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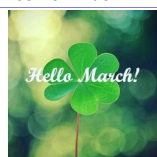
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast; Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past... Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days, That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise." *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* (LSB 418, stanzas 1 & 4)

There are many joyful times in the annual cycle of feasts, festivals, and holy days that make up the Church Year. The season of Lent is definitely not one of those times. In stark contrast to seasons like Christmas and Easter, with their brightness and up-tempo hymns and white paraments, stands the season of Lent, with its darkness and slow hymns and purple paraments. Unlike the parts of the Church year that focus on happiness and hope, Lent is the time when our attention turns to sin and sadness and repentance. It is the one part of the Church year about which no one has ever said, "That's my favorite!" – at least not within my hearing.

The reason people don't like Lent is because it is not a fun or easy time. It is forty days that we spend focusing on just how much we fail to live up to God's standards. For centuries, it has been a time of self-sacrifice, abstaining, and depriving oneself. It has long been a common practice for people to give something up for Lent, usually a guilty pleasure of an often-enjoyed luxury. In the Roman Catholic Church, abstaining from meat on Friday's has been part of the Lenten routine for centuries. Of course, we can't forget about the additional religious observances – the midweek services, the Lenten devotionals, and all those services during Holy Week.

Lent is not a joyful or happy time. It is often tiring and trying; when it is observed faithfully, it can also be humbling and humiliating. To be honest with God and with ourselves about our personal sinfulness, faults, and failings is hard and unpleasant. In truth, there are times in

everyone's life when they wish they could just skip over the forty days of Lent with the hardship they bring and jump straight from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Yet, in spite of all that is hard to deal with about the season of Lent, we still go through it each and every year.

We journey through those forty days of sin and difficulty that is Lent with our eyes fixed firmly on the other side, on Easter. We are able to endure the trying and tiring times because we know the joy that awaits us at the end. We are willing to experience the humbling and the hardship because we're looking ahead to the happiness and forgiveness that is ours after we pass through. The season of Lent is not fun, but we persevere as we march on toward our goal of Easter.

In many ways, the Lenten journey we travel together is a lot like your life. There are times in your life when it is not fun or easy. It may bring you suffering or sickness or sadness. You may endure pain or hardship or loss. You'll experience doubt and fear, loneliness and longing. At times, you may even wish that you could just skip over it all and get straight to the end, but still we journey through it. We live our lives much like we go through the season of Lent, with our eyes fixed firmly on the other side.

We are able to endure all that this life brings – including the hardship – because we know who and what awaits us at the end. The final Easter, when all the saints are reunited around the throne, waits for you and me and all the faithful. The happy homecoming with all we have lost and with our Lord is the destination to which we journey through this life. And it's your Savior Jesus who will strengthen you and see you through to the

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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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I look forward to working with the Voters to accomplish the work of the Church and encourage anyone interested in becoming a Voter to attend one of the remaining 3 Voters Meetings Scheduled through the end of the year to begin that process. In order to become a Voter, one needs to be an adult (minimum 18 years of age) confirmed member of the CLC Congregation.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

Our first Council meeting of 2022 was held on Tuesday, February 8th in the church library. It was nice that most members were able to attend in-person; however, we kept the Zoom option available as we understand there are still certain concerns surrounding the on-going pandemic situation. This process will continue until such time as it no longer seems needed or desired. We are blessed to have a dedicated and hard working Council and I am blessed to serve with these good people.

By the time this newsletter is available for your reading, we will have had our first Voters Meeting of 2022. I look forward to working with the Voters to accomplish the work of the Church and encourage anyone interested in becoming a Voter to attend one of the remaining 3 Voters Meetings Scheduled through the end of the year to begin that process. In order to become a Voter, one needs to be an adult (minimum 18 years of age) confirmed member of the CLC Congregation.

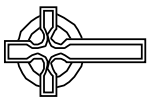
We are in the planning stage of preparing for our Financial Records Review and are looking for a couple of members with financial/accounting backgrounds to serve on this committee. If you are qualified and interested, please reach out to me via email at president@cheshirelutheran.org or feel free to approach me at church. You can also give me a call at (203) 699-9298 (home).

As we go through the season of Lent, CLC will return to our tradition of mid-week Soup, Salad and Devotional Lessons prior to our Wednesday evening Lenten Services. Please watch for upcoming details concerning participation and soup making signups! This is a great time to enjoy in-person fellowship and try out some delicious new soups in the process. I hope to see you there and please consider bringing a friend, neighbor or anyone looking to enjoy some good Christian fellowship.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 8th and our next meeting of the Voters Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at 11:30.

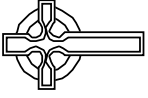
Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC President

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**



GLC

Calendar



March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 Parish Choir 7:30 Ash Wednesday Communion	3 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	4	5
6 8:00 Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	7	8	9 6:00 Soup & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 1 Service	10 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	11	12 9:00 Quilts of Valor
13 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship 7:00 Confirmation Class	14	15	16 6:00 Soup & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 2 Service	17 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	18	19
20 8:00 Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	21	22	23 6:00 Soup & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 3 Service	24 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	25	26
27 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship 7:00 Confirmation Class	28	29	30 6:00 Soup & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 4 Service	31 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up		

MARCH SERVERS LIST				
Readers/Altar Assistants	Acolytes	Ushers (month)	Choir	Altar Guild (month)
(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup				
March 2 – Ash Wednesday 7:30 - Joel 2:12-19 (I) – Karen Weiland - 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 – Karen Weiland		<u>8:00</u>		Arta Dobbs Carol Santoro
March 6 8:00 - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (I) – Buzz Gancarz - Romans 10:8b-13 – Buzz Gancarz 10:30 - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (I) – Jeff Mann - Romans 10:8b-13 – Jeff Mann		<u>10:30</u>	Parish Choir	
March 9 - Lent 1 7:30 - TBD		David Veleber Alan Santoro	Soloist	
March 13 8:00 - Jeremiah 26:8-15 – Lynn Balash - Philippians 3:17-4:1 – Vicki DePaolo 10:30 - Jeremiah 26:8-15 – Vanessa Falk - Philippians 3:17-4:1 – David Veleber			Soloist	
March 16 - Lent 2 7:30 - TBD			Soloist	
March 20 8:00 - Ezekiel 33:7-20 (I) – Steve Feero - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 – Steve Feero 10:30 - Ezekiel 33:7-20 (I) – Todd Plantier - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 – Todd Plantier			Parish Choir	
March 23 - Lent 3 7:30 - TBD			Bell Choir	
March 27 8:00 - Isaiah 12:1-6 – Marilyn Miller - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Karen Bailey 10:30 - Isaiah 12:1-6 – Gloria Nuechterlein - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Tim Weiland			Bell Choir	
March 30 – Lent 4 7:30 - TBD			Bell Choir	
			Parish Choir	

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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other side, the other side of Lent and the other side of this life.

The forty days of Lent are no fun, but we travel through them together, with our eyes fixed firmly on Christ Jesus and the Easter joy that waits for us. The years of your life will not always be easy, but we will get through them together, with our eyes fixed firmly on Christ Jesus and the eternal joys that are ours in Him. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you for the journey through Lent, through life, and to the eternal joys of heaven.

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

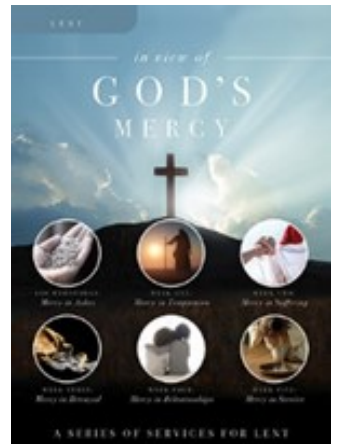
If you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please remember to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list. We take great joy when we are able to take a name off the list for good reasons.



LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES...

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. Our traditional Soup & Salad Suppers and the accompanying Bible study will also be happening at the usual time.

The theme for our Lent Midweek services this year is *In View Of God's Mercy*. Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. The services in this worship series for Lent by theology professor David Peter focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy made manifest in Christ.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

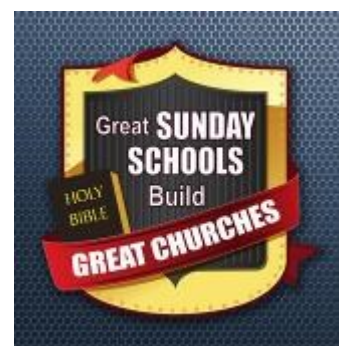
A huge thank you to our Sunday School teachers for giving of their time and talents to prepare lessons each week.

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

We will have a brief opening all together at 9:10 in the Fellowship Hall. This change allows us to not need to move the piano in and out of the sanctuary. Watch your email for information on when the kids will sing in church.

High School Bible Study resumed January 9th on 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



SINGING TOGETHER—A SIGNIFICANT SIGN OF OUR ONENESS...

by Pastor Louis Nuechterlein

A week or so ago I heard a fascinating lecture on the internet by Anton Armstrong, the conductor of the famed St Olaf Choir, based in Northfield, MN. One of the many points he made caught my particular attention – so much so that I want to share it with you, dear reader.

As he bemoaned the fact that we Americans seem to be sharply divided in so many matters, whether it be our political convictions, or whether or not to get vaccinated, or whether or not to wear masks, etc. etc. Dr Armstrong went on to point out that whenever we sing a song like “God Bless our Native Land” or a hymn like “Now Thank We All Our God”, our divisive spirit melts away. When we sing the former, we’re all just Americans, and when we sing the latter, we’re all just Christians. So it’s obvious, he said! Singing binds us together in a way that we may or may not always be aware of. Hence, a staunch Republican may be in church standing along side a staunch Democrat; but when they’re singing hymns (or confessing their faith), they’re doing so not as adherents of a political party, but as disciples of Christ.

You, the reader, may want to remind me that Christians through the ages have not always behaved well, that they have even fought bitter wars with one another over differences in their religious beliefs. And I’m sorry to have to admit that you’re right. But wouldn’t you also agree that here in America our track record as Christians is a relatively healthy one. For example, we members of CLC would feel equally comfortable singing “Now Thank We All Our God” if we happened to be in Cheshire’s Congregational Church or Cheshire Methodist Church or any other of our town’s Christian houses of worship. And even though we would never be asked to sing that Christian hymn in our local Jewish Temple, we as Americans have all been taught to have the highest respect for our Jewish neighbors

or for people of any other faith. We may be divided in our religious convictions; but as fellow Americans in this year 2022 we still do value one another – and do always stand ready to be of help to one another as neighbors or fellow townsmen.

So you see – I began this brief article acknowledging that in some ways we Americans admittedly have a considerable amount of work to do in cultivating a healthy respect for one another in spite of the political or personal issues we differ about; but lest we be too hard on ourselves, there are other ways in which we do still think highly of one another. And that brings me back to where I began – namely, to call your attention to the fact that our singing of patriotic songs and Christian hymns has value over and above giving honor and glory to our nation and to our God. It also strengthens the tie that binds us together as Americans and, in our case here at CLC, as Christians. SO – would you not agree – that it is indeed helpful and healthy for us to KEEP ON SINGING!



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.



This month marks one year since the Evangelism Committee began running our feature article “*Getting to Know Our Members.*” We hope you are enjoying the wonderful member stories that we share. Our featured member for March 2022 is Carolyn Bammann. Although she has been a member here at CLC for nearly 50 years, there may just be a few things you don’t know about her.

Carolyn (Smith) was born in Aurora, Illinois in 1932 and raised in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Her dad was in banking and during this time many banks were closing due to the infamous stock market crash. This forced him to relocate the family to the New York City area, where he found new employment.

After graduating high school in New Jersey and attending Ohio Wesleyan University, Carolyn went to the Tobé-Coburn Business School. This was a two (2) year, all year long, program which prepared her for a career in fashion merchandising. Upon graduation from Tobé-Coburn Business School, she moved to the SoHo area of NYC and began her career at City Stores Mercantile. Here she handled keeping up to date on the latest fashion trends and selecting, buying, and selling fabrics for clothing stores across the country.

In the Summer of 1959, Carolyn met John Bammann, who hails from Queens, NY. John was Lutheran and Carolyn was Presbyterian. They both belonged to an Episcopal church outreach group in Manhattan that was for young single Christians looking to meet other young single Christians. They met each other, were engaged four (4) months later, and married shortly after at a Lutheran service in a private home in Greenwich, CT in 1960.

John proudly served our country in the Navy on a Destroyer in the Pacific. It was quite a harrowing experience for him to serve during World War II. John came out of his Naval service with a pharmacy degree and began his career at a pharmaceutical company called Parke-Davis, which is now a subsidiary of Pfizer. Carolyn and John settled in Long Island, where they started their family with two (2) daughters who are well known to our CLC community, Eva (Schrumm) and Christine (Smith.) Ironically, Carolyn’s maiden name was Smith, so when Christine married Paul Smith, it brought Carolyn’s maiden name back into the family. Another Fun Fact: Eva married Jonathan Schrumm, whom she met at our CLC youth group when they were both young church goers.

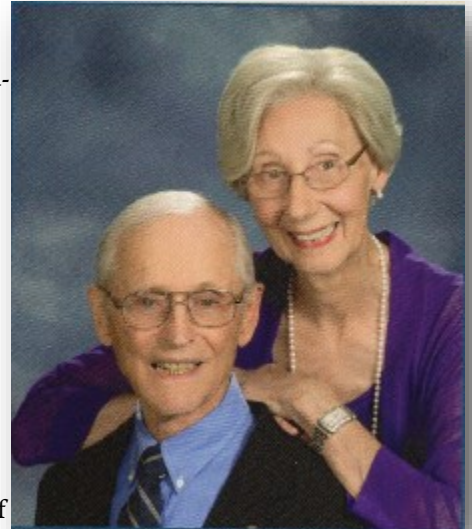
Christine and Eva expanded Carolyn and John’s family to include five (5) granddaughters and three (3) great granddaughters! Boys just were not in the cards for the Bammann family, but Carolyn and John truly welcomed the wonderful husbands their daughters chose into their family, as if they were their own sons.

What brought the Bammann Family to Cheshire, CT? John’s pharmaceutical territory spanned the New York City area, but Carolyn wanted to raise the girls in a more suburban setting than the big city. She encouraged him to apply for a change of territory. He was able to take an opening in Connecticut, so they drove up to check out our state searching for the perfect place to raise their family. Cheshire was it! They moved here in 1973 and Carolyn, her daughters, and granddaughters are all members of CLC. Not only were Eva and Christine both married here in our church, but all their daughters were baptized and confirmed here as well.

Carolyn and John had fun traveling the US on bus tours to explore American history, which is a true passion of hers. Carolyn appreciated visiting places like Gettysburg, PA and St. Augustine, FL because she likes to sense the value of what people went through to make our country what it is today. They traveled twice a year – one trip was to take the family to a lake cottage in Maine, while the other trip entailed a bus tour of a historical site across the US. Carolyn was most fond of Mount Rushmore and the awe-inspiring historical value of our past Presidents’ faces carved in stone. John favored the trip to Gettysburg, which included visits to various battle fields, along with stories of the battles that took place in each.

Interests for Carolyn include reading, classical music, classic movies, baseball, and “anything that smacks of theater.” She prefers to read historical novels, especially stories based on WWII and Old English history. Her favorite music genre is classical

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with Chopin as a top choice, while she also likes big band music and jazz. She is entertained by Turner Classic movies and occasionally tunes into Netflix to view historical documentaries. Carolyn's dad grew up in Florida, where the Brooklyn Dodgers trained in the winter. Since his father had been a bat boy for them, he really took to baseball. He passed a love for the sport to Carolyn, who learned the game when she served as the scorekeeper for his twilight league. She lost interest in the Dodgers when they headed to Los Angeles and has been an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox ever since. As for theater, Carolyn took piano and dance lessons as a young girl and is a self-proclaimed "song and dance ham." She always jumped at any chance to "ham it up" on stage. She performed in countless local song and dance revues and drama clubs throughout NYC, including the St. Bart's Players.

Over the past 50 years of membership at CLC, Carolyn has been an extremely active volunteer. She belonged to both our Choir and Bell Choir, as well as served multiple times as President of the Women's Auxiliary. Carolyn learned the art of stained glass making when CLC member, Diddy Izard, started a women's group to teach them how to make stained glass. Carolyn was so delighted by her new skill that she formed her own business called *Carolyn's Glass Menagerie*, where she booked parties and traveled the state to display and sell her stained glass pieces. Her passion for crafting drove her to start the former CLC Craft Show and Bake Sale, together with Harriet Turskelson. The original fair featured only crafts for sale, but it grew so big that people had to wait in line to enter! It became a juried show where crafts needed to be entered and selected to curb the size of the event. Next, baked goods were added to the offerings. When Harriet moved away, Ellie Kenney came aboard and brought the addition of baking and selling apple pies. This later morphed into the Apple Pie Workshop, which we still enjoy today. In addition, Carolyn has served on numerous CLC committees including the Call Committee for Pastor Gustafson and the Building Committees for both the fellowship hall and preschool additions. Special thanks to Carolyn for all her dedicated service to our church.

Carolyn considers her daughters and their families to be her #1 priority and the cherry on top of her life. They have brought her so much joy with their husbands, children, and grandchildren, who continue to watch over her since John's passing in 2016. She is humbled by the compassion and kindness they continually show toward her. Being born an only child, her goal was to have a warm and loving family and she feels that the Lord listened and blessed her with the most wonderful family ever.

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

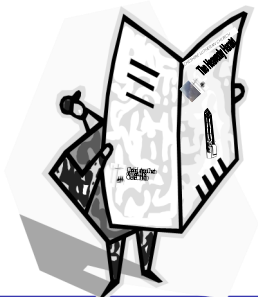


THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

March

March 30, 1958	Congregation chartered on Palm Sunday, with 71 communicants received as charter members
March 1960	The Rev. Darrel Geitz released to accept call to Our Savior and Messiah Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana
March 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms construction commenced



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(April 2022 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday March 25th** 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 THE WORSHIP DEACON...

You are cordially invited to be a:

- ✝ **Reader**
- ✝ **Usher**
- ✝ **Greeter**
- ✝ **Singer or Ringer**
- ✝ **Altar Guild**
- ✝ **Live Stream Camera Operator**

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 OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Our committee remains very busy:

- ✝ **Getting To Know Our Members**—We continue to interview our church members. Just to remind you, these interviews are voluntary. We have completed 1 year of articles in the Heavenly Herald
- ✝ **Greeting Cards to Members**—We will be sending cards to our members for their Birthday, Anniversary and Wellness. If u know if anyone that is not well ,please let us know if we can send a card
- ✝ **Quilts of Valor**—We had a great Quilts of Valor meeting on Feb 5. We had many sewers. We covered two veterans with gorgeous quilts made by our committee. We celebrated two retirements of our state reps and were introduced to our new leader. What a great day. If you would like to join the us our next gathering is March 12 at CLC
- ✝ **Scholarship Update**—We will be sending a letter to the congregation regarding donations for our scholarship program.

Thank you

Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon





NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Lenten Soup/Salad/Bible Study is Back:

We will prepare for Wednesday services with Bible study and a light, soup & salad dinner beginning March 9th at 6:00 PM before our Lenten service. Please join us for as many Wednesday evenings as possible and don't forget to sign up and perhaps bring your favorite soup to share. More information below.

Return of our successful Progressive Social Dinner:

Looking to get out this spring? Members have been asking to bring back the Progressive Dinner and it's time to start planning. If you would like to help with organizing this event. Please contact me via email or on Sunday mornings after the 8AM service.

Pam Clark



LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY RETURNS...

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

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 is 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 .



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!

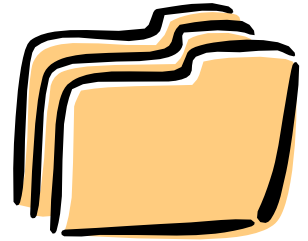


SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

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.

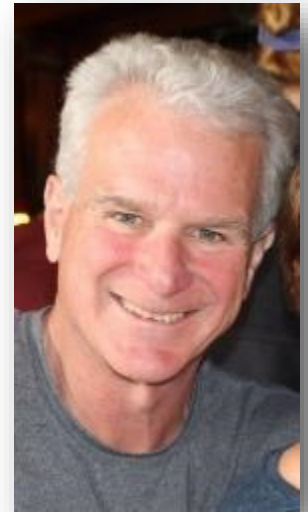


NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

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

CLC CHOIR NEWS...



All Choirs schedule slightly modified to include extra rehearsals and performances during Lent. Below is the plan for rehearsals and performances for Sunday, Wednesday and Thursdays:

Bell Choir:

- ♫ Bell Choir plays on Wednesday March 23rd, Sunday March 2nd, & Sunday March 27th
- ♫ Bell Choir rehearses on Ash Wednesday, Thursday March 10th & 17th, Wednesday March 23rd, & Sunday March 27th

Parish Choir:

- ♫ Parish Choir performs on Ash Wednesday March 2nd, Sunday March 6th, Sunday March 20th, Wednesday March 30th, & Sunday April 3rd.
- ♫ Parish Choir rehearses before each performance and after Wednesday after most midweek service on March 9th, March 16th, Thursday March 24th, & Wednesday March 30th.

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
March 2 - Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>1st Wednesday in Lent</i>	6:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 6 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 9 - Wednesday <i>2nd Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 10 - Thursday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 13 - Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	No Choirs		
March 16 - Wednesday <i>3rd Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 17- Thursday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 20 - Sunday <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 23 - Wednesday <i>4th Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 24- Thursday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 27 - Sunday <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Special Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	9:30 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 30 - Wednesday <i>5th Wednesday in Lent</i> <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 31- Thursday	No Choirs Rehearsal		
April 3 - Sunday <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

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



NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING - *Update:*

Thank you! We received the following in support of our Souper Bowl of Caring:

- ✦ Thrivent grant for \$250 which we used to purchase 126 cans of soup from Shoprite
- ✦ Soup donations prior to the event - 71 cans
- Soup donations during the event:
 - ✦ Cincinnati Bengals - 46 cans
 - ✦ Los Angeles Rams - 5 cans
 - ✦ No Opinion - 44 cans

Total soup donation **292** cans, and total cash donation, **\$145**

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY ADOPT A SHELF:

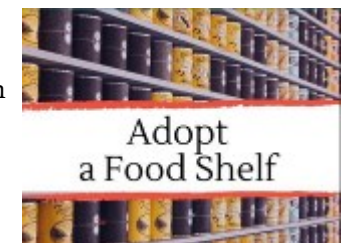
Cheshire food pantry is starting a new opportunity for Cheshire organizations to meet the food needs of their clients. They are asking organizations to adopt a shelf of an item and keep that item in stock. We are going to try this out for one year. Our item is SALAD DRESSING. We hope this makes your shopping for the food pantry easier. Just add Salad Dressings to your grocery list! Next week look for a new bin labeled SALAD DRESSING.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING - *Update:*

The Thanksgiving 2021 offering of \$508 was donated to Mid-South District Disaster Response LCMS tornadoes relief.

THANK YOU,

Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon



ADULT LENT DEVOTIONS...

Adult Lenten devotions are available from the counter outside the Church office. This year's devotion is *In View Of God's Mercy: Daily Devotions For Lent*. In these daily devotions for Lent, we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. Jesus helps us to see and experience the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection. We, in turn, are called by God to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our commitment to him in word and deed. Rich reflections by David Boyd help us to set our sights on what is meaningful and holy in our faith walk with God.





LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
1st Wednesday in Lent	Wednesday, March 2, 2022	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> —Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
2nd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 9, 2022	Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
3rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 16, 2022	Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
4th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 23, 2022	Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
5th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 30, 2022	Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
6th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, April, 6 2022	Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 10, 2022	Join us for Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and 8:00 AM Live Streamed via YouTube



THRIVENT MEMBER UPDATE...

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who directed Choice Dollars to Cheshire Lutheran Church during 2021. Thrivent Financial and their members have once again shown that a difference can be made by working together. Just a reminder to all Thrivent members that even though we are in a new calendar year, there is still time to allocate any remaining 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars that you may have available to you. Please check to see if you have Choice Dollars to allocate by either signing in to your account online or by calling Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836. You have until **March 31, 2022** to allocate any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars available to you.

If you have any questions on Thrivent or the Choice Dollar Program, please contact or Mark Manning at 203-241-0858.



Designate Choice Dollars by:

\$ March 31, 2022



HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Online

1. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
2. In the **"GET STARTED"** section on the right, click **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®**.
3. Log in by entering your user ID and password. (If you haven't yet registered on Thrivent.com, click **"Register for account access."**)
4. Choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars:
 - a. To direct to a previous organization:
 - Click **"Direct Now"** next to the organization's name, or
 - Click on the **"View activity history"** link, scroll down and click on the **name of the desired organization**.
 - b. To direct to a new organization, **enter keyword(s)** like organization name, ZIP code, cause, etc. Click **"Search."**
5. Choose **"Direct All"** or **enter a specific number** and click **"Direct Now."** Follow the prompts on the confirmation page to direct Choice Dollars.

By phone

1. Call **800-847-4836** and when prompted, say **"Thrivent Choice."**
2. **Press 1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.)
3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice Dollars.

You have the power to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

WANT TO MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER IMPACT?

Make a personal donation.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

More Sweet News from the Youth Group!



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



On behalf of the Youth Group I'd like to send heartfelt thanks to all who supported our chocolate sale on February 13th! Our youth worked diligently and creatively for five hours making a variety of sweet treats. We are planning a used clothing drive as our next fundraiser, so stay tuned for details.



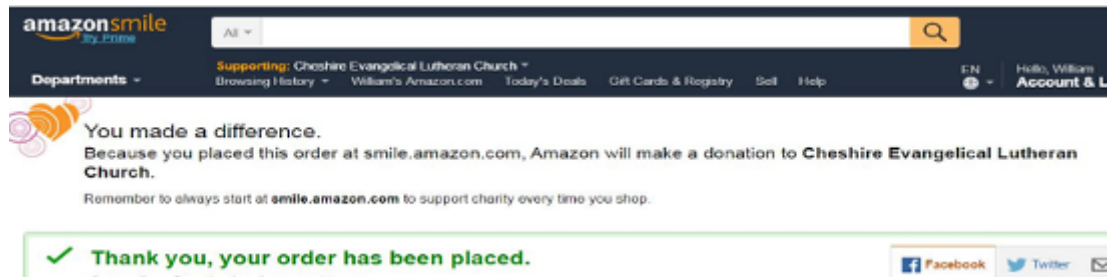
Lisa Muller
Youth Deacon



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

LENT DEVOTIONS AND MOBILE'S FOR KIDS...



Lent devotions for kids are available from the counter outside the Church office. This year we have *The Cross And Me: Daily Devotions For Lent*. Teach children the real meaning of "Take up your cross and follow me" with the true-to-life situational stories and scriptural reflections in *The Cross and Me*. Daily Lenten lessons from Jesus' parables and sermons are given modern day treatment through scenarios that children encounter each day. As followers of Christ, our actions and reactions to life events should be reflections of the fact that we are followers of Christ, throughout Lent and always.

We also have mobile, *The Cross And Me*, as a companion piece to the children's Lenten devotional booklet. Perfect as a centerpiece above the table or in the classroom, family room or bedroom, this mobile grows throughout Lent as we pray through the days until Jesus' glorious resurrection. Each day a new piece is added to the mobile, creating a Lenten decoration for kids and families. A daily devotional verse and Scripture passage are included on each piece. Cutting is required and string is not included.

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...

Michael Gustafson

One of our former members, Michael Gustafson (the son of Pastor Charles and Kathy Gustafson), died suddenly on February 9 of this year. At the request of the family, Pr. Gustafson led a private funeral service at CLC and Michael was buried at Hillside Cemetery.

While they (Pastor G, Kathy and Laura) appreciate the love and concern that you all have for them, they respectfully request that you do not attempt to contact them by telephone at this time. Written communication (by email or U.S. mail) is welcome, but please know that you may not receive an immediate reply.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pastor, Kathy, Laura, and their entire family. We join them in morning at their loss and we wait with them for the day when we will be reunited with Michael and all the faithful who have gone before us. In hope and confidence, we long for the eternal joys of paradise with Christ and all the saints in light.

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-14](#)



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.



MARCH 2ND IS..ASH WEDNESDAY!

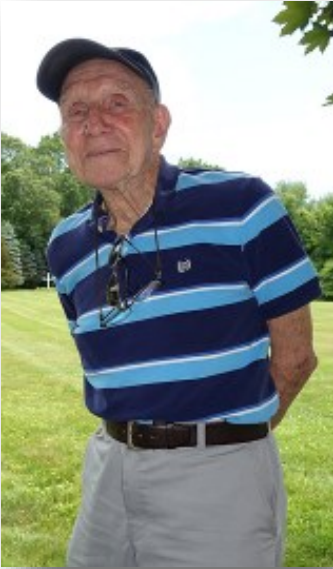
Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. We will have a service at 7:30 PM to begin this penitential season. Once again ashes will be offered to all who would like to receive them as part of their Lenten discipline.

Throughout the season of Lent, our Wednesday Evening Soup, Salad dinner followed by Bible Study returns. Then join us for the worship services on at 7:30 PM until Holy Week.



THE RIPPEL REPORT—DECEMBER 2021..

St. Patrick's Day



St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has colored its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the “wearing of the green”—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

Legend says St. Patrick was actually born Maewyn Succat, but that he changed his name to Patricius (or Patrick), which derives from the Latin term for “father figure,” after he became a priest. And that supposed luck of his is the root of all the themed merchandise for modern St. Patrick's Day.

Since the holiday falls during Lent, it provides Christians a day off from the prescriptions of abstinence leading up to Easter, and around the 1720s, the church found it “got kind of out of control,” Casey says. It was to remind celebrants what the holiday actually stood for that the church first associated a botanical item—customary for all saints—with St. Patrick, assigning him the symbol of the likewise lucky shamrock.

While St. Patrick's Day is now associated with wearing green, parades (when they're not canceled) and beer, the holiday is grounded in history that dates back more than 1,500 years. The earliest known celebrations were held in the 17th century on March 17, marking the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century. Learn more about the holiday's history and how it evolved into the event it is today.



1. The Real St. Patrick Was Born in Britain

Much of what is known about St. Patrick's life has been interwoven with folklore and legend. Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.



2. There Were No Snakes Around for St. Patrick to Banish from Ireland

Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record. And water has surrounded Ireland since the last glacial period. Before that, the region was covered in ice and would have been too cold for the reptiles.

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3. Leprechauns Are Likely Based on Celtic Fairies

The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

4. The Shamrock Was Considered a Sacred Plant

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the "seamroy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

5. The First St. Patrick's Day Parade Was Held in America

While people in Ireland had celebrated St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in America and actually predates the founding of the United States.

Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 17. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there. In 2020 and 2021, parades throughout the country, including in New York City and Boston were canceled or postponed for the first time in decades due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

6. The Irish Were Once Scorned in America

While Irish Americans are now proud to showcase their heritage, the Irish were not always celebrated by fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. While approximately 1 million perished, another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest-single population movement of the 19th century. Most of the exiles—nearly a quarter of the Irish nation—came to the shores of the United States. Once they arrived, the Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

7. Corned Beef and Cabbage Was an American Innovation

The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and cabbage—was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.

Submitted in His Service,
Charlie Rippel



Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Many thanks to the many unsung and dedicated hero's that donate their time and talents to "make things happen" here at CLC. Your love for us is felt and your hard work is appreciated
- † Sincere Thanks to all those that continue to make our Services and Church activities happen. Carol, for keeping us organized with all the information and materials each week, Martha, for tirelessly working to give us music each week, Steve Feero and Bill Juul for your technical expertise and continued vigor to improve congregants live stream experience. Know that your hard work and dedication is heartfully appreciated by all.
- † All those the work so hard to help make and keep our Youth and Sunday School program so vigorous. Your dedication is noticed and appreciated.



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.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

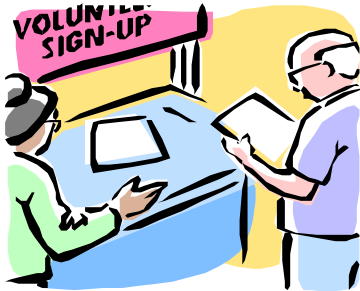
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † CLC Usher Sign Up Schedule
- † Bulletin from Pastor Yeadon Funeral
- † Obituary for Pastor Yeadon and our Joe Stark
- † Souper Bowl Results—UPDATE
- † Lenten Soup & Salad Dinner sign ups
- † Information regarding volunteers needed to run our newly installed Sound and Video equipment 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**
- † **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.
- † Telecommunicates Committee still needs help with running the streaming equipment on Sunday mornings.



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.



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.



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

Will be placed on the Columbarium over Memorial Day weekend May 30, 2022.

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

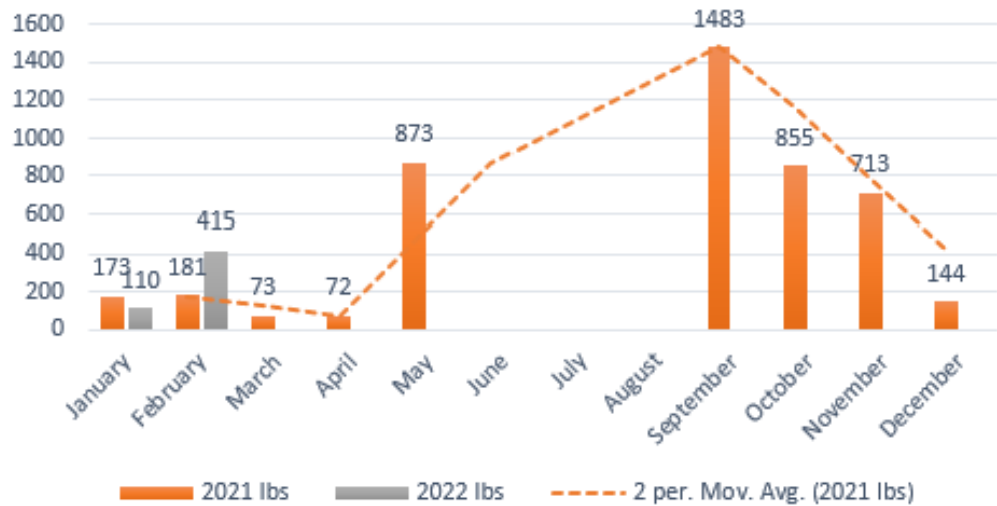
Tim Weiland



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

First Sunday Food Drive Trend



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:

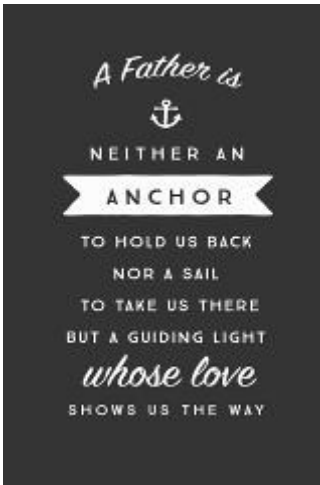
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position.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

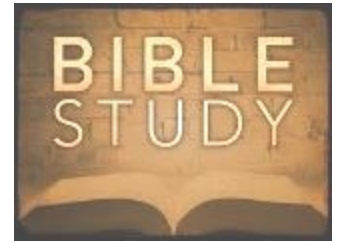


Bible Studies at CLC

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.

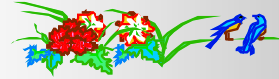
Sally Schrumm, Chairman
(phone 203-710-0753)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 2022

19 th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	39 Years
20 th	Joe & Joann Holstein	28 Years
21 st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	41 Years
22 nd	William & Barbara Hillis	48 Years



3rd David Schrumm
 4th Priscilla Troemel
 8th Kinsley Clark
 9th Melissa Veleber
 Ray Verner
 10th Eva Schrumm
 Hannah Kjeldsen
 Conner DeLaubell
 12th Noah Wilde
 13th Martha Medford
 15th Thom Zeppieri
 16th Ethel Daly
 Phil Giampietro
 17th John Taylor
 18th Robert Davis
 19th Laura Gustafson
 22nd Walter Gancarz
 23rd Robert Lamb
 24th Sandra Gayda
 26th Guy Mason
 Mary Lou Aston
 30th Rita Stark

COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, Council will meet on ***Tuesday March 8*** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person in the Library at CLC.

VOTERS MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, next Voters Assembly will meet on ***Sunday, May 22***, at after the late worship service via Zoom and in person at CLC.



CHURCH SERVICES

Please join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during Lent.



Cheshire Lutheran Church
 660 West Main St
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