

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“And this is the testimony of John [the Baptist], when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ ... So they said to him, ‘Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’” John 1:19, 22 (ESV)

Who are you? That seems to be the perennial question in life. How do you define yourself? What is your identity? People use all kinds of things to define themselves and can point to a plethora of attributes or characteristics in which they can find their identity. There is race, gender, and sexual orientation. It could be job, socio-economic status, or hobbies/pastimes. For some, it's the place they live or where they came from. With sports fans, it may be their favorite team – especially during playoff season.

Who are you? Political party or philosophy or preferred candidate can also make it onto the list. Military service (including branch) is also common and so are clubs or associations of which one may be a member. We may also look to our relationships to answer that question, monikers like mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, uncle, aunt, or cousin. Which one or ones that are chosen all depends on the person to whom you are speaking and the circumstances in which the question is asked.

Who are you? There really are all kinds of ways that we could answer the question. But there is one answer that makes more difference than all the rest combined. One thing that is more essential, more determinative, and has a greater impact on your entire life. It influences every other way in which you might define yourself; it forms and informs any other characteristic by which you may identify. That one answer, that one thing that is so seminal that it has an impact on each and every other thing in your life is none other than your baptism. That's right, your baptism. The fact that you are baptized changes everything.

When you were washed by water and the Word in Holy Baptism, you were given your defining identity. There in the font you were named “Child of God” and you bear that label – and that identity – throughout your life. Every other characteristic or quality or attribute by which we may define ourselves or find our identity is shaped by the fact that you are first and foremost a baptized child of God. The water poured on you and the Word spoken over you on the day of your baptism wasn't just a one-time thing, something that occurred on that day and made only that day different. No, your baptism has a lasting impact on your life and makes EVERY day different.

Your identity as a baptized child of God changes the way that we view all those other ways that we may choose to define ourselves. It comes first and shapes all the others, just like it shapes each and every day of our lives and all our interactions with each other. It is a fact, an objective reality that does not change, cannot be taken away, and stands firm in the face of the questions and uncertainty that this life may bring.

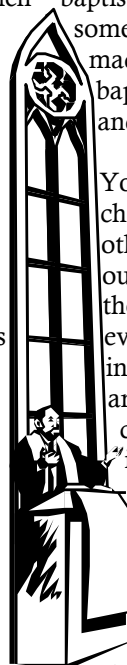
The water wet your head, the Word of God was spoken, and you ARE a baptized child of God; that means God loves you and cares for you no matter what you do or what happens to you in life. You are so important to God, so valuable to Him, that He willingly gave His only-begotten Son as the price paid to rescue you from sin, death, and the devil. You matter to God and He will never leave or abandon you; He is always with you.

Who are you? That's the question. It's the one the people asked John the Baptist. It's the one the world asks us, and the one we may even ask ourselves. Who are you?

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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,

And just like that it's 2023! Seems like when I was much younger, I measured time in minutes and days, now it's hard to keep up with what month and year we are dealing with. I remember a discussion back in 3rd grade where the teacher asked us what we thought it would be like in the year 2000. She talked about all the changes, new technologies and improvements that came about during her lifetime and I remember thinking the year 2000 was going to be really cool and I hoped I would be alive to see it. After all, when you're 8 years old it's hard to imagine making it all the way to forty!



I just completed my first year of serving as your Council President and I thank you for all your prayers and support. If you never had the privilege of serving on the Council, or one of our many important committees, I strongly encourage you to give it some thought. Kyong and I have now been members of CLC for nearly 25 years. We were always quick to sign up to help with setups, cleanups, apple pie workshops, or just about anything else, but never thought about taking that giant step into committing to a Council position.

About 10 years ago while Pat DiDomizio was our Stewardship Deacon, and serving on the Nominating Committee, he approached me in the hallway and asked if I would consider accepting a nomination to either the Worship or Evangelism Deacon position. I think we can all agree that it's hard to say no to Pat, and the rest is history. Since that time, I served two years as Worship Deacon, two years as Vice President and two years as President. Our Constitution & Bylaws limits Council member to no more than six consecutive years of combined service. After a couple years off, I was called by Steve Feero and asked if I would consider returning to the Council as President.

I can tell you in all sincerity that if you ever thought about serving on the Church Council, CLC is the place to do it.

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We will soon recap our 2022 accomplishments during our annual corporate meeting, which will be presented after each service the second Sunday of the new year. Please plan on attending one of these presentations – I promise to be succinct.

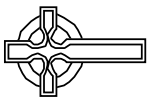
Our next Council meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm Tuesday, Feb 7th and the next meeting of the Voter's Assembly will be Sunday, Feb 26th following the 10:30 am church service.

Please consider attending and/or joining the Voter's Assembly. This important body meets 4 times a year to be briefed on Council activities and decisions, and to assist in the planning of church activities, projects, etc. and has final approval authority for all major decisions and expenditures in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws. Copies of the C & B are available in the Church Office.

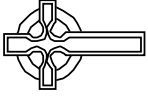
I wish each of you a very Happy, Healthy and Rewarding 2023!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Mann
CLC Council President



BIG BANNER



January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Lessons & Carols	2	3	4 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	5 10:00 Bulletin Pick-Up	6	7 9:00 "undecorating"
8 Annual Corp. Meeting following each service 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High Sch Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 7:00 Confirmation Class	9	10	11 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	12 10:00 Bulletin Pick-Up	13	14
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Heavenly Herald articles due to Beth Soulier

JANUARY SERVERS LIST

Readers/Altar Assistants

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

January 1 – Lessons and Carols
9:30 - TBD

January 8
8:00

- Isaiah 42:1-9 – Karen Bailey
- Romans 6:1-11 – Bruce Emerick

10:30

- Isaiah 42:1-9 – Joanne Casberg
- Romans 6:1-11 – Rob DeLaubell

January 15
8:00

- Isaiah 49:1-7 (I) – Steve Feero
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 – Steve Feero

10:30

- Isaiah 49:1-7 (I) – Margie Mertz
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 – Margie Mertz

January 22
8:00

- Isaiah 9:1-4 – Karen Smith
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 – Curt Smith

10:30

- Isaiah 9:1-4 – Blair Donewald
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 – Jonathan Schrumm

January 29
8:00

- Micah 6:1-8 (I) – Alan Spose
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 – Alan Spose

10:30

- Micah 6:1-8 – Bill Soulier
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 – Bill Soulier

Altar Guild (month)

Ethel Daly
Christine Mason

Choir

Parish Choir

Bell Choir

Bell Choir

Parish Choir

Ushers (month)

8:00
Curt Smith
Karen Smith

10:30
Jonathan Schrumm
Blair Donewald

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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There are lots of ways we could answer, but there is one way that makes all the difference and changes everything. Who are you? You are a baptized child of God.

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise July 27, 1933 ~ Sunset December 7, 2022

Robert A. Becker Sr

On December 7, 2022, our Brother in Christ "Robert Becker" was called home to be reunited with Our Lord.

A funeral service was held on Monday, December 19, at the Woodtick Memorial Funeral Home, in Wolcott

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

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:7-8)

"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matthew 25:21



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Thank you for all who helped with the Sunday School Christmas Program this year.

There is no Sunday School January 1. Have a Happy New Year!

January 8, we will return to our regular schedule of Opening at 9:10 in the Fellowship Hall followed by lessons in the classrooms. Our lessons from January to 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.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on a Sunday School Family Veggie Tales event coming February 18, 2023!

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...



On November 20th, Pledge Sunday, we distributed pledge packets containing TIME and TALENT cards. This is an invitation to get involved in any one of multiple areas within the church. As the expression says, many hands make for light work. Need a few ideas? Below are a few thoughts for your consideration – not an inclusive list for sure, but hopefully a start to spark your interest. And as always, feel free to ask me, or any member of the Council, if you would like more information.

Here are a few opportunities to get involved in Lay Ministry to enrich our worship services. GREETERS welcome us as we enter the narthex - what is better than a job where you get to say hello to people? USHERS help the service flow in an orderly manor... the ALTAR GUILD ensures that the altar and communion sacraments are in order... if you would like to both speak during the service as well as read from the Bible, try being a READER! And if you have a passion for music, there are multiple opportunities with the CHOIRS – we have an adult choir and bell choir. And for teens, consider being an ACOLYTE.

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

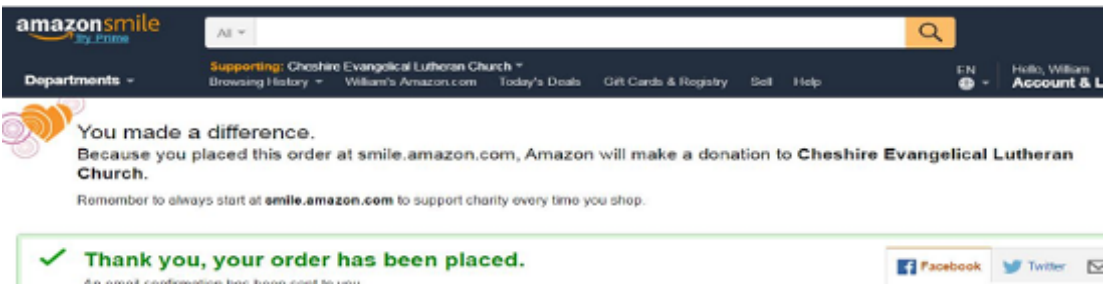
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...



You Shop. Amazon Gives

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

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



THANK YOU...

Thank you to all the members and friends of Cheshire Lutheran Church for your kindness, your prayers, and your generosity. My family and I are truly blessed that you called me to serve as your Pastor. May God bless and keep you always.

Pastor Rowold



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!

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 January are Marilyn and Frank Miller. It seems only fitting to feature the Millers to kick off the new year since this article was the brainchild of Marilyn. As our Evangelism Deacon, Marilyn inspired many new ways of spreading evangelism, one of which was getting to know our fellow congregants better through sharing their life stories. Thank you, Marilyn, for helping us get to know each other better!



While young New Britain High School junior, Marilyn Blair, was attending Mr. Recano's American Democracy class, she met a classmate by the name of Frank Miller – and so our story begins. As a teacher, Mr. Recano was very serious...until he wasn't. Sometimes at the end of class, he would allow the students some downtime to goof around. This is when the boys would brandish their peashooters and fling spitballs at the girls and pull other silly pranks. Wouldn't you know that the "cute and fun" boy that Marilyn noticed in class ended up shooting spitballs at her, and before long she was doing his homework, and they were headed on their first date. They went to a formal dance on a double date with another couple, who are married to this day. The foursome remained friends and continue to get together regularly.

Frank and Marilyn are both Connecticut natives who were born and raised in New Britain, CT as devout Lutherans. Marilyn was involved with the Walther League, a Lutheran youth group, while Frank belonged to his church basketball league. Three years after high school graduation, this inseparable couple was married in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain on May 30, 1959, almost to the day of their first date.

The Millers began their life together in Bristol with education playing a huge role. After high school, Frank went to a two-year business school with the dream of becoming an Accountant, but this degree just didn't do the trick. He then enrolled at the University of Hartford, where he attended night school for the first eight years of their marriage while working for a Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm by day, along with a couple of other part-time jobs. Ambitious young Frank earned his BS degree in accounting, passed the CPA exam, and was made a partner of the firm! He spent his entire career here, eventually buying out the practice and becoming the sole owner before taking on two partners of his own, one of which is the Millers' only son, John.

After high school, Marilyn aspired to be a nurse. She enrolled in a brand-new Practical Nurse training program where she studied to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN.) She worked as an LPN at Bristol Hospital before the children came along. Years later, after losing her mom to cancer, she sought to become a Registered Nurse (RN) with the goal of providing better care to cancer patients. While parenting four teenage children, Marilyn went to nursing school at Mattatuck Community College for two years where she earned her RN. She then went on to earn her BS degree in nursing from Central CT State University and work for New Britain General Hospital. Marilyn later took her favorite job of all, which was working as a Hospice Coordinator and Nurse for the Southington Visiting Nurses Association, where she helped to develop their hospice care program. Giving back has always been in Marilyn's nature – she taught practical nursing at E.C. Goodwin Technical High School, where she was also the graduation speaker twice.

The happy couple bought their first house in New Britain, where their four children were raised, and later settled in Southington where they reside today. Their firstborn was daughter Laura, a retired Special Education Teacher who specialized in working with children with autism. She has three children and one grandchild. Next came their son John, who followed in his dad's footsteps and now is an owner in the CPA firm that Frank started years ago. John has two daughters and one granddaughter. Their daughter Beth followed her mom's nursing path by earning her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP,) she

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previously owned a visiting nurse agency, and she now works for the DART child advocacy program at Yale. Beth has a son and a daughter. Their daughter Lisa is a Teacher and Reading Specialist in Southington and has two boys. The grand tally for the Miller family = four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The four Miller children are all local CT residents, making holidays and special occasions quite large events for this expanded family.



Marilyn and Frank have always loved to travel. In addition to the timeshare they own and visit regularly in Aruba (sometimes with the entire extended family!) – they have been to Europe, including Germany and Austria, and Frank traveled to England where he hiked in the Lake District with a group of runners. They have also visited multiple Caribbean islands VBS and traveled all over the USA including California, Alaska, Hawaii, and family trips to Disney. With Marilyn's lifelong dream of seeing Hawaii, one of their most memorable travel moments occurred in Maui. They took a tour that started out at 3:30 a.m. to ascend a volcano for over an hour and a half to reach the summit which was 10,000 feet high. They were rewarded with the most magnificent view ever of the sun rising at eye level over the crystal blue ocean as they were perched above the clouds. This gorgeous sight gave them chills, as Marilyn realized her childhood dream come true. Frank and Marilyn also fondly recall the time they were able to score tickets to the Rose Bowl Parade and Football game in California. Through friends they knew who created a parade float with their Lutheran church, the couple was able to go behind the scenes and act as 'Petal Pushers' in the float barn to help add flowers to the float. It was amazing for them to see the rose-bedecked floats up close and personal.

The Miller pair has dedicated their time and talents to community involvement throughout their life together. The family belonged to the Zion Lutheran Church in Southington. While the kids were young, Marilyn was involved with the Girl Scouts, taught Sunday school, served on countless councils and PTAs, and acted as President of the congregation. Frank was an active volunteer who served as the President of the Southington Kiwanis Club and both Treasurer and President of the Southington YMCA. He also served on the Southington Savings Bank board and as Board Chair for the Hospital of Central CT for three years. Frank was also very active in the church, serving on the council and the building committee. Together the two worked for many years for the Zion Lutheran Church running booths and preparing apple fritters for the annual Southington Apple Harvest Festival.



Here's a little-known fact: Marilyn and Frank were both runners for 40 years! They are also avid golfers who enjoy playing the game together. And who knew Frank is quite the musician? He played saxophone in his high school band and was selected to play in the CT All-State band. He also played in a Polish Polka band that performed at weddings, and in a band that played at high school dances. He sang in the bands as well and is a fan of

Dixieland and Big Band music, while Marilyn preferred the opera. Frank enjoys reading for relaxation and favors novels, especially those of John Grisham. Marilyn and Frank are devoted UConn Men's and Women's basketball fans. They went to numerous games over the years with their season tickets and still attend games on occasion. In addition, Frank loves football including UConn and watching the Patriots and Tampa Bay as he follows Tom Brady's career moves. He is a Red Sox baseball and Celtics basketball fan too.

Marilyn has always been a passionate crafter. It's a wonder she found the time for all her knitting, crocheting, sewing, and flower arranging, on top of her other hobbies which include gardening, decorating, tending her Koi Pond, and feeding the birds. Marilyn's love for sewing led her to one of her most ardent endeavors to date. She runs 'Cheshire Quilting Chicks,' which is the local group for the National Quilts of Valor Foundation. This is an organization founded in 2003 from a dream by its founder, Catherine Roberts. While Catherine's son was deployed in Iraq, she had a dream where a young man was sitting hunched over on his bed plagued by despair and war demons. Then, she saw him wrapped in a quilt and he changed to being hopeful and well. The message she drew from this dream was that quilts = healing, and thus the idea was born. The foundation now consists of thousands of volunteer quilters around the country who come together at 'sew-ins' to create quilts, which they award to Veterans as a way of providing warmth and thanking them for their service. Marilyn hosts 'sew-ins' here at our church and has helped to contribute to the 330,000 Quilts of Valor that have been gifted since the program's inception.

The Millers joined our CLC family around ten years ago and have been devoted members ever since. Marilyn serves as our Evangelism Deacon where she saw her vision of a church scholarship realized through establishing the CLC Scholarship

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Committee. The committee helped her to create an annual scholarship that began in 2021. She has also arranged numerous

events including the 500-year Martin Luther anniversary Oktoberfest celebration, luncheons to honor our local police and firefighters, and our most recent Mother's Day brunch. She also serves on our Altar Guild and sang in the choir, while Frank has served as an usher. We thank you Marilyn and Frank for your dedicated service to Cheshire Lutheran Church.

The Millers cite staying together as soulmates for over 63 years, while keeping God alive and important in their home as they raised their family, as their greatest accomplishment. They are so proud of their children and how they all achieved wonderful education goals and career success while raising beautiful families of their own. They never pushed education on their children but saw that they chose their own educational paths after being inspired by the hard work of their parents in continuing school to achieve their career goals. Marilyn completed her BS degree as a working wife and mother, while their two oldest children clapped for their dad as he walked across the stage to receive his BS degree.

Marilyn and Frank are thankful that God brought them together and that the Holy Spirit has guided them throughout their lives. The Lord has been a constant best friend to whom they are very grateful. Everything they do, they try to do to the Glory of God.



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. 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.



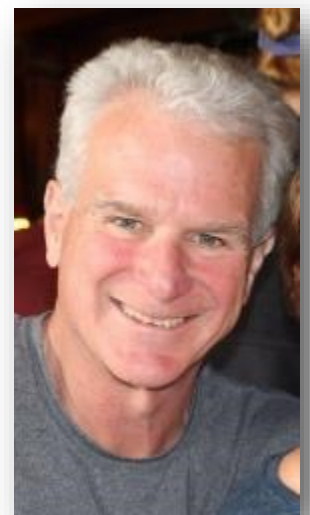
As always, ***we need volunteers! The list to sign up will be out by the end of March.*** Come join us as we Shine Jesus' Light this summer at VBS.

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



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, would like to start, please contact April.

Thank you in advance!
 April Slauson, your CLC Worship Deacon



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



In December the Evangelism Committee baked and delivered 15 packages of cookies to special members. We received positive feedback from our recipients. We also shared our bake goods with Pam and Andy Clark who had a fundraiser for the Youth. We thank everyone who participated in baking and delivering.

Quilts of Valor

On Sunday the 18th of December, Paula Ongley gave two quilts to veterans in her home. The picture tells the story.

If you are unable to give your time or talent we would appreciate donations to help defray the costs of these quilts.

Thank you!



Meet Our Members

We continue to interview our congregation members and submit articles for the Heavenly Herald each month. If you are called for an interview, please know that its voluntary. Our team enjoys these interviews immensely and we hope you do as well.

Cards for Members and Shut-Ins

We remembered our shut-ins for Christmas by sending cards and some Advent Devotional books.

Scholarships for High School Seniors

Letters were sent out to all members of the congregation regarding the scholarship fund. We hope you will respond positively as we are determined to provide these scholarships every year to our graduates. Thank you all on behalf of the committee.

Thanks to all who serve on the Evangelism team. We would be unable to continue our important work without you. Thank you!

Marilyn Miller
 Evangelism Deacon

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 continues to meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Students should arrive by class time with their books and their completed homework. Please note, there will **not** be class on Sunday, January 15 because public school are closed on the 16th.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

Happy New Year! For December, the Youth continued the annual cookie bake and sale. The Christmas cookie sale was a success but due to some unfortunate cases of flu and COVID-19, participation in the cookie baking was severely limited and only Alex and Grace Muller were able to help make the cookies with Pam and Andy Clark. It was a long but rewarding day as we made 9 different cookies, and I think Alex and Grace learned a few things about baking and decorating cookies. Fortunately, I was able to recruit Thom Zeppieri to bake some of his wonderful Gingerbread cookies (thank you) to help with the sales! I'm happy to report we sold almost all the cookies with close to \$300 for the youth, a big thanks to everyone who bought cookies this year.

Looking to January and February, I will be organizing either an escape room or bowling and we will once again do a chocolate sale for valentine's day. Looking forward to working with chocolate!

As a reminder, each Sunday we meet and discuss issues that impact the Youth and 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.





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Please note:

- ♫ Parish Choir will perform at the 10:30 AM service on January 15th
- ♫ Bell Choir will perform at the 8:00 & 10:30 AM services on January 22nd

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
January 8 - Sunday <i>Epiphany</i>	<i>No Performances</i>		
January 11 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 15 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 18 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 22 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
January 25 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 29 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



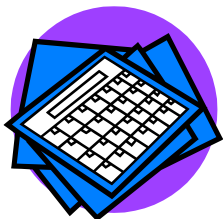
NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

We are continuing the Cheshire Food Pantry Adopt a Shelf program. We will still be responsible for supplying salad dressing. Please continue to bring salad dressing and place in the appropriately named bin.

Our December food donation was 68 lbs

Our Thanksgiving Eve offering was donated to LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministries. These dogs respond to all tragic events nationwide. They work with police & military. They were present at Sandy Hook.

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



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2023...

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

THE RIPPEL REPORT—JANUARY 2023..

Unforgettable...In Every Way

For many years, the Readers Digest published a monthly article entitled, “The most unforgettable character I have ever met.” The word ‘character’ is used to denote the qualities of a person and not intended to demean or imply odd or unusual behavior.

Each of us, throughout our lives, relate and associate with thousands, perhaps even tens of thousands of different individuals. Whether these relationships are close ones or just casual in nature, there are never two that are identical in every respect. If you and I were to carefully review the most important and influential persons whom we have met during our lifetime, whom would you select? What would the criteria and reasoning be like in making these difficult decisions? Finally, as your list is reviewed and reduced, who alone would stand above all others in your mind and heart? Tough choices, yes indeed perhaps a parent, spouse, child, relative, friend or business acquaintance? With this special position of honor that one individual would hold be based on personal qualities, or achievements or perhaps influence exerted upon your life? Maybe a combination of all three of the above.

The categories of influential persons you have met can be extensive. Consider educators, humanitarians, clergy members, artists, writers, sports and entertainment personalities, military officials, business, and political figures. The list of possibilities never seems to end.

If I were asked to define that one special unforgettable character, I would say this: a person whose life demonstrates integrity faith and wisdom. Someone who by example and accomplishments profoundly affects and changes the lives of many individuals. Finally, an individual who lives on in memory as one admired, respected and loved by those persons whose lives he or she has changed for the better.

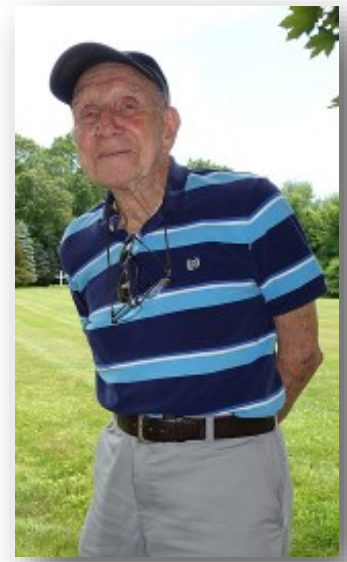
Let me introduce you to the most unforgettable character I have ever met and known. His name was Louis T. Bucheimer, a Lutheran pastor who lived an extraordinary life in faith, witness and deeds for God, Church, and Christianity.

I first met this gentleman in 1942 as a 10-year-old church school pupil. The following year I began a two-year confirmation training program, which was conducted by the pastor. The instruction and knowledge I received from the pastor, I credit with securing my roots in Christianity throughout my life.

Pastor Bucheimer was a masterful teacher and a veritable walking encyclopedia of Scripture. He had the gift of storytelling that could make the Bible an exciting and understandable adventure. As pastor of Grace Lutheran in the Bronx NY for many years, the parish grew and was very successful. With advancing years, the congregation assumed that pastor would be there right up to his retirement to rest from his labors and to rest on his laurels, but this was not to be.

This pastor became concerned and involved with mission work, basically in Chinatown, New York. He helped to organize True Light Lutheran, then volunteered his services to assist this congregation in building a new church. True Light was the first Protestant church to be built in Chinatown, a beacon of hope and faith to the teeming masses.

Up to this point in my story, in the ministry of this man, there would be excellence, but nothing exceptional to justify the description, “unforgettable”. Just as the minister in the novel, “One Foot in Heaven” feels compelled to answer a higher calling and accept greater challenges



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and move on, so did Pastor Bucheimer. He had a great compassion for, and was revered by, the Chinese American community. He decided to become a full-time missionary in the Far East. During this period, the late 40s and early 50s, the Far East was boiling with unrest and war. Americans were resented and referred to as “ugly”. Christians were targets for terrorists and bandit gangs. Ideas of western world religion and teaching were despised and suppressed.



Japan resented the imposed army of occupation. The Philippines and Malaysia had major communist terrorist campaigns. Mainland China had experienced a people's revolution the “great leap forward”. Chinese fled to Formosa, to the safety of nationalist China. There were refugee and resettlement camps, hospitals, orphanages, food distribution centers, relief centers etcetera. It was into this world of human need and suffering and real danger that this man of God carried the messages and promises of Christ

To the remote and often inaccessible villages of mainland China, into the jungle swamp communities of the Philippines where seaplane was the only means of transportation in and out, teaching, reaching and winning souls for Christ, performing all the necessary acts of mission ministry. The impact and accomplishments of this pastor are legendary. He is credited with starting some 230 mission congregations throughout the Far East over a span of several years. Countless lives changed saved and nourished by this one man's effort and determination.



In conclusion, many years later our family attended the 1964-65 World's Fair in Flushing Meadow New York. We visited the Protestant Pavilion. This setting for this presentation was a scaled down replica of the Mormon Tabernacle temple. The host and Hostess representing the Protestant religious themes in America were pastor Bucheimer and his wife. The years had been favorable to them both and we reminisced at length.

About four years ago this pastor passed on to his eternal reward, well along his in years above the age of 90! With the life

that he lived for Christ and with Christ, and the lives he influenced, I know his reward in heaven will be substantial.

Respectfully submitted
C. Rippel

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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings
- ✚ 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...



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...

Greeting to All,

Little Cherubs would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are on Winter Break right now but wanted to share information about Little Cherubs too.

We were busy for the entire month, getting ready to surprise families with special crafts that were created with LOVE. The children were so very excited to decorate bags with cookie cutter prints to use as wrapping paper. The children created many beautiful crafts to put on their Christmas Tree year after year. They even had the pleasure of making gingerbread houses. Many of our parent's brought in our supplies. They look amazing.

I'm sure many of you have decorations on your tree that brings back wonderful memories of your children when they were young. JoAnn has a decoration on their tree that our late daughter made years back. She is front and center.

The three's and the four's learned the true story of Christmas. Little Cherubs purchased costumes to re-enact the story of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. They looked adorable and they tell the story with such pride. I guarantee the story is understood and planted right inside their heart and mind. God Bless our little ones.

We all are looking forward to 2023. I pray that God continues to bless us. We have amazing teachers. We would love for you to pray for more students as well. So please pass the word to friends and family that Cherubs is a wonderful Christian School and really should call to set up an appointment to see our beautiful school. Here is our phone number 203-272-1150. Our website can be seen by going to www.cheshirelutheran.org. Press on preschool and here we are.

May 2023 be healthy, happy, and productive.
God Bless,
Miss JoAnn, Miss Michele and Miss Alex

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!

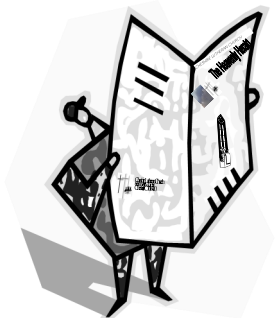


PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(February 2023 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday January 20th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



A great big thank you for all the help with the Advent Jubilee Lunch. While numbers were down, primarily due to illnesses, we had a great time enjoying the many side dishes so many contributed as well as the ham, potatoes and mac & cheese supplied by Don and Diane Drust. Pastor tested our Trivia knowledge with questions regarding Christmas movies, traditions around the world and songs. Thank you, Pastor for bringing the entertainment and warmth of the season.

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant was a wonderful story of the Jesse Tree, Jesus' Family Tree. The children did a nice job telling the story and it was quite entertaining. I thank Tricia for all the work that went into preparing for the pageant, the teachers for all their help and the families that committed to making it happen. The reception afterwards was a great opportunity to relive the special pageant moments and congratulate all the participants. Thank you to all for bringing in cookies to share with the families.

I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year. There are many opportunities for fellowship and easy ways to get involved here at CLC. You might enjoy helping with setting up and cleaning up for events already planned or perhaps bring a baked good to share during coffee hour after our 8AM service. Maybe, you would like to plan an event or make a suggestion for a fellowship opportunity that you would enjoy. Whatever it is, we would love to hear your ideas and welcome any help you are able to give to make those suggestions happen.



PIZZA & A MOVIE: Please look at the bulletin board and Sunday bulletins for information regarding a Pizza and Movie night at the end of January. There will be a signup sheet with the date, time and movie title as we solidify the details. This will be a fun time for all members, both young and not so young! We would love to see you there. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to order.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



Happy New Year to the CLC Family, may this new year bring you our Lord's peace in your life. This time of year is a time where many set goals, House & Grounds has goals set for this year, as well. There is, of course, the annual maintenance which so many of our members take upon themselves. I truly appreciate all the help that you give. In addition, there are maintenance tasks that I hope to complete this year. So set your eyes forward, pray that our Lord continues to bless our lives abundantly and continue to support CLC with your time, talent and treasure.

We were successful in lifting high the Crosses back into their rightful places in our Cross Garden. There are many to thank here with regards to this project. To the anonymous donor whose directed offering paid for the project. Thank you so very much! Thank you also to Dave Schrumm, who found the vendor and managed the installation. Dave, Ed, Tim and Jim who spent many hours prepping the Crosses for installation. There was Dave, Ed, Tim and Larry L who helped with the lowering (shall I say controlled crash) of the Crosses. Lastly, in addition to those stalwarts previously mentioned, thank you to Jon Schrumm who arranged for the crane to lift them back into place.

There are many members who are not mentioned who continue to contribute to the upkeep of the House & Grounds, thank you to all of you as well.

Todd Plantier
House and Grounds Deacon



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December 2022 Memories

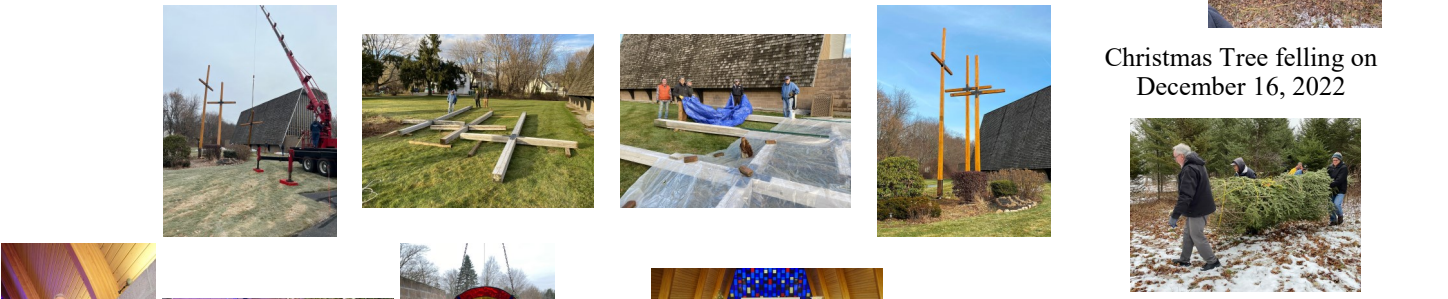
Setting up the Crèche on December 3, 2023

Advent Jubilee on December 4, 2022

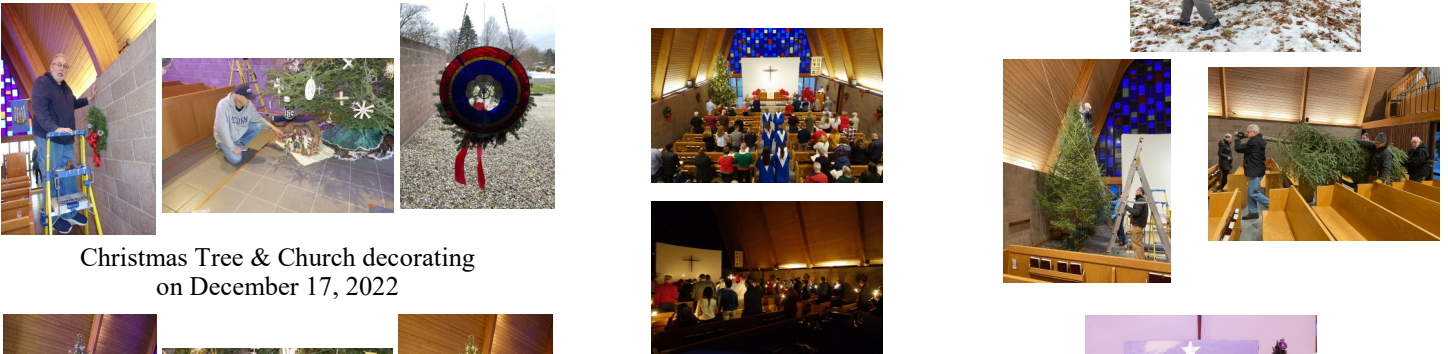


Cross refurbishing and rising

Christmas Tree felling on December 16, 2022



Christmas Tree & Church decorating on December 17, 2022



Christmas Eve Services on December 24, 2022

Christmas Program on December 18, 2022



MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

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



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

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.

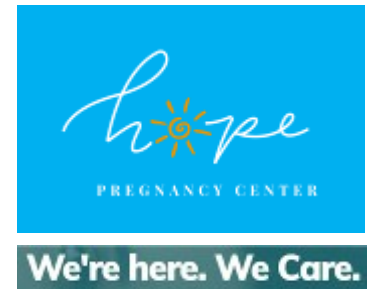
Hope Pregnancy Center

110 Main St.

Cheshire, CT 06410

203.271.2703

hopepregnancycenterct.org



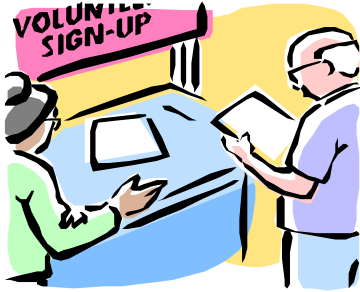
Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Much gratitude to Ed, Dave and Todd and others for getting the crosses down, honed, stained and 'arisen' in just over two months since one fell over
- ✦ Thank you from our hearts to the Drusts and all others who helped with the Advent Jubilee Luncheon. We are BLESSED
- ✦ Many thanks to those diligent few who live stream the services. Please, please offer to get involved! It likely won't hurt...lol
- ✦ Many thanks to Stephen and Jonathan Manke for donating the lovely red Poinsettias that adorned our Altar on Christmas Eve. They were beautiful!
- ✦ **Church Decorating – Thank You!**
Thanks to all the folks that helped out with setting up the Christmas tree, decorating it, and decorating the church. The tree you chose is perfect and beautiful!
- ✦ VERY SPECIAL Thank you to Tim Weiland for ALWAYS being there to take pictures of all of our events! Tim, your hard work and dedication is GREATLY APPRECIATED!
- ✦ Also VERY SPECIAL Thank You to Bill Juul and Steve Feero (and all the volunteers) for recording (audio & video) all our events at CLC. Bill also loads them onto our Website so we can enjoy them for many years to come. Thank You Bill.
- ✦ Gracious thanks to Curt and Karen Smith for donating the beautiful wreaths that adorn the Church!
- ✦ Special Thanks to Bill and Debbie Sherman for donating the lovely white Poinsettia plants that are placed beneath the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ CLC is blessed with many unnamed folk that continuously clean up our beautiful grounds. Thank you for your hard work and we want you to know that it is greatly appreciated. WE ARE BLESSED
- ✦ Thank you to the folk that came out and set up our Beautiful Crèche. It is such an inspiration every time we drive by
- ✦ Special thank you to Carol Santoro for your hard work running our Church Office. We acknowledge your hard work and diligence with regards to organizing our Services and making sure everyone is informed. Thank You
- ✦ Another special Thank You to all those who contributed to our worship services throughout the 2021 year. Pastor, Martha, Carol, Steve Feero, Bill Juul and many others—Thank you from the bottom of our hearts
- ✦ Many thanks to Al Manke for continuing to take care of the bottles and cans that we collect and make sure the money collected from recycling is given to the Little Cherubs



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**
- ✦ **Fresh Christmas Trees at Evergreen Tree Farm in Prospect**



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

Congregational Meeting Reminder:

**Sunday January 8th after both Services
& via Youtube stream and in the Sanctuary**



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:

January

January 3, 1521	Martin Luther excommunicated from Catholic Church by Pope Leo X
January 1958	First congregational officers elected, parish constitution adopted, and congregation officially named Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 29, 1961	Opening dedication ceremony of Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 7, 2018	Rev. David Patrick Rowold accepted our Call to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson



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.

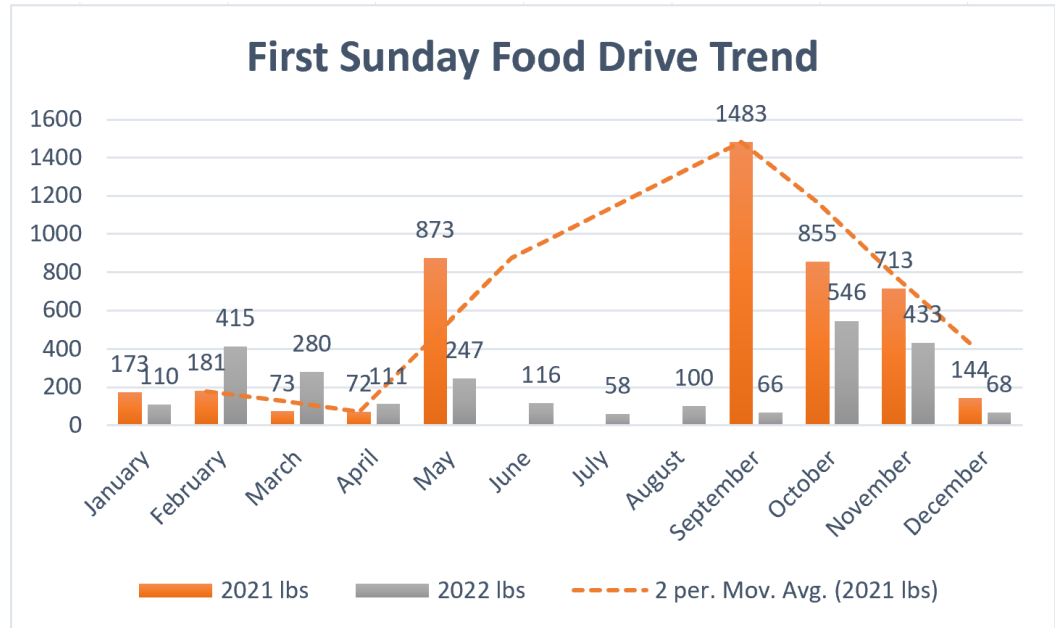
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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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 as we study God's Word together.

Sunday morning Bible study meets every Sunday morning between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who is able to be with us in person. We are currently working our way through a study that started by looking at the Jewish origins of our Christian liturgy and is now taking a closer look at the way we worship and what God is doing during our services.

Our Wednesday afternoon study meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Church Library for those interested in meeting in person and by Zoom if anyone wants to join that way. We are working our way through the Holy Gospel according to Saint John, and our time together is guided by a thirteen-lesson study that will give us a general overview of the book.

You are welcome to join us any time.



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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*.



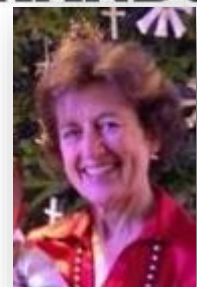
CLC HELPING HANDS...

"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.

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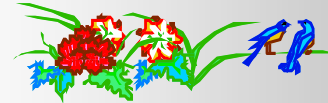
WELCOME TO CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- 1st Catherine Barden
Larry Logan
Todd Plantier
- 3rd Nora Bencivenga
- 4th Emily Smith
- 5th Michael Carrington
- 10th Craig Wilson
- 13th Christopher Barden
- 14th Barbara Manthey
- 18th Scott Slauson
- 20th Rebecca Mayer
- 23rd Margie Mertz
- 25th Carol Santoro
- 26th John Shepard
- 27th Don Dobbs
- 28th Eleanor Kenney
- 29th Jeff Mann, Jr.
- 31st Matthew Lynch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 2023

- 6th Patrick & Kelley Collins-Pardee 11 Years
- 17th John & Lynn Balash 48 Years



ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING REMINDER...

No Voters or Council meeting in January!!!
 The Annual corporate meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8th, after each service and Live Streamed on YouTube!



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

- ✠ 7th Claudia Chong
- ✠ 11th Karen Bailey
- ✠ 13th Al Manke
- ✠ 26th Carol Santoro
- ✠ 28th Lucas Donewald

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



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