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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see!" *Lutheran Service Book*, Hymn 744, "Amazing Grace", stanzas 1.

As Lutheran Christians, we speak a great deal about "grace." It is one of the three *Sola's* – along with Faith and Scripture – that are considered by many to be hallmarks of Lutheran theology. In just our hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, the word is used: in the title of ten hymns; in the text of 243 hymns; 176 times in our prayers; 62 times in our liturgies; 28 times in our Scripture readings; and 46 times in our Propers. The word "grace" occurs countless times in our preaching and our teaching every Sunday, and that's just in Lutheran Churches, to say nothing of the other Christian denominations across the globe.

We talk about grace so much, say it so many times, hear it so often, that we run the risk of forgetting exactly what "grace" is (and, no, Miss Muller and Miss Wilde, I am not talking about your first name). When talking about what grace is and what it means with the students in Confirmation class, I will frequently use the letters of the word as an acronym, G-R-A-C-E, **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense, to try and make the concept a little less hard to understand. Out of His great love for us, God the Father forgives all our sins because Jesus Christ paid the penalty for us; God richly and freely pours out His blessings on all who put our faith and trust in Jesus, and we do not do anything to earn or merit his goodness toward us. Grace is truly God's riches at Christ's expense.

Still, we say it so often and we receive it so freely that we tend to treat God's grace as though it is cheap; it reality, however, God's grace is so very, very expensive. The high price of God's grace - your forgiveness and mine - isn't paid by us, but by Christ. It cost Him His heavenly

throne, which He gave up for you and me, requiring Him to go from being the omnipotent, omnipresent God to being the newborn son of the Virgin Mary, who needed to be fed, burped, and have His diaper changed. It cost Him 33 years of toil and hardship on this earth, as He lived by the sweat of His brow and was absolutely perfect in every way, to make up for the fact that we don't and can't do it.

God's grace, given freely to you and me, cost Jesus: three years of constant travel, with no permanent place to lay His head; three years of sleepless nights as he healed the sick and the lame and the blind; three years of disciples who did not listen to Him, crowds that just wanted to be fed and entertained by Him, and religious leaders that doubted Him and wanted to kill Him. In the end, it cost Him His family and friends as they all abandoned Him and denied Him. Lastly, God's grace cost Jesus His very life, as He was nearly beaten to death by the Romans, forced to carry his cross out of the city, and then suffocated to death in excruciating agony as He hung there for 6 hour. Even God the Father had abandoned Christ as He hung on the cross, and there Jesus had suffered the agony of hell itself.

We say the word "grace" so often and so easily that it seems cheap, but it is not; God's grace is so very expensive and so very precious, but He loves you so much that He gives it to you absolutely free. It is yours as His gift. His faith is yours, His forgiveness is yours, and His strength to hold on to it is yours – all as a gift. That is how valuable and how special you are to God; He gives you His very costly grace as a free gift.

Our world often treats so may people as if they have no value or worth. It does it to old

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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,

The year is moving along quickly, and we are now in the Season of Lent. The Lenten season offers many opportunities for worship and fellowship and I encourage you to participate whenever possible. One of my favorite fellowship events is our mid-week soup and salad dinners each Wednesday throughout lent. These dinners are followed by a brief Bible Study, then the midweek Lenten Church Service.

These dinners always include a delicious selection of soups, salad, bread and usually even some dessert items. Not only do you get the night off from planning your own dinner, but you will also find this to be a nice casual opportunity to get to know some other members of the congregation.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first meeting of the Voters Assembly for 2023. CLC always seems to have a lot going on and the Voters Assembly plays an important role by approving expenditures presented by the Council, as well as perspective programs and initiatives. Please consider joining this important group. The Voters meet four times a year and you can gain additional information and a copy of the CLC Constitution and Bylaws by stopping in to the CLC church office.

Speaking of the church office, it is with mixed emotions that I feel compelled to let you now that CLC Office Administrator Carol Santoro has notified me of her intention to retire. She has not given an exact date to this point, but indicated that she is aiming for sometime around June of 2023.

Carol has served as the CLC Office Administrator for over 25 years and I can tell you without exaggeration that these will be some big shoes to fill. CLC is blessed with many great people that like to operate in the background, just getting things done without ever seeking thanks or notoriety and Carol is certainly one of them! Her knowledge of the history and ways of CLC is unmatched – this became crystal clear during our pastoral vacancy after the retirement of Pastor Gustafson, and throughout the duration of the still on-going pandemic. Carol knows how to get thing done and keep the train on the tracks.

Most of you wouldn't have known this, but Carol first told me of her intention to retire during my last term as Parish President, not long before Pastor G officially announced his intention to retire. In light of Pastor G's announcement, and without being asked, Carol informed me that she was changing her plans and would continue to serve until a new pastor accepted our call and was firmly in place. She knew that losing both our Pastor and Secretary would put CLC in a difficult place and she said she would not do that to us – THANK YOU CAROL!!

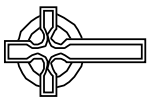
Just last week we celebrated Pastor Rowold's 5-year anniversary since being installed as our Pastor, and we honored Pastor and his family with a dedicated coffee hour. Incidentally, Carol Santoro also served as a member of that important Call Committee.

For obvious reasons, I have chosen to dedicate most of my article this month as a tribute to Carol and her service to CLC while serving as our Office Secretary (and much more) for over 25 years. Carol will continue to serve and will eventually train her replacement – more to come.

Yours in Christ,

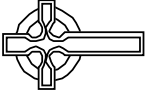
Jeff Mann

CLC Parish President



GIL GALILEAN

March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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MARCH SERVERS LIST

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Readers/Altar Assistants

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

March 1 - Lent 1
7:30 - TBD

March 5
8:00 - Genesis 12:1-9 (I) - John Balash
- Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 - John Balash
10:30 - Genesis 12:1-9 (I) - Margie Mertz
- Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 - Margie Mertz

March 8 - Lent 2
7:30 - TBD

March 12 (10:30 Baptism)
8:00 - Exodus 17:1-7 - Steve Behnfeldt
- Romans 5:1-8 - Lynn Balash
10:30 - Exodus 17:1-7 - Beth Soulier
- Romans 5:1-8 - April Slauson

March 15 - Lent 3
7:30 - TBD

March 19
8:00 - Isaiah 42:14-21 (I) - Karen Smith
- Ephesians 5:8-14 - Karen Smith
10:30 - Isaiah 42:14-21 (I) - Jeff Mann
- Ephesians 5:8-14 - Jeff Mann

March 22 - Lent 4
7:30 - TBD

March 26
8:00 - Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Cliff Ongley
- Romans 8:1-11 - Vanessa Falk
10:30 - Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Blair Donewald
- Romans 8:1-11 - David Zeppieri

March 29 - Lent 5
7:30 - TBD

Acolytes

Ushers (month)

Choir

Altar Guild (month)

April Slauson

8:00
John Balash
David Schrumm

Soloist

10:30
David Veleber
Alan Santoro Parish

Soloist

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.

Soloist

Parish

Soloist

Bell

Bell

Bell

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people, to unborn people, to disable people, to foreign people, to strange people, to quiet people, to shy people, to different people, to unwanted people, to lonely people, to unloved people. When the world treats you like you have no value, remember the grace that God has given to you as a free gift. That is how much God loves you, that is how valuable you are to God. You are worth the cost of God's grace.

The Lenten season, as we journey with Jesus to the cross, we're taking the time to think about God's *Amazing Grace*. We'll see how He has shown it to so many people in the Bible, remember just how much it cost Him, and rejoice that He has given it freely to me and you too. I look forward to taking that journey with you; see you along the way.

In Christ,
Pastor David Rowold



KIDS' LENTEN DEVOTION AND MOBILE ...

During our Lenten journey, 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!

As we pray through the days of Lent until Jesus' glorious resurrection, the included mobile grows. 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 in this companion piece to the children's Lenten devotional booklet. Cutting is required. String not included.



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 8, 2020**.
Move your clocks **ahead** 1 hour so you are not late for Church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Thank you to all who attended the "God's Amazing Love" Sunday School family event on February 18, 2023. Look for another event in mid to late spring.

Our regular schedule is Sunday morning opening at 9:10 in the Fellowship Hall followed by lessons in the classrooms. Our lessons for March will be on The Lord's Prayer, The Prodigal Son, and Confession and Absolution. Please make sure students are in opening on time, as the current 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 be able to more actively participate in opening.

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...



The CLC website contains a giving page, which provides website visitors an opportunity to make a financial contribution to CLC. This functionality has many use cases. For example, if a distant friend or relative wanted to give a gift in honor of a special occasion, this is a simple, safe way to contribute. Additionally, there may be times a CLC member may want to take advantage of this convenience. This online giving capability was added during the pandemic.

It should be noted that there is a small transaction fee associated with credit card processing for this functionality. This month, Steve Feero, our webmaster, added an enhancement which the finance committee had requested, namely adding a 3% processing fee to online contributions, to help offset our costs.

The giving page url is <https://www.cheshirelutheran.org/onlinegiving/>

Other ways of contributing include submitting an offering in person during Sunday Services, mailing via USPS, payments via your Bank portal or mobile app, or by dropping off at the Church office.

Smart Stewardship - Donating IRA Funds to Charities, including CLC

Submitted by Bill Sherman

Generally, distributions from traditional Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) are included in taxable income in the year they are received. One exception from such distributions being taxable is for individuals who are at least age 70½, who may directly transfer otherwise taxable traditional IRA distributions to certain tax-exempt charities. These distributions are referred to as qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). Since 2019, individuals who are at least age 72 have been subject to IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. As of January 1, 2023, taxpayers who have not attained age 72 as of January 1, 2023 will need to begin their RMDs at age 73. A QCD can count as a distribution for purposes of the RMD rules.



For income tax purposes, QCDs are excluded from federal gross income, thereby saving federal and Connecticut income taxes. And because QCDs are excluded from the donor's income, QCDs also lower the odds that one will be affected by various other unfavorable income-based tax provisions, such as the amount of Social Security benefits subject to income tax, and a lower gross income can reduce certain individual's obligation to pay a greater monthly Medicare premium in a following year.

As with many income tax provisions, limitations exist. The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000 per person and no charitable itemized deduction is allowed for QCDs. If an individual makes deductible IRA contributions after age 70½, the amount of the QCD that may be excluded from income is reduced.

For additional information, please consult with your personal tax advisor or refer to Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements. If you are interested in discussing or arranging for a QCD as an offering to Cheshire Lutheran Church, please contact me, our church office, our Financial Secretary, or our Treasurer. Any QCD must be sent directly from your IRA trustee to CLC either through electronic funds transfer to CLC's bank, or by a check payable to Cheshire Lutheran Church and mailed to our P.O. Box 157.

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

LENT BIBLE STUDY...

Every Wednesday from March 1 through March 29, we will have a brief Bible study following the Soup & Salad Supper. Come out for dinner at 6 PM and take part in the Bible study after, then join us in the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM.



CLC's featured members for March 2023 are Priscilla and Trum Troemel. Let's begin with a little-known fact: Trum, who hails from Torrington, was given the name Clarence at birth. Trum is a nickname, derived from his last name, which he has been known for most of his life. Priscilla Smith, who was born in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, was raised in Litchfield. Priscilla met Trum at the age of 13. They met on Halloween night in front of Trum's grandmother's house, and thus began their lifelong journey.

This journey started a bit rocky at first with both families opposing the young couple's connection, but they managed to date on and off for years despite the objections. One thing that tied this pair together was their association with the Luther League. This was a Lutheran youth group that hosted meetings, get-togethers, dances, and religious lessons on Sundays. Priscilla, who is a classically trained pianist, played the organ at Luther League events.

Following high school, Trum headed to Newark College in New Jersey (NJ) to pursue engineering studies while Priscilla attended Stamford Hospital School of Nursing. Trum was enthralled with electronics and began his career working as an engineer for Bell Telephone Labs in NJ. Sadly, Priscilla's nursing school was cut short when she dropped out after her first year due to a tragic event that framed her life story. One of her two sisters was



murdered in Hartford in a senseless crime that was never solved. Priscilla's father was working as the International Financial Vice President for Ingersol Rand, which had a sizeable impact on the family. In addition, he served as the president of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Even though he advised the hospital not to hire her because of the tragedy they were dealing with, they found Priscilla "too interesting not to hire" so she began her career working there. She later took an administrative position with Pitney Bowes in Stamford.

Priscilla and Trum were married at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Litchfield in 1962. Neither family was very happy about the marriage, so Priscilla shook things up a bit by rushing for an emergency appendectomy right before the wedding! All went well and the newlyweds began their life together in NJ where Trum was working for Bell Labs and Priscilla worked for Allstate Insurance. During these first years in New Jersey, the Troemels were blessed with two beautiful children. First came their son, Scott, who was followed by their daughter, Debbie.

Wanting to move back to Connecticut, Trum accepted a job with the Southern New England Telephone (SNET) company, where he worked for the next 26 years. The family settled in North Branford for the first two years before deciding to move to Cheshire in 1972 to put the kids into our renowned school system. While in North Branford, they belonged to a Congregational Church where Priscilla played the organ. The church was so close to home that when she finished practice for the day, she would sound the electronic chimes as a signal to Trum that she was finished and heading home. During this time, Priscilla worked for Aetna and had a staff reporting to her. In the '80s, she suffered a heart attack as she states, "before it was in vogue for women" to do so. After her recovery, she went to work for the Cheshire Convalescent Center.

Once in Cheshire, the Troemels discovered Cheshire Lutheran Church and it felt like home. They joined and have been members ever since. Trum faithfully served our church as an usher for many years and as a Trustee (now known as the House and Grounds committee) for over six years. He enjoyed many spring cleanups, painting parties, and providing support for all sorts of church maintenance projects. Priscilla was very involved with the Cheshire Food Drive where she camped out on the town green in the fall. Further, her love of music kept her working musically with children.

Priscilla feels blessed with the gift of music; her talents have driven much of her life. She was one of the founding members of the Cheshire Community Chorus. After suffering a second heart attack, she was motivated to fulfill her dream of forming an all-auditioned singing group called the Harmonia Choral Society. The group was staffed with Yale music students and grad students who performed at CLC along with other churches and local venues for over ten years. She later organized a choral group at the Cheshire Convalescent Center and was very immersed in the theater too. She served as Assistant Director and Stage Manager, as well as performed for the Cheshire Theater, and later branched into dinner theater. Priscilla has always been very involved and busy, busy, busy. Trum states that she "not only burned the candle at both ends, but she burned it in the

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middle too.” She attributes learning her multi-tasking ability to watching her father juggle two very prominent positions simultaneously.

Trum feels that his gift from God is his tremendous knack for fixing all things electronic. After his years of engineering with the telephone companies, he worked for ten years for Comcast cable company. He constantly repaired all kinds of radios, amplifiers, and other electrical devices. He even ran a little repair shop out of his basement called Troemel’s Vintage Radio and Amplifier Repair where he fixed things “just for love, not for money.” His penchant for electronics even earned him four published articles in the ‘60s in Popular Electronics magazine...and a patent! When Bell Labs required an inexpensive remote reading thermometer, Trum created one and they registered the patent in his name. (Fun Fact: while Trum was composing tech articles for Popular Electronics, they extended an offer to Priscilla to pose for their magazine cover – an offer she jokingly refused.) Trum enjoys reading tech manuals, science publications, and science fiction and loves to tinker with electronics for fun. He considers himself a “true techy, through and through.”

The Troemel’s son, Scott, followed Dad’s techy path for a while working initially with SNET company and now working for Frontier Communications in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has two sons, a daughter, and a granddaughter. Priscilla and Trum’s daughter, Debbie, works in Customer Service and lives in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. She has two sons, a granddaughter, and a new grandbaby on the way. Priscilla and Trum are extremely proud of their family’s accomplishments and love every chance they get to spend with them.

Priscilla loved to travel, while Trum preferred staying home with the kids. This made for the perfect match. She went to Europe several times, once on a performing tour with the Waterbury Chorale. Vienna was her favorite place to visit. Because of her musical background, she fantasized about playing waltzes one day in Vienna, and this trip allowed her to realize her vision. Another memorable trip was one where they took the kids to Disney when they were little and the family had a blast camping out at Fort Wilderness.

As for musical interest, Priscilla favors classical while Trum is more of a 50’s rock and roll fan. Although the pair recently enjoyed watching the super bowl, would you believe that Priscilla is more of a football fan? The kids joked that their mom loved watching Sunday football instead of their dad. Just as Trum dabbled in writing with his electronics articles, Priscilla once took a writing course and, being a lifelong cat-lover, she imagines writing a book about the similarities between cats and engineers. Sounds like a fun read!

Trum and Priscilla are grateful to God for their health (especially after her triple bypass surgery eight years ago), their family, and their countless blessings. They are especially thankful for each other and consider their crowning glory to be the fact that they are about to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary, despite the naysayers predicting they would only last a month.

Thank you, Trum and Priscilla, for your dedicated service to our church and community.

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

Cheshire Lutheran Church



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

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

Members include:

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.

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

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

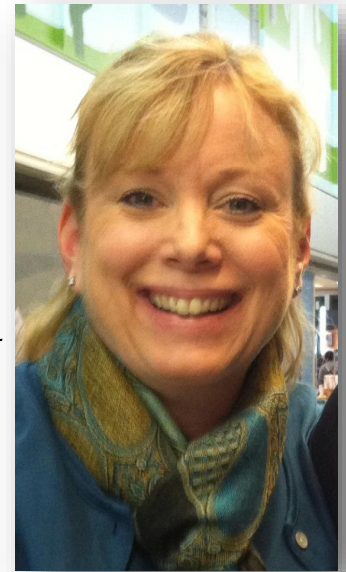


For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 “periods of service” when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir’s musical offerings that make our worship special).

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” and the dates are June 26-30, 2023. Volunteers will be needed from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 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 was February 2, 2023. Our next meeting will be March 2, 2023. 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.

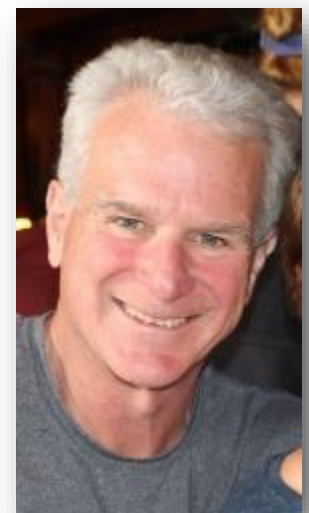
Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

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
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
March 5 - Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 8 - Wednesday <i>3rd Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 9 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 12 - Sunday <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	No Choirs		
March 15 - Wednesday <i>4th Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 16 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 19 - Sunday <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 22 - Wednesday <i>5th Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 23 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 26 - Sunday Bells Play <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 29 - Wednesday Bells Play <i>6th Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 30 - Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 2 - Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS...



Thrivent members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2023** to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars to support organizations. After this date, any undirected 2022 Choice Dollars will expire. To direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice" and select option 1. A client representative will help you direct Choice Dollars. Alternatively, you can log on to the Thrivent website at: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice, select **Direct Choice Dollars**. After you log in, you can choose the organization to which you want to direct Choice Dollars. If you have any further questions, please contact Alan Spose (203-623-1650).

A big thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who have either directed Choice Dollars to CLC or who have sponsored Action Teams to further many of our Social Welfare programs. You all are true examples of Living Generously.

Submitted by Alan Spose

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. During March, student will begin preparing for the rite of First Holy Communion, currently scheduled for the first Sunday in June.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...



On Feb 4th Tricia and Sarah Rowold showed Pam and Andy Clark how to make some pretty cool chocolates for the Youth to sell on Sunday to help raise money for Youth activities. Unfortunately, due to illness, more youth were not able to participate. (You missed out on chocolate pretzels!) Although it was just the four of us, we made over 150 candies some with multiple chocolates and interesting activity learn-chocolate (microwave and molds, make multicolor can-dies and how to cool the chocolate (good thing it was a cold day). We may do this again for lot of Easter candy molds. I hope this discourage more of the Youth to come next



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At the end of February, I planned an escape room in Southington at Escapism, but the timing was not right and I had to postpone until a later date, stay tuned. Escape rooms are a lot of fun and this is definitely something I want to do with the Youth at some point in the future.

For upcoming activities, I will be working with the Youth on dates that work for more of the kids and, as I mentioned above, I'd like to make Easter candies between now and Easter.

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...



Souper Bowl of Caring Update:

Thank you!

We received a \$250 Thrivent grant and purchased 131 cans of chunky soup from Shoprite. Church members donated another 157 cans for a total of **288** cans—WOW! We also received cash donations totaling \$270 and one \$25 gift card.

A big “Thank you” to Bill and Beth Soulier for obtaining the Thrivent Grant & to Don and Diane for the Shoprite support, also to Jim and Margie Metz for delivering the soup to the Cheshire Food Pantry. In addition to the Souper Bowl event donations, they also collected and delivered 21 bottles of Salad dressing and 43 other items. *The total weight was 543 lbs.*

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

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE..

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...



THE RIPPEL REPORT—FEBRUARY 2023..

Unforgettable...— Follow-up Article 3

First, a correction from last months *Ripple Report* article. Fourth paragraph from the bottom (see graphic below):

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.

The word RACE should have been RAIL. This phrase “Outside the Rail” in Catholicism refers to being banned from normal worship and sacraments in worship services. To redeem oneself, a member had to renounce and recant the offence in order to return to good standing. My parents offence was marriage vows in a Protestant church not Catholic. My father never renounced nor returned to Catholicism.

Before I begin this month’s narrative, I wish to state what a sincere honor and privilege it is to write this series of articles for the Heavenly Herald. At the risk of “blowing my own horn” or bragging, I have 40 plus years of experiences writing articles for both Immanuel Oxford and Trinity Shelton monthly newsletters also.

I extend my appreciation to all members who have spoken to me with their thanks and compli

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ments. For the last 2 years, since the loss of my beloved wife of 63 years, my vision has been greatly impaired by macular degeneration. However, thankfully, due to professional help, there is a light I can see at the end of the tunnel, slow improvements. I realize how difficult it must be deciphering my handwriting for all these articles so a sincere thank you to Beth for her patience and skills.

Follow-up Article 3

In the Charles Dickens classic novel “A Tale of Two Cities” he would write the opening lines regarding the chaos of the 10 year period of the French Revolution. The 10 plus years of our nations Great Depression can be viewed as a parallel event. Living and experiencing these events firsthand with my parents, profound memories are seared forever in my recollections and memories. Further, they also are part of my life story so documented and recorded. Should Charles Dickens have lived through these tragic events he may have written instead of “these were the best of times”, “these were the worst of times” he may have replaced with “these were the worst of times then misery, suffering and desperation staked our Nation”.

Struggles during the “Great Depression”:

As noted in the previous article my young parents, ages 22 & 21, married in 1925 with great promise and expectations of their future. Unfortunately, this was never to be a reality. I wish to mention several important side issues which I feel should be explained. The following events detail our families struggles during the “Great Depression”. All are authentic, as told to myself and my own experiences as well. I would, as a reader certainly raise the questions; “how does this writer at age 91, remember exact details, events, dates, places of neighborhoods, playmates, shops, conversations etc.?” Let me explain as much.

Our small family was tight knit. Living closely, out of necessity, frequently moving and changing schools. Around our kitchen table I was kept informed with explanations of changes and decisions that were taking place in our lives. As an 18-year-old my father passed, a broken man, due to, I believe, years of living in poverty. At this age I promised myself I would document my family's life story, which I have done. Over 7 decades, I have compiled a thick Rippel family history. Our eldest daughter, the appointed family historian, is now recording a series of tapes, covering ancestry and all matters relating to our family.

Now, back to central themes, how, when and where Our Lord reached down and planted my feet firmly on a path of Christianity. My parents first address was Courtlandt Ave. in the South Bronx. We lived in a rundown pre-1900, 5 apartment building. Next, in 1933, they moved to the Tremont area to 1691 Carter Ave.. Hard times hit our family with facing eviction for non-payment of rent, my parents “downsized” and were forced to sell, trade or pawn nearly all their possessions, keepsakes, jewelry, wedding gifts, china, silverware, and furniture. Having few items to move, our next address was Dewitt Place in rural Bronx off Gun Hill Rd. In the winter of 1938, we moved into a basement apartment, rent free, in a brick 2 story building where we were “supers” for the 6 apartments. In the spring, the owner of the building told my parents his brother and family were facing eviction and he will move his family into our apartment, and we must move out.

At a chance meeting with a stranger whose name was Eddie Hogan, a WWI veteran who was wounded in the war, he had difficulty walking, even with a cane. My father told him we were looking for a place to live. He lived all alone; his home was on nearby Sexton Place. He proposed that if we did his chores, shopping, cooking, cleaning etc., we could move in rent free. Within 2 weeks we moved in. His bungalow style home was next to the Dyer Ave. rail line. My father grew a large plot of vegetables during our stay there. Unfortunately, Logan developed serious pleurisy pneumonia and was hospitalized for a lengthy period. His family informed our family we must move again. His home was closed and sold very quickly.

In the winter of 1939, the next 2 locations we moved to would be a pair of side by side furnished rooming houses. For several months we lived in a room and a half at both 3313 and 3311 Seymour Avenue. These furnished rooms were as cheap as one could get. Rents were \$1.00 per day \$8.00 weekly and \$35 monthly. We cooked in the hallway and shared bathroom privileges with others. At both addresses our family experienced constant renter's arguments, heavy drinking, fights breaking out, late night parties and police being called to restore order. This was nothing short of living in the wild west for this 7-year-old.

During 1940 our family tried to find safe affordable living arrangements without success until August of that year. We relocated to 396 East 200th St., also known as Bedford Park Blvd. This busy street was the Eastern approach to Bronx Botanical



Our Sincere Appreciation



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

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Gardens and the Bronx Zoo. We would move to the 2nd floor over Ognibene's Italian Fruit & Vegetable Store. The owners were Robert and Fay Mendalic, a nice couple who maintained a roof garden complete with flower tables and chairs.

The neighborhood was busy with over 30 stores and shops. Many of the owners and managers were immigrants from Europe.

Their children, first born Americans, were my playmates and school friends. I remember Vinny Dourety, with Irish parents, Henry Luhrs, of German descent and delicatessen owner, George Race, Russian. There was Helen Raptis, Greek family and Marian Farber, daughter of German parents and owners of another delicatessen. Some of my playmates attended PS46 where I attended. Henry and Marian attended Grace Lutheran as well. In the 2 years since our family moved from Carter Ave to Bedford Park we had 6 different addresses and 4 different public schools.

Introduction to the Lutheran Church:

On one midweek afternoon in the 3rd week in January 1942, I was with my playmates involved in a game of Pottsy, a hop scotch sidewalk game. My mother stopped by to remind me to come upstairs before dark. Unexpectedly, Henry Luhrs asked my mother, can Sonny (my street name) come with me to Sunday School? My mother agreed and replied, “that would be nice”. That simple question and reply would determine my becoming a lifelong active Christian.

Henry Luhrs age 12 and I at 10 were in the same class led by our teacher Miss Martha Villwock. My first class was set in the parish sanctuary pews because the basement, where church school sessions would normally be held was being entirely renovated. In the sanctuary, other than the free-standing altar, was a huge oil painting mounted on the front wall. This painting was a life size painting of Jesus sitting in a fisherman's boat surrounded by his disciples', with his hands outstretched announcing “From Henceforth You Will Be Fishers Of Men”. This backdrop was the largest oil painting I have ever seen. It was twice as wide as the 8 foot altar and was easily 26 feet high. The bottom of the painting elevated 4 to 6 feet above the altar. To the right, another painting of Martin Luther nailing the 95 Thesis to the Wittenberg Church doors. To the right, yet another painting of St John in the full armor of Christian protection. Each of these were about 3 feet wide and 10 feet high.

Henry kept me aware of our class routines. Pastor Bucheimer would open with a welcome prayer and some announcements. Church School Superintendent would then visit each class along with Pastor checking Augsburg Published lesson materials and attendance was taken by teachers. Forms for enrollment into church school and confirmation program were sent home to be returned by parents, which was done. In my case, I was mistakenly enrolled in Confirmation Class two years early. I was confirmed in 1944 at age 12 instead of age 14 as specified. Pastor Bucheimer found this error one year later into the program. He decided to let me finish instead of having me start all over again. He reasoned and explained to us that with many home relocations, we might suddenly move away and I might never again complete Confirmation and become a Christian.

I am reminded of Pastor Bucheimer's decision each worship service I attend. In conclusion, our confirmation class experienced thorough training and Pastors blessings with the rite of “Laying of the Hands” as we knelt at the altar of Grace Lutheran. My scripture was from Revelation Chapter 2 verse 10 “Be thou faithful unto death”.

Respectfully submitted.
Charles Rippel

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...

Hooray! Spring is coming. I know it has felt like Spring on many days this winter, but I want it to be officially Spring. We have been very fortunate to be able to play outside almost all winter. The children have enjoyed being able to play in the sandbox as well. (We are looking for sand toys if you are in the Dollar Store or anywhere else you might shop).

The month of March, we will be finishing up our alphabet and starting on numbers 1-25. The children have come a long way when it comes to thinking of words that start with the alphabet letter we are working on that week. We have all the letters on the wall of our classroom. The children can say the whole alphabet in Spanish as well. They can count to 15 in Spanish and are learning how to say colors in Spanish as well. When it comes to sounding out their letter's they can say the whole alphabet. (e.g., A apple a, B boy b).

March will start the month off taking note of all the changes that are happening outside and we will check the temperature it is outside each day. We will make Stone Soup, spend two weeks learning about Community Helpers, celebrate Saint Patrick's Day, and learn about Insects. We will end our month planting seeds and learning about growing things. We will take a potato, dig out the inside put, a cotton ball in it and spread grass seed. We will decorate the outside as a Lep-rechaun.

Bible will consist of Feeding the 5000, the Good Samaritan, Lazarus and getting ready for Easter.

Here's to a lovely Spring!

God Bless,
Ms. JoAnn, Ms. Michele and Ms. 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 pass the word along to those you meet and family members. www.cheshirelutheran.org

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

March

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





NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Annual Lenten Wednesday Soup/Salad and Bible Study:

Please join us on Wednesdays through the Lenten season for Soup and Salad, followed by our Lenten Bible Study. Beginning March 1st, at 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy a light dinner of soup and salad, followed by Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to make a pot of soup to feed 10, there is a sign-up sheet to let us know and enable us to plan how many will be attending. Also, if you would be able to help set up and/or clean up, many hands make this event go smoothly and it's another great opportunity to get to know one another.

Annual Easter Breakfast:

Please join us for our annual Easter breakfast, to be held immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service on April 9th. We gather in the celebration of our risen Lord and sharing the good news that He has risen!

Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend, help set up, clean up and/or bring a side dish. We would love to see you all!

Save the date! On Saturday, April 29th, at 2:00 p.m. here at CLC there will be a "Music for Guitar & Mandolin" concert featuring Judy Handler and Mark Levesque. This event was put together by Karen Bailey and it is going to be a beautiful way to spend a Saturday afternoon. For a sample of the music, go to www.judyandmark.com. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend; there is no cost to attend, but freewill offerings will be accepted. A reception will follow. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me. - St. Patrick.

March is upon us as well as the hope that comes with the ushering in of Spring on March 20th. The month where the days start getting longer, and daylight savings time starts on March 12th. A time when, with fingers crossed, we can make it to point of no real threat of snow. We are not out of the woods yet, but our snow removal costs were off to a good start with some savings in the House & Grounds budget.

We have made a change to our cleaning company here at CLC. Last year, Little Cherubs was not getting cleaned to the Director's satisfaction. We discussed this with the owner of Maintenance Pro and things improved. However, that reversed back to an unsatisfactory job so a change was made. We have hired O.C.D. Cleaning as our vendor and hope to see improvements for Little Cherubs, the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

A thank you to Don Drust who brought in a contractor to fix the broken lighting in the Cross Garden. We hope to improve on the landscaping in our Cross Garden next. More to follow on that when temperatures are ready for planting.

Another springtime activity for many is the time for spring cleaning. CLC is no different and with Easter this year on April 9th, we will hopefully be cleaning prior to then. The dates will be announced as soon.

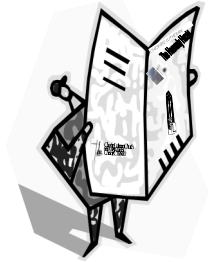
In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours. – Mark Twain

Todd Plantier
House and Grounds Deacon

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

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

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PREPARE FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME...



Eternal Life Planning

- **Prepare a will**—A will can share a statement of faith, direct distribution of assets and bequests, and provide for the care of minor children.
- **Life Insurance**—Consult your Thrivent Representative to review your assets and your insurance policies.
- **Final arrangements**—Speak with your local funeral home director.
- **Your Death Announcement**—Prepare your obituary or death announcement.
- **Your Service**—Arrange to sit down with Pastor Rowold. Think about service arrangements, selection of hymns, and Bible readings in preparation for the meeting.
- **Your Remains**—Have a conversation with your family and then consider talking with members of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee.

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 28 inurnment subscriptions & 6 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. Allesandrino (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. Please also stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information to our congregants regarding End of Life Planning...

John Mulvaney

Jim Mertz

Pat DiDomizio

Barbara Carson

Priscilla Mulvaney

Margie Mertz

Bill Soulier

Tim Weiland

Vicki DePaolo

Randy Raddatz

Beth Soulier

Ed Schweizer



SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR CAREGIVERS OR BEREAVED...

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.

**SUPPORT
SESSIONS**

PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2023...

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!

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Quilts of Valor

In January, we received an invitation to present a quilt to Roger Roa of Cheshire. Robert was a Marine Corporal wounded on March 12, 2012 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) and was paralyzed, along with fractures to his spine, femur, and sternum. He also suffered a head injury that resulted in a traumatic brain injury (TBI). With hard work, he eventually learned to walk again. He also received a degree in National Security and now works for our government. He still suffers from chronic backaches and severe headaches. To make this day complete, he was presented with a new home by the "Homes for our Troops" organization. This was an especially emotional moment for Paula Ongley and Lis Garafalo, who were the presenters from QOV.



On Feb 11, we had a sew day and we presented 6 veterans with quilts: Larry, David, Robert, Thomas, William and Erik. They also received a thankyou note from our Church for their service.

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

Welcoming visitors (potential future members) for Worship Services – Attention Ushers

Please note that a few gift bags have been placed on the table outside the sanctuary in the narthex. They were made up by the Evangelism Committee. We are asking members and ushers to hand them out to visitors and as you greet them, kindly speak with them and if possible, write down their name, address and phone number and give to either Carol, Lynn Balash or Marilyn Miller. You can also ask them to fill in the Guest Book. The Evangelism Committee will use this information to reach out to them and invite them back if appropriate. Thank you

Cards for Members and Shut-Ins

We sent Valentine's Day cards to our special members in February

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.

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.

Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon



CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise March 18, 1929 ~ **Sunset** January 24, 2023

Robert D. Davis

On January 24, 2023, our Brother in Christ "*Robert (Bob) D. Davis*" was called home to be reunited with Our Lord.

A funeral service and celebration of his life was held on Saturday, February 4, at 10:30 a.m. at CLC.

His Christian & Lutheran faith were very important to Bob: he taught religious classes at Faith Lutheran Church in East Hartford and was deeply involved at Cheshire Lutheran Church for more than fifty years.

You can see examples of Bob's incredible woodworking talent around our Church. Most notably, the large rustic wooden Cross on the left side of the Altar was lovingly handcrafted by Bob. This Cross is set out during the Lenten season through Easter Sunday each year as a reminder of the sacrifice our Lord endured on our behalf.

We join the Davis family in grieving the loss of Bob 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



IMPORTANT Message from Amazon

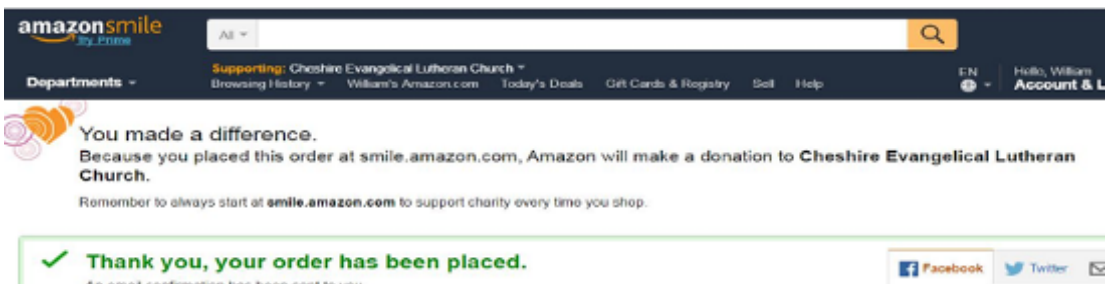
Amazon To Discontinue AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023

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

CLC Member Word Search

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other.

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February 9, 2023 – RTW

WORD LIST:

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Answers will be published in the April Heavenly Herald

WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

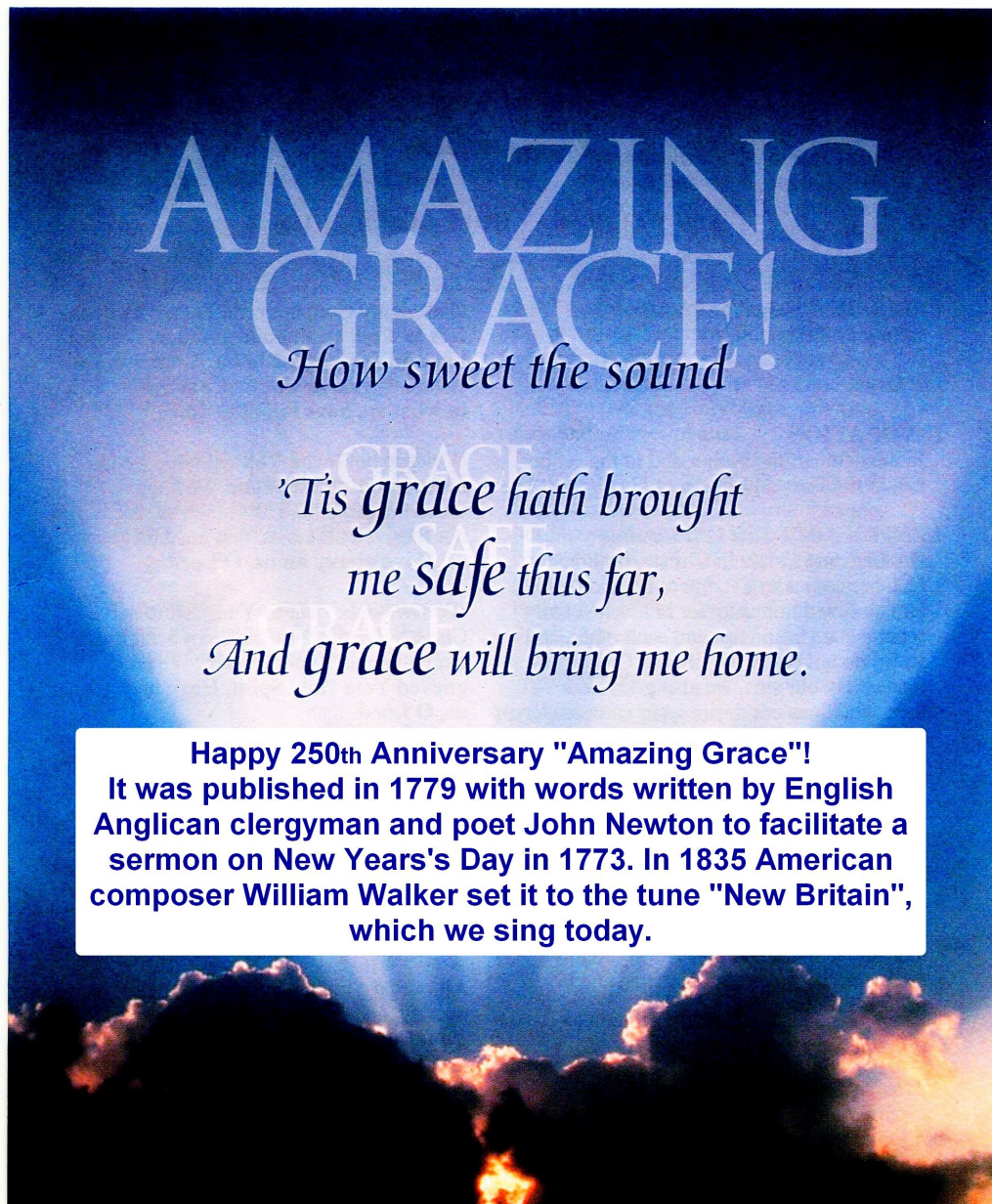
Volunteers are needed to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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

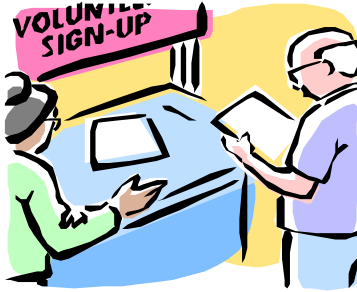
110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703

hopepregnancycenterct.org



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
- ✦ Wednesday Evening **Lenten Soup & Salad sign ups**
- ✦ Information on activities of some of our congregants out in the community
- ✦ **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**
- ✦ 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. Each service will include a volunteer from our congregation who will help give a voice to a different person in the Bible who experienced God’s *Amazing Grace*. Join us at **7:30 PM each Wednesday from March 1 to 29**, either in person or by our live stream.

Adult devotions connected to the series are available on the counter outside the office.



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.

ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY...

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

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.



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.

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

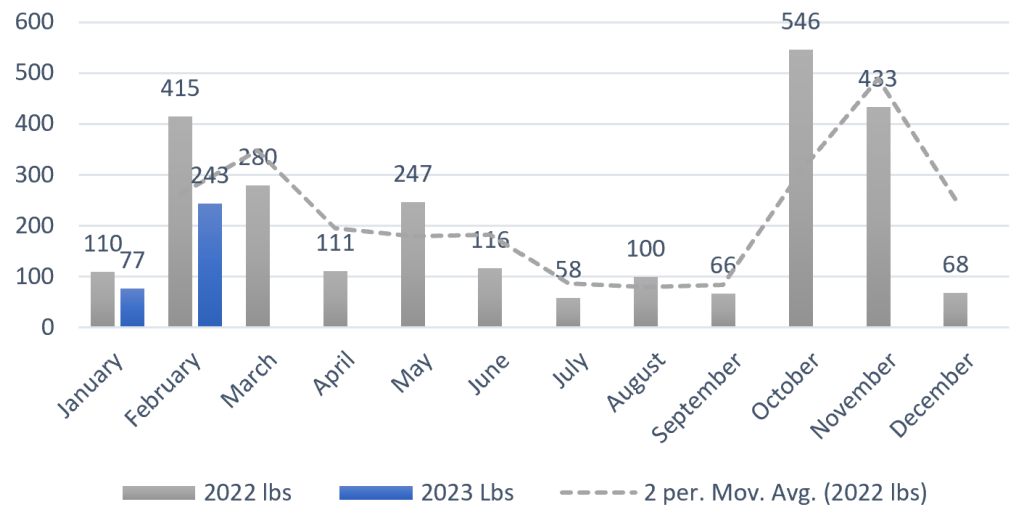




DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price “buy one-get one free”, purchase it and donate the free item

First Sunday Food Drive Trend



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed, we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Food Pantry for more information. 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 is currently on hiatus for the Lenten season. It will return in late April, with classes meeting in person in the church library and via Zoom. At that time, we will resume our study of John's Gospel.

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*.



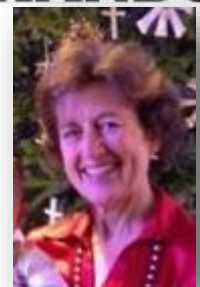
CLC HELPING HANDS...

"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
Phone 203-710-0753



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 2023

19 th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	40 Years
20 th	Joe & Joann Holstein	29 Years
21 st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	42 Years
22 nd	William & Barbara Hillis	49 Years



3rd David Schrumm
 4th Priscilla Troemel
 8th Kinsley Clark
 9th Melissa Veleber
 10th Eva Schrumm
 Hannah Kjeldsen
 Conner DeLaubell
 12th Noah Wilde
 13th Martha Medford
 15th Thom Zeppieri
 16th Ethel Daly
 Phil Giampietro
 17th John Taylor
 23rd Robert Lamb
 26th Guy Mason
 Mary Lou Aston
 30th Rita Stark



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



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

† 3rd Samantha Nowak	† 19th Christopher Barden
† 6th Emily Smith	† 21st Alexis Veleber
† 11th Catherine Barden	† 25th Natalie Veleber
† 12th Evelyn Merrow	† 26th Chloe Burke
† 15th Larry Fiedler	† 29th Gloria Nuechterlein

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



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