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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

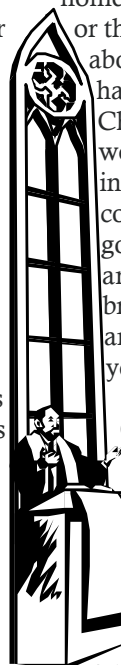
During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic many changes took place. We were wearing masks just about all the time when we were out of their home. People tried to keep themselves six feet apart when indoors in public places like the grocery store, the bank, or even Church. Many businesses established remote work for their employees. Houses of worship across the country began live streaming their services – many of whom had never even considered it before the pandemic. Restaurants stopped indoor dining and opened spaces outside or stitched to "carry out only." The list of changes to our normal routines stretches well beyond these few.

Thankfully, much of life has returned to the way it was before the pandemic, or at least very close to it. Social distancing and arrows on the floor directing the flow of customers is gone. Restaurants and bars are open for business as usual, with customers enjoying their meals surrounded by other diners. Many houses of worship have phased out their live streaming activities focusing on "in person" activities. Businesses are bring back their workers, with some even requiring all employees to cease remote work.

Still, not all aspects of life have returned to normal; some of it is indifferent, some is good, and some is not so good. Masks are not gone, but at least they are now worn when an individual decides it's the right choice for them – not because of a government mandate. Many people with "lots of life experience" who barely used technology before the pandemic are now comfortable with things like Zoom, allowing them the opportunity to communicate face-to-face with their loved ones who live long distances away. One of the most disheartening

changes brought on by the pandemic, however, is the number of people who were regular Church goers at the start of 2020, that do not come to Sunday School and Church anymore.

Now, to be clear, I'm not referring to the folks who have medical issues or illness keeping them home – the ones who faithfully watch their Church's live stream on Sunday morning – or the person who watches from home one Sunday because the weather is bad or they are having car trouble. I'm talking about people who simply got out of the habit of going to Sunday School and Church during the pandemic and never went back because it just seems inconvenient now, or they made other commitments, or they just don't feel like going because it's not part of their routine anymore. This is the saddest change brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is something with which I need your help.



Our family of faith at CLC has not managed to escape unscathed from this decrease in members coming to Church, and we are trying to find ways to reach out to these absent sisters and brothers, to encourage them and to help them more fully participate in the life of our congregation. We're following the advice of the Apostle when he wrote to the Hebrews, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."

As we do this, we'd like your suggestions for different ways we can try to achieve our aim, your ideas for how to reach our absent members. And we need your cooperation and support as well; I know from personal experience that another parishioner reaching

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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 hope this message finds you all well and that 2023 is off to a nice start!



As I pondered what I would like to write about, it dawned on me how nice it was to hear from CLC's youngest members in church yesterday. Kyong and I attended the 10:30 service and there seemed to be a nice increase in the number of youngsters in attendance, ranging from infant to grade school. Little ones are never shy about making their presence known and I just remember us looking at each other and smiling. No one makes a joyful noise unto the Lord quite like a child and we were blessed by their presence.

I've heard it said that many churches are just a generation away from closing their doors forever. Long gone are the days when generation after generation of families attended the same church from cradle to grave. Today's culture is much more fluid and although we bring our children up in church, that next generation often moves away to wherever their careers may take them. This is why it is so important to welcome the little ones as often as we are able to be blessed with their presence and I thank those parents and grandparents for sharing!!

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February marks five years since CLC was blessed with Pastor Rowold's acceptance of the call to become our Pastor. CLC is truly blessed by the caring and competent leadership Pastor Rowold provides on a daily basis. That blessing is multiplied exponentially by the contributions of Tricia and Sarah! Please take a moment to congratulate and thank Pastor and the entire Rowold family as they reach this wonderful milestone. We couldn't have asked for a better Shephard to lead us through the crazy uncertainty of these past few years – WE ARE TRULY BLESSED! Congratulations Pastor, Tricia and Sarah, and thank you for all you do for all of us here at CLC!!

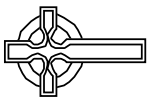
I appreciate each of you that either took the time to stay after the services on January 8th or tuned in via the live stream as I presented the annual corporate report. Copies of the report are available in the church office as needed. Many thanks to Carol Santoro for her diligence and hard work in preparing this comprehensive report.

The Council looks forward to great things in 2023 and our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 7th at 7:00pm in the CLC Library. Our next meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be Sunday, Feb 26th at approximately 11:30am (immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service). Zoom Links will be provided as we get closer to these dates.

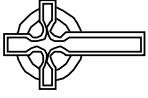
Yours in Christ,

Jeff Mann

CLC Parish President



GIL GALILEAN



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	2	3	4 1:00 - 4:00 Youth Chocolate Making
5 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:00 Parish Choir 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	6	7 7:00 Council Meeting	8 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	9	10	11 9:00 Quilts of Valor
12 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship 7:00 Confirmation Class	13	14	15 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	16	17	18 3:00 - 6:00 Sunday School Veggie Talés Event
19 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:00 Parish Choir 10:30 Holy Communion	20	21	22 7:00 Parish Choir 7:30 Ash Wednesday Communion Service	23 7:00 Bell Choir	24	25
26 7:20 Bell Choir 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Voters Meeting Confirmation Class	27	28	Heavenly Herald articles due to Beth Soulier			

FEBRUARY SERVERS LIST

<u>(month)</u>	<u>Readers/Altar Assistants</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers (month)</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
	<i>(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup</i>				
February 5					
8:00	- Isaiah 58:3-9a <i>(I)</i> – Vicki DePaolo - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 – Vicki DePaolo		8:00 Craig Wilson Alan Spose		Arta Dobbs Carol Santoro
10:30	- Isaiah 58:3-9a <i>(I)</i> – Jonathan Schrumm - 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 – Jonathan Schrumm		10:30 Robert DeLaubell April Slauson	Parish	
February 12					
8:00	- Deuteronomy 30:15-20 – Karen Bailey - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 – Mario Bencivenga			Soloist	
10:30	- Deuteronomy 30:15-20 – Jeff Mann - 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 – April Slauson				
February 19					
8:00	- Exodus 24:8-18 <i>(I)</i> – Pat DiDomizio - 2 Peter 1:16-21 – Pat DiDomizio				
10:30	- Exodus 24:8-18 <i>(I)</i> – Bill Sherman - 2 Peter 1:16-21 – Bill Sherman			Parish	
February 22					
	- Ash Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. - Joel 2:12-19 <i>(I)</i> – David Schrumm - 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10 – Tim Weiland			Parish	
February 26					
8:00	- Genesis 3:1-22 – Alan Spose - Romans 5:12-19 – Alan Spose			Bell	
10:30	- Genesis 3:1-22 – Karen Weiland - Romans 5:12-19 – Karen Weiland			Bell	

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

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out can sometimes be more meaningful and effective than the Pastor doing it. Your involvement and engagement is essential as we seek to build up our absent brothers and sisters in Christ, and as we work to equip and empower all our members to share Christ Jesus in our lives through word and deed.

To share your thoughts and ideas, or to volunteer to be even more involved, feel free to contact me or our Stewardship Deacon Rob DeLaubell. Won't you help us encourage one another to love, to good works, and to participate in the life of our congregation?

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



KIDS' LENTEN DEVOTION AND MOBILE ...

As we begin Lent, we reflect on how our lives have changed because of God's grace, and we give thanks. We can see where we were lost, but God found us! As children reflect on the words of "Amazing Grace" in this daily Lenten devotion booklet, they are reminded that God's great grace was poured out upon us because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. Because of Jesus Christ, we all can say that we have been saved by God's grace. And that's amazing!

Perfect as a centerpiece above the table or in the classroom, family room or bedroom, the mobile grows throughout Lent as we pray through the days until Jesus' glorious resurrection. Each day, a new piece is added to the mobile, creating a beautiful decoration for Easter. A daily devotional verse and Scripture passage are included. A great companion piece to the children's Lenten devotional booklet. Cutting is required. String not included.

Arriving early February. Watch the Sunday bulletin for when they are available.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

There is no Sunday School February 19, 2023.

Our regular schedule is Sunday morning opening at 9:10 in the fellowship hall followed by lessons in the classrooms. Our lessons from February – June will follow the pattern of a Bible passage one week and a related part of the catechism the next week. We will also take a slightly different approach to opening for a little while. Please make sure students are in opening on time as the new format may take a minute or two longer than what we have been doing. We will say certain parts of opening in an I say, you repeat format to help our students who are not yet readers to be able to more actively participate in opening.

There will be a Sunday School Family Veggie Tales event at CLC on Saturday February 18 from 3-6 pm. We will watch some Veggie tale the kids will do some activities to go along with what they have watched and We will enjoy some food as well. Please sign up on the bulletin Board so we know how many will be attending.

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...



Some Reflections on Stewardship (Giving of our TIME, TALENTS and TREASURES)

I have tried to focus on the giving of time and talents in my messaging during the most recent pledge campaign. Otherwise said, I choose not to focus on the money aspect, e.g., giving of our treasures. This is for several reasons, the clearest being that CLC is fortunate enough, and blessed, in that we are able to fulfill our financial obligations from our offerings... money is not our “problem”! *At least for now, God willing.*

So what is our “problem”? Well, first, I’ll use other words - namely our “opportunity”. Our **opportunity** is to engage more folks in helping in the various workings of the church, in the fulfillment of our mission. We have all observed at some point an organization or group whereby the majority of work is done by a small percentage of the members of the group. I would say that is partially true here at CLC. I see tremendous opportunities for folks to get involved, to give existing leaders a break (so that they can refresh themselves and hopefully come back for more), and just in general to share the wealth of the work. And in many cases, some of our faithful and loyal servants are ready to pass the baton, so to speak. There are roles in all areas / aspects where inspired folks can get involved. How do you express your intent to get involved? Simply say to me, Pastor, a Council member, or area leader “Hey, how can I help?”.

On a positive note, we have seen during this year’s stewardship campaign multiple folks raise their hands, and offer to get involved. Thank you!! And we are blessed that CLC has so many folks that continually give tirelessly of their energies and efforts. We are thankful for all that you do!

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

IMPORTANT Message from Amazon

Amazon To Discontinue AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, they will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February.

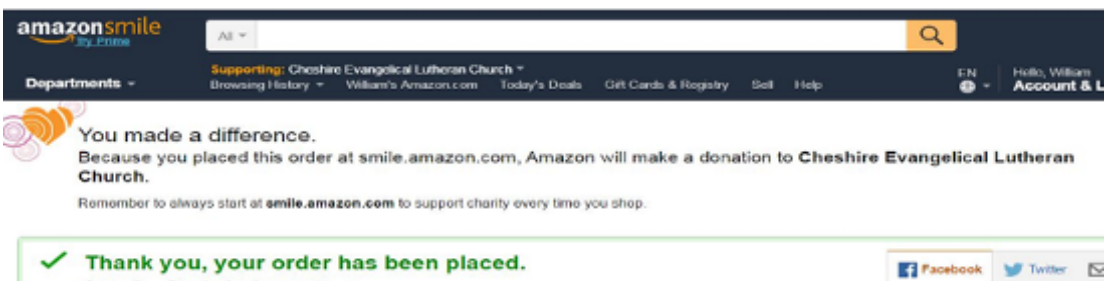
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

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

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



You Shop. Amazon Gives



WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

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

Stay warm!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

CLC's featured members for February 2023 are Tim and Karen Weiland. Without further ado, we start with Tim first.

Tim grew up in rural Bellevue Ohio, the second son of a dairy farmer. His mother was a SPAR in the Coast Guard at the end of WWII, and shortly after her discharge she met and married Tim's dad. She adapted quickly to the farming life and became a fabulous cook while raising five children. She was an avid reader and loved to write poems, with the latter being passed on to Tim. As a dairy farmer his dad's life was a 14-hour/7-day a week job, but Tim doesn't recall him complaining much. He definitely inherited his love of the land and animals, and dry humor.

Tim graduated from the local high school in the upper 3% of his class of 24 (do the math, he jokes). He received both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in biology/plant physiology at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio in 1972 and 1974, respectively. A little known fact about Tim is he had only one "C" during his college education and it happened to be an elective course, "The Bible". To his defense he was competing against English majors so the deck was stacked against him.

Tim earned his doctorate in crop physiology in 1980 from the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) within the Department of Agronomy. Note as a full-time employee at the University he was allowed to take one course a semester and thus it took him 6 years to get his doctorate – the first as such at U of A. His farming background and higher education degrees supported his agricultural research and support positions. His last employment began in 1993 with Uniroyal Chemical's crop protection division in Middlebury. Tim authored 15 publications in scientific agricultural journals, was senior author of 3 patents, and gave 30 presentations at agricultural society meetings. His travels for both work and family vacations have taken him to 49 of the 50 States. Is there anything to do in North Dakota? (He again jokes). His work gave him the opportunity to travel to England, Argentina, Brazil, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Greece, Japan and South Korea. The best trip though was 3 ½ days in Israel in 2006. Photos during this visit and an inspirational poem have been in several editions of the Heavenly Herald.

Karen was born in Jersey City and grew up in Cresskill, NJ. Her mother was a homemaker and her father was a linotypist (printer) and later owned a newspaper delivery service. After graduating from high school in 1974 she went to Cook College at Rutgers University and graduated with both a BS and MS in microbiology. She worshipped at Our Savior Lutheran Church (ELCA, sorry) where she was confirmed and a member of the youth group.

Karen and Tim met in 1981 at Allied Chemical in Syracuse, NY (thus an 'allied couple'). The company was starting an agricultural biotechnology division and they were part of the first hired: Tim for his agricultural background and starting a research farm, and Karen for her expertise in microbiology. Tim was able to buy a house and Karen came to his house warming barbeque. Tim's parents were in attendance and his mother impressed Karen as such a nice woman that when Tim asked Karen out, she said yes. Several months later he proposed and Karen said yes again, keeping in mind how much she liked his mother.

Tim moved to Syracuse with a pair of cats with one being very territorial and unfriendly. Tim always said that if a girl could approach the ornery one without being attacked, he would propose to her. Karen actually flunked the test (there was no blood but it was close) and they were married in Bellevue, OH at the First United Methodist Church on July 10, 1982. Tim's dad attended the ceremony and reception and then changed and went outside to mow hay.

Tim took a position with Uniroyal Chemical in 1993 which got him to Cheshire where his good friends Al and Joyce Blem were already living. Tim and Al met while as undergraduates at Bowling Green State University and later both went to graduate school at the University of Arkansas and became good friends. Al graduated from Arkansas before Tim and got a job at Uniroyal. Twice Tim visited the Blems in Cheshire and both times



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ended up attending services at CLC. He fondly remembers Pastor Nuechterlein approaching



him afterwards to shake his hand and wanting to get to know him. Once Karen and their children arrived in Cheshire back in 1993, they didn't have to 'shop' for a church since their decision had already been made.

In between Syracuse and Cheshire, Tim and Karen lived in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Minnesota. In fact, they moved three times in two years, with both kids in tow, and they are happy to say that their two kids handled the moves like troopers.

Karen's involvement at CLC: Altar assistant, lesson reader, Sunday school teacher, President of the CLCW since 2001, fellowship deacon for six years and running the apple pie workshop since 2010.

Tim's involvement at CLC: ushering, reading Bible lessons, 6 years as Fellowship Deacon, 6 years as Financial Secretary, 3 years as Worship Deacon, member of the Memorial Gardens and Columbarium committee, member of the Library and Scrapbook committee, member of the Wellness and Safety committee, member of the just created Cross Garden committee, self-appointed CLC archivist (updating CLC historical timeline, anniversary PowerPoint presentations, HH "This Month in Our History", HH 'Test Your Knowledge' quizzes, electronic archiving of pictorial scrapbooks), self-appointed amateur CLC photographer (thanks God for automatic camera settings), able to learn live-streamed even at his elderly age, and CLC 'mouse'.



Tim and Karen like to spend their time on their hobbies which for Tim are sports couch potato, very amateurish golf, photography, and maintaining his almost one-acre lawn. The lawn has yet to achieve golf course level perfection, but he is hoping. Breakfast and coffee with friends and other retirees are on his weekly schedule.

Karen likes to read, care for her grandchildren, watch TV, walk on the path (which is right behind their house), water aerobics, do needlework and spend time with friends.



They both like to go to concerts and travel. They have been on cruises to the Canadian Maritimes and Alaska and have taken trips to Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Hawaii, San Francisco, Tucson, the Bahamas, Florida and Maine. This year they took a 40th anniversary bus trip tour to the Rocky Mountains and Colorado Plateau. The Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park, Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon and the Grand Canyon were all part of the memorable historical, sightseeing vacation.

The first concert they attended together was Peter Schickele's alter ego P.D.Q. Bach, 'the only forgotten son of Johann Sebastian Bach' which featured parodies of classical music. No wonder they've seen Weird Al Yankovic and the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain more than four times each since residing in CT. However they both consider it a treat and privilege to attend CLC with its hymns, choral presentations and that marvelous Schlicker organ. They did get to witness a practice session at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City this past October as part of their 40th anniversary get-away.



Tim and Karen have two children; 38 year old Heather and 33 year old Kevin. Heather is married and has two children, eight year old Grace and six year old Ryan. Heather's family lives in Orange and Kevin lives in Southington.

We would like to thank Tim and Karen for their dedicated service to Cheshire Lutheran Church; their time and talents for many years. And as stated in the January 2023 edition of the Heavenly Herald: A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Tim for ALWAYS being there to take photos of all our events !

Beautifully Written by Tim and Karen Weiland and Joyfully Submitted by Karen Bailey - Member Of The Evangelism Committee

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

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

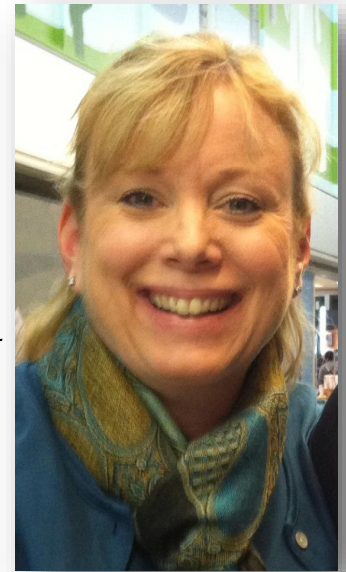


For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 “periods of service” when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir’s musical offerings that make our worship special).

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 April.

Thank you in advance!

April Slauson, your CLC Worship Deacon



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON...

It's time to start thinking about Light! This year VBS is all about letting it shine. The theme is Stellar “Shine Jesus’ Light”. The dates are June 26-30, 2023. Volunteers will be needed from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. The student’s day will run from 9-noon. Make plans to help us Shine Jesus’ Light to others in our community with this fun space themed VBS. The lessons will start with Christmas, then we meet Zacchaeus, see Jesus enter Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, learn how he cared for his mother at his crucifixion, and learn from Philip to Shine Jesus’ light to help others. Our first planning meeting will be some time in January and we will get out a wish list soon after that. If you have planets, stars or a space ship you want to get rid of let us know we just may be able to make use of it.



As always, we need volunteers so the list to sign up will be out by the end of March. Come join us as we Shine Jesus’ Light this summer at VBS.

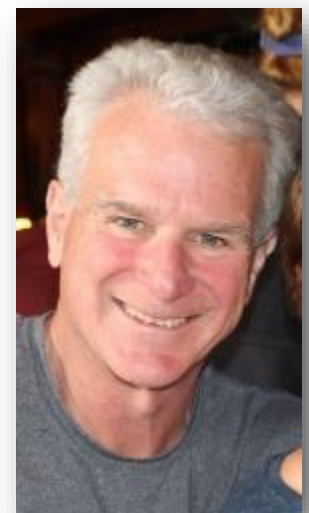
Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

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.
- ✝ If you are mailing in your contribution, please make sure you address it to CLC’s P. O. Box 157 rather than the street address. The post office box is the safer option.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 1 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 8 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 12 - Sunday	8:00 AM	Service	Soloist
	10:30 AM	Service	Soloist
February 15 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 19 - Sunday <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 22 - Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 23 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
February 26 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 1 - Wednesday <i>2nd Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 2 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2023...

2023 Calendars are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.

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**Happy Anniversary Pastor
and
Rowold Family!**

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- ✝ Feb 25, 2023 5-year anniversary – Pastor's Installation
- ✝ Feb 28, 2018 conducted 1st Lenten Service
- ✝ Mar 4, 2018 conducted 1st Sunday Service

We Thank You for your Service – We Are Blessed

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.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES NEWS...

Confirmation Class meets on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Students should arrive by class time with their books and their completed homework. Please note, there will be **NO CLASS** on Sunday, February 19.



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2023...

Pledge Sunday for 2023 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

Who wants some chocolate? Come to our chocolate making on Feb 4th and learn how to make some chocolate treats. We will be meeting at the church on Saturday morning, Feb 4th at 9:00 am and Tricia Rowold will lead us as we make chocolate candies and chocolate dipped goodies that the youth will be selling the following Sundays leading up to Valentine's Day.

Please reach out to me if you are interested or would like to help.



After Valentine's Day, I will be organizing either an escape room or bowling but I need some youth to participate! As a reminder, each Sunday we meet and discuss issues that impact the youth, including what activities we can do. I encourage all our teenagers to come join the discussion in the youth room. It's more than Sunday school lessons and I look forward to interacting with all of you.

Andy Clark
Youth Deacon



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...

Save the Date for "Souper " Bowl Sunday

On Sunday February 12th millions of Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the SOUPER BOWLING OF CARING. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop your soup donations in the totes located under the counter near the library entrance or place a monetary donation in the red box labeled Souper bowl located on the counter by February 12th. CLC donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

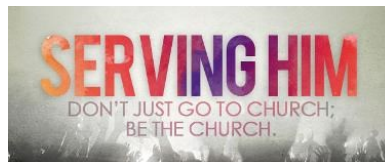
Thank you for all your support.
Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



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
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles
- ✚ 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...

Church Council



Church Deacons

Cheshire Lutheran Church 2023 OFFICERS AND DEACONS

Please reach out and say Thank You to our newly elected Church Council and Deacons who will be installed on Sunday January 8th at the 10:30 Service

<i>Parish President</i>	Jeff Mann
<i>Vice President</i>	Bill Soulier
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Vicki DePaolo
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Alan Santoro
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bill Sherman
<i>Christian Education</i>	Craig Wilson
<i>Christian Growth Fund</i>	David Schrumm

<i>Evangelism</i>	Marilyn Miller
<i>Fellowship</i>	Pam Clark
<i>House and Grounds</i>	Todd Plantier
<i>Social Welfare</i>	Nancy Engelhardt
<i>Stewardship</i>	Rob DeLaubell
<i>Worship</i>	April Slauson
<i>Youth</i>	Andy Clark

Our Sincere Thanks to Tim Weiland and Lisa Muller for their faithful service to the Council. Well done, good and faithful servants!

THE RIPPEL REPORT—FEBRUARY 2023..

Unforgettable...In Every Way – Follow-up Article 2

This is the second follow up article, of “Unforgettable in Every Way” a tribute to the exceptional life and ministry of Pastor Lewis T Bucheimer.

Pastor Bucheimer became internationally known for his major accomplishments in the introduction and growth of Christianity and relief to war-torn nations throughout Asia after WWII.

This second article will relate my several years of association with this remarkable Lutheran pastor whose parish I attended, Grace Lutheran, in the Bronx NY. I credit this man with my becoming a Christian and changing the entire direction of my life forever. The first article was written by me 30 years ago to mark the passing of this unforgettable gentleman. I ask readers to bear with me, as I turn back the hands of time to my childhood, as a “street kid” on the sidewalks of Bronx NY.

Over 8 decades now as I near my 91st birthday, when asked to state or write my date of birth, I automatically would reply 2/3/32 and then add “the height of the Great Depression”. From October 1929, when the New York Stock market “crashed” until late in 1939 when WWII restored our nation's economy. In 1932, unemployment reached 16 million Americans, with tens of millions of other citizens holding on for dear life. This was in a population of 123 million. Banks closed, family assets disappeared virtually overnight, hunger, evictions, businesses closed, soup kitchens to feed the hungry, welfare agencies then called Home Relief, charities, Salvation Army, Red Cross etc., provided assistance, but never enough. This is what my parents grimly faced when on February 3rd 1932 I was brought into the world at Sloan Hospital Manhattan NY city. My parents, Charles, and Lillian were married in June 1925. As all newlyweds, they had high hopes for a bright future. This was never to become a reality. In recently looking at their wedding certificate, married at First Baptist Church in Harlem New York. This parish is where my mother was baptized and in 1932 so was I as a newborn. This parish was also where my Mother's parents, German immigrants, were wed in 1895. As a child I vividly recall my grandmother having me kneel at her bedside when she taught me my first prayers in German. To this day I can remember to recite prayers in German. However, I cannot write a single word in German.

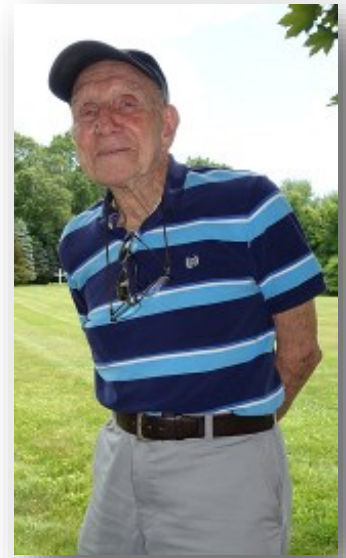
My father, a Catholic, wed in a Baptist Church, was labeled as someone to be shunned as an outsider. As one who married “outside the race” of Catholicism. I look back at all our family history and sadly say that very few members of our entire family were “churchgoers” or active in any denomination or Parish.

My Father's occupation written on the marriage certificate was butcher. He worked for the Dressler Meatpacking Company, which was located in the mid forty district in Hell's Kitchen where he was born. His birth date was September 14th, 1901, the same day President William McKinley was assassinated in Buffalo NY. Theodore Roosevelt would become the next President of the United States.

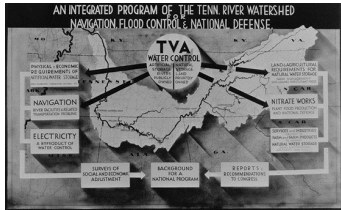
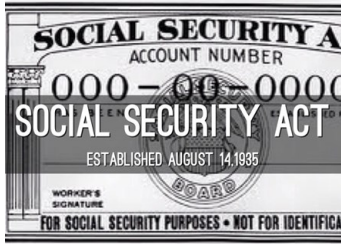
My father, in childhood growing up in poverty as a “street kid” is what I considered, but never spoke of, as a three strikes and you are out. 1 - born into poverty and surroundings. 2 - denied any education he explained to me, forced to work and all earnings to go directly to the family. He said to me, that he never set one foot into a classroom. 3 - he did not learn any marketable trade skills. Three strikes and you are out of the labor market, deemed a risk in being hired. A liability and risk to any employer. My father became unemployed in 1931.

Unfortunately, my mother too would have serious setbacks as a child growing up in the 125th streets of Harlem New York. She would lose her father at age 10, was overcome by a broken gas pipe leak. My mother told me she was in school which she thoroughly enjoyed, and then had to leave in grade 4 to work for the National Biscuit Company employed as a child labor worker for pennies a day. She stood all day on a large assembly line. She often spoke of her experiences

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with a smile as the "Chief Cracker Packer".

The "Great Depression" economic coast to coast devastation would end finally in 1942. The new FDR administration created many programs of assistance for countless millions of desperate Americans, including our family. To mention a few, some projects and programs were effective, some were not. Some were rapidly put into motion others too late to work for all.

Before we leave the depths of economic depression, I want to make note of the positives in programs which worked in major assistance to millions of citizens.

- ◆ Social Security - Signed by FDR in 1935, did not make out checks until 1942.
- ◆ TVA - Tennessee Valley Authority brought electricity to Tennessee and surrounding states. Construction of reservoirs dams, re-routing of rivers, created Hydro Electric Power for millions of citizens.
- ◆ WPA - Works Progress Administration. This huge construction program across the USA involved more than 3 million unemployed men. It provided new buildings, roads, bridges, airports, tunnels etc. My father was put to work as a "Sandhog" a pick and shovel laborer. He worked under the East River. He also worked under the Hudson River with work on the Lincoln Tunnel. Hard grimy and dangerous work for wages at \$1.00 per day plus food.
- ◆ NRA - National Recovery Act addressed the widespread hunger in the nation. Countless food distribution centers opened. These served as soup kitchens, breadlines were served.
- ◆ CCC - Civilian Conservation Corps Camps we're set up across the nation. More than 3 million teenagers in their early 20s were put to work. National parks developed, 10s of millions of trees shrubs, grass, and flowers planted and much more. Historians agree that the CCC camps prepared our nation youth for WWII. They were physically and mentally trained as a large portion of society would be the first of our military to go to war. They would earn our nation's gratitude and the name as the "Greatest Generation".

At this point in my true life story I wish to pause, set my pen down, and work on concluding the third article (coming in March). In that article I will complete my tribute to Pastor Bucheimer, relate my introduction to Christianity, my close association with Grace Lutheran, church school, a tour of this parish,

the youth group, lifelong friendships, and my personal deep conviction in our shared faith and blessings of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ

Respectfully submitted
C. Rippel

Cheshire Lutheran Church



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

The Wellness and Safety Committee met on Tuesday, 1/17.

Members include:

Pat DiDomizio, Erica Bencivenga, Nancy Engelhardt, Alex Wilde, Todd Plantier, Tim Weiland, April Slauson, Lisa Tyler and Christina Plantier.

Pastor Rowold and Jeff Mann, de facto.

Anyone interested in joining the committee or if you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any Committee Members or Pat DiDomizio.

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...

Before I even begin WE would like to THANK everyone who contributed to our Christmas Gifts. We were all shocked. It makes us all feel so Blessed that you are even noticing us. So appreciated.

The year has had an amazing start, and we can't wait to keep going. We're talking about all things winter this month; snow, snowman, hot cocoa, and marshmallows, winter sports, polar animals, you name it if it involves snow, or the cold we will be talking about it in school. At least we can get some winter fun inside since clearly mother nature doesn't want us to have it outside.

The first week was full of hot cocoa fun with making our own mugs, playing with cocoa puffs, having our own hot cocoa stand in the classroom, and the final event of enjoying the yummy treat for ourselves while conducting a science experiment.

Which do you think melts marshmallow faster hot cocoa made with water or hot cocoa made with milk? Our little scientists know the answer and why.

This week is "Do you want to build a snowman," And we have been doing just that in so many ways in the classroom. We even have our very own buckets of snow to play with and build with as well as having classroom snowball fights and building a snowman out of our names!

We then take a trip to the arctic in talking about polar animals and learn all about each of them. We have a lot of fun activities and projects planned for this. There will be a lot of ice in different shapes sizes and even colors!! Once we're done with our polar friends, we're going to be going back to things to do in the snow and in the cold when we discuss winter sports and even turn our classroom into an ice-skating rink. Maybe we will have some snow of our own outside to play with by this time and have our own mini Winter Olympics!!

Our Bible stories focus on Jesus and the first (and few) stories about the beginning of his life. When He went to the temple and met Anna and Simeon, when He was lost, and when He heals the young girl and then we move to his cousin John the Baptist.

As you can see we have ALOT going on with our little cherubs!!!

Thank you all again and God Bless,

JoAnn

2023—2024 Registration

Little Cherubs is taking registration for the 2023—2024 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! Please pass the word along to those you meet and family members. www.cheshirelutheran.org

Little Cherubs Timeline Request

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool has been a part of our church since 1996. We would like to create a timeline and are looking for any information to help in this endeavor. If you have any historical material, we ask that you please submit it to the church office.





NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Last call: Please join us for **pizza and a movie!** Saturday, January 28th at 5:00, in the Fellowship Hall, we will enjoy pizza and the movie Sing. All are welcome. If you haven't signed up, please contact Pam Clark by Friday evening to ensure there is enough pizza ordered.



Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon



ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY...

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd and the following week, March 1st will be the first of our **Lenten Soup and Bible Study nights**.

Each Wednesday, during Lent, we will gather to share soup and salad at 6:00 and Bible Study at 6:30. Lenten service begins at 7:30 so we will need to start promptly at 6:00.

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

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



"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching".

1 Timothy 5:17



SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR CAREGIVERS OR BEREAVED ...

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SESSIONS**

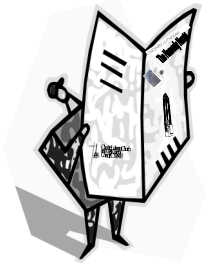
A group has been formed to provide support, discussion and listening to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, or in the process of serving as a caregiver.

The group has been meeting every other week at CLC on Sunday mornings. Plans are being considered to adjust the meeting time.

Anyone interested in learning more please contact Pat DiDomizio.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!
(March 2023 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday February 24th** 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!



LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
1st Wednesday in Lent	Wednesday, February 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday —Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
2nd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 1, 2023	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
3rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
4th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 15, 2023	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
5th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 22, 2023	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
6th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, March 29, 2023	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 2, 2023	Join us for Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary and 8:00 AM Live Streamed via YouTube

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

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

Meeting Sunday February 12 between Services!

Reminder to families and loved ones of the inurned, per our By Laws, kindly refrain from leaving items (flora, trinkets, etc.) at or around the Columbarium. While we understand this is done in loving remembrance, CLC does not have the staff to remove these items in a timely manner. Please feel free to discuss with any member of the committee. Thanks so much.

Subscriptions

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

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



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SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

Are you serving as an acolyte, an altar assistant, an usher, a reader, or a choir member? All of these folks help to make our services happen on Sunday morning; it's because of their involvement and participation that our services are as rich, and full, and well run as they are. If you are not serving in one of these ways, please do. We are currently looking for readers, ushers, and choir members (youth and adult and handbell).



If you can sing, please join the youth or adult choir. If you can't sing, then please be a reader. If you can't read in front of people, then be an usher. If you can't walk up and down the aisles to collect the offering, please join the bell choir. We have ways just about every member of our family of faith can help – all we need is you.

To join one of the choirs, speak to Martha Medford.

To be a reader or an usher, speak to April Slauson.

WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

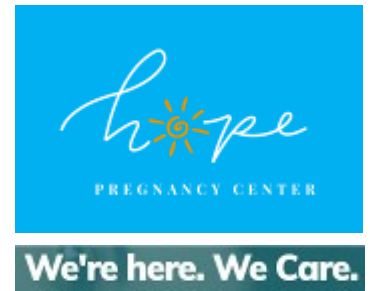
Volunteers are needed to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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



Our Sincere Appreciation

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



LENT STARTS THIS MONTH ...

Lent begins this year in the on the last Wednesday in February, with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. The service that evening will start at 7:30 p.m. and we'll have both the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion as part of the service.

We will also be having our usual Midweek activities each Lent Wednesday evening, with soup & salad followed by a Bible study starting at 6 PM and services at 7:30 p.m.

Watch the weekly bulletin and the March issue of the Heavenly Herald for Holy Week service information.

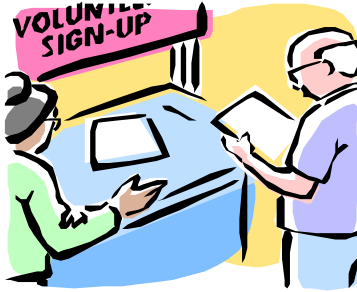


Happy Birthday!



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
- ✦ **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** 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 2023** volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2023 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ Coffee Hour Sign-up
- ✦ **Souper Bowl of Caring** information
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members **Birthday and Anniversaries**
- ✦ **Piano for Sale** information
- ✦ **Birthright Needs Volunteers**
- ✦ Address and contact information for **Donna Quast**



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 April Slauson to volunteer



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES *AMAZING GRACE ...*

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” this worship series for Lent ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ’s disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God’s mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior’s death and resurrection. **A volunteer is needed to help with each service; please speak to Pastor to find out more.**

Adult devotions connected to the series will also be available before the start of Lent. Watch the bulletin for news of their arrival.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

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



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

February

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



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

We have been enjoying the new audio/video equipment for over a year now. 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, Holiday 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.

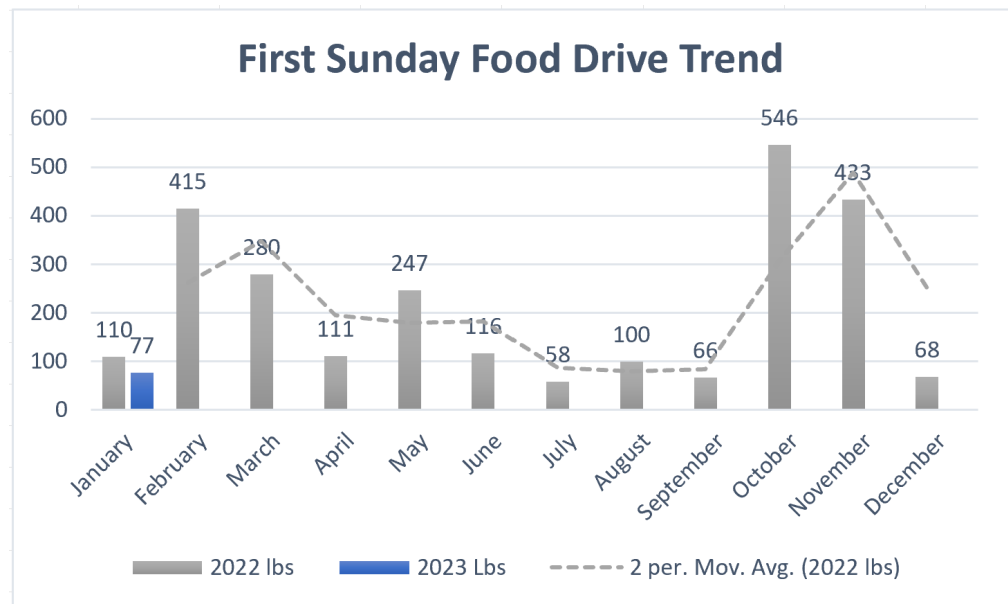
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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Sunday Adults Bible study meets Sunday mornings between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who is able to be with us in person. Our current study looks at Jesus' Parable; each week we will have a different lesson that will look at a one parable.

Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study meets Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Church Library for those interested in meeting in person and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the lesson for the day. We are working our way through the Holy Gospel according to Saint John using a thirteen-lesson study that gives us a general overview of the book; each lesson has been averaging two weeks for us to get through it.

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



DO YOU KNOW THE DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM?...

Well, do you? Do you know the date that you were Baptized? If you do, we'd like to know it in the Church office too. We already keep track of birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including them in the monthly newsletters and the Sunday morning prayers. We are now going to add "Baptismal Birthdays" to that list too. There is a packet on the counter outside the Church office for people to write down the date of their Baptism. Once we have enough information to create the list of those special days (just the month and date, not the year) we will begin including it in the *Heavenly Herald*.



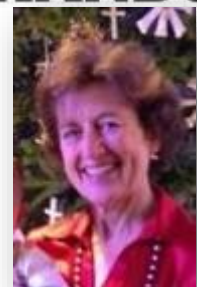
CLC HELPING HANDS...

"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.

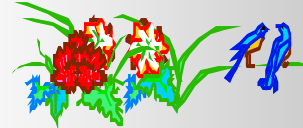
Sally Schrumm, chairman
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2023

Somebody needs to get married in February!



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



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:



Contact the church office to add your "Baptismal Birthday" to the list/



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