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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." Psalm 30:5b (ESV)

"April showers bring May flowers" or, at least, so the saying goes. I don't remember when I first heard that little rhyme, though I do confess that it did help me remember the order of the months when I first learned them many, many years ago. In my own personal experience, however, April showers are much more likely to bring overly tall grass and lots of weeds, than they are to bring flowers. (And, of course, there is the joke about "May flowers" bringing pilgrims, but we'll try to avoid digressing so soon into the newsletter article – this is not, after all, Adult Bible study.) Still, the underlying message is not about rain and plants, but, rather, that good things will follow after times of adversity.

The message of the rhyme is very apt for us right about now, and not just because May is fast approaching and the second half of April has brought quite a bit of rain. The last few years have certainly been times of adversity for many people; on the global scale, there have been events like pandemics, lockdowns, economic "downturns," and armed conflict. On the more personal level, there has been illness, unemployment, the passing of loved ones, financial hardships, life transitions, and all the other challenges that we have been facing.

Now, however, things look like they are starting to turn a corner. Just as the heavy rains of April are about to give way to the month of May and all that it brings, so too there is a sense that much of the adversity we have faced of late is beginning to draw to a close. That does not mean, however, that all of life's hardships are over, by no means. Rain showers fall throughout the year, not just in April, so life will continue to have its challenges. That being said, signs of improvement and reasons for hope abound.

Life is much more "normal" now (whatever that means), than it has been in recent years. Trips to the store, going to school, attending a show, all look and feel very similar to the way they did when my family and I arrived in Cheshire 5 years ago. No, everything is not exactly the same, but we are moving in that direction and there is reason to hope. Even attendance in Church is slowly inching closer to where we were before everything took such a sharp dive. The idea that good things will follow after times of adversity is true, and not just because of the rhyme "April showers bring May flowers."

We know that goodness follows after times of hardship because God Himself has said so. "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning," that's what the Holy Spirit moved King David to write in Psalm 30. In his life, David knew many times of hardship; some were brought on him by other people, and some were the result of his own actions. Still, God saw Him through them all and brought him to the other side, pouring His blessing out upon David abundantly.

God has made the same promise to you and me in Holy Baptism. There in the baptismal font, God promised that He will journey with you through all that this life brings and He will bring you safely through them. In the end, He will bring you to all the joys of that inheritance in heaven that Christ Jesus laid up for you on the cross. And He blesses you throughout this life as well, not just in the life of the world to come. He continues to provide for us those "May flowers" and that morning joy that brightens our days and our lives.

There are lots of "May flowers" and morning joy here at CLC to be experienced and

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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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Once again, Pastor Rowold did an amazing job of leading us through Holy Week. Our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services were well attended and very moving reminders of the sacrifice our Lord made for us.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

Welcome back to our Acolytes!! As I am sure you all happily noticed, we have now returned to including Acolytes as part of our regular Sunday Services. This program is especially important as it provides a way for the Confirmation-age and older members of our CLC youth to make a significant and observable contribution. Thank you to the fine young men and women of CLC for stepping back into this role – and to their parents for getting them here! Kyong and I look forward to seeing our grandson Gabriel perform his acolyte duties.

Once again, Pastor Rowold did an amazing job of leading us through Holy Week. Our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services were well attended and very moving reminders of the sacrifice our Lord made for us. We as a congregation are truly blessed to have Pastor as our spiritual leader. His preparation is thorough, and his delivery is always sincere.

Thank you to Martha, the choir members, bell choir ringers and special musicians for all their hard work and preparation to provide us with beautiful music throughout Holy Week, culminating in an especially uplifting Easter service. There is so much thought, dedication and rehearsing that goes into preparing for these services and we all benefit from the fruits of their labor.

They say many hands make light work and CLC definitely has many willing hands. Each spring we gather to give CLC a little TLC, both inside and outside and this year was no exception. I was away and unable to assist with this year's outside cleaning but was informed that several dedicated members jumped in and gave it their all. I just returned home from helping out with the inside cleanup and again, we had a group of dedicated members working away. I also noticed that the outside looked meticulously cared for. A big thank you to House & Grounds Deacon Todd Plantier for leading this important effort!

While at the church, I could not help but notice Marilyn Miller and her "Quilting Chicks" hard at work in the Fellowship Hall making beautiful quilts to be presented to some of our local veterans. This group is made up of CLC members, as well as volunteers throughout our surrounding communities. Several years back I was the recipient of one of these unique (no two are alike) quilts and I love it. This is a wonderful program and another way of getting our name out into the community.

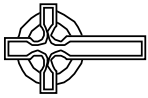
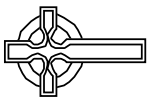
I had the pleasure of participating in another meeting of the Long-Term Planning Committee on April 18th, and again I can tell you this committee is dedicated to the long-term survivability of CLC. Without active and participating members, we do not exist, and they are creatively seeking out ways to attract new members and reach out to others that may have drifted away for one reason or another. Please consider joining this committee or reaching out with any ideas you may have. Soon you will start to see some of their initiatives come to life and we are hoping for your strong support.

The CLC Council exists to serve the needs of the congregation – please reach out to me or any other member if you have any questions, concerns or needs we may be able to assist with.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Mann

CLC Parish President



GIC Calendar

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 1:30 Bible Study	4	5	6
7 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:00 Parish Choir 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	8	9	10 1:30 Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship	15	16	17 1:30 Bible Study	18	19	20
21 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion 11:30 Voters' Meeting 7:00 Confirmation Class	22	23	24 1:30 Bible Study	25	26	27
28 8:00 Worship 10:00 Parish Ensemble 10:30 Worship	29	30	31 1:30 Bible Study	Heavenly Herald articles due to Beth Soulier		

MAY SERVERS LIST

<u>Readers/Altar Assistants</u>		<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers (month)</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Altar Guild (month)</u>
<i>(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup</i>					
May 7					
8:00	- Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 (I) – John Balash - 1 Peter 2:2-10 – John Balash	Derek Henderson	8:00 Diane Drust Don Drust		Ethel Daly Christine Mason
10:30	- Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60 (I) – David Schrumm - 1 Peter 2:2-10 – David Schrumm	Aika Kwayu	10:30 Jeff Mann Bill Soulier	Parish	
May 14					
8:00	- Acts 17:16-31 – Cliff Ongley - 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Marilyn Miller	Max Muller			
10:30	- Acts 17:16-31 – April Slauson - 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Blair Donewald	Grace Wilde		SSchool	
May 21					
8:00	- Acts 1:12-26 (I) – Bill Sherman - 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 – Bill Sherman	Doug Henderson		Soloist	
10:30	- Acts 1:12-26 (I) – Margie Mertz - 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11 – Margie Mertz	Emma Finger			
May 28					
8:00	- Numbers 11:24-30 – Pam Clark - Acts 2:1-21 – Lynn Balash	Alex Muller			
10:30	- Numbers 11:24-30 – Tim Weiland - Acts 2:1-21 – Steve Behnfeldt	Gabe Mann		Ensemble	

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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shared. Whether it's the sound of little children that fills the air during both the early and the late service, the sight of our youth serving in the Lord's house again as acolytes, the words of greeting shared before and after the service as folks linger in the pews, or all the gifts of grace that God gives to us in Word and Sacrament; the reasons for hope abound at CLC and they are all here waiting for you.

The April showers are coming to an end, the weeping of the night will not tarry much longer. Now comes the May flowers and the joy of the morning. Won't you come and share them with us? I hope to see you soon.

In Christ,
Pastor David Rowold



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



THANKS TO OUR
VETERANS AND
SOLDIERS



IN MEMORY OF MANY, IN
HONOR OF ALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

The previously postponed VeggieTales event will be on June 3, 2023, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be in the bulletin board in mid-May.

Our regular schedule on Sunday morning is open at 9:10 in the Fellowship Hall followed by lessons in the classrooms. Our lessons for May will be on Articles 2 and 3 of the Apostles' Creed and Pentecost.

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

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



ANNUAL CLC PICNIC:

The CLC Annual picnic will be held June 11th. This will be an end of the year picnic celebrating the many glorious ways people here at CLC share The Lords love and His word. This also honors Pastor Rowold, Tricia and Sarah joining Cheshire Lutheran Church 5 years ago as well as Pastor being ordained 20 years ago! We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes and desserts. There will be activities and fellowship. Please look for a signup sheet on the bulletin board for more information in the coming weeks.



GAME NIGHT—*On Hold*:

Originally scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 4:30, has been postponed. Stay tuned for new date/time when it has been scheduled.

SPRING CONCERT:

Please join us for the wonderful music of Judy Handler and Mark Levesque on April 29th at 2:00 here at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Enjoy the Mandolin and Guitar Duo perform with a flare of Swing, Brazilian, Classical, Latin, 60's & 70's, Jazz, Gypsy, and Folk Music. All in the community may attend. There is a light reception following the performance and there is no admission charge. We look forward to the entertainment and fellowship!

SUMMER LEMONADE ON THE LAWN:

In the summer months we will have "Lemonade on the Lawn" following the 9AM service. The lemonade and iced tea will be made for you and anyone interested in serving may signup. This is an easy opportunity to meet and serve members. Please take a moment to enjoy a cold refreshment with us.



THANK YOU...

As we wrap up another year of serving the Lord and sharing His Word, I thank all those who have helped with and attended the many events here at CLC: Coffee Hours, Lemonade on the Lawn, Advent Dinner, Easter Breakfast, Concert, Progressive Socials, Apple Picking and Hay Ride, Lenten Soup and Salad w/Bible Study, Movie Night, and more! There are so many hands that so graciously step up to make these events happen and bring us together in fellowship. Very special thanks to Karen Bailey, Don and Diane Drust, and the Council for helping with every occasion! Our congregation is blessed for each and every one of you!

Please see Pam Clark with any suggestions for future events, questions, or additional information.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(Summer 2023 Articles are Due!)

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **May 26th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



CLC's featured members for May 2023 are Jeff and Kyong Mann. Jeff, who you may know as our church President, was born in Lynwood, California. He was raised both there and in Rhode Island until joining the army at the age of 18. Kyong was born in South Korea, where her two brothers still reside. She has a sister who lives in upstate New York whom she meets in New York City from time to time.

So how did this California boy meet his South Korean soulmate? Simple: the military life. Jeff spent 20 years in the US Army military police, eventually retiring as a First Sergeant in 1998. While on a one-year tour in South Korea, Jeff met Kyong and struck up a conversation. They soon fell in love and the rest is history. Jeff explains that everything happens faster in the military, life is constantly on the move, and decisions must be made wisely and very quickly. In 1980, he made the decision to marry Kyong and bring her back to the United States with him. Forty-three years later, Jeff admits this was a very good decision, the best one he has ever made.



Jeff and Kyong's actual Wedding day in Korea 1980.

Military marriage at that time was not the most romantic...no white gowns, limos, roses, and champagne toasts at a reception hall packed with family and friends. Instead, it consisted of a Korean marriage broker with a bunch of papers to be signed, background checks, and a taxi to drive the young couple around to all the offices to complete the process. After marrying, Jeff voluntarily extended his tour in Korea. During this time, they were blessed with two beautiful children. First came their daughter, Debbie, followed by their son, Jeff Jr. Fortunately, when they arrived stateside, Jeff's parents arranged a beautiful reception where Kyong, along with Debbie and Jeff Jr., was introduced to the Mann family. After their tour in South Korea, the Manns began their life together as Jeff settled into military duty in Fort Meade, Maryland, where their son, David II was born. After 18 months, guess where they headed next? Back to Korea! Jeff was sent on a second tour of duty. Kyong happily followed Jeff back to her homeland, along with their three children. In fact, she followed her soldier everywhere he went. The couple was inseparable and traveled the world together. Jeff's next military move brought them back to the United States in 1985 where he spent two years as a Drill Sergeant, the 3rd year as an instructor at the Drill Sergeant School, and another year as the Director of Leadership in Fort McClellan, Alabama. While Jeff performed his military duties, Kyong stayed home to raise the children. When the youngest, David, went off to school, Kyong began working in various part-time jobs.



Jeff and Kyong's wedding day 15 years later in 1995 at West Point, NY

Next stop — the Netherlands! The Mann family spent three years here and learned a great deal about European culture while Dad served in the Armed Forces Central Command working with officers from five nations. Jeff's next station was at the US Military Academy West Point, where they spent four years. He was promoted to First Sergeant of the West Point Military Preparatory School and transferred to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After 1.5 years serving here, and content to remain in the military, Jeff was presented with an offer he couldn't refuse. It was a job as the Operations Manager for Security Services of Connecticut (SSC) and 25 years later, he is now their Vice President of Operations. The timing of this offer could not be better as Jeff was eligible to retire from the military and if he continued, was facing his next tour of duty being an unaccompanied one, meaning that he would not be able to bring Kyong and the children.

Speaking of job longevity, Kyong is now the Senior Accounting Specialist for the Connecticut Hospital Association in Wallingford where she has been working for the past 24 years. She went back to work full-time in a bank after the children were grown, and since living in CT, has been working with this organization. So, what brought the Mann family to CT? Well, Jeff's new position with SSC was based out of their Bridgeport, CT office, but he would be working out of their Hartford, CT office so it was suggested that he live somewhere in the middle. Jeff and Kyong wanted the best education for their sons, particularly because they were involved in sports and this would be their third high school. By this time, Debbie followed dear old Dad's military path and was accepted to attend West Point. Jeffery was a baseball player, while David was a swimmer. After interviewing several school Principals in our area to determine who had the best sports programs, highest SAT scores, and most graduates continuing their educations in college, Cheshire won hands down! (The Manns are certainly not the first family to move to Cheshire for its renowned school system.) This is another great decision Jeff and Kyong will never regret as Cheshire High School certainly delivered on their promises.

Debbie, whose husband is also a career Military Officer, has a son and a daughter. She served as a Lieutenant Colonel, retired as a Battalion Commander, and now resides in Fort Worth, Texas. Jeffery, who works as a Special Order Buyer for Colony Hardware, is local. He resides in Southington with his wife and two sons, one of which will soon be proudly serving as a CLC Acolyte, while his younger brother attends our Sunday School. Their youngest son, David, is also nearby in CT. He lives in

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South Windsor with his wife and daughter and works as a Lieutenant for the New Britain Police Department. David and his wife both proudly served in the military, being members of the US National Guard for nine years.

Jeff and Kyong are self-proclaimed “religious mutts.” Jeff was baptized and originally brought up in the Catholic church, but followed the Mormon faith after his mother converted when he was a child. He kept his faith throughout his time in the military by attending general Protestant services at the on-base military chapel. Once married and living on base, Kyong also attended the general Protestant services. She was baptized as a Methodist, then raised in the Presbyterian faith. (Interesting to note, Jeff learned in the Netherlands that Korea has the most Christians per capita in the world.) Military Officers acted as Chaplains and were all raised in different religions, so Kyong and Jeff experienced different flavors of the same basic belief in God and the Trinity. Once settled in Cheshire, they went church hunting, and although they had never participated in the Lutheran faith, both were so impressed by CLC that they joined, became Lutherans, and raised their family here. They have faithfully served our church with Jeff being a Council Member, Worship Deacon, Vice President, and President TWICE, while Kyong devotedly functioned as the wind beneath his wings supporting him in all his endeavors. Kyong has participated in many of our church events including the Apple Pie Workshop, Ladies Night Out, and Vacation Bible School.



Of all the worldly places the Mann's traveled, both Kyong and Jeff cite Hawaii as their favorite. Fun fact: Jeff once won the Soldier of the Year Award for the 8th Army, which is command for all the US forces in Korea. His reward was an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii! The couple went there for the first time as a belated honeymoon and adored it so much that they've returned three times. Kyong considers Hawaii to be paradise, but also holds a special place in her heart for Disney World (who doesn't?) and calls it her “happy place.” After all, it is touted as the “Happiest Place on Earth.” The Manns have taken the entire extended family, 13 in all, to

Walt Disney World, Universal, and Sea World in Orlando twice for very memorable vacations. They also spent a full family vacation in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Kyong and Jeff cherish spending time with their three children, their spouses, and five grandchildren. As a matter of fact, the family regularly heads out at the break of dawn on winter Saturday mornings to Vermont to ski together. Although Kyong doesn't ski, she orchestrates the ski trips and relishes being the “Snack Grandma,” spending time with each family member as they stop in the ski lodge to warm up and grab a snack. She delights in these moments of togetherness. The Mann family enjoys biking together and often hits the Cheshire bike path. Kyong and Jeff also treasure golfing with the family.

Jeff is a big Patriots fan and he and Kyong have attended many games, along with a few Red Sox games. Kyong prefers live sports to watching on TV, unless it's time for exciting playoff games or the Super Bowl. Then she is all about organizing the annual family Super Bowl parties, and of course, gatherings for the Army Navy game too!

Being privy to the benefit of a Veteran military ticket organization, VetTix, Kyong and Jeff have attended numerous concerts and Broadway shows over the years. They like all sorts of music, in particular country and classic rock. While Jeff prefers to read non-fiction books, Kyong has always been more into novels, Korean comics, and Korean devotional books that her sister shares with her, although she admits that her newest guilty pleasure is Netflix. And who knew that Kyong is a phenomenal cook? According to Jeff, she has an amazing gift for recreating any dish she tastes, but he says that Kyong's creations are even better than the original because she tailors the recipe to the tastes of the family members for whom she is preparing the dish.

The extremely family-oriented Mann couple agrees that their three children are their greatest accomplishments. Kyong and Jeff have always been incredibly involved in their children's lives and do things together whenever possible. When they do go places without the family, they spend time discussing how much the kids and grandkids would love it where they are. Kyong lives for the children and enjoys spending quality time together so much that Jeff sprung a huge and fun surprise on her this past Christmas. When planning their annual trip to their timeshare in North Conway, New Hampshire, Jeff secretly arranged for all three of the kids, along with their families, to visit. One day, Debbie and the kids showed up in the middle of the night and snuck in with a key Jeff had left for them. WOW was Kyong ever surprised to find them there in the morning! The next day, both Jeff Jr. and David arrived with their families. What a wonderful, unexpected family reunion Kyong experienced as they all went skiing and tubing together, and even rode in a horse-drawn sleigh that accommodated the party of 13.

Countless thanks to Jeff for his dedicated service to our church and our country and to Kyong for exemplifying the proverb that “Behind every great man is a great woman.”

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

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

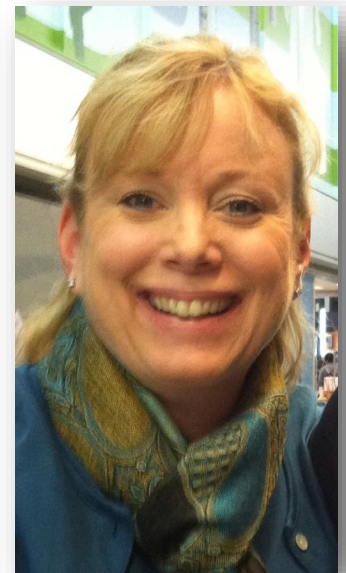
- † **Reader**
- † **Usher**
- † **Greeter**
- † **Singer or Ringer**
- † **Altar Guild**
- † **Live Stream Camera Operator**



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

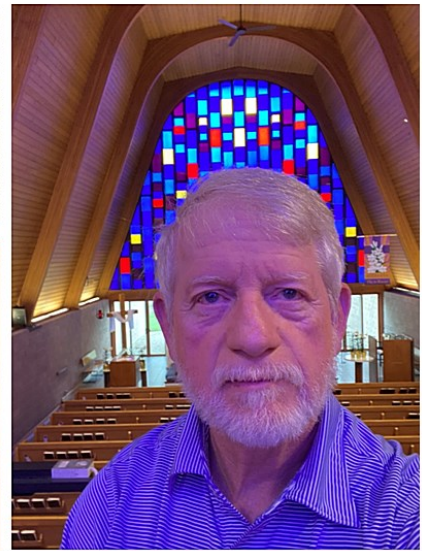
Attention all Users and Those Interested in Being An User:

We will be creating User Training videos. We encourage all interested parties to review the videos and if you have any questions, contact myself or Tim Weiland. Thanks



COMING SOON!

Usher Duties and Requirement Refresher Training by Video



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

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 May, students will **NOT** have class on May 14 so that they can do something nice for their mothers on Mothers' Day or on May 28 because it's Memorial Day Weekend. We are currently preparing for the rite of First Holy Communion, which is tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in June.



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



I hope that everyone in our CLC Family had a wonderful day celebrating Christ's Resurrection. This Easter Season continues in May and the beautiful spring season comes with it. Our spring cleaning was completed for both the inside and the outside of CLC. A big thank you to all who helped with the maintenance of our Church Grounds. It was great to see a few new faces helping with the outside cleanup! A fallen tree was removed with multiple trailer loads of wood removed from around the perimeter. We trimmed back the ever-invasive forsythias and cleaned the leaves and the garbage trapped within. The Cross Garden was edged and trimmed, with sights on that area for a future upgraded. It also seems we have a new member of our CLC Grounds. A woodchuck, or groundhog, or some other nefarious creature has been witnessed enjoying the fruits of our lawn and taking refuge under our shed. Nefarious may be a strong word but we will keep an eye on this creature.

Much of our CLC Grounds is maintained by a stalwart group of dedicated individuals, I thank you for your continued diligence in keeping our Church beautiful. This stalwart group was seen at the inside cleanup, with some members having almost a tradition of coming in and cleaning their traditional areas. The pews, Narthex, kitchen, office, classrooms and Library all received some attention to the dust, dirt, clutter and cobwebs that accumulate.

So, thank you to all who helped!! I enjoyed the Fellowship, hearing about the trips abroad, the lives and adventures of your kids and the goals and wishes for our Congregation and the growing of this CLC Family.

Todd Plantier
House and Grounds Deacon



CLC Outside Clean Up on Saturday April 15, 2023



Where have you seen me? (Check out the color version in the Heavenly Herald in the CLC website).



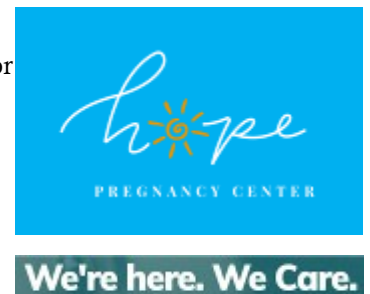
WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

We donate baby items to this **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 “gently used” or new baby clothes, blankets, toys, disposable diapers, unused nursery equipment, etc. for babies 0-12 months which will benefit new mothers who have no means to support a newborn child. ***No stuffed animals please.*** Items purchased new or from the Good Will store, etc. can be placed in the bassinet located in the hallway.

For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.

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.

Hope Pregnancy Center
110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703
hopepregnancycenterct.org





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Soloists or small groups of performers are needed for Sundays in June, July, and August. Please see Martha Medford to sign up. Our congregation does so enjoy those special performances.

Parish Choir:

- ♪ Rehearsals for All Choirs ended in April
- ♪ Last time Parish Choir performs is on May 7th

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 30 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 3 - Wednesday	***No Rehearsals***		
May 7 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 14 - Sunday <i>Mothers Day</i>	9:15 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School Children
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School Children
May 21 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	10:30 AM	Performance	Soloist
May 28 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Ensemble
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Ensemble
June 4—Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	10:30 AM	Performance	Soloist



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

This Mother's Day, Blanket the World in LOVE

- ✦ Let's celebrate our Mothers on Sunday May 14th and remember their warmth and kindness. Dedicate a blanket in their name to the CWS Blankets Program
- ✦ Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship
- ✦ To dedicate a blanket please fill out a form that will appear in the Sunday Bulletin. Additional dedication forms can be found next to the Blanket Box located on the counter outside the church office
- ✦ All check's should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" along with the completed dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 14th (Mother's Day) bulletin



Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



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.

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.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

The end of school is almost here and I will try for one more youth activity before Summer break. While talking with the youth and asking which activities they would like to do, bowling seemed to get the most responses so we will be having a bowling night sometime in May (date to be determined). I will *strike* up a conversation with the youth and *pin* down a date that will *bowl* them over, and let the good times *roll*! I will open this up to the youth and their friends so we can get a good group together and *knock out* this activity and enter the Summer on a high 😊

The youth room now has a TV on the wall and a Wii game system set up. Unfortunately, we don't have any games for the Wii so I'm asking if anyone has some Wii games or other game systems they would like to donate to the youth? I would love to have a video game day for the youth so please let me know if you have a system at home you are no longer using.

Lastly, 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.

In the last article I talked about making candies for Easter and, if you came to the Easter breakfast, you saw the fruits of our labors. We made about 100 colorful candies and packaged them up for people to take home. This was a lot harder than I thought it would be but the kids had a good time "painting" the different colored chocolate and I thought the candies came out great! I want to thank Mrs. Rowold again for the molds and chocolates and our youth, Sarah, Grace Wilde and Sarah's friends Andri and John.

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.



Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Many thanks to Pam Clark and the Fellowship Committee for planning and executing our wonderful Easter Breakfast. The congregation acknowledges your hard work and dedication. It was a wonderful way to Celebrate our Risen Lord. Thank You
- † Heartfelt Thanks to the Drusts (Don and Diane) for ALL you do for us. We are want you to know how much we appreciate all you do for our Congregation Family
- † THANK YOU MARTHA MEDFORD. Again, we are so Blessed. Your hard work shows and we are eternally grateful that you continue to share your Musical talents with us. Thank you also to the wonderful performances and musicians that you arranged to enhance our Services throughout Lent and Easter.
- † Thank you again to the Manke Brothers for supplying the beautiful Easter Lilies that adorned the Altar helping to make Easter Morning so special.
- † Thank you as always to Tim Weiland for his beautiful photography that chronicle all the activities that take place at CLC
- † An additional thanks to Steve Feero and Bill Juul for doing such a great job with keeping our Website up to date and for leading the team of folk that run our Sunday 8:00 AM Live Streams (and other Services)

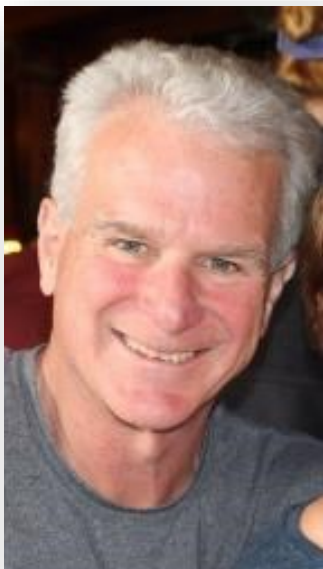
NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...

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...

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.
- † The ability to contribute online is available through the church's website. On the homepage select the Donate tab at the top of the page. On the next page, select One Time Donation. Under Donation Information, please add the amount, the offering envelope number, if applicable, and the fund designation (general or other). If you select other, also include donation direction details. Please be aware a 3% processing fee will be added to the transaction.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary

Current 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.

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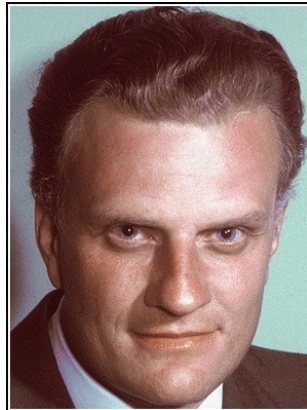
NEWS FROM THE LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE...

An update on the activities of our Long-Term Planning Committee:

A long-term planning committee (LTP) was recently formed, after consultation with the Council and the Voters Assembly. We decided our first area of focus would be on opportunities to increase membership. Therefore, we did a brainstorming exercise on the topic of increasing membership, where multiple great ideas were raised. We prioritized and ranked the ideas. Ultimately, we decided to first focus on opportunities to welcome back inactive members.

Below is a summary of some areas of our focus, and/or some of the activities we have completed to date.

The committee held a cottage meeting between services on March 25, 2023, for the purpose of hearing the “voice of the people”, to better understand what folks value most about CLC, and what opportunities we may have at CLC’s to do better. The session was successful, in that we had an engaged group discussion, with many good ideas raised, providing some good insight. For example, the consensus was that friendliness and warmth were positive attributes at CLC! It was also noted that our website is the first “screening tool” used by folks looking for a church, so we should review ours to ensure it clearly provides the information necessary for folks searching for a church home, and that it resonates the messages we choose to convey. We are planning on having at least one additional cottage meeting.



One of the greatest priorities of the church today is to mobilize the laity to do the work of evangelism.

— Billy Graham —

AZ QUOTES

In partnership with Pam Clark (Fellowship Deacon) and Karen Bailey (LTP Committee), there will be a mandolin and guitar duo concert held here at CLC on Saturday, April 29, at 2:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family, neighbors, and others in the community to CLC to enjoy some music, fellowship, and light refreshments. There is no admission charge, and we are encouraging folks from the community to attend. In fact, you may see around town some flyers at local establishments advertising for the event.

Finally, we are considering holding a “homecoming” event, for the purpose of welcoming back anyone that might have been inactive for any reason whatsoever. Perhaps because of Covid-19, folks have become accustomed to not attending CLC on a weekly basis. This event would be an opportunity to encourage folks back to attend Sunday services in person.

If you were interested, in any more information, please feel free to reach out to me, or any other member of the LTP committee: Karen Bailey, Andy Clark, Pat DiDomizio, Jeff Mann, Marilyn Miller, Pastor Rowold, Craig Wilson, and I.

Rob DeLaubell

THE RIPPEL REPORT—APRIL 2023..

The Ripple Report – May 2023 *Ripple Family History – Where it Started*

When our old wedding rings were new
The dreams that we dreamed were for two
As you stood by my side,
My heart filled with pride
What a beautiful picture you made as my bride
Even though we have drifted apart
You will forever remain in my heart
From the first day you wore it
I knew you would always adore it
When our old wedding rings were new

RIP My Beloved

1951 – Happy New Year

In 1951, I attended a New Years League party in a rented hall. As the party began, an attractive young girl entered the hall escorted by a tall handsome young man. She impressed me like Cinderella at the Ball. I remember what she was wearing to this day, a ruffled, wide-flared grey gown with tasteful sequins attached. A holiday corsage was added to her outfit. The boys that I was with noticed this couple as well. No one knew the mystery couple, so there were no introductions or names. New Years came and went into 1952. I had no idea that this charming girl would become my beloved wife 6 years later.

September 11, 1954

My close friend George Eno, recently discharged from the Army and engaged to another close friend Ruth Carolyn Schwyer, were to be married on September 11, 1954. They asked me to be an usher-groomsman at the wedding party. I accepted this honor. The ceremony would be at Grace Lutheran, and their new Pastor, Elmer Giese would perform the ceremony. Rehearsal 2 weeks prior and Wedding reception at the Chester House in Parkchester.

Ruth, the future bride, told me that my bridesmaid partner would be her first cousin Dorothy Ann Frost from Queens, NYC. Dorothy's mother and Ruth's mother were sisters. In fact, Dorothy's mother and father were married at Grace Church by Pastor Bucheimer in 1932, the year of my birth. Her father was Catholic, as was my father, and married for love outside the "rail of the church". Ruth concluded Dorothy would be unable to attend the pre-wedding rehearsal but be my companion at the ceremony. Note: the wedding was almost postponed due to back-to-back severe hurricanes named Carol and Diane slamming NYC at that time. Imagine my surprise and shock when I first laid eyes upon the "Cinderella" girl, Dorothy, the mystery girl from several years earlier. Properly introduced, we sat side by side at the reception and became acquainted, dancing, engaged in conversation on any number of subjects equally both serious and funny. A charming girl and adult in so many ways. We both smoked Newport cigarettes and when I lit up her cigarettes, I noticed she wore a large engagement ring. My heart sank, here I was actually flirting with a girl engaged to marry. I did not dare to mention this nor did she. When the reception ended everyone extended their goodbyes and resumed daily living including Dorothy and I.

New Years December 1954 – April 1958

Outside of Grace Church in December 1954 -55, the League was done planning New Years Eve fun at a League counsellor's home in Yonkers NY. Ruth and George asked my plans, I replied I had none, including no date. Ruth bless her heart, chimed in "we can fix that, call my cousin Dorothy". I was taken aback as they say, I replied "but she is engaged", "not anymore" my heart leaped. "I don't have her phone number or address". Ruth reached into her purse and provided me with all of the details I would need including transportation on bus routes and elevated train to her home in Astoria Queens. I was caught in a tender trap and loving being caught.

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Our very first date was New Years Eve, welcoming in 1955 in Yonkers, NY. A memorable evening which included being introduced to Dorothy's parents. I returned their daughter safe and sound at 3 AM after a lengthy bus, subway, train ride and walk. Well worth the experience, I was rewarded with a good night kiss and my promise to call for another date.

Dorothy and I dated weekly for 3 years. I went to driving school in order to get my license and buy a car, a 1954 Chevy Coupe which made our dating much easier by far.

Dorothy was a "girl Friday" and multi-talented on Madison Ave, the Mad Mens' headquarters of the advertising world. I, in turn, worked in the heavy construction industry on roads, bridges and airports, etc. We each made "good money" and we saved enough to purchase a brand-new home before our wedding.

Our wedding date was April 19, 1958, at Trinity Lutheran in Long Island City where Dorothy was confirmed and a member with her mother. That memorable day, I remember very well indeed. A sunny picture perfect Spring day, blue sky and wind gusts as well. Dorothy and I selected a pair of matching wedding rings from a jewelry store in Hicksville, LI and had inscribed ETERNALLY YOURS. My cousin Matthew was best man, and we were dressed in tuxedos. We were nervous in the sacristy aside the church altar waiting to begin the ceremony, I asked him 3 times to check on the pair of wedding rings. He reached into the tuxedo vest pocket and showed me the rings. When putting them back into the small pocket one dropped to the carpeted floor without a sound. We dropped to our knees frantically searching without results. After an anxious 2-3 minutes I asked him to search his trouser cuff, BINGO, retrieved and just in time to hear the opening strains of the Wedding March we left the room. All at once a gust of wind swept the Sunday service folder into a white blizzard. With no time to pick them up, we walked to the Altar.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ASTORIA, L. I.



My beautiful bride coming down the long aisle on Father Andrew's arm was a vision of loveliness to behold. Joined at the Altar, Dorothy and I pledged love, honor, and faithfulness to each other. Pastor Rippe of Trinity performed the ceremony, then off to the Astoria Manor for the gala reception.

Waiting to be introduced as man and wife in the large ballroom to 150 family and friends, we each proudly showed our wedding rings to the wedding party members; then the master of ceremonies rushed in the hallway where we all waited. He wanted to know and announce our favorite song. At first, we could not think of one. Then we decided on "True Love" from the film High Society with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra, a musical love story and major hit. When Dorothy and I were introduced, the orchestra played "True Love", a waltz which neither of us knew how to dance to. We somehow managed and danced to a joyful and appreciative audience.

Later, during a long dance period, a couple of Leaguers bounced into our main table during a super charged Polka, only quick action by my cousin saved our 3 tier wedding cake from falling to the floor. As I write this, I look at the bridal couple wedding cake topper which is safely stored in our China cabinet.

Our best man gave the traditional wedding toast. I was so moved by all that came to pass for Dorothy and I that I rose and made a toast of my own to my wife and friends. Raising my glass I spoke to Dorothy with the words of an old Scottish toast;

"May the wings of our love never lose a single feather",
and to our families and loving friends
"May the changes of our friendships never rust"

Stay tuned to the Summer Edition of the Heavenly Herald where I share more of the Ripple Family and life in the Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted.
Charles Rippel

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

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Our committee remains very busy!

Greeting Cards & Member Outreach:

- ✦ In February, we sent out Valentine cards to our senior group
- ✦ We sent Easter cards to a selected group of seniors
- ✦ We continue to send cards for Illness, Thinking of You and Birthday to our children and young adults.
- ✦ If you know of anyone who needs a card, please let anyone of us know. Thanks.
- ✦ In April, I made bunny bags containing candy, CLC pads and a pen, a reading for Palm Sunday and a palm. Frank and I delivered them to eleven families

Scholarship committee:

- ✦ Our Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following winners of our \$1000 awards:
 - ✦ **Michael Plantier** – Southington High School
 - ✦ **Julianna Tyler** – Cheshire High School. This will also be mentioned during the Cheshire High School awards ceremony
- ✦ Plans are being made to present the scholarships to Michael and Julianna during an upcoming Church service
- ✦ We want to thank those of you that have contributed to the scholarship fund. We are thankful for your generosity

Getting To Know Our Members Interviews:

- ✦ Thanks to our interviewers and their great writeups with members. It is so nice to read about you and get to know each other a little better. Please say yes when you are called. It is still voluntary. We hope you are enjoying the articles as well.

Quilts of Valor:

- ✦ We continue to conduct Quilts of Valor sew-ins
- ✦ In April we went to Hidden Acres and presented two quilts to veterans who took part in the equestrian program
- ✦ We received a generous monetary gift from Pastor N and Gloria. We thank them for this gift which allowed us to purchase fabric and batting. We thank God for these donors
- ✦ We will conduct a sew-in on Sat April 22

Have a Blessed month

Marilyn Miller and The Evangelism Committee.
Evangelism Deacon



HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

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



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Hello to all,

We started the month off by speaking about SPRING. We planted lima beans and grass seed, and boy are they growing. The grass has already been cut several times by the children. Then, off we went to Spring Break. It was wonderful...

It is now Dinosaur Week for the next two weeks. We have transformed our classroom with Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs, and more Dinosaurs. Our dramatic play area is changing into a Dinosaur Dig! We will be building math literacy, science, and social skills during our pretend play. Honestly, Ms. Michele is teaching me a thing or two as well when it comes to dinosaurs.

I can't believe it is almost May. We had a substitute recently who was amazed at our four-year-old class and what they have learned this year. Spanish, Math, Sign Language, and so much more; these for children finishing kindergarten not preschool.

Our three's class is continuing to grow. In fact, it looks like we will be getting another 2 students to grow the class to 11. Ms. Michele and Ms. Alex have done an amazing job with the 3's and they are ready to go into the 4's class.

Bible time this month has been about Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Now it is about Pentecost. The children this year have learned and recited all the stories from the Bible which we have taught more so than in other years. All the children are taking part in retelling the stories of the Bible, not just a few.

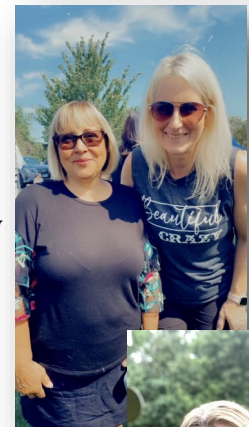
We are so proud and thankful that God has sent these children to us to share the love of God that we have with them.

These children are God's disciples and will continue to tell the stories they have learned to others. God Bless you all,

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

God Bless,
Ms. JoAnn, Ms. Michele and Ms. Alex



ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

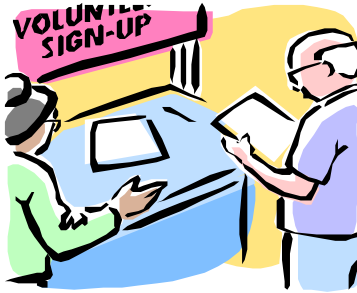
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- ✦ **Mandolin & Guitar Duo concert** at CLC information
- ✦ **Music of Remembrance & Resilience** New Haven Choral Concert
- ✦ **CLC Usher Sign Up & Schedule**
- ✦ 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
- ✦ **Address and contact information for Donna Quast**
- ✦ **The Girls of Lutheran Church of Cheshire** drawing

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 Readers Needed** for both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer



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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

May 2023

Issue 223

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 29 inurnment subscriptions & 5 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)
Edythe (Diddy) Izard (May 17, 1922—Mar. 7, 2023)
Richard (Dick) Izard (June 20, 1921—July 4, 2009)
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	Priscilla Mulvaney	Vicki DePaolo
Jim Mertz	Margie Mertz	Randy Raddatz
Pat DiDomizio	Bill Soulier	Beth Soulier
Barbara Carson	Tim Weiland	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**

OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset starting with the third Sunday in June; the names currently on the list will be removed, and names will remain on the list if Pastor is told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like to stay there after June 11, please contact Pastor to let him know.



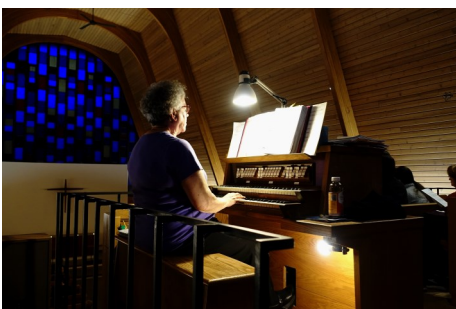
2023 Lent, Holy Week



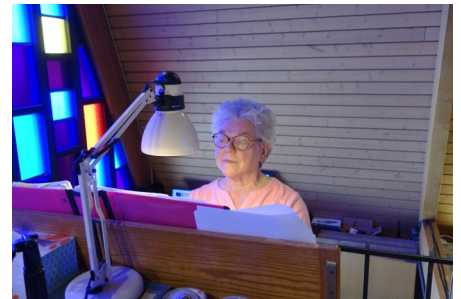
Palm Sunday April 2, 2023



Good Friday April 7, 2023



& Easter Memories



Easter April 9, 2023





Now Hiring!

CLC Office Administrator

Part Time Position

General Duties:

- Coordinate day-to-day, on-site activities
- Facilitate congregational communications
- Provide administrative support for staff and members
- Produce worship bulletins and assist with updating website

For more information and/or if interested please speak with **Carol Santoro** or **Pastor Rowold** during the work week.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON...

This year, VBS is all about letting it shine. The theme is Stellar "Shine Jesus' Light". The dates are June 26-30, 2023. Volunteers will be needed from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The students' 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. Registration packets are available for pick-up on the hallway counter or you can register on-line through our website. 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 sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Come join us as we Shine Jesus' Light this summer at VBS.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

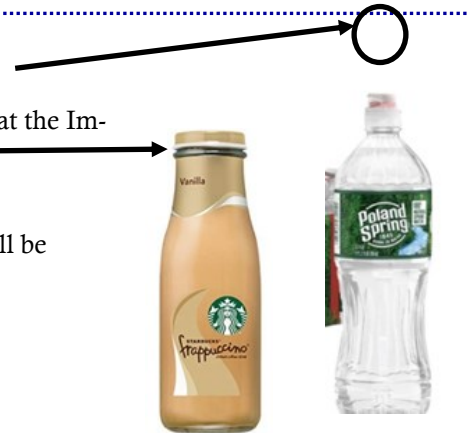
Help us collect these items for VBS Experiments

1. Empty **24 oz flip top water bottles**. We need these for an experiment performed at the Imagination Station at VBS. It can be any 24 oz plastic bottle having a flip top.
2. Empty **Starbuck's Frappuccino bottles**

A bin for depositing these items will be located under the count near the library. It will be marked VBS Experiment Items.

Thank you!

Vicki DePaolo



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS— JUNE 11, 2023...

Please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the 10:30 service on June 11th. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

We will be adding some fun activities to enjoy after the meal.

For further details, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also needed, that same day, are people to help set up the tables and chairs in the tents on the lawn beforehand and to clean up afterwards.

All are welcome to sign-up to have a great time with your fellow church members. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

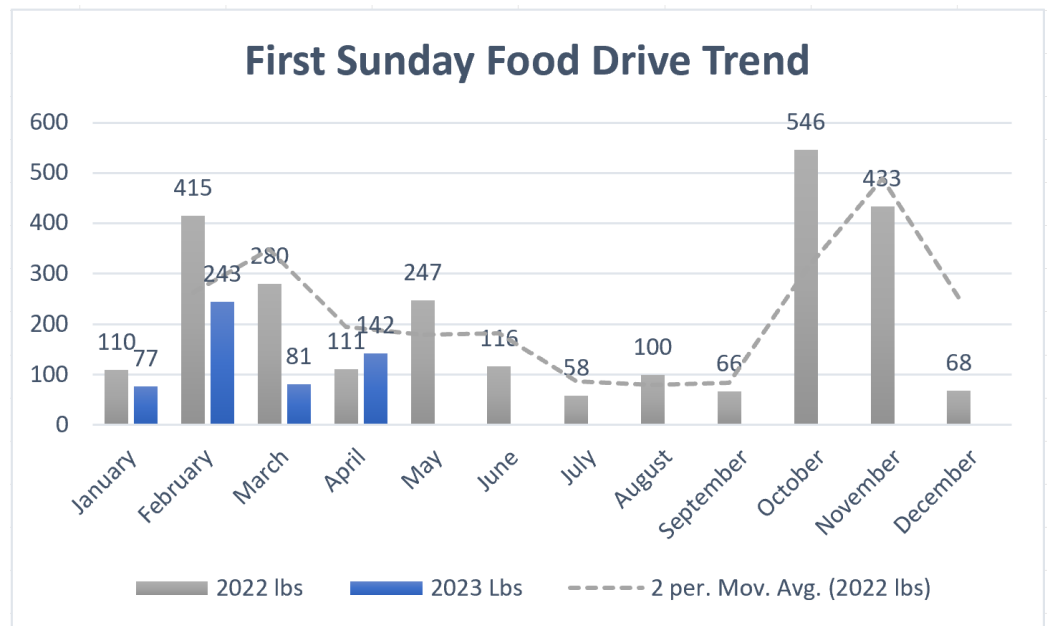
Pam Clark
Fellowship Committee





DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed, we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Food Pantry for more information. quette@cheshirefoodpantry.org or 203.699.9226.

“Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 21:15b

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals! Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to ensure the food we are sending is not out of date. Also, please remember that we cannot accept opened packages. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc. Tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Covid-19 has decreased contributions, children are home and people out of work. There are no Sunday donations to the Pantry. We can directly drop off items at the Pantry or send a cash for them to purchase what they need most. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

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

Send Checks to:
Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457
or
you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Sunday Adults Bible study meets Sunday mornings between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who can be with us in person.

Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study meets Wednesdays at 1:30 PM in the Church Library and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out in a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the current lesson. We are working our way through the Holy Gospel according to St. John.



You're welcome to join us any time, even if it's your first time or 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. Please contact the Church office to share the date of their Baptism. As we get more information we will add it to the list of those special days included in the *Heavenly Herald*.



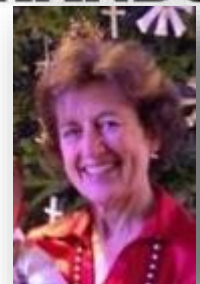
CLC HELPING HANDS...

"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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY May 2023

1 st	Glenn & Carlene Myers	40 Years
13 th	David & Mary Beth Blair	17 Years
18 th	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	55 Years
25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	31 Years
26 th	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	22 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	23 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	64 Years



3 rd	Michael Plantier
6 th	Carolyn Bammann
7 th	Norman Benedict
10 th	Barbara Hillis
11 th	John Greenhalgh
12 th	Kristen Green
13 th	Elizabeth Barden
15 th	Janet DeLaubell
18 th	Kristen Donewald
	Emily Soulier
20 th	Cynthia Metz
	Beth Soulier
	Allyssa Hajjar
21 st	Vanessa Falk
	Nancy Feero
22 nd	Katelyn Lynch
28 th	Megan Smith
29 th	Donna Quast
30 th	Kyle Fiedler
31 st	Julianna Tyler



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

✠ May 7	John Balash
✠ May 11	Conner DeLaubell
✠ May 12	Thom Zeppieri
✠ May 15	David Schrumm
✠ May 16	Vicki DePaolo

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

COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✠ **Voters** meeting - Sunday, May 21st after the late service at approximately 11:30 AM *in person* and via ZOOM
- ✠ **Council** meeting - Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 PM *in person* and via ZOOM



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