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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" (Matthew 19:14 ESV)

It's the kind of image that makes a beautiful cover for a Sunday morning bulletin or picture in Sunday School lessons; Jesus surrounded by a group of children as He reaches out to place His hands on their heads in blessing. The children must have been polite and well-behaved as they gather around our Lord; it's hard to believe there was any hint of pushing or shoving and, of course, there was no impatience or complaining. As for noise, well, you'd expect some kind of awe or reverence at meeting the Messiah, their God and Savior, with perhaps some muted murmurs of amazement; beyond that, however, we'd hope that the children were largely quiet.

As serene as that scene may seem, I'm guessing that it was probably as far from the truth as you can get. The little children were probably fussy and restless, and I would not be at all surprised if there was some pushing and shoving as they ran around, just being kids. For most of them, there was probably a healthy dose of skepticism, as they viewed this unfamiliar man who was so ordinary that He was absolutely unremarkable in every physical characteristic. Instead of being the kind of peaceful image that graces bulletin covers and Sunday School lessons, I'm guessing that dynamics of the day were much more like a morning at Cheshire Lutheran Church during Vacation Bible School week.

If you have helped out with VBS, or even visited the Church during that week, then you know exactly what those days are like. Things are hectic and they are rushed. The children seem to be everywhere; their excitement makes it impossible for them to be still and they are definitely NOT silent. The phrase "a dull roar" comes to mind when I think of how the Sanctuary sounds as the kids gather for Opening

and Closing. As the week goes on, the "dull" part of that expression gets less and less, while the "roar" part seemingly grows exponentially. While, for some, that scene may seem overwhelming, the truth is that it's actually amazing. I say it is amazing because all those children who come to our Church during VBS are here for one reason: to meet their Lord and Savior Jesus.

We live in a world where average Sunday School attendance is no where near the total enrollment, where Confirmation Classes have been taking place on Sunday nights because parents say their children are too busy on any other day of the week or time of the day, and where it is sometimes like pulling teeth to get many families with children to come to Sunday services on a regular basis. (We're not even going to talk about how easy it is or is not to get other folks out to services, not in this newsletter at least.) In the face of all that, we have families who willingly spend one whole week of Summer vacation getting their children up early and out the door to go to CHURCH and spend their morning learning BIBLE STORIES; by the end of the week the children are having loads of fun and often do not want VBS to end. We have children excited to learn about God and that is why I say it is amazing.

As the parents brought their children to Jesus that day, there was just one thing that got in the way, Jesus' disciples; the very people who were there to help spread the Good News became a hindrance. As people bring their children to VBS this year, there's just one thing that may get in the way, a lack of helpers; we need volunteers to help spread the Good News of our Savior Jesus and share stories from God's Holy Word in Scripture. If we don't have enough people, that's a real hindrance. We need people of all ages and abilities to help with every aspect of VBS.

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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,



It seems that the older I get the faster time seems to pass. Thinking back to January when our current Council was installed seems like just yesterday, yet here I am writing my summer article. Soon we will have our summer picnic, then change over to our traditional single service summer schedule.

I personally enjoy the summer service schedule in that it provides an opportunity to meet new members and get reacquainted with those not seen in a while due to varying service time preferences. I have been attending Cheshire Lutheran Church for nearly 24 years, most commonly attending the 10:30 service. I would actually prefer the early service, but Kyong likes to move at a slower pace than me on Sunday mornings – guess you know who controls the remote in our house...

With summer vacations, travel and various family commitments, moving to a single service throughout the summer months helps keep services looking a bit fuller. It always gives me a chuckle during the 9:00 a.m. single services when someone asks me if I am new to CLC; this just underscores the importance of providing opportunities for the entire congregation to gather.

Please try to find time to attend whenever you are able and consider bringing a friend, neighbor, a former CLC member or anyone else you can think of to expose them to some of what CLC has to offer our community.

For a variety of reasons, 2022 seems to be one of the most challenging years of my life, professionally more so than personally. Every day seems to bring a new challenge and we all seem to be, "drinking from a fire hose". I feel truly blessed with the opportunity to serve God and the good people at CLC. This church is blessed with so many good, talented, dedicated and generous congregants. I am always appreciative to serve alongside them and never take for granted what they all do to serve this congregation and make my job easier.

We have many exciting and important events on the horizon, our summer picnic, Confirmation, VBS, the progressive dinner etc. Please try to find time to attend whenever you are able and consider bringing a friend, neighbor, a former CLC member or anyone else you can think of to expose them to some of what CLC has to offer our community. Pastor and all the confirmands have worked hard to prepare for the all-important Confirmation Sunday. This day will be extra special for my family as our Grandson Gabriel will be confirmed – as long as he passes his final exam!

I wish each of you a happy, safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in church. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Council with any questions or suggestions. We are here to serve and appreciate your support!

Stay well!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
Council President

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You can help every day of the week or just some of the days. Whatever your interests are, we can find a way for you to help us.

Jesus welcomed the little children and blessed them, telling His disciples that the kingdom of heaven belonged to ones like them. Won't you help us welcome the little children? It will be a blessing for them and for you too. In Christ Jesus, the kingdom of heaven belongs to ones like them and to you.

We honestly have no idea what it was like the day that Jesus blessed the children; any guess is just that – a guess – but if you want to see what it may have looked like for yourself, come out and help us with VBS. You'll see with your own eyes what it looks like when little children hear God's Word, when they learn about His love for them, and when they get to know their Savior Jesus. I hope to see you at Church from August 8 to 12 as the little children come to Jesus at VBS, and also every Sunday as we all come to our Savior in the Divine Service.

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

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

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

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

THANK YOU.... PREK-GRADE 2:

Terri Daly & Carlene Myers

3RD & 4TH GRADE:

Lynn Balash & Pam Clark

5TH & 6TH GRADE:

Tricia Rowold

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Christina and Todd Plantier

9TH-12TH GRADES:

Andy Clark

SUBS FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Deb Sherman

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Tricia Rowold

EDUCATION DEACON:

Craig Wilson



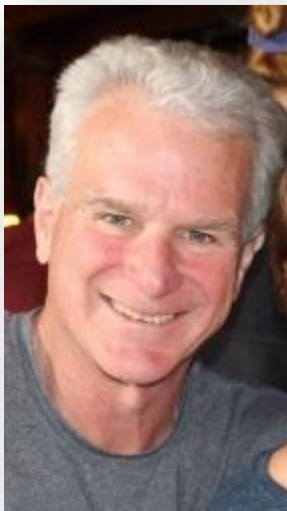
Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is June 12th
- ⌚ Last Day of Sunday School is June 12th
- ⌚ 9:00 AM Services start June 19th
- ⌚ Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays at 9:00 AM during the Summer
- ⌚ Summer Sunday Lemonade on the Lawn will start on Sunday June 19th after the 9:00 AM Service



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2022

8 th	Walter & Linda Gancarz	48 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	36 Years
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	60 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	42 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	53 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	39 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	30 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	7 Years



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

- ✚ If you have Pledge envelopes PLEASE use them, having to lookup members envelope numbers can lead to human error.
- ✚ Please remember to mark on the outside of your offering envelopes with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
- ✚ If you've been absent for some time and want to bring your offerings up to date, kindly use ONE rather than MANY envelopes - since the fewer envelopes our financial assistants must handle, the lighter their workload.
- ✚ PLEASE do not post-date checks.
- ✚ PLEASE use black or blue ink for your checks. Our friendly bank tellers thank you.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary

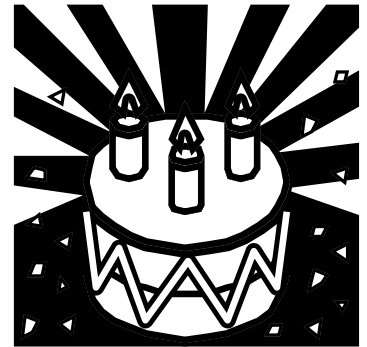


CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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.

JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

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



Happy Fathers Day!

CLC CHOIR THANK YOU...

The congregation of Cheshire Lutheran Church wishes to thank the Choirs for all their beautiful music, which added so much to our worship.

During June, July and August, the music offerings will be with solos, duets and small groups. Anyone interested in volunteering for a Sunday, please call or talk to Martha Medford.

Praise God for the gift of music.
Martha Medford



Summer Services will be an opportunity for solo and ensemble performances. Please consider enhancing our Summer Services—If interested, and when you know your summer schedule, please see Martha for available times and sign up.

All Choir Picnic being planned for September!
At the writing of this article, Martha and a few Choir members are planning a Picnic for us to be held in September. More to come in the Sunday Church Bulletin later in the Summer!

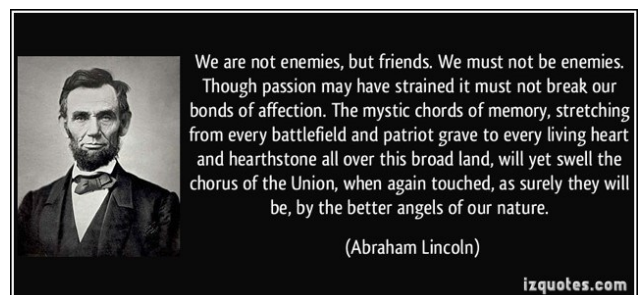
"OUR BETTER ANGELS"...

A concert of Cantata "Our Better Angels" composed by our Frank Vasi, a work for chorus, soloists and orchestra will be given by The Stony Creek Singers, also directed by Frank.

Date: June 12 at 4:00 PM
Location: Stony Creek Congregational Church, 192 Thimble Islands Road in Branford, CT.

The concert is free and open to the public, a free will donation is welcomed.

Join us for a lovely evening in support of Frank and Martha!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

June 2022—Jim & Margie Mertz

CLC's featured members for June 2022 are Jim and Margie Mertz. They have been members of our Church Family since 1985 and will be celebrating 56 years of Marriage in August this year.



Margie and Jim are from Kansas. Jim's hometown of Wabaunsee was settled by folks from New Haven, CT during the Kansas Nebraska Act. Two blocks from Jim's home is the Henry Ward Beecher Rifle and Bible Church where Jim was Baptized. Margie's hometown is Herrington where the Rock Island and the Pacific Railroads intersect delivering products throughout the Midwest.

Jim and Margie met when she was a Freshman in High School and Jim was a First year Kansas State student along with her Brother John. At K State, Margie was a Spanish/English major and was one of the few students elected to Mortar Board and several other scholastic honorariums. Jim majored in Chemistry and received his doctorate in Biochemistry both at KSU. During graduate school, they dated and later married in 1966 in Margie's hometown. She then taught Spanish in the Manhattan school system. Jim's first job was in Norwich, NY with the Norwich

Pharmaceutical Company. As a research scientist he developed very sensitive analytical methods for products used in the agricultural industry. Sons, John and Stephen were born during this time while Margie continued her teaching career. In 1979 Jim took a job with Elanco (agricultural division of Eli Lilly) in Greenfield, IN and in 1985 with Uniroyal Chemical in CT in their Crop Protection Division.

Company business took him to England, the Netherlands and Italy. Together they have traveled through Europe -- up the Seine River from Paris to Normandy and the Danube River to Budapest; both Viking River Cruises. In addition, they've traveled to Ireland and Spain. They both stated that Spain was their favorite trip! Jim says, "Margie was able to converse with the locals while her husband was clueless!!" It was a retirement gift to Margie from her company. Margie's first job when they arrived in Cheshire was in retail for G. Fox selling furs! And later, Margie worked for a small computer consulting company where she learned computer based desktop publishing and editing books. Before her retirement in 2006, she arranged client/company meetings and numerous baseball sports box venues and was involved with developing the company's health insurance program.

Jim follows Kansas City Royals and KSU Football. Hunting trips to Kansas with family during the Thanksgiving holidays allowed him to take in several football games throughout the years. Jim and Margie traveled with their son, John and his wife, Elizabeth, to Cooperstown to see George Brett inducted into the Hall of Fame. Jim and son, John saw him play many games at Yankee and Fenway Stadium's. Jim has fond memories of a Red Sox game he and Phil Kenney attended in Boston, when they sat with the big league scouts!! Jim had asked a young attendant if they had any good seats that day? And seats with the "Big League Scout's" is what he and Phil were given that day!

When Jim was working in Norwich, NY - Cooperstown was a 60 mile drive. They were able to see Yogi Berra and Sandy Koufax inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ticket price \$7.00!

Musically, Dave Brubeck remains Jim's favorite jazz group. His mother took her young sons to hear Brubeck at the University. Jim and Margie were fortunate to hear him play several times in CT. Both of them will attend Phish concerts this year with son, Steve, in Hartford and New York.

They both enjoy Impressionist art, having visited museums in Spain, Paris, Chicago and New York City. Jim and his brother took art lessons in Grade School from a local artist, whose work is now being collected by Kansas State. Jim continues to paint in different mediums. Margie is in a book discussion group; the group has gotten smaller, but they continue to meet monthly. Both like to garden. Jim rents two community garden plots, where he grows vegetables and Dahlias. He will plant forty varieties this year distributed in three gardens. Fortunately, Margie loves working outdoors, pulling weeds while listening to books on tape. She takes great pride in keeping the Bell Garden and Sunken Garden at CLC looking very well maintained and attractive for all to see and enjoy.

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Over the many years, as members of our church family, they've both held several positions on Council as well as Ushering, being Communion Assistant's, the Choir, the Bell Choir and the CLC Women's Group (President & Secretary). In addition to helping with the set up and taking down of the Christmas Tree each year, Margie is part of the team that makes sure the beautiful handmade Chrismons are repaired each year and ready to be hung on the tree. Being involved together in their church is important to them and their marriage.

They both continue to cook at the Meriden Soup Kitchen on alternate Friday's, with members of the Holy Angels Catholic Church. COVID has reduced the lunch attendance to about 120 from a high of 180. They have retired from ushering at the Shubert Theater in New Haven and from serving on the board to the Cheshire Land Trust.

Their son Steve lives in Eugene, Oregon and is a Restaurateur. Son John and his wife Elizabeth live in New Jersey. They have two Grandsons, Askar and Alex, one Granddaughter, Alesandre and one Step-Granddaughter, Hanna. Jim and Margie both consider family "their great-est-accomplishment".

Written by Jim, Margie & Karen. Submitted by Karen Bailey-Member of the Evangelism Committee



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Sunday School Teachers Thank You and Help Wanted for Next Year !

Thank you to the teachers who have been preparing lessons for each week; your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Please let me know if you are willing to serve again next year and if you want to teach the same age group as this year or a different age group.

New teachers are welcome. Please reach out to Tricia Rowold if you would like to teach Sunday School next year.

Sunday School

Parents, I know that the Spring is a very busy time; things are opening up and calendars are filling up. Please make your child's time in Church and Sunday School a priority. It will only be a priority for them if you, as the adult, make it a priority for you.

Our final regular lesson for this School Year will be on June 5, and we will have some fun activities for the end of the year on June 12. Even if you have missed most of the year, there is still a place for you here at CLC; please come out and join us at 9:10 on Sunday mornings.

Registration is open for the 2022 - 2023 Sunday School year. Please let us know if your child will be participating in Sunday School next year. We would like to make sure we plan for the appropriate number of teachers, classrooms, and supplies. Thank you. Watch your bulletins, email and the September Heavenly Herald for more details about the 2022 - 2023 Sunday School year.

Youth Bible Study

Youth, I know there are more of you out there! I know you are busy, tired and working, but that doesn't change the promises you made at your confirmation. Come out and add your perspective to the Youth Bible study, speak up and tell us what would make it interesting to you, or join the Adult study. You are never too old for Bible study. Choose the Church service that works best for you. The 8 a.m. lets you have most of the day for whatever else you need to do, the 10:30 works for those who, like me, are not early risers. Start your week in the Lord's Word and in worship with fellow believers, then go about your tasks renewed, forgiven and strengthened for whatever life holds.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...NEED SERVICE HOURS?



Do you need service hours?

Come out and help us with Monumental VBS on August 8-12, 2022 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Students in grades pre-k- 4th will need enthusiastic helpers to lead them from activity to activity and to help demonstrate and offer assistance with at various stations. We need many volunteers.

Students will be here 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. but prep time and clean up time will be needed each day.

Anyone who has completed grade 7 and older may volunteer.

If you are more of a “behind the scenes” person, we will need help the week before VBS, setting up and decorating. So, there is something for everyone to do.

Speak with Tricia Rowold for more information or to volunteer



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others, and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

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



CLC TAG SALE THIS JUNE....WE NEED YOU AND YOUR STUFF...

There will be a Tag Sale held here at CLC on June 18th Mark your calendars:

DATES & TIMES:

✠ Congregants Deliver Goods for Sale:

✠ Saturday June 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

✠ Saturday June 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

✠ Tag Sale—Saturday June 18th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reach out to Bill Soulier or Trish Rowold if you can help and/or if you have questions!

Proceeds from the Tag Sale will go to our Youth, to help fund this summer's National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

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

We celebrate together as **Kaleb James & Bennett Alan Spose** were baptized into the Lord's family on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Ashley Spose and Sarah Fox are the proud parents of Kaleb and Bennett.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.



Kaleb James Spose & Bennett Alan Spose shown with their God Parents, Christopher and Tammi Spose & Eric and Julianna Spose

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

We as a committee have been working hard.

Greeting Cards For Congregants:

- ✠ We are sending cards for birthday, anniversary, sympathy and sickness.
- ✠ We have celebrated 90th birthdays of Rita Stark and Caroline Bammann with presentations of CLC coffee cups and flower arrangements.
- ✠ We celebrated the 100th birthday of Diddy Izard with a floral arrangement.
- ✠ These gifts were given in the name of the family and friends of this congregation.
- ✠ If you know of anyone celebrating their 90 or above birthday let us know. We do not want these events to go unnoticed!

Getting To Know Our Members:

We continue to interview our congregation members each month for the Heavenly Herald.

Mother's Day Brunch:

This year, for the first time, had a brunch for Mothers' Day in conjunction with Pam Clark and Fellowship committee. We started off with a virgin cocktail hour, then had a lovely meal made by our committee and Diane and Don Drust. The meal was prepared and served by three Dads, Andy Clark, Jim Mertz and Frank Miller. We also had door prizes of Mother and Daughter Bible Books, Flowers and CLC cups. A good time was had by all. The Evangelism committee had a wish to give each woman a rose for Mother's Day and this wish was made possible by Diane and Don.

We especially want to thank the men for providing us with a very lovely time. Thank you to Tim Weiland, Diane and Don Drust, Andy Clark, Jim Mertz, Frank Miller and Pastor for all their help with set up, serving and clean up!

Special thanks Don and Diane Drust for all they did to make this occasion and Mother's Day Sunday so special!

Quilts of Valor:

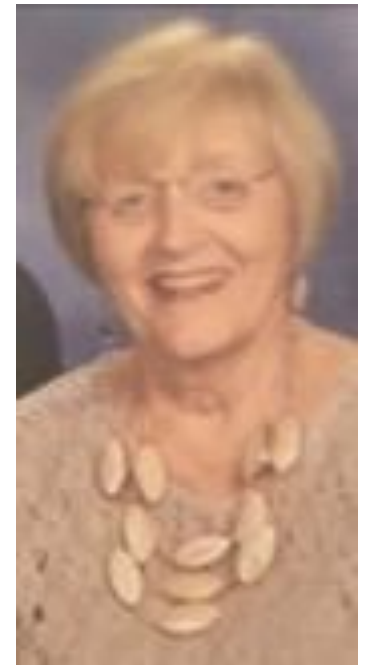
CLC has decided to register as a Group with the QOV Foundation. We have 12 members. We will continue to have sew-ins and also sew days. This June, we will be giving quilts to our Veterans at Goodwin Park in conjunction with project PGA Hope. If you have or know anyone that should get a quilt, please let us know. Thank you.

Scholarship Committee:

Changes to our Scholarship Application have been approved by the Council. We also sent a letter to the congregation regarding donations to the Scholarship Fund. Our committee want to THANK our Congregation members who have so generously donated to this Fund. We thank God for you.

Have a great summer.

Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon



NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



At the April 26th Council meeting, an analysis of our financial giving was presented to Council. This same report will be shared with Voters at the first Voter's meeting in the fall, which will align nicely timing-wise, being prior to our next giving campaign. This analysis is important for multiple reasons, such as being a key input into our long range planning, namely to better understand where our financial support is coming from.

Council discussed our impressions from this report, and what actionable next steps we would recommend and pursue.

First and foremost, what always resonates the most with me is that we are blessed to have some very generous members. As I have always said, thank you to all for your generosity!

Secondly, the analysis shows that a larger percentage of our financial contributions (in dollars) come from a smaller percentage of contributors. And although this is a common pattern more broadly in terms of giving, e.g., with religious, educational, civic giving, the Council discussion centered on a few areas of opportunity for CLC.

One opportunity is to increase our focus education-wise on the value of stewardship and pledging. Since all that we have is a gift from God, we as Christians want to support God's work, and one way to do this is via supporting the mission of CLC via our financial support.

Growing our congregation is another opportunity for CLC. But, to be clear, growing is important for reasons well beyond stewardship. Evangelism and growing our congregation allow us to spread God's Word and fulfill CLC's mission. We welcome and aspire to always be accepting new members, as this is foundational to being a healthy and vibrant congregation.

Giving is a personal decision between you and God. Please let me know if you would like any information on stewardship. Thank you, as always, for your heartfelt consideration with your pledging and giving. And, please, let me or any Council member know if you have thoughts or feedback on the topic of stewardship.

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

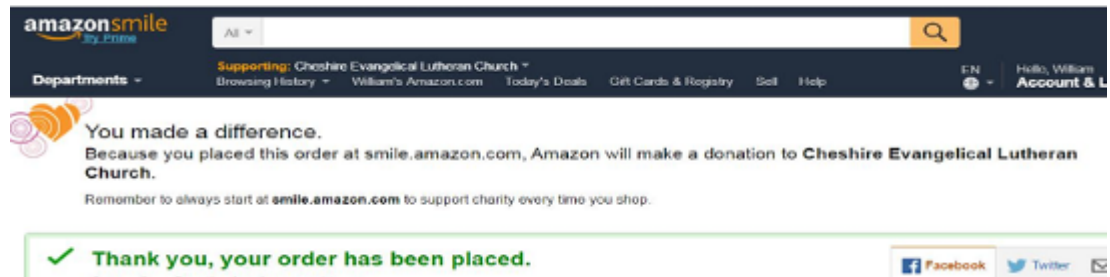
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

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

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



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NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...



2022—2023 Registration

Little Cherubs is now taking registration for the 2022—2023 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the Church or Preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the Church Office!



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

On May 14th, our youth got together for a fire pit on the church grounds. They had fun playing games and toasting marshmallows. The next day, our three youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering enjoyed a picnic lunch and Bible study organized by the Youth Deacon from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bristol, to give the youth from both congregations a chance to get to know each other before NYG.

Save the Date:

June 5th- Confirmation Day. May God bless our confirmands and their families!

June 18th- CLC Tag Sale. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Bill Soulier or Tricia Rowold if you are able to volunteer or to donate items.

July 24th- Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn. Our youth will be talking about their experiences at NYG.

Lisa Muller, Youth Deacon
lisarmuller@gmail.com



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

OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List was reset for the first Sunday in May; the names that were on the list previously were removed, and names remained on the list if Pastor was told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like on the Prayer List, please contact Pastor Rowold.



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS— JUNE 12, 2022...

Please join us for fellowship at the annual church picnic on June 12th. Following the 10:30 service, we will enjoy cold beverages, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes and desserts.

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

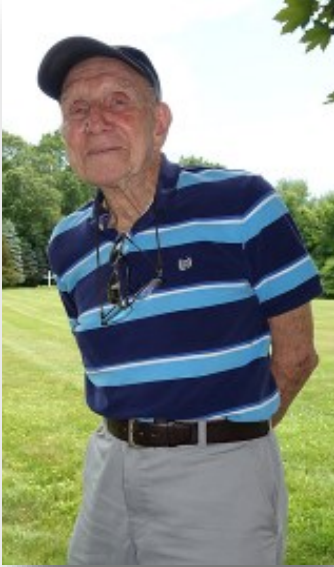
All are welcome to sign-up and enjoy the company of fellow church members. Hope to see you there!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Committee



THE RIPPEL REPORT—SUMMER 2022..

Happy Father's Day Sunday June 19, 2022



Thoughts, memories, and reflections of Dad – What is In a Name? - From infancy, toddlers, teenagers and adults referring to Father may include, Da Da, PaPa, Poppy, Pops, Daddy, Dad and Father

Enduring terms of love spoken over a lifetime, marriages, Dad to Mom, and Mothers to Fathers include dear, dearie, love sweetheart, sweetie, sugar, honey, darling, honey bunch etc.

Words of Wisdom for Dads:

Dear Father,
The thoughtful things you do for our family to brighten our days.

Dear Father,
Years go by before we know the depth of your concern. The love in your protectiveness takes so long to learn. We love you dearly, Your Children

Dear Dad,
For all of the good and special times in life in which we have enjoyed. A heartfelt thanks to you and Mother. Your Family

My Darling,
Another year passed by, another beautiful year together, when the greatest and best gift has been you. Your forever companion

Dear Father,
You have shown that love is patience, sacrifice, laughter. You have led by example, guidance and instructions. We greatly value all you have done for our family on this Father's Day. Your Children

My Dad,
I want you to know that even if I fail to mention this, I really feel blessed that you are my Dad, Your Daughter J.G.

A good Father begins with being a good God-fearing man. Anonymous

Father,
The lessons you have taught our family, the role model you have provided for your children and Mother as well. We are strong today due to your devotion. Happy Father Day. Your Children

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Thank you for all the wonderful yesterdays, today and tomorrows. Love always, Happy Father's Day. Your loving wife

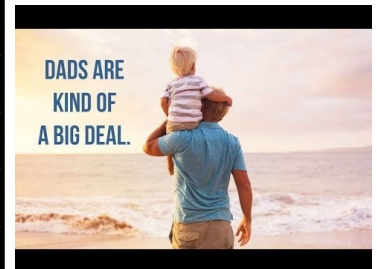
The gifts you have given us have shaped our lives and made us the persons we are today. From the things we value to the things that make us laugh. We see you in all these precious gifts. Your Daughters

Happy Father's Day Dad,
Thanks, Dad, for being the special example to follow in life. For instructing me in baseball, Little League, for teaching me the use of patience in projects, your help in school studies and preparing me for life. Your loving son

Grandpa,
You are not the type of person who tries to be the center of attention but there you are, like you always have been steady in your support and generous in your love.

Being married to you means beginning and ending each day with someone I love. It means knowing there is someone who understands and who is always there for me. I am so grateful and feel blessed for the life we share. Happy Father's Day LOVE

A Father's Day wish for you Dad. A man who is good, strong, devoted and the truest kind of success, a man who is loved more than he could possibly know.



Submitted in His Service,
Charlie Rippel

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

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

Please join us once again after our 9 AM services this summer for some fellowship, lemonade and a treat beginning June 19th. We look forward to this time for weekly fellowship after our worship. Please join us for a bit of catching up.

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





NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

As we roll into the summer months here at Cheshire Lutheran Church, we will be working on maintaining our House and Grounds. Filters for the air conditioning system have been ordered and will be installed. I have completed a walk around and have identified some areas of focus. Most notably is the Crosses out front. They have become weathered and some deterioration has occurred. We will be power washing and sealing the wood, as well as patching and filling some areas. We will also try to adjust the plum of the crosses, as they have started to lean a little. Pray that our attempt to rectify works! There has been a leak(s) in our roof above Martha's office. I have applied EPDM patches to the areas where we think the leaks are occurring. Hopefully, it is successful. Another area of concern is painting the front of the church, particularly the wood framing supporting the stained glass windows. I will be seeking quotes, so more to follow on that.

I hope everyone here at Cheshire Lutheran Church enjoys the summer quickly coming upon us.

Kind regards,
Todd Plantier
CLC House & Grounds Deacon

JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER



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

MOST COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS LIFTED ...



In the month of May, most of CLC's remaining Covid precautions were lifted. The ushers are now handing out bulletins before the serviced and collecting the offering during the service; however, bulletins and an offering plate will still be located on a table in the Narthex for the time being. We are again using the entire rail when the congregation kneels for Holy Communion, which means we are not asking people to leave space between household; communicants may also kneel as they are able. In addition, the Chalice (also known as the "Common Cup") has returned as an option for receiving the blood of Christ in the Sacrament, in addition to the trays with the individual cups.

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Mother's Day Brunch:

We had a lovely Mother's Day brunch. I am grateful to all for making this event so special. We had 3 gentlemen graciously serving 19 people beverages and a variety of brunch delicacies. Thank you to everyone for honoring the women that mean so much in our lives and to Marilyn Miller for organizing this fun event.

Progressive Social:

The much-anticipated **Progressive Social** is now on the calendar set for June 4th. This event has drawn great interest and we'd love to make it an annual (bi-annual?) event! We hope you will join in the fun, get to know members of CLC better and share your favorite appetizers. If you are interested, please contact Pam Clark at pam.clark@snet.net ASAP as we will be organizing the week of May 23rd

Annual Picnic:

The **Annual Picnic** will be June 12th after the 10:30 service. We will have fun activities to enjoy with the intent of getting to know each other better, encouraging interaction and just having some fun. There will be Activity Bingo and Paint Balloons! Has your curiosity been sparked? I hope So! Please mark your calendars and join us for hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, fun and Christian fellowship. We need help filling the balloons the day before the picnic. The more helpers, the faster we get it done and the more balloons we will have! Anyone interested in helping during the games should see Pam or Andy Clark before the picnic begins. See the bulletin board to sign up.

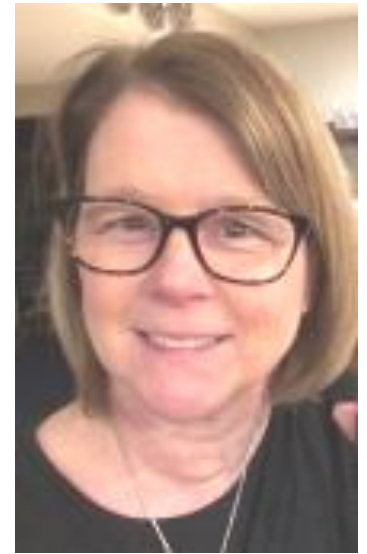
Lemonade on the Lawn:

Lemonade on the Lawn starts Sunday, June 19th. Please join us outside, in front of the church for some refreshments and fellowship after the 9:00 service. Servers may sign up on the bulletin board.

Lunch on the Lawn:

The popular Lunch on the Lawn is making a comeback at the end of June. Please pack a picnic lunch, beverage and chair to enjoy outside and continue fellowship throughout the summer months. We want you and need you! Look for dates and time in the bulletin. Thank you to Karen Weiland for organizing this event.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon



Find someone who

hasn't had breakfast today	enjoys maths	won a contest	is a couch potato	has seen a snake in the wild
watches more than one hour of TV every day	has argued with a friend recently	likes very spicy food	bites his/her fingernails	was born in January
...snores	does not like broccoli	drank coffee this morning	is afraid of spiders	wakes up early
wears socks to bed	can play a musical instrument	has fainted or thrown up in public	has had stitches	loves to swim
has the most letters in their last name	who has more than four siblings	is an only child	can use chopsticks	can whistle

myfreebingocards.com



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2022

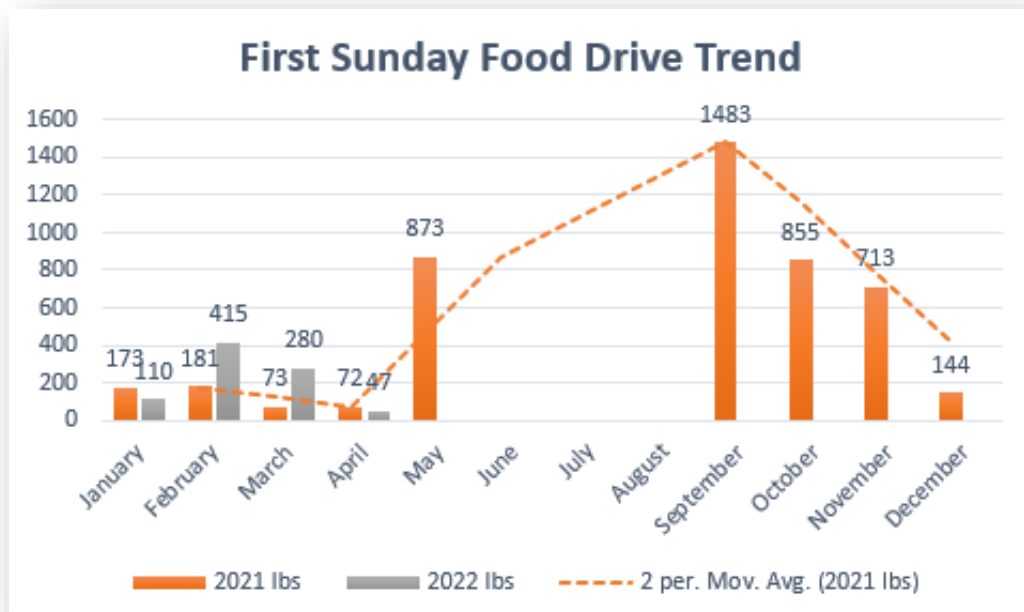
10 th	Tim & Karen Weiland	40 Years
	David & Meredith Natzel	7 Year
12 th	John & Peggy Tessler	41 Years
15 th	James & Cynthia Metz	5 Years
18 th	Matthew & Emily Napp	13 Years





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!**

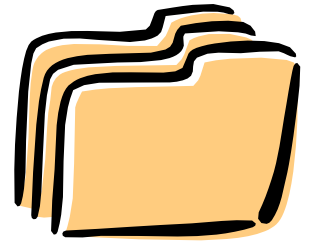
The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:
175 Sandbank Rd
Cheshire Ct 06410

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

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 SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

2022 School Kit Project

Orphan Grain Train School Kits:

This summer, we will be donating School Kits to The Orphan Grain Train. We can deliver the school kits directly to the Orphan Grain Train branch in Terryville, CT, saving us the shipping costs. Collection of school supplies will begin Sunday, July 3rd, and end August 21st. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway at the end of June. Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance.

Items being collected include:

- ◆ Spiral notebooks
- ◆ Pens & pencils
- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Glue sticks
- ◆ Blunt scissors
- ◆ Colored Pencils
- ◆ Ruler
- ◆ Eraser
- ◆ Pencil Sharpener



Mother's Day Blanket Sunday Update:

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Mother's Day Blanket Sunday program. We collected \$515.00. Dedications appeared in the Sunday Bulletin on May 8th.

Thanks to all who participated in this ministry.



Cheshire Community Food Pantry:

Please remember that we will continue collecting food for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry throughout the summer months. Also remember to help with our Adopt a Shelf with Salad Dressing collection each month.

Thank you,
Nancy Engelhardt, Social Welfare Deacon



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

We will be placing 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)
 Joseph W. Stark (Jun. 17, 1932 - Dec. 31, 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.

John Mulvaney

Priscilla Mulvaney

Vicki DePaolo

Jim Mertz

Margie Mertz

Randy Raddatz

Pat DiDomizio

Bill Soulier

Beth Soulier

Tim Weiland



CONFIRMATION CLASS...

Confirmation Class for the current group of students will have had it's last regular session before the Summer edition of the *Heavenly Herald* goes to print. If all goes according to plan, please join us for the 10:30 AM service on June 5, Pentecost Sunday, as the current class of six (6) students make their Confirmation.



GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

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.

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

Contact Person: Paula Ongley



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 summer from Little Cherubs Christian Preschool.
God Bless to All,
JoAnn



REACH OUT TO OUR SHUT-INS!

Please remember to check our Bulletin Boards at CLC to get addresses and contact information for our cherished congregants that can no longer attend Services at CLC. Note that most recently Rita Stark and Donna Quast have been added to the list of Shut-Ins.

Please consider sending cards, notes, letters and or calls to our many members, they would love to hear from you.



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

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

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



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

July 2022—Donna Quast

CLC's featured member for July 2022 is Donna (Hillmann) Quast. Donna Hillmann was born on a little farm in Hector, Minnesota (MN). She and her siblings, two brothers and a sister, were all born in the family farmhouse. Donna grew up in a Wisconsin Synod Lutheran church, the Wellington Lutheran Church, which was founded by her great grandfather. Interesting story...Donna's strong German heritage comes from her great grandparents who emigrated from Germany. Her great grandmother died aboard the ship from Germany, leaving her great grandfather with two babies to raise alone. He had family in New York City (NYC), but wanted a quieter place to raise the children, so he headed northwest and settled in Minnesota, thus Donna's upbringing in that area.



Donna attended high school in Fairfax, MN, then went to school for nursing at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. During high school, she was good friends with a classmate named David Quast. After graduation, she headed east to NYC where she worked as a nurse at New York University (NYU.) David headed west to California. Years later, the two old friends met up again at their ten-year high school reunion, and the rest is history. The young couple fell in love and were married in 1963 at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Wellington Township, MN.

Prior to her wedding, Donna traveled the world. She toured Europe for three months with a friend of hers from Holland. The two girls had a wonderful time seeing the world; they visited Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Sicily and more. Donna also spent time in Mexico, Oregon, Arizona (where one of her brothers lived), and California (where her other brother lived). For a little farm girl from Minnesota, Donna sure did a lot of traveling!

Since this farm girl adored the big city, Donna and David settled in New York. She worked as a registered nurse on a per diem basis throughout the New York area, from Manhattan, to Queens, to Long Island, to Cortland Manor near Peekskill. David spent his career working as an editor for the famous NYC publisher, McGraw Hill. Before long, Donna and David welcomed two beautiful bouncing baby boys to their family, David and Carl. They wanted to raise their boys away from the hustle and bustle of the big city and they had friends in Westchester who encouraged them to move to Connecticut, so they did. They found Cheshire and told their predominantly Roman Catholic neighbors that they were Lutherans. Before you know it, they found a flyer in their mailbox with information about Cheshire Lutheran Church. Their neighbors wanted to let them know that our Lutheran congregation was nearby and ready to welcome them as members. They followed up on this great lead and ended up happily joining our CLC family. Donna has remained a devout member of our church ever since.

Donna sites gardening as her favorite hobby and has always enjoyed tending to her plants. She is also an avid reader, favoring non-fiction books. With a husband in publishing, she was fortunate to have a steady stream of reading materials. As a matter of fact, David often brought home bags full of books, especially during the holidays, so they distributed books as Christmas gifts to their nieces and nephews. Spending much of her life in New York, Donna is a big NY Mets fan and attended plenty of baseball games during the years she lived there. She is also a big classical music lover. Her husband, David, was gifted in both writing and music. He was an organist and pianist at the age of twelve for a small Methodist church. Donna jokes that they did not have a TV, but were entertained by countless hours listening to music on an old stereo and reading a steady stream of books.

In addition to her numerous years of devoted service as a nurse, primarily working with children, Donna also dedicated time to volunteer activities. She served as the PTA president for two private schools during her boys' early school years. The boys said that she always "Picked up the gavel and just couldn't leave it on the table," meaning that no matter what, when she was needed, she jumped in and helped. In Cheshire, she also worked with the YMCA, taking care of young 3-4-year-old children in the day care, early in the morning from 7-10 am. She found joy reading stories to them, giving hugs, and wiping away tears. She also served for many years working with the local elections, where she helped by checking in voters at the polls. She found this to be a wonderful way to get to know people after moving to a new town. As an active member of CLC, Donna loves assisting in the kitchen during dinners and events, especially preparing snacks for the children participating in the summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) program. She also relishes her involvement in the various Bible studies offered to our members, and deeply appreciates the highly educated members sharing their knowledge and expertise on Bible topics and more. Donna feels truly blessed to have come into our church and enjoys the family atmosphere that Cheshire and CLC provides.

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Speaking of family, Donna considers that her family has been her greatest accomplishment of all. Sadly, her son Carl passed away at the early age of thirty, but she was blessed with three beautiful grandchildren from her son David: Olivia, Miranda, and Liam. She feels that raising her family and being active in her church and community were her true passions and that her profession as a nurse, as important as it was to her, came second to taking care of her family. We thank you Donna for your many years of dedicated service to our church and our community.

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



Piano For Sale

For Sale by April Slauson

\$500.00 or Best Offer

Email or Call:

Email - jagger1943@aol.com or
Call - (203) 841-9382

I'm happy to have this piano to a good home - Piano is in good condition. All 88 keys and 3 pedals in good working order. No cracks or breaks. Holds a tune well. Comes with the piano bench which also doubles as storage for music etc. It's the perfect piano for a family with children learning piano.

Piano is heavy and will need a van and at least two to three strong people to move.

Wurlitzer Upright Piano with Storage Bench
Manufactured circa Late 1950's—Early 1960's





Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Thank you to Karen Bailey for donating all the Salad Dressing last month for the Food Pantry. These donations are greatly appreciated.
- † Many Thanks to Don Drust and Tim Weiland for finding a great solution to the solar light issue around the front grounds. We are BLESSED—Thank You
- † Many thanks to Don and Diane Drust for donating the gorgeous solar lights that adorn the area around the Memorial Garden and Columbarium and for reinforcing them to be weed wacker proof.
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to all those (lead by Jim and Margie Mertz) working so hard to keep Gancarz Creek and other gardens so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee lead by Pam Clark working so hard to provide wonderful Fellowship events for us. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Thanks to all that continue to contribute time, funds & expertise with the lighting, sound systems and computer equipment in the Sanctuary. Your hard work has allowed us to continue streaming our Services which many are still enjoying.





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
110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703
hopepregnancycenterct.org

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1st Caroline Veleber
Paul Emerick
2nd Leslie Donewald
4th Emma Finger
6th Tim Slocum
7th Kurt Lenz
8th Daniella Wilde
9th Eleanor Verner
11th Donald Drust, Sr.
Julie Lamb
12th Andrew Clark
14th Hanna Mayer
Thea Mayer
15th Georgianna Schupp
Christina Webster

17th Douglas Henderson
21st Richard Schellinger
22nd Alan Green
Maggie Strunk
23rd Janice Matson
25th Christine Smith
Alex Wilde
26th Karen Smith
27th Matthew Emerick
28th James Matson
30th Patricia Greenhalgh
31st Robert DeLaubell
Amanda Finger

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

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

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

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

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

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (September 2022 Articles are Due!)

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2022. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 26th or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth's lateral file fold on the hallway table.

Thank You!



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2022



5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	32 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	27 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	55 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	5 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	21 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	16 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	25 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	39 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	53 Years



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



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

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS! GET READY FOR MONUMENTAL VBS AT CLC THIS SUMMER...

Vacation Bible School August 8-12, 2022
Volunteers and Supplies needed!



It's that time already! Time to check your summer calendars. We have set the dates and time, August 8-12, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

To register a student age 4 through just having completed 6th grade, please pick up a packet in the hall way or go on to the church website:
www.cheshirelutheran.org

To volunteer, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall or speak to Tricia R., Vicki D., or Karen S.

We need both youth and adult volunteers, before, during, and after the actual week of VBS. Before, we need help to make decorations and set pieces, and to set up the space. This work will be done in small chunks over time and the week before VBS. We need many volunteers during the week of VBS - Monday, August 8th, through Friday, August 12th. We need volunteers to help run the stations, guide the students from location to location, take pictures, and to help prepare the snacks. We need volunteers on Sunday, August 14th, to help undecorate and clean up after the service. Sign-up sheets are up in the hallway by the fellowship hall.

We have started to think about the supplies we need for decorating. We will need: large cardboard boxes, plain white floppy paper plates, round toothpicks, 5-6 different colors of tissues paper and more. Watch the bulletin board for a detailed list, coming in late May/early June. We would also like to borrow a small one-person pop-up tent.

Come be a part of "Celebrating God's Greatness" at Monumental VBS.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 11, 2022 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!



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.



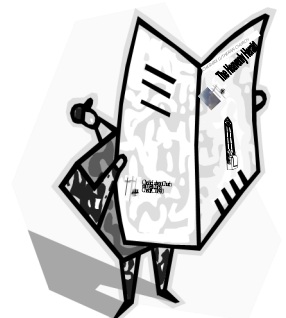
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(Summer 2022 Articles are Due!)

Time to plan for the fall!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our September edition. That's **the first Autumn** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **August 26th** 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!





WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: “YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED!” ...

Years ago, before I had my own children (late twenties), I was asked by the Education Deacon if I'd be willing and interested to teach Sunday School at CLC. I politely responded that I would consider the request carefully. However, I thought to myself, “I've never taught before, let alone children. I have no experience. What if I mess this up? I probably won't be good at it.”

A few days later, I was traveling with a colleague on a week-long business trip across the country. We had become friends over time as a result of working together. Being spiritual himself, we got onto the topic of faith and religion. I shared with him the request I received from the Education Deacon, and his response was like having water thrown at my face. He said, “For all the things God has given you, this doesn't seem like an unreasonable request. You have been called!” Upon reflection, I knew he was right.

I taught Sunday School for six years—5th and 6th grades. It was rewarding, uplifting and an educational experience for me, not just the children. And, when a child shares his/her innermost feelings with their classmates and their teacher, you see firsthand how scriptures can connect them to their world. It's unforgettable.

And now, I'm the Education Deacon reaching out to you. Please help keep this evangelical mission moving ahead and energized. Tricia Rowold now leads the Sunday School ministry. She is and will do a wonderful job along with the teachers we have. But they can't do this alone. Please help us. We need you. You have been called!

Sincerely and Yours in Christ

Craig Wilson
CLC Education Deacon



CLC HELPING HANDS...

“Helping Hands of CLC is designed to match members' talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping “behind the scenes” from women and men in the congregation who see a need and respond to it. It is likely there are others who have needs and those who would be inclined to help, but are unaware of the needs. Helping Hands is organized to meet the needs of both groups, men and women, singles and families.

Thank you to all who have offered and provided help. As I continue to update and keep the HH membership current, please sign up and include your name, phone number and email as well your ability to provide meals, transportation or visits.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please contact the church office(203-272-5106) or me to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, chairman



Bible Studies at CLC

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Sunday Adults Bible study will continue to meet Sunday mornings between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for the first two Sundays in June. We will be finishing our current study, which has looked at various aspects of Jesus' Passion, with a lesson on Jesus' ascension. Once we finish our sessions in mid-June, the Sunday morning Adult Bible study will take a break for the Summer. We will resume in the Fall after Labor Day.



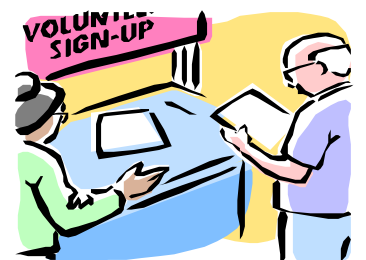
Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study continues to meet Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Church Library for those interested in meeting in person and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the lesson for the day. 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, and we hope to finish the study before we break for the Summer. After the last session in June, we will resume in the Fall after Labor Day.

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
- ✦ Information regarding volunteers needed to run our newly installed Sound and Video equipment and sign up sheet
- ✦ Independence Northwest looking for Volunteers
- ✦ **Progressive Social Sign-Ups**
- ✦ **CLC Picnic Sign Up**
- ✦ 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
- ✦ **Piano for Sale** information
- ✦ **Birthright Needs Volunteers**
- ✦ NED News



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.

HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Job Description:

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

Qualifications:

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

Work Schedule:

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

Compensation:

Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children

How to apply:

Speak to Tricia Rowold



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

✦ Council meetings:

✦ Tuesday, June 7th, at 7:00 PM in Person & via ZOOM

✦ Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00 PM in Person & via ZOOM

✦ Voters meeting - Sunday, September 11th, after the late service in Person & via ZOOM



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