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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night...." Psalm 92:1-2 (ESV)

With the start of the school year behind us and the leaves on the trees well into their autumnal color shift, thoughts turn to the activities of late fall and the start of the "holiday season."

Already the stores have started to condense their displays of candy, costumes & accessories, and jack-o-lantern making supplies to make space for the "Autumn" themed décor so often associated with Thanksgiving. Sooner or later the various voices in politics, the media, and the retail industry will begin to talk about how this is the time of year for "being grateful" and how we should all take the time to "give thanks" for what we have in life.

While normally I am not one who is quick to find myself in agreement with politicians, media pundits, or retailers – all of whom are looking to sell you something – I must admit that they are correct. This is indeed the time of year for us especially to be grateful for what we have and to give thanks for it (though we ought to be doing that year-round, not just in November). There is, however, one thing that I cannot help but wonder when the various voices in the secular realm encourage us to "be grateful" and "give thanks": to whom are they encouraging us to give thanks and be grateful?

The sad truth is that our secular world is very much just that – "secular". Society seems to be in a constant state of moving further and further away from God, His Word, and His ways. Increasingly, people are encouraged to look to themselves, their own desires, and their own best interests for guidance, direction, and encouragement in life. In recent years, I have even heard some politicians and media pundits declare that Thanksgiving is a time for people to

cultivate a mindset of gratitude within themselves and to focus on developing a general attitude of thankfulness; in the vast majority of what I hear, however, there is one thing missing – God!

In the talk that I hear from the secular voices in our society about being grateful and thankful, most of it is encouraging people to try and develop those qualities or attributes within themselves. They are encouraging people to focus within themselves and they are most definitely NOT talking about directing that gratitude and thanksgiving to God. And, yet, that is exactly the one to whom we SHOULD be directing our thanks.

The Bible is full of passages that encourage, exhort, direct, and urge us to give thanks to God, to be grateful to Him. They reveal to us the truth that all we have and are comes from God, as a gift and trust from Him that we care for as His stewards. Psalm 92 reminds us that "It is good to give thanks to the LORD", as do many other of the Psalms (and remember, when You see "LORD" in the Old Testament that's the word they used instead of God's name, so the Psalmist is saying "It is good to give thanks to GOD"). Throughout the year, and especially at Thanksgiving, we are grateful to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us and we give thanks to God for all the good we have received.

Even the secular world, which often seems loathed to mention God or have anything good to say about Him or His people, is supposed to direct their thanks and gratitude to God on Thanksgiving. Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1863 that is viewed as the origin of the modern holiday of Thanksgiving includes these words, "They are the gracious

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Come Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

**Sunday School
&
Adult Bible Classes:**
9:10 am

Summer Worship Service:

9:00 am
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings all,



I am actually drafting this article while sitting with Kyong in the Orlando International Airport awaiting time for us to return home after a much-needed vacation! It was nice to attend last Sunday's CLC Sunday Service via the live stream. Of course, it is always better to attend in person, but the live stream provides a reliable option when that is not possible.

Many thanks to Tim Weiland, Steve Feero, Ed Schweizer, Andy Clark and all the other volunteers that operate the streaming equipment week after week. They operate this system from a location about half-way up the stairs to the choir loft. Although the system is user-friendly and easy to operate, it does require constant monitoring throughout the service, meaning the operator must be away from their family. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with this simple but important tasking. Many hands make light work – please consider helping out from time to time. No experience necessary and training is provided free of charge.

Two of the most important items on our agenda are Voter approval of the 2023 Mission Plan and Voter approval of our 2023 slate of Officers and Deacons.

Our next meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be Sunday, November 13th immediately following the 10:30 service. If you are a registered Voter, please be sure to attend this meeting so we are able to meet our quorum requirement. Two of the most important items on our agenda are Voter approval of the 2023 Mission Plan and Voter approval of our 2023 slate of Officers and Deacons. As always, we will offer the option of attending either in-person, or via the Zoom link that will be provided later.

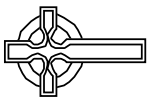
I appreciate all the hard work of our Nominating Committee, led by Craig Wilson, in reaching out to the congregation seeking volunteers to fill upcoming vacancies on the Council. I also appreciate the hard work and focus of the Finance Committee, led by our Vice President, Bill Soulier, for doing all that is necessary to prepare and present our annual Mission Plan. We are blessed to have a such dedicated people giving of their time and talents to take care of the needs of the church.

A big thank you to Martha Medford for all her hard work and dedication in taking care of the musical needs of the church. The choir sounds great, and it is nice to see some new faces in the loft and hear new voices blending together with our long-term singers to provide us with such wonderful music.

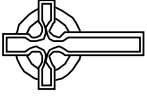
We are truly blessed to have Pastor Rowold leading the flock and providing for our spiritual needs – Thank you!

Stay well!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC Council President



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	3 10:00 Bulletin Pick-Up	4	5
6 <i>Daylight Saving Ends</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult and High School Bible Study 10:00 Parish Choir 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation	7	8	9 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	10 10:00 Bulletin Pick-Up	11	12 9-3:00 Quilts of Valor
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NOVEMBER SERVERS LIST

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Readers/Altar Assistants

Acolytes

Ushers (month)

Choir

Altar Guild (month)

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

November 6

- 8:00 - Revelation 7:9-17 (I) – John Balash
- 1 John 3:1-3 – John Balash

10:30

- Revelation 7:9-17 (I) – Jonathan Schrumm
- 1 John 3:1-3 – Jonathan Schrumm

November 13

- 8:00 - Malachi 4:1-6 – Lynn Balash
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 – John Shepard

10:30

- Malachi 4:1-6 – Beth Soulier
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 – David Zeppieri

November 20

- 8:00 - Malachi 3:13-18 (I) – David Schrumm
- Colossians 1:13-20 – David Schrumm

10:30

- Malachi 3:13-18 (I) – Bill Soulier
- Colossians 1:13-20 – Bill Soulier

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve

- 7:30 PM - Deuteronomy 8:1-10 – Pastor
- Philipians 4:6-20 – Pastor

November 27

- 8:00 - Isaiah 2:1-5 – Karen Smith
- Romans 13:11-14 – Curt Smith

10:30

- Isaiah 2:1-5 – Christina Plantier
- Romans 13:11-14 – Rob DeLaubell

Arta Dobbs
Carol Santoro

8:00
David Blair
Kurt Lenz

10:30
Todd Plantier

Paul Fiedler

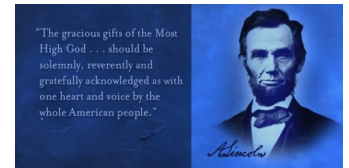
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gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy." He goes on to say "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." (See <https://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/thanks.htm> for more.)



This Thanksgiving don't just cultivate a mindset of gratitude or develop a general attitude of thankfulness. Take the time to fold your hands, bow your head, and offer up prayer to Almighty God; say "Thank you" to Him for all the blessings that He has given to you this year. (Maybe even join us for the Thanksgiving Eve service.) Be guided by the proclamation from President Abraham Lincoln that created the Thanksgiving holiday and let the words of the Psalmist encourage you. After all, "It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night...."

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you at the service the night before.

In Christ,
Pastor Rowold

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

This year we are having Opening in the Fellowship Hall at 9:10 with prayers, music, an object lesson and birthday acknowledgments. Our lessons this fall all connect to the Jesse Tree program the students will present in December. In September we heard about Adam & Eve and Noah & The Ark. In October, we learned about Abram & Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Ruth and David. In November, we will learn about King Solomon, Zechariah, and Mary & Joseph.

December 18 during the 10:30 am service will be our Sunday School Christmas Program. The Students will get to share with the Congregation a little about what they have learned in their lessons from September to November. Students in grades Pre -K through 12th Grade are invited to participate in the program. Grades Pre-K through 7th Grade will have memorized parts that they will already have received by the time this newsletter comes out. 8th -12th Grade students are invited to be readers and lend extra voices where needed. Rehearsals will begin during Sunday School on December 4, 2022.

Please join us as we explore God's word for all ages this school year.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent





NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

- ◆ Pledge Sunday will be Sunday, November 20! I will be addressing the congregation at each service on the topic of Stewardship – why its important to give of your time, talent, and treasure. In addition, pledge packets will be available on that day as well.
- ◆ Here is what you can expect:
 - ✦ We need your participation! How? Read on...
 - ✦ Read / review the material in your pledge packet... Especially our work plan, which shows how CLC spends our money... and ask any Council member, including myself, if you have any questions on it.
 - ✦ Complete and return the Time and Talent Survey. Our congregation is active and vibrant due to your participation. This is our invitation to you, and your opportunity, to get involved in new areas and ways.
 - ✦ Complete and return your pledge card. Your continued and generous support enables our mission at CLC to be possible.
 - ✦ Note, Carol has secured a better deal on offering envelopes from another supplier; they will work just as good and were less expensive, but you may notice they look slightly different

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

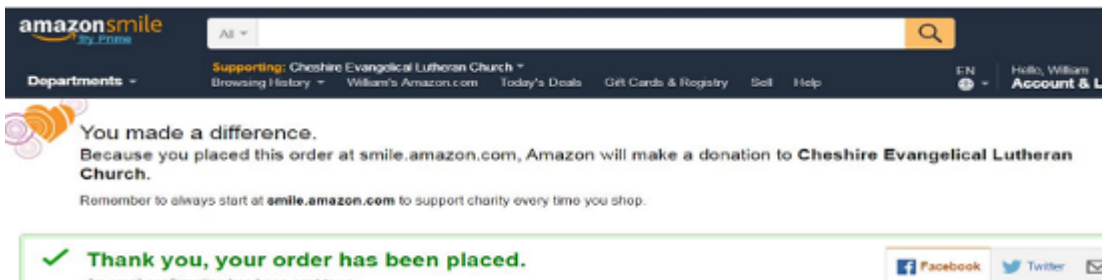
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



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

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

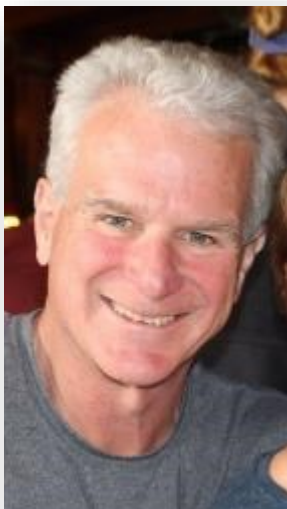


NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

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



CLC's featured member for November is Pat DiDomizio. Pat was born and raised in Waterbury, CT as a devout Roman Catholic. He grew up as a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Waterbury, where he faithfully served as an altar boy, was active in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO,) and even contemplated a calling to the priesthood. Pat was an exemplary student who served his school, community, and church with fervor.

In 1955, a beautiful new girl, Judy Schnaars, moved to town, hailing from Fort Lee, NJ. Although Judy and Pat attended different schools in Waterbury at the time, they were both equally devoted to academics and community service, leaving no doubt that their paths would cross. Well, cross they did, time and time again, beginning with an award ceremony where both Pat and Judy were being honored with the same award! (For the first, but not the last time.) The two youths were awarded for their community involvement, each for their own school. They shook hands as they received their awards, which left Pat with the thought, "Gee, she's cute!"

Well, the pair ended up meeting again when they discovered that they were both attending Crosby High School. And wouldn't you know that not only was Pat the captain of the football team, but Judy was the captain of the cheerleader squad! Their paths crossed repeatedly as they were both class officers, and both won the same community involvement award – again. The good-looking, popular, well-loved pair became good friends as they were continuously thrown together in what seemed like a thousand different ways. What a perfect couple they would make if they were to date, BUT there was one thing keeping them apart...religion. As Pat was a devout Catholic, Judy was raised a faithful Lutheran. Their religious beliefs created a gap that inhibited their dating.

After graduation, Judy attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, a Lutheran school, where she studied to become a Deaconess. Guess who else ended up going to college in Indiana...Pat! Likewise, he followed his religion by attending the Catholic University of Notre Dame. Pat and Judy stayed in touch by the old-fashioned method of writing letters. Then one fateful summer day, after their freshman year of college, they met at a party back home in Waterbury. It was finally at this time that the pair decided to overlook their religious barrier and date. After a wonderful summer of falling in love, Judy departed to Germany for a year. She went to honor her Lutheran commitment of working in education, at an orphanage with handicapped and special needs children, while Pat continued his studies and pursuit of sports at Notre Dame.

Upon Judy's return from Germany, she enrolled at UConn. The two continued dating long distance while attending schools far away from each other through letter correspondence – imagine, no cell phones! They soon became serious, and eventually decided to wed. Fine with Judy, as long as it was in a Lutheran church, and fine with Pat, as long as it was in a Catholic church. Oh no – religion getting in the way yet again! Ironically, on Easter Sunday of 1964, the young couple broke up because they just couldn't make this work. Not the end of the story though, because after a few weeks (of pure misery for Pat without Judy), knowing that Pat worked at the Boys Club in Waterbury on Saturday mornings, right by the store where Judy shopped, she spotted his car and left a note on it that simply read "Call me." Judy graciously agreed to wed in a Catholic church. Following a lengthy search to find a Catholic priest enlightened and liberal enough to marry a Catholic boy to a Lutheran girl, Pat and Judy were married on November 20, 1965, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Waterbury. The priest requested that Judy sign a document vowing to raise their children in the Catholic church. She refused to sign, but fortunately, he married them anyway. Being that the DiDomizios were married in the month of November, it only seems fitting we feature their story this month.

Prior to their wedding, Judy landed a fellowship at New York University in social work. Always a Magna Cum Laude student, she finished her education with a master's degree in Education and teaching certificate from Southern CT State University. Judy dedicated her career to elementary school education, teaching first in Waterbury, and then in Cheshire.



As for Pat, he spent his career in federal law enforcement, retiring in 1998 as Chief of the Pretrial Services Unit for the United States District Court in CT. He then contracted with the US government to do federal investigations for security clearances. Pat proudly served the community of Cheshire as Commissioner of the Junior Football League, Little League Coach, and member of the CHS Gridiron Club. He was also a lifelong member of the Boys Club of Waterbury and acted as President of their Board of Directors for a number of years, with Judy by his side. She helped him to initiate the inclusion of girls into the Boys Club,

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which is now known nationwide as the Boys & Girls Club of America. Pat earned the title of Jaycee Man of the Year for outstanding service to our community in 1991. Judy earned the title of Teacher of the Year in 1991 as well. Again, the pair earned awards together!

Pat and Judy began their life together in Oakville. They later moved to Waterbury, and finally settled in Cheshire. God blessed them with two precious children, daughter Jennifer in 1968 and son David in 1971. Jennifer attended Syracuse University and was active in sports, while David attended and played football at Lehigh University. Pat and Judy happily spent countless weekends traveling to upstate New York and Pennsylvania to support their children's college careers. Jennifer now lives in Astoria, Queens, and works in Communications for one of the biggest wine auction houses in the world. David lives in San Francisco and works for the US State Department, Office of Foreign Missions. Through his job, he met a Japanese girl, Fumiko, who was also working for the State Department, Office of Foreign Missions out of Seattle. They fell in love, married in Hawaii, and welcomed a son, Tomohiro Patrick, also known as Tommy.

In their early days together, Pat and Judy attended churches of both faiths. Judy's family moved to Cheshire and joined CLC. During the 1960's, the DiDomizio couple began attending CLC regularly, and then Judy joined. Reluctant at first to become a member, Pat became increasingly involved with Judy in CLC, and they grew together in their faith with their newfound church family. Before long, Pat became a member. The couple baptized their children and grandchild at CLC. Jennifer and David were involved in the church during their youth, attending Sunday School, youth group, and volunteering.



Religion, the one thing that threatened for so many years to tear this couple apart, ended up becoming the strongest foundation on which they built their life together. Pat and Judy faithfully served CLC in so many ways. Judy served as Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Education Deacon, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Altar Assistant, and member of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee. Pat serves our church in numerous capacities as well; as an Altar Assistant, Stewardship Deacon, Usher, Chairman of the Call Committee for Pastor Rowold, helped found the Columbarium and Memorial Garden, and started the Wellness and Safety Committee. Both also mentored Confirmation students. Since Judy's passing in May of 2021, Pat is now actively looking into forming a bereavement group to offer support to other church members who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Church has been an essential part of Pat and Judy's life together and a focal point that anchored their social lives too. The DiDomizios, together with the Gancarzs, Drusts, and Mulvaney's, spent summers together over the years vacationing at the Gancarz's Vermont lake house. Pat appreciates the dear friends he has made throughout his membership with CLC.

Pat cites that he and Judy were extremely fortunate to have traveled extensively throughout all the European countries, along with Japan, Tunisia, and more. His most memorable travels were the trips they took after the kids came along. The whole family enjoyed vacations to Hilton Head, the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and several cruises. Being that Judy was fluent in German, Pat found Germany to be his

favorite European country. He also appreciated the beauty of the Canadian Rockies.

Along with travel, Pat enjoys golf and swimming. He now lives in a lovely community in Oxford which offers a golf course, along with indoor and outdoor pools. He likes to read historical novels and considers Jon Meacham as his favorite author. Pat also likes to write and has penned letters to the editor for the Waterbury newspaper, along with stories for the Notre Dame alumni magazine. He has even considered authoring a book of his own. Pat is an avid Notre Dame football and Yankees baseball fan. And here is a little-known fact about Pat, he has a "long gone hidden talent" for playing the guitar.

Pat gushes that his amazing love story and marriage to Judy are his greatest accomplishments and that it is because of her that he has led such a charmed life. He is thankful for God's great blessings, especially for Judy, because her being a true Lutheran through and through led him to the Lutheran faith, and to our CLC family of brothers and sisters that he will cherish forever.

Special thanks to Pat and Judy for their many years of devoted service to our church.

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

FIRE SAFETY FROM THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE...

October was National Fire Prevention month. In Little Cherubs, the students talked about what to do in case there was a fire in their homes, and they were visited by a fire engine from the Cheshire Fire Department. Even though we didn't talk about it very much during our Sunday morning announcements, it's still important to be prepared.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

1. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home – one for every level. Remember to check all of them every month and to change the batteries regularly. (Twice a year is a common recommendation, and the beginning and end of daylight savings time can be a helpful reminder.) For added safety you can get units that are both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
2. Avoid electrical fires by unplugging appliances when not in use (This can save on your electricity bill too.) and do not overload outlets by plugging in too many devices with things like power strips. When using an extension cord, make sure it is thicker than the cord for the device you are plugging in (to keep from overloading the extension cord) and do not put electrical wires under rugs or in high traffic areas.
3. Consider getting at least one fire extinguisher for your home. More fires start in the kitchen than in any other room, so this would be a good place to have one. Remember to get a fire extinguisher that is designed to work on common fires you might have in your home.
4. Clean the lint trap of your clothes dryer regularly, preferably after every drying cycle, and clear out any lint under or behind the dryer twice a year. Fires in residential areas often start in the clothes dryer.
5. Have an escape plan for how you will get out of your home if there is ever a fire. Make sure you know the route out of every room in your house and practice getting out. Practice staying low to the ground and checking doors with the back of your hand to see if it is hot. Don't forget to designate a place outside of the home and far enough away where everyone will gather to make sure they are safe.



IF THERE IS EVER A FIRE AT CHURCH

Make your way to the nearest exit and go outside; when you are outside head to one of two meeting places. If you see the Church sign when you get outside, you are at the front of the building – head towards the sign and wait on the front lawn by it. If you see the large white cross, you are at the back or the side of the building – head towards the cross and wait on the back lawn by it. If you have limited mobility, ask for help and other members will assist you in getting as far from the building as possible.

The Wellness & Safety Committee continues to meet as needed, and we are looking to plan First Aid/CPR/AED training, as well as another presentation about safety, as soon as we can arrange them. If you have any questions or would like to join the Wellness & Safety Committee, please contact Pat DiDomizio or Pastor Rowold.

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 FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

CLC had a great start to the Fall Season:

- ✦ The Apple Picking and Hayride event at Blue Hills Orchards took place on a beautiful Sunday afternoon with 15 attendees; the youngest, 10-month-old Bennett, enjoying his very first apple!
- ✦ The Progressive Social was held the following weekend. It was a delightful evening with appetizers and laughter in abundance! Thank you to Rob and Janet Delaubell for hosting the appetizer house and taking the lead on this gathering.

Coffee Hour after the 8AM service has returned and you are encouraged to stop in for a hot cup of coffee or tea and coffee cake or cookie. If you are inclined to host, the signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please join us!

ADVENT LUNCH: Time is flying by and we are beginning to prepare for the Advent Lunch to be held December 4th following the 10:30 service. Please look for the signup sheet in the coming weeks. We want you and need you to make this event the success it has always been. Please join us!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon



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

Jubilee Advent lunch
&

After the late Service on Sunday December 4, 2022



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

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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✦ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✦ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services during COVID-19 restrictions
- ✦ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✦ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✦ Video recordings from many past events
- ✦ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✦ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✦ Much, much more...



NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacon are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 13th**, for subsequent installation on the first Sunday of 2023:

<u>Officers (term of 1 year)</u>	<u>Deacons (term of 3 years)</u>
President	Youth Deacon
Vice-President	Worship Deacon
Recording Secretary	
Financial Secretary	
Treasurer	



Nominees shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall be confirmed members of the congregation. Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Craig Wilson, Pam Clark & Larry Fiedler

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time (United States) ends **Sunday, November 6, 2022.**
Move your clocks **back** 1 hour so you are not early for Church!

CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

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

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

Stay tuned to the Sunday Bulletin and December Heavenly Herald with the dates and final plans to decorate for Christmas.

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

Bill Soulier
CLC Vice President





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

- ♪ Bell Choir will perform on Thanksgiving Eve and both Services on November 27th
- ♪ Parish Choir will perform on November 6th, November 29th and Thanksgiving Eve

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 2 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 6 - Sunday <i>All Saints Day</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 9 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 13 - Sunday	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist—Bruce Emerick
	10:30 AM	Performance	Congregation sings Hymn for Offertory
November 16 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 20 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 23 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	6:20 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell & Parish Choir
November 27 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
November 30 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 4 - Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication

HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone listed in our church directory.



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Hello to all. I can't believe I am writing about November already. I have some fun news to let you know about for October 31, 2022. We were invited to visit Marbridge Assisted Living and Memory Care at 11:00 A.M. The patients will be handing out goodie bags to the children. We invited the 3-year-old class as well. Many parents will accompany their children. The children will be all dressed up. I was told this morning that the Cheshire Herald will be there as well. The Cheshire Police will be escorting us across the street both coming and going. So exciting. This is the first time we ever did anything like this in the 10 years I have been here.

For the month of November, we are going to focus on kindness and being thankful. We will be closed for Thanksgiving November 24th and November 25th. School will be closing early on November 23rd at 12:00. We will not be having lunch together that day.

The Librarian from Cheshire Library will be visiting Thursday, November 3rd, with the 3's and November 4th with the 4's. It is so nice to know that our visits are starting up again with the library, and they are not staying away due to COVID-19.

Picture day will be taking place November 8th with the 3's and November 9th with the 4's. Rick Ciaburri is our photographer once again.

There will be a lot of science experiments with pumpkins, along with cooking and baking Pumpkin Pie and cranberry pudding (A recipe from Miss Martha.) We will also be making a scarecrow, pumpkin slime, and homemade butter.

Miss Michele teaches the children the letter they are working on in Spanish each week.

This month we will be learning letters I through M and numbers 9-13. We will continue to build upon the children's knowledge of colors and shapes as well.

The class will be voting on different things throughout the month in an effort to give the kids a basic understanding of what voting is and how it can be useful.

For Bible Time we will be learning about MOSES. In October we learned about Noah and Joseph and his amazing-colored coat and more. Lastly, we will be recognizing Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11, 2022.

We are looking forward to yet another month of learning and fun with the children here at Little Cherubs. We are so truly blessed to get the time we have with the children each week.

We are THANKFUL for all of you,
Miss JoAnn, Miss Michele and Miss Alex

2022—2023 Registration

Little Cherubs is still 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!



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

Flags

Will be placed on the Columbarium over Veterans weekend November 10 - 14, 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)
 William F. Schmollinger (Feb. 9, 1924 - Jan. 20, 2007)
 Carolyn R. Schmollinger (Jan. 13, 1929 - June 28, 2022)
 Joseph W. Stark (June 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
Barbara Carson	Tim Weiland	Ed Schweizer

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

WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

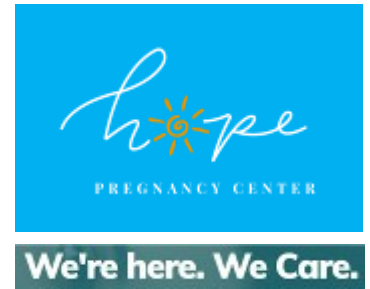
Volunteers are needed to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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

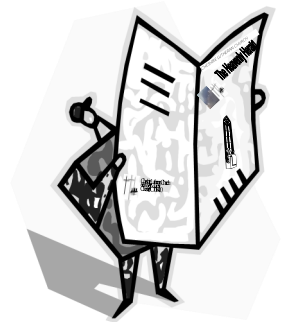
110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703

hopepregnancycenterct.org



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

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



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✠ Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events, seasonal pix around our beautiful grounds and at Services. We are blessed.
- ✠ Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish, Bell Choirs and special soloists for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- ✠ Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.



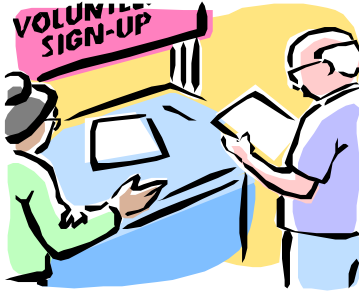
THANKSGIVING SERVICE REMINDER...

We will be having our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on the Wednesday evening (November 23) before Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM. The service will be in person and live streamed on YouTube (just like Sunday mornings). Print copies of the bulletins for Thanksgiving Eve and the following Sunday will both be available from the Church on Tuesday, November 22, from 10 AM to Noon.



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
- ✦ Pastor Gregory Wismar Presents: Scenic Switzerland by Train trip in 2024 information
- ✦ Information on our recent dearly departed congregants
- ✦ Information regarding **volunteers needed to run our Sound and Video equipment** and sign up sheet
- ✦ **Thank You Cards** and other correspondence
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2022 volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** expansion Announcement and **HELP NEEDED** Information
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2022 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ Coffee Hour Sign-up
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members **Birthday and Anniversaries**
- ✦ **Piano for Sale** information
- ✦ **Birthright Needs Volunteers**



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.

THANKSGIVING BREAD EXCHANGE...

This year we will once again have a loaf exchange at our Thanksgiving Eve Service.



Everyone interested is invited to bring a loaf of bread with them to the service; it can be bought at the grocery store or the bakery, or even made at home if you'd like. (Please remember to wrap it if you make it at home – and please, no loaves of sandwich bread that are so airy you “wonder” if it's really bread.)

We'll all place our loaves in a basket at the beginning of the service, and then everyone is invited to take a different loaf of bread home with them when the service is over.

By including these loaves of bread on our Thanksgiving tables we can, in a symbolic way, share the meal with our wider family of faith.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after Thanksgiving. Starting with the last Sunday in November (which is also the first Sunday in Advent), the names currently on the list will be removed and names will remain on the list only if Pastor is told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like to stay there after Thanksgiving or a new one that you would like to add, please contact Pastor to let him know.



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection can is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall by the storage closet.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



Feed the Northeast 2022:

Thank you to all of you who contributed! On October 20, 662 items (546lb) were delivered to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. We hope that we are one of the first 100 church's to reach the goal. We will let you know if the food pantry receives the \$500 Thrivent Grant.

Cheshire Lights of Hope:

Cheshire Lutheran Church will be participating in the final year of Lights of Hope on Saturday, November 12th. Cheshire Lights of Hope unites the community by lighting up the town and creating a brighter world while benefiting local charities

Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



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.



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





2022 - 49 Years of Giving

The Cheshire Food Drive

First Saturday & Sunday in November
9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center



WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

WHAT WE DO

- ✎ Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the *Cheshire Food Pantry* located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- ✎ Financially support the *Food Voucher Program* administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

Canned meat	Boxed snacks	Powdered Milk	Tomato sauces
Peanut Butter	Pasta and Rice	Tuna Fish	Granola bars
Vegetables	Soups and Stews	Juices/Juice boxes	Cereal

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :

CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926



First full weekend in November
 Congregational Church Green

Shopping List

- Cash for vouchers
- Granola bars/snacks
- Cereal
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Salt/pepper/spices
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Soups/stews
- Canned tomatoes
- Juice boxes
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned chicken/meat
- Condiments
- Tuna fish
- Rice/grains
- Pasta & sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Fruit cups
- Nut butters

Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels

THE RIPPEL REPORT—NOVEMBER 2022..

Glory, Glory, Halleluiah

All aboard, I ask that you join me on a historic, “old-fashioned” steam train journey back into the days of civil war history. The timeline is early July 1861. We will be boarding at Boston Mass station, destination Washington D.C. I cannot guarantee that our trip will be comfortable, or fast, nor even safe.

I will introduce you to a party of prominent persons, each devoted Christians, citizens of New England. All dedicated to stopping the spread of slavery in our nation. All are part of the powerful abolitionist movement. This grassroots movement spread like wildfire across the states in the North, involving churches parish members, social and humanitarian networks, and numerous volunteer citizens. Collectively they would protest, publish the evils of slavery, citing this as a godless, inhumane institution. They put pressure on government agencies and politicians to abolish slavery in the New England states. Connecticut stopped slavery in 1837 by abolition. They worked closely with their spies and counterparts in the southern states to develop the Underground Railroad which provided numerous safe houses to move large numbers of escaped slaves to Canada. Abolitionists were both powerful and influential in making the entire United States population aware of the inhumanity of slavery and the slave owners.

The leaders of this organization, from both Massachusetts and Connecticut, will be aboard this train heading South. It is my pleasure to introduce each notable leader to you. But first, there are many questions you may have, these deserve answers on this journey. What stops and between stops will we make? Travel at night? Facilities, food, drink, sanitation, fellow passengers, security, why are we going at all? The spokespersons and leaders for the abolition movement, have been invited to meet with newly elected President Abraham Lincoln, note that the civil war exploded less than three months ago in April 1861.

In addition to be meeting with the President, our delegation from the North will be meeting with other Washington officials to discuss the problems, solutions, resources available for the expansion of the emancipation agenda and how to move it forward and rapidly. There will be some 30 individuals and their families making this journey.

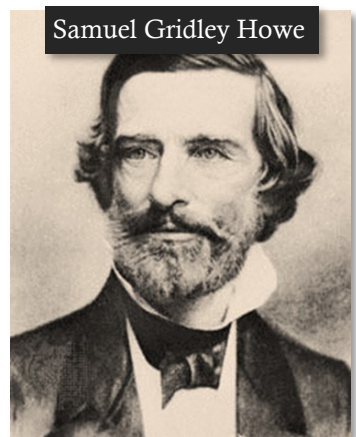
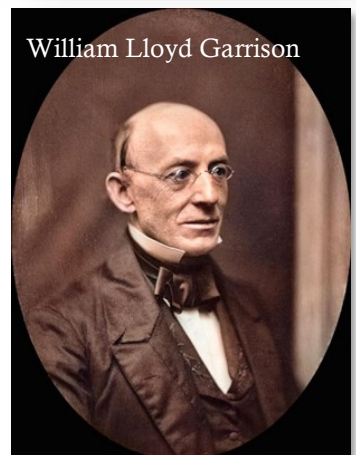
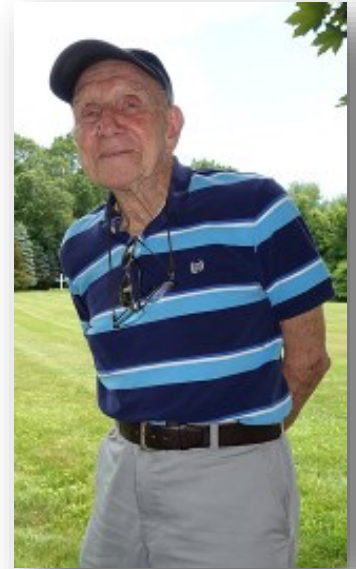
Representing Massachusetts is William Lloyd Garrison, owner, and publisher of The Liberator. A widely distributed newspaper, featuring anti-slavery articles, sketches, and interviews with escaped slaves. His publications aroused so much fury in the South, he became the only civilian in the civil war constantly being threatened with a bounty to kidnap, hold for trial and then execute.

Next, the Episcopal Minister, Reverend Henry Ward Beecher. Regularly, Beecher, a “fire and brimstone” Preacher would condemn the South’s institution of slavery, the owners, overseers, and traders. Reverend Beecher’s daughter, Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom’s Cabin would inflame the southern states in outrage over the shocking truth of slave conditions. At the coming meeting with President Lincoln, he would greet Mrs. Stowe, from Litchfield CT, with the following phrase “so you are the little lady who helped start this big war”.

There are many more devout and dedicated abolitionists I could introduce our readers to; however, time is short. One couple you should meet, Mr. Samuel Gridley Howe and his wife Julia Ward Howe. He is a professor of theology at the New England College, also appointed to Lincoln’s cabinet as chair of the Sanitary Commission. A vital assignment, over 1/2 of the 3/4 million war dead was due to improper hygiene and sanitation. His wife Julia is an accomplished writer of religious materials and as a poetess.

The scene is set for our journey to the nation’s Capital. Early morning 7:00 AM, July 2nd, 1861, passengers inside the Boston railroad station fanned themselves, another hot day ahead. The gentlemen standing in small groups talking about the trip ahead. Several had made the trip before, and shared facts to the uncertainty of these first timers. The train would be 8 railroad cars in locked tandem. First the steam engine then two cars each filled with firewood, which would burn and boil huge amounts of water. Then, 2 passenger cars, capacity 50 each. Next, our special Pullman overnighiter. The next two cars carry union troops. There would be a company of 100 troops in union blue uniforms, with rifles bedrolls and haversacks (backpacks) on their shoulders.

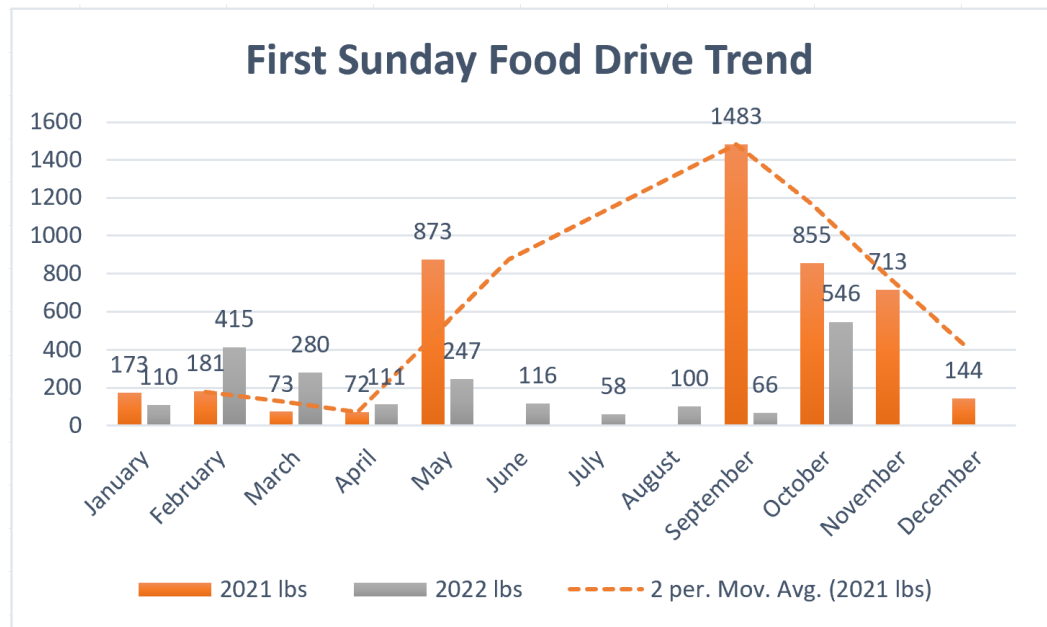
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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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. quette@cheshirefoodpantry.org or 203.699.9226.

“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

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These soldiers would be for our protection as we pass through the southern states of Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland. In the November 1860 presidential elections, Abraham Lincoln campaigned on emancipation, the abolishment of all slavery in the South and nationwide. This had already been accomplished in the northern states in the 1830s, including Connecticut. President Lincoln's inauguration was set for March 1861. This date was to avoid difficult travel in winter conditions. Unlike on today's inauguration date of January 20th.



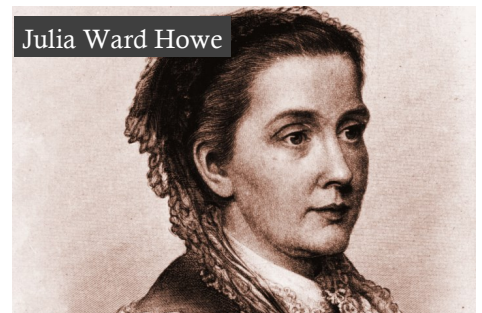
Maryland, back then, was a slave state and with confederate sympathy. As 11 southern states seceded from the union, President Lincoln had all Maryland officials arrested and held at Fort Warren in Boston harbor for the duration of the war. This was done to prevent secession. Had Maryland joined the southern states, a ring of confederate military would have closed in on Washington DC and the war would have been won by the South. Fearing the capture and assassination of Lincoln, he passed through Baltimore MD in disguise as an elderly gent, not wearing a top hat, but a stocking cap, eyeglasses, beard trimmed and covered in a shawl, he was led by Pinkerton security safely from one train to the next train. When word got out, Maryland citizens were furious. On April 19th, 1861, violence erupted in the streets of Baltimore MD. Union troops from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were attacked, 12 civilians were dead and more wounded. So, tensions would be high when we stop and change rail lines in Baltimore, the troops are for our protection.

With all the passengers in the station, soldiers outside on the platform, the stationmaster addressed our group. He spoke on behalf of the railroad. First, a complimentary breakfast was offered to all. He wished all a safe and successful trip. Next, he said to take note and write down the

following details of our trip ahead. Our journey will be 5 days and due to the rail locations to major and minor stops some 600 miles induration. When we leave Boston station our next stop is Providence RI then New Haven CT then New York City and then Philadelphia PA. We will pass through Baltimore MD, switch over rail lines to Washington DC. During this, Union troops on board will safeguard passengers and our train as well. There will be no night travel. Each night at sunset we will rest in a station hiding safely and bed down. There will be numerous other stops small towns etc. to load more firewood and supplies of water. Water tanks are placed along the rail route along with vital supplies. There will be baggage handlers to assist as well as extra conductors to answer questions. The stationmaster then answered all questions and was alerted by the train whistle as our train pulled into the station. The next five days were smooth and uneventful, and everyone relaxed and engaged in friendly talk.

Arriving in Washington DC, the nation's capital, the effects of preparations for war were everywhere expecting a confederate attack. Our party checked into the Willard Hotel, DC's best lodging. Having arrived in DC July 12, 1861, the nation's capital was in a panic on a war footing. The abolitionist group concluded their business meetings with the President, cabinet members and special officers. The city was being evacuated due to the serious threat of invasion. The confederate forces were only 25 miles away at Manassas (Bull Run). Union forces were already on the march to engage the enemy under general McDowell. Just before the Howes left DC they had assured close friends in Boston that they would have a brief visit with their 19 year old son at his encampment. They joined a pastor for a prayer and exchange of gifts with the young man. Union soldiers marched in large numbers and kept in step by marching to the popular words and melody of abolitionist's favorite "John Brown's Body". However, the troops inserted their off color and foul words instead. Ladies were deeply offended and covered the ears of the young children. Some screamed at officers to make the marching men to stop, to no avail. Julia Howe made notes in her travel journal. In civil war times, not only were families accepted at training camps, they were encouraged to come, for morale reasons. Late that afternoon, visitors assembled in carriages, wagons and returned to the capital under military escort.

Arriving at the Willard Hotel near dark, the Howes had dinner and retired to their rooms. Julia Howe, in her mind, mulling over the day's events, remembered the statement the pastor had directed at her saying, Mrs. Howe, why do you not right good words for that stirring tune? That night Julia Howe was inspired, she recalled how the verses were weaving themselves together as she drifted to sleep. Afraid she would forget them by dawn, she forced herself out of bed, lit a candle, picked up a broken stub of pencil, a scrap of paper and wrote the words to what would become the most famous hymn of the Union. Howe deserved a great deal of praise for her poem. One day after considerable public attention, Howe said "I wish very much that it may some service in time of peace, which I pray God, may never more be broken". In February 1861, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was published in the Atlantic Monthly for \$4 to protect copyright laws. Samuel and Julia Ward Howe would remain very active in religious circles writing articles, woman's suffrage, and abolitionist activities. Their family would consist of 6 children. Julia would pass away at Newport RI on October 17, 1910 at age 91.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU...

Dear CLC Members,

At Cheshire Lutheran Church, we understand and have experienced the purpose of consecrated stewardship; giving one's "time, talent and treasure" to our fellow humans in service to the Lord. I'm sending this as a request for your time and talent. We have two deacon vacancies that we need to fill by our November 13th Voters meeting in order to get off to a strong start for our 2023 Mission Plan. They are:



Worship Deacon (recently and selflessly served by Tim Weiland)

Essentially, the Worship Deacon and committee makes certain that services and related tasks go smoothly and help support the spiritual experience that makes our services special and meaningful. A key role of the position is the scheduling and coordination of our faithful volunteers that make our service happen.

Youth Deacon (recently and selflessly served by Lisa Muller)

Essentially, the Youth Deacon and committee engages middle school and high school youth of the congregation in the work of Christ; shall provide for their spiritual growth; shall promote genuine, Christian fellowship for them; and shall encourage their organizing, implementing, and participating in community outreach and service programs.

The duties of the respective committees they serve are documented in detail so you won't need to guess what is involved and there are folks to support your needed leadership so you are not serving and doing the work alone. Additionally, you have other CLC Council members who are here to help and support you.

Won't you please step up and help? If interested, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee of your interest (Larry Fiedler, Pam Clark or Craig Wilson). Your contributions of time and talent will help others while providing you with the satisfaction that you are serving our Lord, who has given everything for us. Thank you and God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Craig Wilson



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
Phone 203-710-0753



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services continues to meet at 9:10 a.m. We are currently working through a study by Pastor Arthur Just titled *Liturgy: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow*; we're looking at our liturgical heritage with its roots in the early centuries of the Christian Church and its Scriptural origins. Come join us.

The weekday afternoon Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.. This fall, we started working our way through the Holy Gospel according to Saint John. If anyone needs a Zoom link for this Bible study, they should contact Pastor Rowold and he will set one up.

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



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

We celebrate together as **Bennett Louis Tuscano** was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday, October 23, 2022.

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



CHESHIRE LIGHTS OF HOPE 2021...

Cheshire Lutheran Church will be participating in the Final Cheshire's "Lights of Hope" on Saturday, November 12th. "Lights of Hope" has evolved into an annual event that now benefits several Cheshire non-profits like the food pantry and Cheshire Youth and Social Services. Proceeds also go towards student scholarships and to The Petit Family Foundation. Cheshire's "Lights of Hope" unites the community by lighting up the town and creating a brighter world while benefiting local charities and promoting volunteerism.



Nancy Engelhardt —Social Welfare Deacon & Marilyn Miller—Evangelism Deacon



NOVEMBER 2022

1st Evan Napp
 3rd Griffin Natzel
 10th Lynn Balash
 Andrea Merrow
 11th Julian Muller
 Alexis Veleber
 13th Pamela Clark
 14th Natalie Veleber
 15th David Veleber
 17th Bill Sherman
 Christina Plantier
 18th Jonathan Schrumm
 19th Alyssa DeLaubell
 20th Clifford Ongley
 Steve Behnfeldt
 21st Joanne Casberg
 22nd Bruce Emerick
 26th John Casberg
 Debbie Sherman
 28th Dale Zeppieri



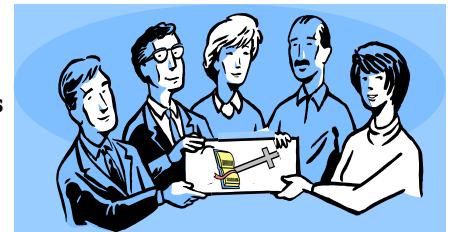
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2022

4 th	Larry & Gayle Logan	33 Years
10 th	David & Melissa Veleber	19 Years
12 th	Don & Diane Drust	50 Years
16 th	Alan & Carol Santoro	37 Years
23 rd	John & Priscilla Mulvaney	37 Years
	Paul & Christine Smith	31 Years
24 th	Tim & Cindy Baker	21 Years
27 th	Edward & Nancy Schweizer	40 Years
28 th	John & Joanne Casberg	63 Years
	Blair & Kristen Donewald	41 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Voters will meet Sunday **November 13th** after the late Service at CLC. **We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on.** Meeting will most likely also be held via Zoom. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



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