl. They turned out so great. Some of the stories we read were "Little Owls Snow", "Over and Under the Snow", "Time to Sleep" (Beth and I taught them what it means to hibernate and how they hibernate. Where do they sleep? When do they wake up and what animals hibernate?) We read "The Mitten" and continued with corresponding crafts. They created their own designs on paper mittens.

The last week of the month, we worked on matching. Art consisted of them picking out two mittens that were in a pile of mixed paper mittens. After they matched them to create a pair, they hung them on a yarn clothesline. On one of the snowy days, they painted snow with watercolors. We had missed some of the discussion topics and some of the science experiments we had planned for December, so we did a bit of catch up. Finally, we had a pajama day. They brought in snuggly stuffed animals to keep them company all day. And we watched a movie "Gods Little Creatures", the story of forgiveness. What could go wrong? Oh, Beth and I wore our PJ's as well.

The 4's worked on letters O, P, Q and R. The numbers they worked on all month were 13, 14, 15, 16. Bible in the 4's class was Jonah and the Big Fish, Simeon and Anna, Jesus at the Temple and Jesus Grows Up.

The 3's Bible stories were Simeon and Anna, Jesus Grow Up, Jesus at the Temple and Jesus chooses 12 friends. The numbers they worked on were 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4. The letters they worked on were O, P, Q, R.

Since our winter break ended, our 3's and 4's have grown up so much. You can see that a light has gone on in their brains. When we ask them questions, they answer them correctly. Both classes are noticeably understanding our Bible stories. They're reciting the story back to us. It is wonderful to see how much they know, that they can take it with them throughout their lives.

I had the opportunity to substitute in the 3's. I thoroughly enjoyed the time with the children. They were all so well behaved and eager to learn and communicate with their friends. I will be in the 3's classroom again on Thursday, January 27 and am looking forward to spending time with them.

The 4's had to cancel class for several days during the months of November and December. We were all a close contact to a child who developed COVID. We had other children in my class whose families develop COVID. All the COVID transmissions started from their siblings who attend public school. My family, including my husband, had COVID, so I isolated. I am thankful that the policies for COVID are changing again to less days of quarantine, being able to take a rapid home test and the ability to go back to school or work if you test negative, symptoms subside, and you are fever free for 24 hours. I want to share with you that a family in the 3's class purchased us an air purifier for our classroom.

We had a new student start on January 18, 2022; she had a wonderful time. A new student started in the 4's class on January 17 as well. He had a wonderful day. I am working on another new child in the 3's class.

WE'RE GROWING!!!!

God Bless,
JoAnn

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

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Our featured member for February 2022 is **Fred Neuffer**. Fred was born in Brooklyn, New York. His parents were immigrants from Germany. Fred was an only child, which was his wish. Fred's parents moved often. He lived in all 5 boroughs of New York - Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. Fresh Meadows, Long Island was where Fred lived from the age of 15-25. He attended a very good high school, Newtown High in Elmhurst N.Y., where he discovered that his favorite subjects were math and shop class. After graduation he took a job with the North Shore Tool and Die Corporation. He learned the tool and die trade like his father.

He went to college at night for a year and a half, where he studied mechanical engineering and business as well as training with the Naval Reserve. Fred served for 5 years and was discharged. He was drafted in 1943 and shipped to Fort Belvoir in Virginia. Fred trained with the Corp of Engineers in warfare and pontoon and bridge building. He then shipped overseas to Bordeaux, France. He worked on building at an air base in Bordeaux.

World War II called all American citizens to fight for freedom.

He got a job with Kollsman Instrument Corporation, well known for aircraft instrumentation and systems.

Fred's mother passed away when he was 21 years old. His father remarried a wonderful woman. Fred had a wonderful relationship with her and called her Mom.

Fred met his wife Elsie on a blind date. They met in March, got engaged in June and married September 2, 1956. Their relationship blossomed. They have 3 daughters: Kristina lives in Plainville, CT, Heidi lives in Lexington, KY, and Monica lives in Las Vegas, NV. There is also 1 grandson, 2 granddaughters and 1 great grandson. Blessings all!

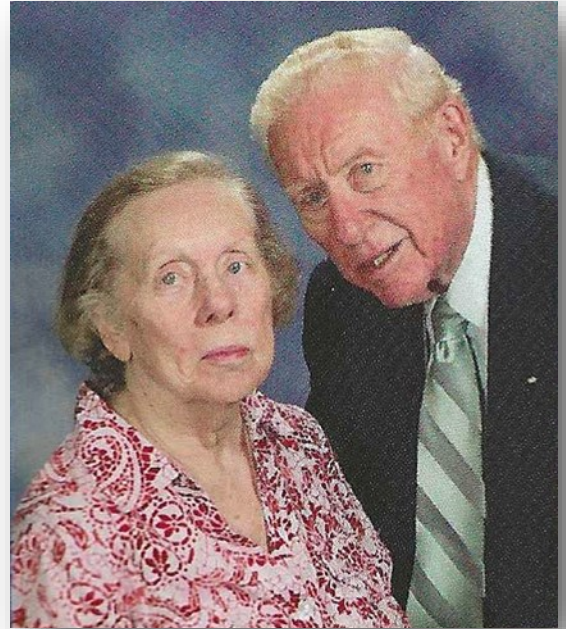
Fred and Elsie moved to Cheshire in 1969. They left for South Carolina in 1999 and returned to Cheshire in 2011. Elsie passed away in 2017, after 61 years of marriage.

Fred lives in Ashlar Village in Wallingford. He has a wonderful apartment there. He loves music and miniature trains. He belongs to the miniature train club at Ashlar Village. He enjoys it very much.

Fred served as Treasurer and President of Cheshire Lutheran Church in the past.

He also likes to spend time live streaming basketball games from Europe, where his grandson Wade plays professionally. Don and I have friends in New Jersey who we went with to see Wade play in Florida when he was playing for Vanderbilt University. Our friends are Wade's aunt and uncle. We spent time with Fred's daughter Monica who is Wade's mother. We had a wonderful time.

It has been my pleasure to submit this article. Diane Drust, member of the evangelism committee.



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





NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

We will resume Sunday morning **Coffee Hour** in February with improving Covid-19 rates. Gathering is an important aspect of being a family of God and I look forward to more opportunities to come together in the coming months. We remain vigilant in protecting our members from the spread of Covid-19. Thank you to all those that signed up to host. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up on the board.

LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY TBD...

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday March 2nd. This begins the season of Lent 2022.

TBD regarding Soup & Salad Supper followed by a short Bible study due to COVID status and guidance from our Health and Safety committee.

We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend these evening gatherings. The meals are followed by a short Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.

Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline.

There will be a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Clark.



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.



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!

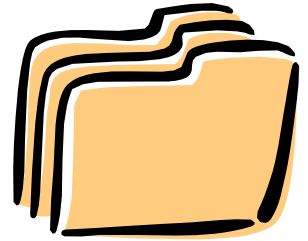


SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

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.

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.

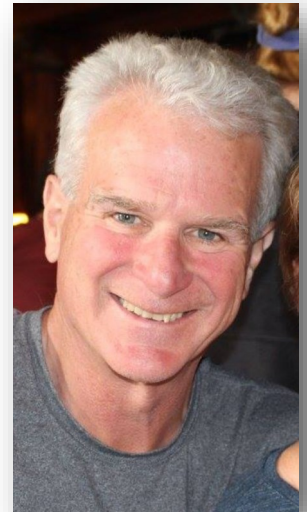


NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

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.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

In December, we were able to fully utilize and enjoy the new audio/video equipment. Special care was utilized during the purchase process that the equipment be easy to use for volunteers, including those with no prior background in sound or video equipment. Do you take videos with your phone? Are you interested in learning more about audio/video and streaming technology?

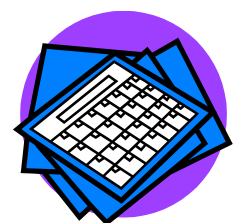
Offer your time and increase your video talent and assist with running the new equipment for an 8 AM church service. You will be helping Pastor Rowold and our Service to go live on YouTube. Contact Tim Weiland or Bill Juul for details.

We will train volunteer staff on all of the equipment and help troubleshoot any problems that may arise as people master the system. Your efforts will give you new skills you can carry into other areas of their lives if you so choose.



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2022...

2022 Calendars are here! The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Al-derson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table any time.





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 & 10:30 AM services on Sunday February 27
- ♪ Parish Choir sings at Ash Wednesday Service on March 2nd

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 2 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 6 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 9 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 13 - Sunday	8:00 AM	Service	No Choirs
	10:30 AM	Service	No Choirs
February 16 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 20 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 23 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 27 - Sunday	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 2 - Wednesday Ash Wednesday	7:10 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir



CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class meets 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, February 20.



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.

LITTLE CHERUBS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS...

JoAnn, Director of our Little Cherubs Preschool is looking for substitutes. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma, pass a background check (finger printing required) and basic health screening. Substitutes may be called early in the morning on the day they are needed, if one of our teachers calls out sick.

If interested or if you know someone who might qualify, Contact **JoAnn Holstein** at 203-272-1150. If I am not in the office, please leave a message. I look forward to connecting with you.

Have a wonderful February! Happy Valentine's Day from Little Cherubs Christian Preschool.
God Bless to All,
JoAnn



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT CLC...

On Sunday, February 13th, millions of Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop your soup donations in the totes located under the counter near the library entrance or place a monetary donation in the red box labeled "**Souper Bowl**" located on the counter by February 13th or on Thursday February 3rd or 10th, from 10:00am until noon, during open office hours. CLC's donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



Thank you,
Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

February

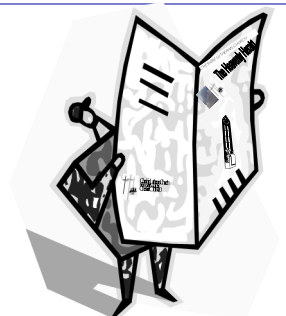
February 18, 1546	Martin Luther dies at the age of 66
February 2, 1958	First Holy Communion Service celebrated under parish sponsorship
February 16, 1967	Congregant Pfc Gary Richards dies in Vietnam (town of Cheshire's first casualty)
February 4, 1968	Dedication of Bell Tower, in memory of CLC member Pfc Gary Richards, the first Cheshire soldier to be killed in the Vietnam War
February 25, 2018	Rev. Rowold's installation service at CLC
February 28, 2018	Rev. Rowold's conducted first Lenten Wednesday evening Bible Study and Service.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(March 2022 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday February 18th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table. Thank You!



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



Here is a final update on the 2022 pledge campaign (data as of January 20th, 2022):

- ✦ We received 60 pledge cards returned for 2022
- ✦ As a point of reference, we had 65 pledges for 2021
- ✦ I am pleased to note that 2022 includes 5 new pledging units as compared to 2021!

A more detailed report will be provided to the Voter's Assembly; if you would like additional summary level information, please let me know.

It is never too late to return your pledge card! In fact, if you have misplaced your pledge packet, an email, phone call or handwritten note to the church office would suffice.

Thank you again for all that you do!

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

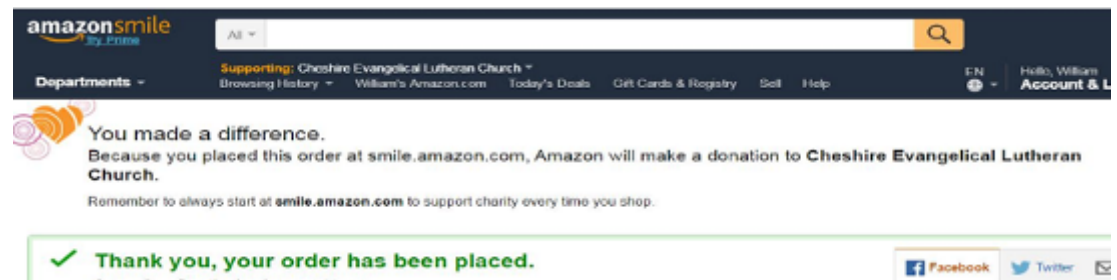
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



You Shop. Amazon Gives

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

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



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

Sweet News from the Youth Group!



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

On Sunday, February 13th we will be selling handmade chocolates between services and again after the second service. Proceeds will go towards expenses for our three youth who are attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Texas in July.

Any youth who'd like to help make chocolates can come to the youth room on Saturday, February 12th. What a sweet way to earn volunteer hours!

Lisa Muller
Youth Deacon

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise June 17, 1932 ~ Sunset December 31, 2021

Joseph William Stark

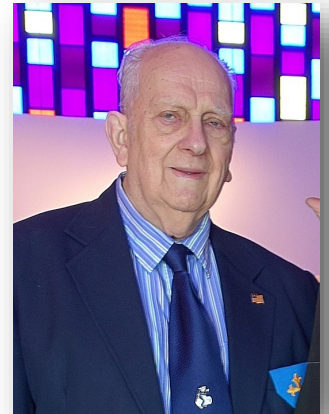
On December 31, 2021, our brother in Christ “*Joe Stark*” went to his heavenly home after battling heart disease for several years.

Joe was always thankful of the many blessings and opportunities God gave him and enjoyed his church membership at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

One of his favorite hobbies was woodworking, crafting everything from large pieces of furniture to children’s wooden toys. He made the life-size nativity that adorns our lawn at Christmas.

A memorial service will be held at CLC in April.

We join the Stark family in grieving the loss of Joe and we cling to our Savior Jesus as we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with them and all the faithful around the throne in heaven.



The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod also said Good Bye to two prominent Pastoral Leaders in the New England District.

Sunrise January 11, 1947 ~ Sunset January 15, 2022

Pastor Ingo Rolf Dutzmann

On January 15, 2022, our brother in Christ “*Pastor Ingo Dutzmann*” left us after taking his last breath in his home in Harpswell, Maine. While we are not meant to question or to understand why these things happen, you can’t help but feel the loss of someone that has touched the lives of so many. He went to his heavenly home after battling heart disease for several years.

Ingo preached his way across North America, meeting as many people as he could along the way, performing baptisms, confirmations, communions and weddings, educating, counseling, listening, visiting, feeding, and praying with people from all walks of life. His journey led him to the Senior Pastor position at the First Lutheran Church of Boston in 1997 where he retired in May 2019. He was a dear friend of our Pastor N and the Souliers knew him, having attended First Lutheran when in town visiting Kiley when she was in college in Boston.



Sunrise June 27, 1959 ~ Sunset January 16, 2022

Rev. Dr. Timothy Yeadon

On January 16, 2022, our brother in Christ “*Pastor Timothy Yeadon*” passed away peacefully after a courageous battle.

In 2012, Tim was elected District President of the New England District as a Bishop. During the next 9 years, he traveled extensively throughout New England as well as to Liberia, and Germany in 2017, taking a group of Lutherans to visit historical sites of significance to the Reformation. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Concordia Seminary which was awarded in the spring of 2021.

Pastor Yeadon was a dear friend of CLC, especially during our Call for a new Pastor after Pastor G retired. Last year, he visited us in celebration of Pastor N’s 60th Anniversary of his Ordination.



“...Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ”John 13:1

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

Matthew 25:21

THE RIPPEL REPORT—DECEMBER 2021..

The Four Chaplains

Jesus said, "My commandment is this: Love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them." (John 15:12 - 13)

In his postwar memoirs, Sir Winston Churchill grimly admitted that the only period where he believed World War II was lost concerned the events, he termed the "Battle of the Atlantic." Ships and crews were being lost at a tragic rate and could not be replaced fast enough.

It is against this backdrop that the events concerning the story of the four chaplains begins to unfold.

Dateline: February 3, 1943 - North Atlantic water: near Greenland...

In the icy dawn, the S.S. Dorchester, an old ship hastily pressed into service as a troop transport, pushed through heavy seas with 904 American servicemen aboard, bound for Greenland. The Dorchester was close enough to her destination that her convoy and escort ships had left her to her fate. German submarines preyed on any and all shipping in these waters.

An enemy submarine had been stalking the troop ship undetected, now prepared for action.

The Dorchester's crew and troops on board were under orders to wear their life jackets at all times, especially when they slept in their bunks. Still, everyone was caught off guard when a torpedo slammed midship and exploded in the boiler room. Many men died instantly while others were trapped below decks. Jolted from their bunks, sleepy soldiers and sailors struggled to reach the top deck of the stricken ship. The heavily loaded troop ship began to sink rapidly. Frigid Atlantic waters gushed through the gaping hole in the starboard side of the ship.

On the ship's bridge, the captain ordered the radio operator to send S.O.S., the emergency distress call for immediate assistance. Several miles away, the convoy and escort ships had heard and witnessed the explosion in the pre-dawn darkness. Escort and rescue vessels raced to the scene. Exposure to the frigid waters and arctic winds meant loss of life within 20 minutes!

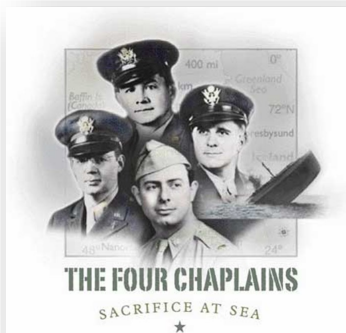
On deck, amid the confusion and terror, four army chaplains were seen moving among the troops, calming frightened men, directing bewildered soldiers to lifeboats, and distributing life jackets with calm precision. Though the supply of life jackets was soon exhausted the four chaplains tried to restore order amidst the chaos on the tilting deck.

Later, many survivors who witnessed these scenes agreed on key details as this life and death drama unfolded. Quickly the four chaplains stripped off their own life jackets and forced them upon young soldiers who had none. One survivor testified he saw one chaplain -- he did not know which one --- force his life jacket over a young soldier who was sobbing hysterically. Grady Clark heard the boy say, "Damn it, I don't want your belt!" The chaplain showed his rank and said, "Get into this soldier, and get into it fast!" Then he gave the boy a shove with his open hand, sending him careening down the deck. The chaplain slid after him, lifted him off the deck and dropped him in the water.

The four chaplains, as men of God and faith had given away their only means of saving themselves in' order to save their fellow man, what is especially profound and beautiful about this epic of heroism is the fact that these chaplains were of different faiths and separate denominations.

There was the Rev. George L. Fox - a Methodist, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode - Jewish Chaplain, Rev. Clark C. Poling of the Dutch Reformed Church, and Father John P. Washington - a Roman Catholic Priest. Yet, in those fateful moments of decision, none of the chaplains would ask

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any of the soldiers ---are you a Catholic, Protestant or Jew?? There were no questions of depth of faith nor denominations or doctrine.

It did not matter; the four chaplains knew that human beings, God's children, stood before them in desperate need and these chaplains had been ordained and commissioned to serve God and humanity.

It is impossible to know exactly what happened in the final 27 minutes it took the *Dorchester* to sink into the Atlantic depths. No one knows with conviction whether the four chaplains made their final decision alone or together.

Men rowing away from the stricken ship in lifeboats witnessed the four chaplains clinging to each other on the slanting deck, their arms linked together, and their heads bowed. They were praying to the one God whom each of them served: the God and Father of all mankind. The *S.S. Dorchester* sank beneath the icy waters of the North Atlantic carrying with her four chaplains and 670 soldiers and sailors to watery graves.



Submitted in His Service,
Charlie Rippel

STATUS OF COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS AT CLC...

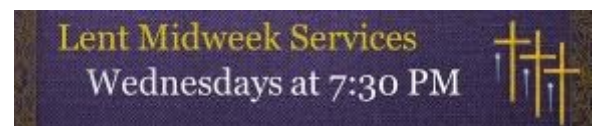
Please remember that there are still some Covid precautions in place at CLC due to the surge in cases caused by the Omicron variant. At the moment, we are still wearing masks inside the Church building (but not outside), and we also continue to limit the number of households at the altar rail at one 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 lifting the last remaining precautions; please be patient and understanding while we do it. If you have questions about any of our Covid precautions, please speak Pat DiDomizio or any of the members of the Wellness & Safety Committee. Take care of yourself and stay healthy.



LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS...

Lent begins this year in the beginning of March, with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. We will be having service that evening at 7:30 p.m. and we'll have both the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion as part of the service. We will also be having our usual Midweek services at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent and evening services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.



No decisions have been made yet about our traditional Soup & Salad Suppers or the accompanying Bible study; we continue to monitor conditions related to Covid-19 infections, which will greatly influence the result. Lent devotions for adults and for kids will also be available. Watch for more information about the Supper & Study and the availability of the devotions.

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Special thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations and Tree this year. Many hands do make light work!
- ✦ Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Tim Weiland for serving as our CLC photographer and over all Church Historian. Tim can always be seen with camera in hand either during events or even during the week when he is taking pictures at and around our beautiful grounds. We are BLESSED!
- ✦ Another Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Bill Juul for serving as our CLC videographer and audio recording expert. Check out both Tim's pix and Bills audio and video recordings on our website. Thank you Bill...
- ✦ Sincere thanks to the crew that disassembled our beautiful (Stark) Crèche. You always work so hard to treat it with such loving care. Thank you



ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

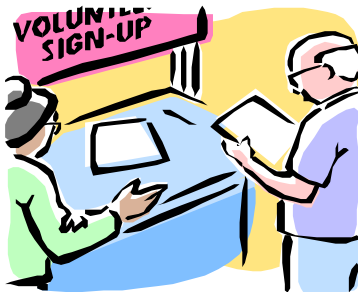
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- ✦ CLC Usher Sign Up Schedule
- ✦ Birthright Needs Volunteers information
- ✦ Information regarding volunteers needed to run our newly installed Sound and Video equipment from HBCommunications and sign up sheet
- ✦ Independence Northwest looking for Volunteers
- ✦ Sunday Morning Coffee Hour sign ups— Per COVID regulations
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Helping Hands Sign ups
- ✦ Souper Bowl Sunday information
- ✦ Pastor Wismar presents Rome, Florence and Venice trip information
- ✦ Highwire Dear and Animal Farm in Woodbury information
- ✦ Piano for Sale information

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.



INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL...

2022 OFFICERS AND DEACONS

Installed

JANUARY 9, 2022

Parish President	Jeff Mann	Evangelism	Marilyn Miller
Vice President	Bill Soulier	Fellowship	Pam Clark
Recording Secretary	Vicki DePaolo	House and Grounds	Todd Plantier
Financial Secretary	Alan Santoro	Social Welfare	Nancy Engelhardt
Treasurer	Bill Sherman	Stewardship	Rob DeLaubell
Christian Education	Craig Wilson	Worship	Tim Weiland
Christian Growth Fund	David Schrumm	Youth	Lisa Muller



Our Sincere Thanks to Steve Feero, Terri Daly, Guy Mason and Andy Clark for their faithful service to the Council. Well done, good and faithful servants! A special thanks to Nancy Schweizer who will continue in the role of assistant to the Treasurer.

May God Bless their important works! We are very grateful for their wonderful talents and dedication!

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION PASTOR R...

Beginning, December 1, 2021, a change was made to the way that you can reach me. Some things are not changing, but others are, so I want to make sure that you are all aware of what is going on and how it may affect you.

First, what is not changing:

- ☛ Phone and text. These two continue to be the fastest ways to reach me, especially in the case of an emergency. I answer my calls and texts right away, regardless of the day or the hour. The only reason that I will not answer immediately is if I am unable to do so at that time. If that should occur, I will reply as soon as possible. Voicemails are only listened to by me, so you can leave whatever message you need, and I am also the only one who reads my texts.

Second, what is changing:

- ☛ Email. I will no longer be receiving email notifications on my cell-phone, so I will not know when an email is sent to me during the evening or on my days off. While I will still check my email regularly when I am in the office, I will not be made aware of them when I am out of the office and will only occasionally check email during those times. This means that email is not a good way to reach me in an emergency; in those circumstances, please call or text. If the subject can wait until I am next in the office, then email is a fine way to contact me.



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me using the most appropriate method from the options above. Of course, you can always speak to me directly on Sunday morning or if you come by the Church office during the week.

God bless and keep you; stay safe and be well.

In Christ,
Pastor David Rowold

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

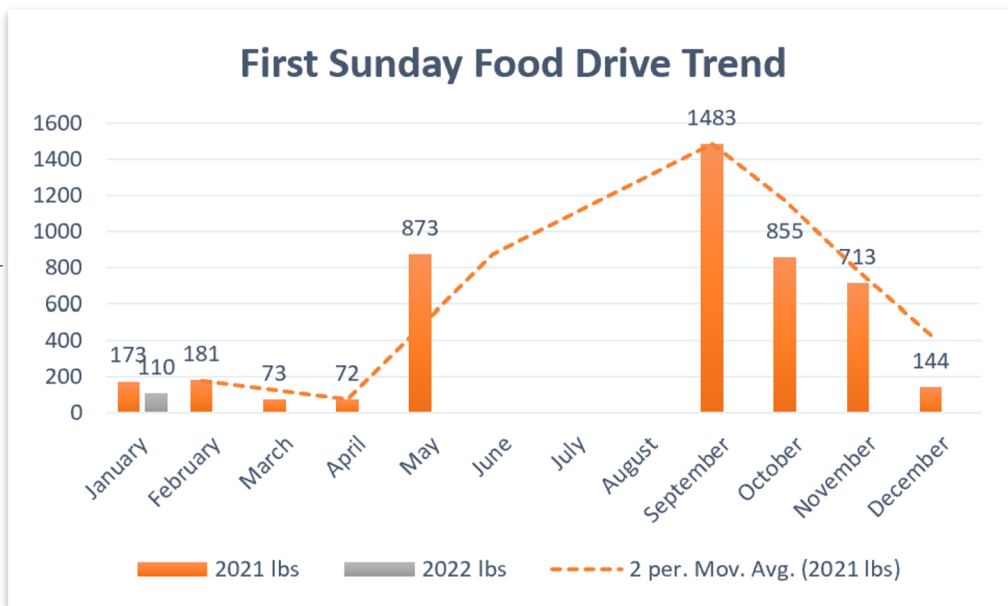
Walt Gancarz

Tim Weiland



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:

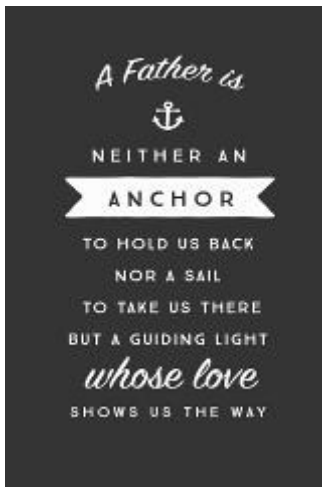
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position.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



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...

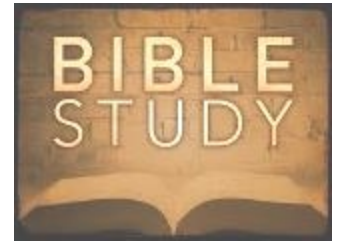


Bible Studies at CLC

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Sunday Adults Bible study meets Sunday mornings between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who is able to be with us in person. Our new study looks at various aspects of Jesus' Passion and each lesson will last one to two weeks, depending on the length of our conversations.



Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study meets Wednesdays 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; each lesson lasts two to three weeks, depending on the length of our conversations.

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.

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)



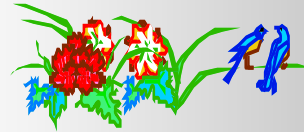
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2022

Somebody needs to get married in February!



- 1 Larry Fiedler
- 3 Charlie Rippel
- 7 Aimee Shepard
- 10 Christopher Shepard
Judi-Lynn Reidinger
- 11 Kiley Soulier
- 13 Regina Lynch
- 16 Jim Mertz
Priscilla Mulvaney
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
Bill Hillis
- 25 Gloria Nuechterlein
- 26 James Donewald
- 28 Vicki DePaolo



Happy Birthday!



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