



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:15 (ESV)

Summer is almost here and, with it, the time when people travel for family vacations. It's almost like a ritual passed down from one generation to the next – families pack their bags, pile into the car (or an airplane) and go on a trip. These vacations are a chance for us to take a break from the normal routine of our daily lives, whether at work or school or home. They are an opportunity for us to get away from the people and circumstances of our everyday lives (hence, the term "getaway" sometimes used) and to get some rest and relaxation, to "recharge" as it were.

Jacob in the Old Testament went on a trip to get away, but his was definitely not a vacation. He wasn't traveling for rest or recreation; he was running for his life as he tried to get away from his brother Esau. As you remember from your days in Sunday School (at least, I hope you remember), Jacob had first tricked Esau into giving up his claim on the inheritance that would eventually come from their father; then, Jacob tricked their father (Isaac) into giving him the blessing that should have gone to Esau. This blessing guaranteed that Jacob would get Esau's inheritance. When Esau found out, he was so upset that he said he was going to kill Jacob.

As a result, Jacob found himself hastily packing a bag and setting off on a getaway in an attempt to literally "get away" from his brother. It was during this trip to stay with his mother's side of the family that Jacob had a dream one night of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, with angels going up and down, and God spoke to him in the dream. God said to Jacob, "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land." While

Jacob was running for his life on a journey to live with family that he had never met, God reassured him that he was not alone; wherever Jacob went and whatever happened to him, God promised to always be with him and to take care of him.

God made the exact same promise to you in Holy Baptism. There in the font, when God put His name on you by water and the Word in the Sacrament, He said to you, "I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

God goes with you when you go on your summer vacation, whether you're taking more of a "stay-cation" and just going on the occasional day trip, or you're traveling half-way across the world. It doesn't matter if you plan to go to Church every Sunday while you're away, or if you haven't even thought about that in your planning.

God is also with you as you make those major, life-changing journeys that we all go on. God is with you when you graduate high school or college and go on to more schooling or into the workforce. He's with you as you move out of your parents' home and into your own place for the first time. He's with you through job changes and as you relocate from one town to another, or when you retire and move to senior living. God is with you through every step of your life and will take care of you, no matter where life leads you or what it may bring; God is always there with you.

Life is full of journeys, from the Summer vacations that you take with family and friends for rest and relaxation, to the major transitions as you move from one phase of your life to another. Some of those journeys will be fun and filled with joy and happiness; others may be scary or challenging or sad. Through them all, God will not leave you or

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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,

School's out, Summer's in and we will soon be enjoying our annual CLC picnic and changing over to our single service summer schedule. This is a time that I personally enjoy as it gives an opportunity to get to know those parishioners that normally attend the opposite service. Now that the pandemic has officially ended and attendance is starting to grow, this should be an especially exciting time.

I won't go into additional details, seeing I know there will be designated articles pertaining to this year's picnic being themed as a **"homecoming"**, as well as a celebration of Pastor Rowold's 5-year anniversary at CLC and 20-year anniversary of his Ordination. This should be an enjoyable day for all – pray for good weather!

As mentioned in my previous recent articles, it is refreshing to see the energy and excitement of those involved in our Long-Term Planning Committee and we really seem to be gaining momentum. Lots of great ideas and growing participation. One idea I had was to make every Sunday "Mother's Day"! Just kidding, but it was great to see so many in attendance for the Mother's Day service. Kids are key and it seemed that having the kids sing, acolytes in session and a Baptism taking place, all combined for a pretty full house.

"homecoming"
&
Celebration of
Pastor Rowold's
5-year
anniversary at
CLC and 20-
year anniversary
of his
Ordination

Your CLC Council and Voters Assembly have been busy. At our most recent Voter's meeting, funding was approved for improving the appearance of the cross garden. I'm sure you all noticed the upgrades to the structural integrity of the crosses themselves. Well now it is time to work on the garden area that surrounds them. The plan includes building an aesthetically pleasing wall around the area, raising the level of the ground to conceal the base of the crosses, then planting the flowers and shrubbery. The wall will be constructed similar in appearance to the columbarium and CLC sign, so as to tie them all together nicely.

CLC continues to seek out a replacement for Office Manager/ Secretary Carol Santoro. Carol's plan is to retire this summer after more than 25 years of faithful service. Our real hope is that a current CLC member will rise up and take on this important position. This is a part-time 20 hours per week position, and we are able to offer a certain level of flexibility in setting up the exact hours with a schedule that works well for both CLC and the candidate. Please speak with me, Pastor Rowold or Carol for more information. Carol will provide all necessary training and we will all work to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th. This will be the last Council meeting before we recess for the summer. Please reach out to me or any other member of the Council if you have any concerns or topics you would like us to address. The next meeting of the Voter Assembly will be Sunday, September 10th.

Please note that Kyong and I no longer have a land-line telephone, and the number listed in the CLC directory is no longer active. My email address has changed as well. Please contact the church office for my new contact information. (office@cheshirelutheran.org; 203-272-5106)

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC Parish President

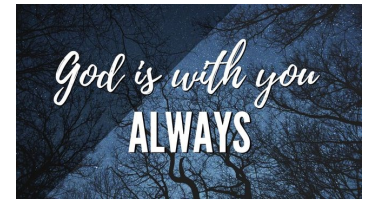
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forsake you; He is with you and will take care of you wherever you go and whatever happens. In Holy Baptism, God gave you the promise of eternal life with Him in His heavenly kingdom, and He will be with you to bring you through to the day when we all join Him there.

Whatever your next trip may be, take it in confidence, knowing that our gracious God is always there for you. "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

Congratulations to all of our High School Seniors! May the Lord be with you wherever the next step of your journey takes you. Please don't forget about your CLC Family—come back to see us when you are able. We want to hear how you are doing.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PASTOR, TRICIA AND SARAH...



On February 25th, 2018, Pastor Rowold was installed as the fourth pastor at Cheshire Lutheran Church since 1956. Pastor grew up in Hamden, CT and graduated from Hamden High. He attended Southern Connecticut State University for 2 years then transferred to Concordia College in Bronxville to study for the ministry. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in Religious Studies. Pastor then pursued his Master of Divinity at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

While attending Concordia Seminary, he completed a one-year Vicarage at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville, Long Island. His first Call out of Seminary was to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bloomfield, NJ where he was Ordained and Installed in June of 2003. While at Saint John's, Pastor continued his education at Drew University in Madison, NJ where he earned the degree Doctor in Philosophy (PhD) in Liturgical Studies.

In December of 2017, we extended a call to him and after meeting with members and visiting the church and parsonage, Pastor accepted our call in January 2018. This not only filled the vacancy for us but also allowed Pastor and his family to move back home, closer to family. On February

25th, he was installed and three days later conducted his first Lenten service as the new pastor of CLC.

Since that first Lenten service, Pastor has led us through several firsts for our congregation; an unprecedented pandemic that closed business, schools and churches, set up our first video service when everything was closed, provided guidance and support in our acquisition of a permanent video solution, and was instrumental in setting up and being a part of our Wellness and Safety committee. All this on top of his official duties as religious leader, teacher, counselor, and visiting pastor.

On Sunday February 26th, 2023, we celebrated Pastor's 5 years here at CLC with a small affair of coffee and baked goods in keeping with Pastors wishes. We celebrated not only Pastor, but also Tricia and Sarah, who came ready and willing to become part of our congregation, joining the choir, and helping to run VSB and Sunday School. (Tricia is now our Sunday School Superintendent.) At this year's picnic, we hope everyone will join us in thanking God for sending one of His (best) servants to us and to recognize the Rowold Family's 5 years with us and the 20th anniversary of Pastor's ordination. We feel truly blessed to have not only Pastor, but Tricia and Sarah as part of our family.



CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC – A HOMECOMING EVENT!

The following letter was sent to all CLC members and friends, active and inactive, to invite folks to attend in person worship, including and especially on June 11th for a homecoming. Why June 11th? That date is the church picnic, which is well attended by folks from both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, and the picnic will provide an opportunity for casual fellowship with our CLC family and friends. Additionally, all are welcome to celebrate with us (on June 11th) Pastor's 5 years at CLC, and 20 years since his ordination. There are no homecoming activities per-se; the only expectation is that everyone attending will be warmly greeted and welcomed - which is what CLC members do all the time anyway!

Respectfully submitted by the LTP Committee:

Karen Bailey	Erica Bencivenga	Andy Clark
Rob DeLaubell	Pat DiDomizio	Jeff Mann
Marilyn Miller	Pastor Rowold	Craig Wilson

Sunday June 11, 2023 (After the 10:30 AM service)

Dear CLC Members,



We have been through so much as a congregation these last three years. As the pandemic was upon us, we adjusted to new ways of worship. We modified services for safety through social distancing. We masked. We adjusted communion procedures. We developed ZOOM meeting capabilities and enhanced our technology to adjust to a changing environment. Many who are health compromised or health concerned, stayed at home to connect remotely to our services, missing the value of being with their fellow parishioners. It has been a challenging time. But with God's mercy and grace, times are changing again.

Thankfully, we are worshiping again on Sundays at 8 AM and 10:30 AM with coffee and treats after the 8 AM service, and Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:10 AM.

Understandably, some of our members have been out of the habit of coming to worship during the pandemic. We miss you!

Our upcoming annual picnic on Sunday June 11 will be an opportunity to come *home*, sit in your favorite pew (or find a new one), and be with your family and friends (and find some new ones) at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Additionally, at the picnic, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Pastor Rowold's ordination as a minister, as well as his 5th year of ministry at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We hope and pray that this message finds you in good health and well-being. We would love to see you! It will be truly a celebratory event!

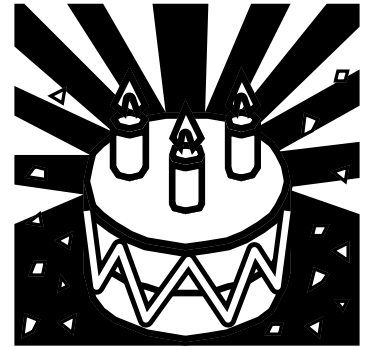
Yours in Christ,

Cheshire Lutheran Church Voters' Council

Happy Fathers Day!

JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

1 st	Will Lamb, III	15 th	David Lynch
2 nd	Jon Tessler	16 th	Tim Weiland
	Diane Taylor		Barbara Fiedler
	Sia Kwayu	17 th	Jeff Mann, Sr.
4 th	Lillian Derganc	19 th	Amanda Nowak
6 th	Claudia Chong	25 th	David Mason
9 th	Curtis Pryde		Jonathan Mason
10 th	Ella Napp	26 th	Bo Hagstrom
11 th	Barbara Carson		Joe Nowak
12 th	Lauren Hajjar	27 th	Gabriel Mann
14 th	Bill Soulier	30 th	Monica Strunk



SUMMER SERVICE "LEMONADE ON THE LAWN" FELLOWSHIP...

We are thrilled to bring back our Lemonade on the Lawn:

Please join us once again after our 9 AM services this summer for some fellowship, lemonade and a treat beginning June 18th. We look forward to this time for weekly fellowship after our worship. Please join us for a bit of catching up.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to serve on the bulletin board. Everything you need is supplied and it is very easy to do. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Our final regular lesson for this school year will be on June 4, and we will have some fun activities and refreshments for the end of the year on June 11.

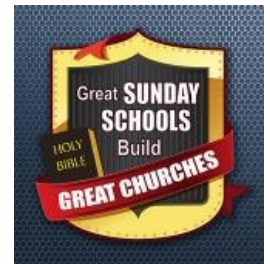
Even if you have missed most of the year, there is still a place for you here at CLC; please come out and join us at 9:10 on Sunday mornings.

Registration is open for the 2023 - 2024 Sunday School year. Please let us know if your child will be participating in Sunday School next year. We would like to make sure we plan for the appropriate number of teachers, classrooms, and supplies. Thank you.

Rally Day and Teacher Installation will be on September 10, 2023. Watch your bulletins, email and The September Heavenly Herald for more details about the 2023 - 2024 Sunday School Year.

If you are interested in a "parent and me" style Sunday school class for birth -3 year olds, please let me know.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent



Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is June 11th
- ⌚ Last Day of Sunday School is June 11th with food and fun
- ⌚ 9:00 AM Services start June 18th
- ⌚ Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays at 9:00 AM during the Summer
- ⌚ Summer Sunday Lemonade on the Lawn will start on Sunday June 18th after the 9:00 AM Service



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2023

3 rd	Mario & Erica Bencivenga	12 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	37 Years
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	61 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	43 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	54 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	40 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	31 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	8 Years



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

It's been difficult finding a time when everyone is around for the youth bowling and I still hope to do something over the summer to keep the youth together. Stay tuned for a possible outdoor movie or game night.



Speaking of game night, 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. Does anyone has some Wii games or other game systems they would like to donate to the youth room? I would love to have a video game day for the youth, so please let me know if you have a system at home that you are no longer using.

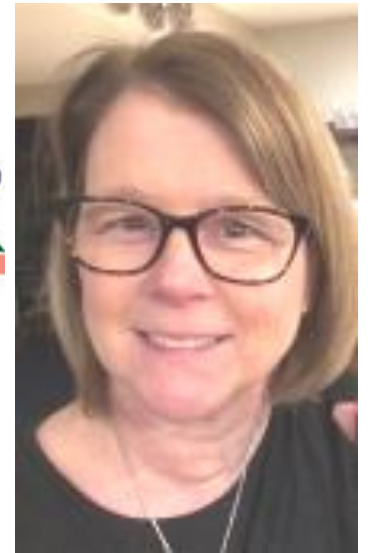
Once the summer begins, I will brainstorm with Pastor, Tricia and Pam to come up with ways to get the youth involved over the summer and next fall. Thank you all for your support and donations to the youth group!

Andy Clark
Youth Deacon

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

ANNUAL CLC PICNIC:

The Annual Picnic will be held on June 11th. We will have activities with a prize or two, and an ice cream bar. There is a signup sheet so we can better plan for food and seating. **Please take some time to join us and give thanks to the Lord for bringing the Rowold Family to CLC 5 years ago this year, as well as recognizing Pastor's 20 year anniversary of being ordained.** We have many blessings here at CLC and we are grateful to come together in fellowship and thanks to Our Lord.



LUNCH ON THE LAWN:

Will begin Monday, June 19th, weather permitting. Please bring a packed lunch, beverage and chair each Monday at noon and enjoy the lovely grounds here at CLC. Thank you to Karen Weiland for organizing this event.

SUMMER LEMONADE ON THE LAWN:

Summer is upon us and it's time to slow down on all the obligations of the winter months. In the summer months, starting on June 18th, we will have "Lemonade on the Lawn" following the 9 AM service. Please pause to join us and catch up with friends and your CLC family members after service on the front lawn for a cold beverage and light snack. If you are interested in serving, everything you need is in the kitchen and prepared for the day. There is a signup sheet to better help us coordinate servers.

Thank you to all those volunteers that make fellowship here at CLC possible. Your time and talents have not gone unnoticed! I am grateful for all you do!



Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

CONFIRMATION CLASSES NEWS...

Confirmation Class for the current group of students is wrapping up its first year of the two-year program this June. Students will be getting some time off during the Summer and classes will resume in the Fall when the new school year starts. Have a safe and fun Summer.



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

We celebrate together as **Henry Glenn Myer** was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday May 14, 2023. Robert and Jessie Myer are the proud parents of Henry Glenn.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the king-



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

Our Featured Members for the Summer Edition of the Heavenly Herald are Don and Vicki DePaolo.

Vicki and Don both grew up in the northern most section of the Bronx, known as Wakefield. They were both born in the same hospital, were members of the same church and attended the same high school. However, it was not until Vicki was confirmed and became a member of



Redeemer Lutheran Church's Walther League that their paths crossed. Don, being a few years ahead of Vicki, graduated from Evander Childs High School the year Vicki entered it.

Vicki and Don began dating in the fall of 1962, but things cooled off in the spring of 1964. Both Vicki & Don participated in Walther League functions, so there were many opportunities where they saw one another. Then, in January of 1965, Vicki got that long awaited call from Don. However, it was not exactly what she was hoping for. He was inviting her to his going-away party. He had enlisted in the Air National Guard and was headed to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX for basic training. He invited her to bring a date to the party if she liked! Vicki chose not to bring a date and, by the end of the night, they were promising to stay connected and get together when he was home on leave that summer. The rest is history. They were married June 21st, 1969, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bronx, NY with both the Best Man and Matron of Honor, long time Walther League friends and are still good friends with them to this very day. They have two children, Lisa Tyler, also a member of CLC, who lives in Cheshire with her husband Jonah and their two daughters Ali and Julianna and Matthew who lives in Nashua, NH with his wife Maureen, daughter Jill, and son Leo.

Both Vicki and Don attended colleges in the Bronx. Don attended Bronx Community College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering and Vicki from Herbert H. Lehman, Bronx, NY with a B.A. in Mathematics. Right out of college, Don was hired by AT&T, which was his only full-time employer. He worked for them at various locations for 34 years until 1999 when he was offered a retirement package he could not refuse. Vicki, on the other hand, had many employers, IBM being the first. She took ten years off to raise their two children Lisa and Matthew. Computer technology in the early 70's advanced rapidly, so when Vicki was ready to return to the workforce, her skills were antiquated. She got part-time work in an insurance agency where computers were used to rate premiums. It did not take long before she was inching her way back into the IT field. Prior to her retirement, she worked at Insurity Information Systems located in Hartford, CT as an Information Systems Manager. Her career had come full circle.

They lived in Bethel, CT for many years; however, in the fall of 1988, Don was told that his position with AT&T in White Plains, NY was being eliminated. Don was given two choices: Atlanta, GA or Morristown, NJ. Since both of their moms lived in the tri-state area, the NJ location was an easy decision. Unfortunately, Lisa was about to enter her senior year of high school and was not a happy camper. They moved to Long Valley, NJ, where they lived for 14 years until they received one of the best phone calls ever. They were told they were going to be grandparents. Lisa and Jonah were expecting their first child in December. Ali Tyler is what brought them back to CT, in addition to Vicki's 90+ year old mom who still lived in New Milford, CT.

Over the past 54 years, Don and Vicki took great pleasure in traveling. They did very little travel outside the USA until after Lisa and Matt were well into their college years, and then they took off. They have enjoyed cruising, touring Europe, Central America, the Caribbean, as well as the beautiful USA, including Alaska and Hawaii. While employed at AT&T, Don

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worked for the International Division, which gave him the opportunity to visit Asia and South America as well. No wonder he has retired his passport! Thanks to Vicki's dear friend Karen Bailey, she continues to travel on tours led by Pastor Gregory Wismar, Vicki's & Don's former Pastor while a member at Christ the King, Newtown.

Vicki has served on Cheshire Lutheran Church Council for many years, mostly as Social Welfare Deacon, one year as Vice President and currently as Recording Secretary. She has also served on the VBS Committee since 2017.

They just celebrated 20 years at their current home in Wallingford, CT, which is barely one mile from the Cheshire/Wallingford town line. They are so happy to have been able to settle in their wonderful over 55 community. They feel blessed to have chosen Cheshire Lutheran as their church home and knowing that their final earthly home will be at 660 West Main St., Cheshire amongst their church family and friends.

We thank Vicki for her many years of dedicated service on numerous committees, Council positions and help with special events here at Cheshire Lutheran.

Beautifully written by Vicki and Joyfully submitted by Karen Bailey, Member of the Evangelism Committee



Now You See Me - Answers

(Check out the color version in the Heavenly Herald in the CLC website).





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).

LESSON READERS for Sunday worship are needed! Please contact April Slauson for more information.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...



Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

A big Thank You to Tricia Rowold. Note that not only has Tricia taken on the role of Sunday School Superintendent, but she has also helped coordinate and teach classes each week.

THANK YOU....

PREK-GRADE 1:

Terri Daly & Pam Clark

2ND—5TH GRADES:

Lynn Balash & Pam Clark

5TH & 6TH GRADE:

Erica Benzivanga and Lynn Balash

6TH & 7TH GRADE:

Susan Harris and Tricia Rowold

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

Andy Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Tricia Rowold

EDUCATION DEACON:

Craig Wilson



CLC CHOIR THANK YOU...

The congregation of Cheshire Lutheran Church wishes to thank the Choirs for all their beautiful music, which added so much to our worship.

During June, July and August, the music offerings will be with solos, duets and small groups. Anyone interested in volunteering for a Sunday, please call or talk to Martha Medford.

Praise God for the gift of music.
Martha Medford



Summer Services will be an opportunity for solo and ensemble performances. Please consider enhancing our Summer Services—If interested, and when you know your summer schedule, please see Martha for available times and sign up.

All Choir Picnic being planned for September!
At the writing of this article, Martha and a few Choir members are planning a Picnic for us to be held in September. More to come in the Sunday Church Bulletin later in the Summer!

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

I wish our CLC Family a fun and safe summer 2023. CLC House & Grounds will be working on the Cross Garden in the immediate future. You will see the preparation already completed by some members for the coming project. The Voters approved bringing in a landscaper to fill in with topsoil and create a berm with plantings like the garden for the Columbarium. Stone will be added to surround the crosses and a rhododendron will be added opposite the existing one.

CLC was having issues with our internet from Cox. There were ongoing connectivity issues during the week and the speed caused trouble with our live streaming services. We considered going with GoNetSpeed, however, they could only provide service through the air and not underground. Members preferred underground service and we requested a quote. In that time, it appears that Cox was upgrading service and the speed has increased greatly and the connectivity has stayed stable. We have decided to continue with Cox as a result.

The remainder of the summer House & Grounds will be looking at maintenance projects at our Parsonage, following up on quotes for fire detection and notification, as well as other maintenance projects around our Church.

As always, thank you to the dedicated members who give their time, their talent and their treasure to keep our House & Grounds looking beautiful.

Todd Plantier
House and Grounds Deacon



The Team hard at work at and around the Cross Garden—THANK YOU!

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 am – 12:30 pm. The student's day will run from 9-noon. Make plans to help us Shine Jesus' Light to others in our community with this fun space themed VBS. The lessons will start with Christmas, then we meet Zacchaeus, see Jesus enter Jerusalem to shouts of Hosanna, learn how he cared for his mother at his crucifixion, and learn from Philip to Shine Jesus'

light to help others. Registration will open in April. 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 **Starbucks 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



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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CLC AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO OUR YOUTH...

This year the CLC Scholarship Committee awarded two \$1k scholarships to two excellent candidates. Not only did each of these candidates have exemplary academic credentials, but they also have demonstrated strong community and church participation! Along with their scholarship application, each applicant needed to submit a 500-word essay speaking to the question “How has your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior, and your membership at CLC, made a positive difference in your life?”

The 1st scholarship is awarded to Julianna Tyler:

Julianna will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall majoring in Nursing. In addition to her academic pursuits, she will be a member of their swim team as a Division I athlete – a Ram!

In Julianna’s essay, she talked about how her faith has guided and shaped her into the person that she is today, and how her faith was especially important during the COVID pandemic. She noted that online services provided her a sense of belonging, even though we were unable to worship in person. She further talked about how, during the pandemic, she needed her faith more than ever and she was able to turn to God to help her make it through. She also recognized that not everyone is as fortunate to have their faith to turn to.

Julianna has been active at CLC as a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program leader for multiple years, and various community programs such as volunteering at swim meets as a timer, Cheshire Lights of Hope, and Winterfest. She was also the captain of the CHS Girls Swim and Dive Team.

The 2nd scholarship is awarded to Michael Plantier

Michael will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall to study Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science... and hopefully will experience as a Husky another great season of the UCONN basketball program...

In Michael’s essay, he wrote how during periods of hardship, struggles, and challenging times in his life, he is able to rely on his faith in Jesus - and that he can always find comfort in knowing that Jesus Christ and CLC will always “have my back”. Michael noted that his faith and CLC provide him a stable base he can rely on whenever life becomes difficult.

Michael has been active at CLC attending Sunday School, serving as an acolyte, a VBS volunteer, and assisting with House and Grounds. His community involvement includes volunteering at and through the Southington YMCA, the Southington Basketball team, Bread for Life, and with the Interact Club.

Conclusion

These scholarships are possible due to the support and generosity of you, our CLC members. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, thank you for all you do to support our youth. Please congratulate Julianna and Michael!

Scholarship Committee:

Marilyn Miller—Chairperson

Members:

Lynn Balash
 Rob DeLaubell
 Tim Fiedler
 Jeff Mann
 Lisa Muller
 Paula Ongley
 Pastor Rowold
 Diane Taylor
 Craig Wilson



THE RIPPEL REPORT—SUMMER 2023..

Ripple Family History – Key Events and The Wedding Band



1958 – 1969 – Key Events in the Ripple Family

We moved into our first home, a prefab in Centereach, LI. Our second home, a standout corner home in a development of 150 homes called Postacres in Centereach. Our first two children were born there. Our family became members of Our Savior Lutheran Parish in Eastwood Village, led by Pastor Kenneth Hoener and family; they were from Pennsylvania. Our Savior was a brand-new mission church, developed and founded by the Missouri Synod.

On October 18, 1959, our first child, a daughter, Janet Grace was born at Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson. On September 28, 1961, our second daughter, Diane Jean was born at Smithtown General NY.

Big Changes February 1963

On a cold winter night, we received a phone call that would change our lives forever. It was from the owner of Superior Industries. This was my 1st job out of High School, I was a woodworker and assembler of pool tables. When I left his employment for a better paying job in the heavy construction industry almost 10 years earlier, he vowed to track me down and make me an offer I could not refuse. He and his firm were now the world's largest manufacturer of recreational pool tables, table tennis and much more. They were nearing completion of a large new facility in West Haven, Connecticut. I was offered a supervisor's position in charge of a large wood working shop in the new facility. A 5-year contract, year-round, top salary and benefits. This would be a stable future versus seasonal construction and masonry life and work. The downside was that it would require uprooting our family to Connecticut.

Each Monday through ½ day Saturday I lived in a Milford Motel, driving back and forth to family for 1 ½ days each week for 20 weeks until the family moved (all expenses paid) first to Woodland Rd. in Wallingford, where we were members of Zion Lutheran. Then to Hamden, Connecticut and became members of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, across from Sleeping Giant State Park; Pastor Roger Schleffs led the congregation.

Our 3rd daughter, Patricia Ann, was born at Yale New Haven Hospital and baptized at Good Shepard. Our Hamden home by Spring Glenn on Dadio Rd was becoming small and overcrowded so we decided to relocate. From December to June 1970 our family rented a large rural colonial home at Falls Rd in Bethany while we waited for a new home to be completed in Seymour CT.

Another Wedding Ring Incident

After heavy snows in Bethany and after Sunday services, our 3 girls bundled up and went outside to play in the snow. Dad joined them and we decided to make a snowman. I told them I had no experience at this, but they had their own ideas. The snow was ideal for snowman and snowball making. We fashioned a reasonably looking creature, and as the day grew into late afternoon and getting colder, we went back into the warm house and Mother's hot chocolate. Once in, we shed our wet clothes and gloves.

Dad got a chance to read the "funny papers" from the New Haven Register. I had a habit, from my construction working days, to bend my left thumb to my ring finger to see if my ring was still there. This time, my wedding ring was not there. My first thoughts were how and what shall I tell my wife and family? I chose to "sleep on it" and inform the family the next day. Over the next 5 weeks blankets of added snow fell. Looking out our front windows frequently at the thick white snow, I realized my wedding band was surely lost forever.

Warmer weather came in the weeks ahead and the area around the snowman turned into slush then mud. In early April, almost all the snow had disappeared. As I came home from work and entered our driveway our 3 excited girls ran to my car shouting "we found it", "we found it", repeating over and over, "we found your ring". I had promised a \$5 reward to the finder, so I

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promptly paid all 3 \$5 each.

The details are as follows: our girls wanted to have a snowball fight with the last bits of remaining snow that was left. Our daughter Janet rolled a snowball together and when the ball cracked in half, inside and clearly visible was my band of gold. Dorothy was stunned by these events. The next day I drove to S & H Sperry and Hutchinson in Derby to purchase another ring to wear.

Our new home in Seymour, in the Great Hill section, was completed in June 1970. After we moved in our 4th child, Charles Andrew, named to honor both his grandfathers was born. He was born at Griffin Hospital and baptized by Pastor Otto Borchert. Our family lived in Seymour for 37 years and we were members at Immanuel Oxford for 52 years.

These last three months of Heavenly Herald articles are written in honor of my late wife Dorothy Ann and the blessings we shared for 63 year of marriage.

Respectfully submitted.
Charles Rippel

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



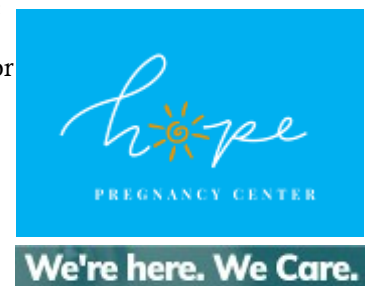
WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

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 basinet 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





NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Getting To Know Our Members Interviews:

We continue with our member "Getting to know you". Biographies. We also are looking for anyone who would be willing to help with the interviews. Please contact me 860 620 2591.

Scholarship committee:

Our Scholarship Committee presented \$1000 awards to the following on May 21, 2023 before the 10:30 Service:

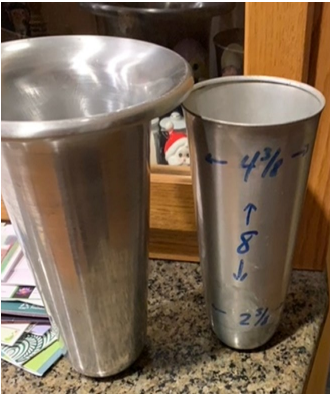
- ✠ **Michael Plantier** – Southington High School
- ✠ **Julianna Tyler** – Cheshire High School

See the more detailed article in this Heavenly Herald. Thanks to all of you that support and help to make this scholarship possible. We are grateful for your generosity.

Announcing New Vases for Member Use on Sunday Mornings:

After over 100 years of serving their community, St John church in New Britain is sadly closing. We were contacted by them asking if we wanted any items from their church.

We graciously received 2 sets of vases that can be used by congregants for flowers placed on the altar on Sunday mornings.



Please do not remove the vases from the church, they have liners. So if you want to use them, just take the liner to the florist for them to do the arrangement. When you bring them to the church, just put the liner into the vase. Remember to take them out of the liner when you take them home. Please return the liner back to the church as quickly as possible so it is ready for the next person to use. The price to fill the vase varies, you may want to consult with your personal florist, but Scott's florist thought \$25 - \$35 is the average cost depending on size of arrangement you want.

Cheshire Fall Festival Fair:

The last thing, we plan to participate in the Cheshire Fall Festival Fair again in August. We are looking for volunteers to set up, clean up and man the booth again this year. Please see me if you are willing to help out.

Vase Liners—2 sizes

Quilts of Valor:

I will be going to Goodwin park for PGA Hope later in May and will be giving out 21 quilts.

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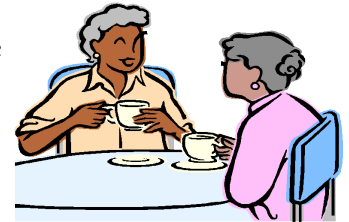


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Greeting Cards & Member Outreach:

We continue to send Birthday and Anniversary cards to the members and children. We also gave out flowers to our Mothers for Mothers Day. If you know anyone in need of a card please let me know. My phone number is listed in the Church Directory. We continue to try to keep communication going so we can keep up with all the needs of our members.

We also keep in contact with our seniors who can no longer come to church or are with us less often through cards, gifts and visits. I would like to ask if you all could participate as well. Help us share some joy with our seniors through visits and/or sending cards. A list of names are below, please contact the church office for their addresses.



Georgianna Schupp	Trum and Priscilla Troemel	Norman Benedict	Bill and Barbara Hillis
Eleanor Kenney	Fred Neuffer	Marylou Aston	Ken Leslie
Rita Stark	Donna Quast	Barbara Manthey	



Thanks for being you and have a Blessed summer.

Marilyn Miller - Evangelism Deacon & The Evangelism Committee

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





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 THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday Update:

We received contributions of \$678 (134 blankets). This is about 30% increase from last year. The blankets go to CWS which help people in need world wide and in the United States. They have shared 1,600,000 kits and blankets.



Cheshire Food Pantry:

We have been asked to change our adopt a shelf to *liquid dish soap*. They have a great need for the soap and have been buying it. Please place your Dish Soap in the bin marked Dish Soap. We also continue to accept all donations for the Food Pantry including \$\$.

Our first delivery for May was 197 lb. The food pantry was very appreciative of delivery of dish soap. Thank you everyone

Orphan Grain Train School Kits:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 spiral notebooks | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 glue sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 pens | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 eraser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 sheets of construction paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package colored pencils (12 count) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 package crayons (24 count) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pencil sharpener |

Collection of school supplies for OGT School Kits **will begin Sunday July 9th and end August 27th**. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway beginning July 9th.

Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance.

Monetary donations can be deposited in the Red Box on the counter above the collection bins.

Anyone interested in applying for a **Thrivent Action Team Grant** to help defray the cost of the backpacks please contact Nancy Engelhardt or Vicki DePaolo.

Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



Thrivent Action Teams

Support an unmet need in your community!
Apply to lead a volunteer team in a fundraiser, service activity or educational event and access tools and resources to mobilize your passion.

Learn more and apply now

Report on my completed project



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.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2023

10 th	Tim & Karen Weiland	41 Years
	David & Meredith Natzel	8 Year
12 th	John & Peggy Tessler	42 Years
15 th	James & Cynthia Metz	6 Years
18 th	Matthew & Emily Napp	14 Years



CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands volunteers continue to offer meals, transportation and visits to those in our congregation who are in need of any of these services!

Please contact the church office if you would benefit from this assistance.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have responded to my request to assist.

Sometime over the summer, please update your contact information with the preferred phone number (many still have the landline listed although it has been disconnected).

For those who haven't yet volunteered but would like to be "on the list", please provide your contact information as well as the service you would like to offer (food, drive, visit). You may reach me at sbschrumm@cox.net. Thank you and have a nice summer!

Sally Schrumm, chairman



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.

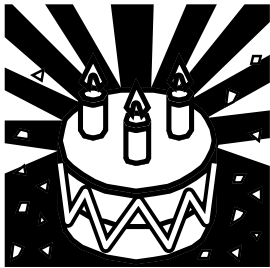


Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Thank you to everyone donating dish soap last month for the Food Pantry. These donations are greatly appreciated.
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to Randy, Tim, Jim, Margie, Ed and so many others that keep Gancarz Creek and other gardens so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee lead by Pam Clark working so hard to provide wonderful Fellowship events for us. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Thank you to Tim Weiland for taking pictures and documenting our History. We so appreciate your hard work.
- † Grateful Thanks to Martha for her hard work and dedication to all things musical. We are a congregation that adores and appreciates music and understand the sacrifice it sometimes takes execute. We are Blessed – Thank You
- † Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and behind the scenes helpers. Thank you. Our Children need their Christian education now more than ever. WE APPRECIATE YOU!
- † Pastor, Tricia and Sarah, we all send you heartfelt Thanks for continuing to share your lives and leadership with us

JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

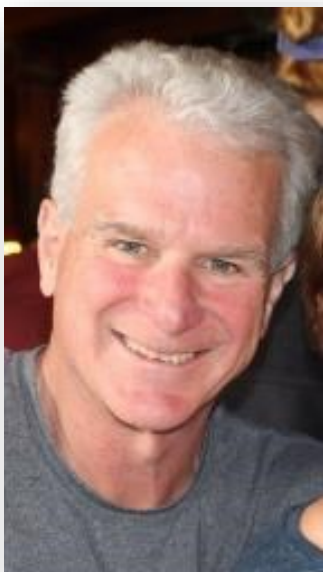


4th	Paula Ongley	15th	Debra Hajjar	22nd	CP Troemel
	Diane Drust		Peter Mayer	24th	Carlene Myers
5th	Julia Plantier	16th	Owen Kennelly	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
6th	Elizabeth Blair	17th	Ian Carrington	26th	Alfred Mayer
9th	Karen Weiland	18th	Lisa Tyler	27th	John Sherman
13th	Dorothy Dierolf	20th	Brian Sherman		Robert Becker
14th	Max Muller	21st	Lucas Donewald	31st	Pastor Rowold
			Brynne Mann		

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

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

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.

Cheshire Lutheran Church



THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

June	
June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2003	Pastor David Rowold ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church



ON OUR WEBSITE..

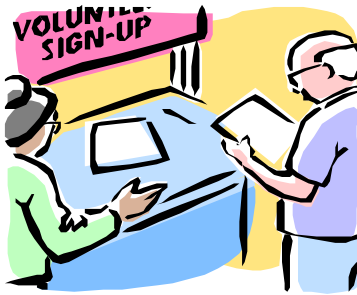
The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ 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...



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
- ✦ Birthright Organization looking for Volunteers
- ✦ Stony Creek Singers Concert Information
- ✦ Camp Pineshore Youth Summer Camp Information
- ✦ Summer Sundays Lemonade on the Lawn Sign-ups
- ✦ CLC Annual Picnic 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
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members **Birthday and Anniversaries**
- ✦ **Piano for Sale** information
- ✦ **Address and contact information for Donna Quast & Barbara Manthey**
- ✦ **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



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✦ **Council** meetings:
 - ✦ **Tuesday, June 6th**, at 7:00 PM in Person & via ZOOM
 - ✦ **Tuesday, September 5th**, at 7:00 PM in Person & via ZOOM
- ✦ **Voters** meeting - **Sunday, September 10th**, after the late service in Person & via ZOOM



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset beginning with the first service of the Summer schedule on June 18. The names currently on the list will be removed, and names will only 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 on over the Summer, please contact Pastor to let him know.

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs last day of school is June 13, 2023. Graduation for the 4's is June 9, 2023 at 11:00 in the Church. Following the graduation is an ice cream social.

Ms. JoAnn had shoulder surgery on May 19th, and will go back to the doctor June 5th. Ms. Michele had knee surgery on May 23, 2023. She too is home recovering.

Ms. Alex, Ms. Fiona, and Ms. Cheryl Anne are holding down Little Cherubs. We are so blessed to have all of them.

God Bless to all. Have a wonderful Summer
Ms. JoAnn

2023—2024 Registration

Little Cherubs is taking registration for the 2023—2024 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the Church or Preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the Church Office! Please pass the word along to those you meet and family members. www.cheshirelutheran.org



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.



HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Job Description:

Lead enthusiastic children in songs, Crafts, games, Bible stories

Qualifications:

A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun

Work Schedule:

Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10 (except Summer Months)

Compensation:

Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children

How to apply:

Speak to Tricia Rowold





LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

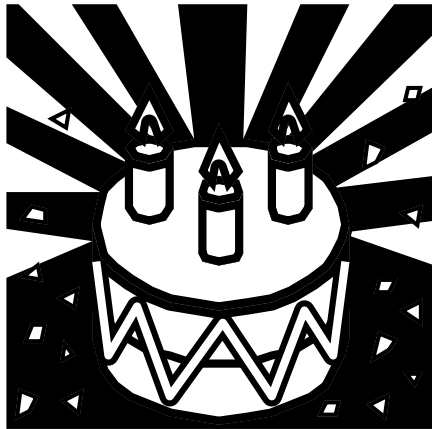
We have been enjoying the new audio/video equipment for over a year now. Special care was utilized during the purchase process that the equipment be easy to use for volunteers, including those with no prior background in sound or video equipment. Do you take videos with your phone? Are you interested 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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1 st	Caroline Veleber	21 st	Richard Schellinger
	Paul Emerick	22 nd	Alan Green
2 nd	Leslie Donewald		Maggie Strunk
4 th	Emma Finger	23 rd	Janice Matson
6 th	Tim Slocum	25 th	Christine Smith
7 th	Kurt Lenz		Alex Wilde
8 th	Daniella Wilde	26 th	Karen Smith
11 th	Donald Drust, Sr.	27 th	Matthew Emerick
	Julie Lamb	28 th	James Matson
12 th	Andrew Clark	30 th	Patricia Greenhalgh
14 th	Hanna Mayer	31 st	Robert DeLaubell
	Thea Mayer		Amanda Finger
15 th	Georgianna Schupp		
	Christina Webster		
17 th	Douglas Henderson		



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 10, 2023 with Rally Day!

Have a GREAT Summer!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2023



5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	33 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	28 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	56 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	6 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	22 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	17 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	26 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	40 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	54 Years



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 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
 Jim Mertz
 Pat DiDomizio
 Barbara Carson

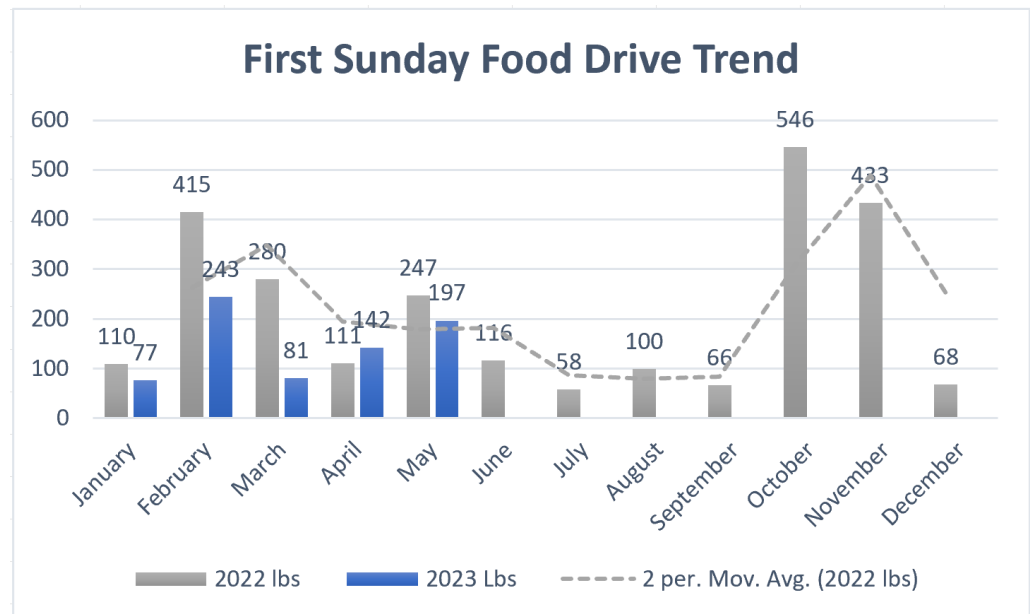
Priscilla Mulvaney
 Margie Mertz
 Bill Soulier
 Tim Weiland

Vicki DePaolo
 Randy Raddatz
 Beth Soulier
 Ed Schweizer



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...

Sunday Adult Bible study will meet between the services on June 4 for our last regular lesson of this School year. On June 11, participants are invited to join the rest of the Sunday Christian Education program (Sunday School and Youth Bible Study) during the Education Hour for end-of-year activities. We will resume in the Fall with Rally Day activities, and our first lesson will be the Sunday after Rally Day.

Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study will meet on June 7 for our final session this Spring and then we will go on hiatus for the Summer. Midweek Bible study will resume after the Summer vacation on the Wednesday after Rally Day.

Even though we will not be having formal Bible studies during the Summer, don't forget to set aside time on a regular basis to read God's Word and pray about what He says to you in it.



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*.



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

REMINDER: The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will be the *September 2023* edition.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **August 25th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



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WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

† August 4	Elizabeth Barden
† August 4	Paula Ongley
† August 11	Megan Smith
† August 15	Christina Webster
† August 16	Vanessa Falk
† August 17	Amanda Nowak
† August 23	Erica Bencivenga
† August 28	Julianna Tyler
† August 30	Barbara Carson

† June 8	Kiley Soulier
† June 9	Michael Collins
† June 9	William Sherman
† June 14	John Greenhalgh
† June 14	Matthew Lynch
† June 15	Lynn Balash
† June 15	Ali Tyler
† June 18	Jim Mertz
† June 24	Beth Soulier
† June 30	Barbara Fiedler

† July 1	Cliff Ongley
† July 8	William Rowold
† July 9	Nora Bencivenga
† July 10	Tricia Rowold
† July 10	Emily Soulier
† July 10	Michael Plantier
† July 12	Clair Bencivenga
† July 12	Jeffrey Mann, Jr.
† July 27	Julia Plantier
† August	

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



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