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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:4 -7 (ESV)

For Lutheran's, the month of October is a special time, or, rather, the last day of the month is a special time; it is Reformation Day, the day on which we remember Martin Luther posting his *95 Theses* on the door to the castle church in Wittenberg. That invitation to church scholars to come and debate with Luther about indulgences (Those doors served as the bulletin board for the University there in Wittenberg.) ended up starting the Reformation that eventually gave us our Lutheran Confessions.

One of the first confessions in the Bible (statements of faith) is found in chapter six of the book of Deuteronomy; the verse above is part of that statement, called the "Shema". The name comes from the fact that the Hebrew word for "Hear" that begins verse four is "shema". That confession of faith, the *Shema*, which was derived from the passage above from Deuteronomy and other passages of Scripture, is still used today by Jewish believers around the world. It remains integral to the Jewish faith because they have been diligent to follow God's command and actively teach the faith to their children.

The early Christians followed this pattern of diligently teaching the faith to their children, and the Christian Church has continued that

Schools to High Schools to Colleges and Universities. While they may not be as numerous today as they were a century ago, the Church continues to diligently teach the faith to our children. Even in places where Lutheran Schools may be few and far between, our Churches still have Sunday Schools and many have Preschools.

These Lutheran education ministries have a special place in my heart. As a child, I had the opportunity to attend Good Shepherd Nursery School at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Hamden. In my college years, I transferred from Southern CT State U to Concordia College (LC-MS) in Bronxville, NY. My graduate schooling saw me attending our Synod's Seminary in St. Louis and then my PhD was completed at a school started by the Methodists. During the Call process that brought me here to CLC, the active Sunday School and Preschool were two of the ministries that caught my attention. In my ministry here so far, being a part of the faith formation of the children in these programs and seeing them grow has brought me some of the greatest joy.

Our Preschool here at CLC is an important part of our ministry; it is one of the clearest ways that we connect with the people in the Cheshire community and share our faith in Jesus with them. Many of the children have no connection to our Church and some have no connection to any Church. Still, through the hard work of our teaching staff, the children learn to know and love the Lord. It's a ministry that has faced its challenges, especially with the impact of the Covid pandemic, but we have continued to diligently teach children about God's love for them in Christ Lorus. Our Proceeding a



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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)



The Heavenly Herald and friends of Cheshire Lutheran Church.

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, PhD-Pastor

Brenna Steczkowski-Office

Martha Medford-Organist & Choir

First of all, I would like to thank the members of the volunteer committee that worked so hard to provide a wonderful and fitting sendoff party for Carol Santoro as appreciation for her 27 years of dedicated service to CLC. We as a congregation are blessed to have so many members that just jump in and get things done!

By now you should have received your invitation to our celebration of the 70th anniversary of Pastor Nuechterlein's Ordination scheduled for October 15th, 2023, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT. This will be a very special event honoring a very special person and I am hopeful that you will attend if you are able. Once again, we are blessed to have a strong committee of dedicated and capable volunteers working hard to plan an event worthy of such a monumental occasion. Please send in your RSVP's as soon as possible, if not already done - Thank you!

At our September Council meeting, Todd Plantier, Nancy Englehart and Terri Daly were appointed as members of our 2024 Nominating Committee. In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, Council Officers must be elected annually. Deacons serve three-year terms. Of-

Our Nominating ficers and Deacons are allowed to serve a maximum of six consecutive Committee is years of combined service. Please contact one of the committee memcurrently bers if you are interested in volunteering to serve or need additional seeking information. candidates to fill the anticipated vacancies for the Education Deacon and Evangelism Deacon positions. Please give prayerful consideration to

offering your time and talents

by volunteering for one of these important positions. You can also speak directly with current Education Deacon Craig Wilson or current Evangelism Deacon Marilyn Miller for more information about these positions.

Our Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates to fill the anticipated vacancies for the Education Deacon and Evangelism Deacon positions. Please give prayerful consideration to offering your time and talents by volunteering for one of these important positions. You can also speak directly with current Education Deacon Craig Wilson or current Evangelism Deacon Marilyn Miller for more information about these positions. Additional detailed information is available in the CLC Constitution and Bylaws - copies available in the CLC Administrative Office.

I can confidently assure you that if you choose to serve as a member of the CLC Church Council, you will never be alone. In continuing the volunteerism theme, I have tried to weave into this article, you can rest assured that your efforts will be bolstered by volunteer committee members that always rise up when there is work to be done.

If you are not yet ready to commit to service on the Council, please consider training to operate the live stream system. I recently trained with Andy Clark and found the system to be guite user friendly. I haven't yet gone solo for a live steam broadcast, but feel that I could pull it off if needed. Live stream broadcasting normally takes place during the early Service each week and during the 9:00 a.m. single-service during the summer months.

I hope to see you in church – and please feel free to bring a friend, relative, neighbor...

Yours in Christ, Jeff Mann

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OCTOBER SERVERS LIST

	Readers/Altar Assistants	Acolytes	Ushers (month)	<u>Choir</u>	Altar Guild (month)
(I) = October 1	Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup		<u>8:00 AM-</u> Andy Clark Pam Clark		Arta Dobbs Carol Santoro
8:00 -	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4, 25 – 32 – Terri Daly (<i>I</i>) Philippians 2: 1 – 4, 14 – 18 – Terri Daly	Max Muller	<u>10:30 AM-</u>		
10:30 -	Ezekiel 18: 1 – 4, 25 – 32 – Margie Mertz (<i>I</i>) Philippians 2: 1 – 4, 14 – 18 – Margie Mertz	Gabe Mann	Guy Mason Bill Soulier	Parish Choir	
October 8 8:00 -	Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 – Lynn Balash Philippians 3: 4b – 14 – Blair Donewald	Doug Henderson			Attention Readers, Altar Servers and Acolytes – Reminder – You are
10:30 -	Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 – Randy Raddatz Philippians 3: 4b – 14 – Beth Soulier	Quinncy <u>Kwayu</u>			responsible for getting a substitute if you are unable to serve on your
October 15 8:00 -	Isaiah 25: 6-9 – David Schrumm (<i>I</i>) Philippians 4: 4 – 13 – David Schrumm	Alex Muller			assigned date. If you need a substitute list, please call the church office.
10:30 -	Isaiah 25: 6-9 – Jeff Mann <i>(I)</i> Philippians 4: 4 – 13 – Jeff Mann	Grace Wilde		Parish Choir	
October 22 8:00 -	Isaiah 45: 1 – 7 – Mario Bencivenga Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 – Lynn Balash	Sarah Rowold			
10:30 -	Isaiah 45: 1 – 7 – Dave Veleber Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10 – April Slauson	Aika <u>Kwayu</u>			
October 29 8:00 -	Revelation 14: 6 – 7 – Alan Spose (I) Roman 3: 19 – 28 – Alan Spose	Derek Henderson		Bell Choir	
10:30 -	Revelation 14: 6 – 7 – Todd Plantier (<i>I</i>) Roman 3: 19 – 28 – Todd Plantier	Emma Finger		Bell Choir	

Sure, we talk about our Preschool and are proud of it, but do we really know it? And can we really say it's "ours"? Perhaps some questions can help us figure that out. See if you can answer these:

- 1. What is the name of our Preschool?
- 2. Who is the Director?
- 3. What are the names of the other staff members?
- 4. How long have our staff been with us?
- 5. What ages are the children in our Preschool?
- 6. How many children are in the program?
- 7. When is the last time the Preschool was involved in Sunday worship?
- 8. When is the last time that the Congregation was involved in a Preschool activity?
- 9. How many of our members volunteer in the Preschool?
- 10. Have you ever volunteered to spend time with the children?

How well did you do? How many questions were you able to answer? I'm sure there are some who read the questions and were able to answer many of them, but I'm also sure that lots of us were lucky to get the first two and maybe a couple more along the way. If you're looking for me to answer the questions, I am sorry to disappoint you; this is not one of Tim Weiland's quizzes where the answers are eventually provided. One reason for that is the fact that I cannot answer all the questions. I don't know when the last time was that the Preschool was involved in Sunday worship, and I have no clue if the Congregation (as a group) has ever been involved in a Preschool activity.

While it is fair to say that Little Cherubs is our Preschool because it is located within our building at 660 West Main and CLC funds the school, there is still much more that we can do to be a part of diligently teaching those children about Jesus – and that is true for us as a congregation and for us as individuals. I know we'd love to see the children and their families involved in our Sunday service occasionally, but we should also be looking for ways that our congregation can be involved in school activities as well. As much as we want them to come to us, we need to be proactive in finding ways to go to them.

Do you have a craft or a hobby that you can share with the children? Do you draw or paint or plant or knit? Do you sew or saw or build or bake? Do you know about plants or animals or the sea or the sky? Can you read a story or sing a song or play a musical instrument? If you said yes to any of these – or thought of something else that you do – then there's a way for you to volunteer at Little Cherubs and help to diligently teach the faith to these children. Who knows, if we are proactive in working to better connect our congregation to the Preschool during the week, perhaps we'll even see families from the Preschool begin to connect with our congregation on the Sundays.

We have an opportunity and a responsibility to teach the faith to the children diligently. Here at CLC we are blessed to have people who work hard at that in our Preschool and in our Sunday School, but it's not just a job for the staff that we pay at Little Cherubs or teachers who volunteer their time in our Sunday School. There are ways that you too can take part in the task; you can volunteer in the Preschool or help with Sunday School. Just reach out to Joann Holstein at Little Cherubs or Tricia Rowold at the Church and tell them you want to lend a hand. Talk to them and I am sure they can find a way for you to be involved.

Together we can all be active in diligently teaching the faith to the children, and we can build stronger relationships with them and their families along the way.

In Christ Jesus, who commanded His disciples to let the little children come to Him,



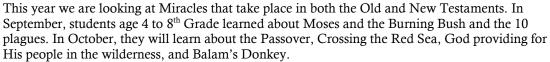




- Thanks to all who helped plan, work and help out for Sunday School Rally Day. Everyone had a terrific time.
- We always want to remember to thank all the folks that help out around the church! So much work needs to get done and does get done due to the hard work and dedication of so many unsung heroes! We are blessed and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
- We can not thank Pastor, Martha, Steve Feero & Bill Juul and all the volunteers for working so hard to make sure our online Services run so smoothly. We appreciate you all and we are Blessed.
- Very Special thanks to the Evangelism Committee for representing CLC at the Cheshire Fall Festival
- ✤ Thank you to all the folk that made Carols Retirement celebration so special. We are sure she and Alan were very touched by the outpouring of love and appreciation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Thank you to all who have signed up to teach. We can still use a couple more substitute teachers. Rally Day was Sunday, September 10, 2023. We had an all-ages event with food and singing and Bible Picture Trivia.



Sunday School families, please join us on Saturday, October 7th from Noon to 2:00 p.m. for a special Reformation themed event. It will include lunch, a story about Martin Luther and a craft.

On Sunday, November 12th, we are asking Sunday School families, if they are able, to bring in a special donation of a baby item; more details will be in the November newsletter.

The Christmas Program this year is scheduled for December 17, 2023 during the 10:30 Service.

We have a new class this year led by Erica Bencivenga; it is a Toddler and parent class for children under age 4 to attend with their parents. We also have a calendar for each Sunday School family with the lessons and other important Sunday School information on it.

Please join us Sunday Mornings at 9:10 a.m. for Opening in the Fellowship Hall and lessons in the classrooms and Nursery.

Our teachers this year are:

Toddler and Parent class: Erica Bencivenga Pre-K age 4 – 1st Grade: Pam Clark 2nd – 5th Grade: Lynn Balash 6th - 8th Grade: Susan Harris and Tricia Rowold Youth Bible Study: Andy Clark and Jonathan Schrum Substitute: Terri Daly Adult Bible Study: Pastor David Rowold Confirmation Class: Pastor David Rowold





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EQUIPMENI...

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.



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 now have "Baptismal Birthdays" as part of that list too! Please contact the Church office to share the date of your Baptism. As we get more information, we will add it to the list of those special days included in the *Heavenly Herald*.



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

- ✤ October 3—David Rowold
- ✤ October 6—David Mason
- ✤ October 6—Jonathan Mason
- ✤ October 9—Ian Clark
- ✤ October 10—Lisette Donewald
- ✤ October 10—Wesley Tuscano
- ✤ October 11—Roberta Hagstrom
- ✤ October 11—Sia Kwayu

- ✤ October 17—Alan Spose
- October 21—Louis Nuechterlein
- ✤ October 22—Emma Kingsley
- ✤ October 23—Bennett Tuscano
- ✤ October 24—Derek Henderson
- In October 24—Derek Henderson
 In October 24—Lucy Bencivenga
- ✤ October 24—Timothy Daly





The Lord has blessed Cheshire Lutheran Church with many dedicated, wise and inspirational people in our congregation. It is an honor to be surrounded by so many. Pastor Neuchterlein was among the many to welcome me into the church I now call home. His gentle spirit guided me as I was about to marry Andy, 31 years ago. He is still inspiring me to be a better Christian and bringing the Word of God to those ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will formally thank Pastor Neuchterlein and our Lord for his 70 years of ministry on October 15th. If you have not returned your RSVP or are unable to join us, I encourage all to share their memories of their first encounters with Pastor with one another and give thanks.

Progressive Social

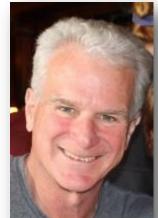
Are you looking for an opportunity to get to better know CLC members- perhaps those that attend a service at a different time than you do? Or, are you ready to share a story, a laugh or fellowship outside of CLC? The Progressive Social is an ideal way to accomplish both. Groups of 6 -8 will go to different host homes for appetizers and beverages for an hour and a half then the groups will be mixed and travel to the next host house. At the end of the evening, we will meet at CLC for coffee and dessert. With more people we can better change the groups and add variety to the evening. We need at least 12 people to attend- more would be great! Also, volunteers to host an appetizer house are needed. This is a great time to meet in smaller groups and in the homes of fellow CLC members. It is also a fun way to split up the efforts of hosting a party. It is being planned for Saturday, November 4th. Please sign up by October 21st so coordinating the host houses and grouping can be done.

Pam Clark Fellowship Deacon



UPDATED PARISH FAMILY REGISTER—DIRECTORY...

A NEW paper copy of the directory is on the hallway counter for anyone who needs it. Please feel free to take this updated copy so you can have contact information of our Church Family members.



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.

The CLCW will be hosting its annual Apple Pie Workshop on Saturday, October 28th, at 8:30 a.m. The number of pies to be made will depend on the number of pies that are pre-ordered by the members of the congregation and their friends.

Order forms can be found on the counter in the entry hall way. So, order your pies and, if you are able, come to the workshop (see signup sheet on bulletin board) and participate in the fun of making them.

Any questions, please contact Karen Weiland at "theweilands55@gmail.com".

CLC STRENGTHENING OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE ON FACEBOOK...

In today's fast-paced digital age, it's crucial for our church to remain connected and engaged with our congregation and the broader community. As part of our ongoing efforts to adapt and thrive in this digital landscape, we are committed to improving our digital footprint on Facebook.

Improving our digital footprint on Facebook is a step forward in our mission to share God's love and connect with our congregation and the wider community. It's an opportunity to reach more people, build stronger bonds of fellowship, and inspire positivity in an increasingly digital world. We look forward to this journey of growth and connection, and we invite you to join us on Facebook as we continue to spread the message of faith, hope, and love. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the digital realm and beyond.

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 it's proper storage place for use at another time.

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

October

October 31, 1517	Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wit-			
	tenberg, Germany			
October 11,1953	Pastor Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ			











CLC's featured members for October 2023 are *David and Sally Schrumm* with a story that begins close to home. David was born in Waterbury, where he lived until age five. His family moved to Cheshire (viewed as the 'promised land' by those in Waterbury) amid Hurricane Carol in 1954. Sally moved from Windsor to Cheshire the year prior. As David and his big brother watched a tree blown down by the hurricane, he looked up at the neighbor's house and saw the cutest little curly-haired girl in the window!

Thus began a lifelong friendship between the pair. They played together as children, their parents were close friends, and Sally babysat Dave's younger brother, Jonathan. They grew up in the neighborhood gang, went to CHS, and both attended college in Boston, Sally at Simmons and Dave at Tufts. How did these young pals end up dating? Interesting twist: Dave tried to fix Sally up with his fraternity brother for a party, to no avail. He hung out with Sally at the party – the next thing you know they were dating, traveling back and forth to Cheshire, and engaged by the end of college.

Sally and David were married at CLC by Pastor Nuechterlein and settled in Cheshire. The Schrumms were blessed with three wonderful children, Rebecca, Jeffrey, and Katey, and eight beautiful grandchildren. The Schrumm kids grew up in CLC, participated in youth activities, and took piano lessons from Gloria Nuechterlein. Fun Fact: Katey is responsible for naming our Heavenly Herald after winning a contest for submitting names for our



newsletter! Dave and Sally are members of the bell choir (since its inception), were youth councilors, and helped with VBS, while Sally has been singing in the choir for 50 years and was once president of the CLC Women. Dave taught Sunday School, is a voter on the Council, and has been a trustee for years. Thank you, David and Sally, for your dedicated service to our church.

The Schrumms have also served our community faithfully. The couple cited Pastor Nuechterlein as instilling the volunteer bug when he urged congregants to use their God-given blessings to give back to the community. Dave was involved in student government leading to his participation in local politics on the Town Council, Economic Development, Zoning Board, and his longest gig as the Treasurer of the Cheshire Land Trust since 1987! Sally served as Chairman of the Girl Scouts, of the Cheshire Cancer Society, and on the board of Cheshire

Hospice. After earning her nursing degree, she worked for the New Haven VNA, where she saw patients in their homes. This is where hospice care began. She next worked as a nurse for Cheshire Hospice Community Services and later as the supervisor of the Masonic Hospice Program. Once the children were college graduates, she earned her master's and nurse practitioner degrees at Quinnipiac University and she worked at Gaylord before retiring. David spent his career in property casualty insurance working for Aetna for decades, briefly at Travelers, and eventually working for a regional start-up. Early in his career, he achieved his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter credential.

Sally and Dave maintain a very active lifestyle – biking, kayaking, swimming, cross-country skiing, camping, and hiking. With the kids, they hiked the Rockies, Grand Tetons, and Mount Washington. Their most memorable hike was in the French Alps. They were especially inspired by the breathtaking views of the French Alps atop Mont Blanc. Dave enjoys gardening, while Sally likes needlecrafts. Their leading hobby has been the 14-year renovation of their second home in Cape Cod. This labor of love has been a team effort with their children, grandchildren, and their kids' friends during their college years. What fun summers they spent with everyone expanding the home, eating meals, laughing, and loving life! In addition, the youth transferred the skills they learned into their adult lives and use them in their own homes. Despite this massive undertaking, Sally and Dave state their greatest accomplishment is raising three responsible children who are bringing up eight amazing

season and new opportunities for us to make a positive impact on our community. This month, we are once again called to lend a helping hand to those in need through our cherished partnership with the Cheshire Food Pantry.

Adopt a Shelf: Liquid Dish Soap

Our continued commitment to the "Adopt a Shelf" program remains steadfast. Throughout October, we kindly request your support in providing liquid dish soap for our pantry. This simple yet essential item can make a significant difference in the lives of families facing food insecurity.

Feed the Northeast Challenge

We are eagerly awaiting information on this year's "Feed the Northeast" initiative. In previous years, your unwavering dedication has enabled us to be among the first 100 churches to supply 500 food items to our local food pantry. Through our collective efforts, not only do we provide much-needed sustenance, but Feed the Northeast generously rewards our commitment with a monetary donation to the pantry.

Our challenge is clear: let us continue our tradition of being one of the first 100 churches to step up and help those in need. Stay tuned for updates as we await the official launch of "Feed the Northeast," and remember that we can only begin counting food items once we receive notification from this vital organization.

Always Needed Food Items

In our ongoing quest to support the Cheshire Food Pantry, we have reached out to them for a list of their perennially needed food items. Your contributions of these essential items go a long way in ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry. The following items are in high demand:

- * Cooking Oil * Salad Dressing
- Breakfast Cereal * Mayonnaise
 - Juice Boxes * Bottled Juice
 - Fruit Cups * Sugar (small packages
- Granola Bars *
 - * Condiments
 - Spices * Pancake/Baking Mix
- * Snacks

A Heartfelt Thank You

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support of our Food Pantry Ministry. Your generosity and commitment to helping those less fortunate in our community embody the spirit of love and compassion that our church stands for.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your dedication and love for others.

Blessings,

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.



Nancy Engelhardt Social Welfare Deacon



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- Bell Choir will perform on October 29th at both Services for Reformation

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir	
October 1- Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir	
October 4 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
October 8 - Sunday		No Cho	pirs	
October 11 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
October 15 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir	
October 18 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
October 22 - Sunday	Sunday No Cl			
October 25 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
ctober 29 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir	
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir	
November 1 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir	
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
November 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir	
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir	



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.

Lutheran Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CLASSES...

Confirmation Class for the current group of students meets on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to

resounding success.

A Smooth Start

Our school officially commenced on the Tuesday following Labor Day, and I must say that our little cherubs have been nothing short of amazing. While there were a few initial whimpers here and there, they quickly adapted and have continued to be cheerful and resilient.

Learning and Growing Together

In our 3-year-old class, circle time may be short, but the children are learning the importance of rules and growing with each passing day. Meanwhile, our 4-year-olds have been delving into the fascinating world of colors, exploring concepts of kindness and choices. Primary and secondary colors have become their playground, with numerous hands-on experiments adding excitement to their learning journey.

A Journey through the Alphabet

Our 4-year-olds are already making significant strides in their alphabet journey. They've reached letter 'C,' and, along the way, they've been introduced to a world of words that start with 'A,' 'B,' and 'C.' One of the highlights of this adventure was creating a "Chick A Chick A Boom Boom Tree," which now adorns our classroom wall. The children absolutely adore this story and never tire of hearing it.

Exploring Faith and Stories

In our spiritual journey, we began the school year by exploring the story of Creation, followed by the tales of Noah and Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. These stories are not only teaching our children about faith, but also imparting valuable life lessons.

Welcoming Fiona Fernandes

This year, we had the privilege of welcoming Fiona Fernandes to our team as the new 3's teacher. Her dedication and passion for teaching have already made a positive impact on our little ones. Our team this year consists of Michele Gerace, who is teaching both the 3's and 4's, myself in the 4's, and Fiona in the 3's. I couldn't be more excited about this dynamic team.

A Breath of Fresh Air

Entering our classroom this year truly feels like a breath of fresh air. The energy and enthusiasm our teachers bring are palpable, and I have no doubt that this will be an extraordinary school year for our cherished Little Cherubs.

A Promising Start

As we reflect on the past weeks, it's clear that we've had a remarkable start to the school year. I am eagerly looking forward to sharing more of the Little Cherubs life with you all as the year unfolds.

An Open Invitation

Lastly, I want to extend a warm invitation to each one of you. You are always welcome to visit our classroom and witness the magic firsthand. If you'd like to read stories, share gardening tips, or engage in any activity that enriches the lives of our little ones, please let Pastor know, and we'll gladly arrange it.

God Bless,

JoAnn Holstein Director, Little Cherubs Preschool

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.







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

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- CLC Usher Sign Up & Schedule
- Information regarding volunteers needed to run our newly installed Sound and Video equipment and sign up sheet
- Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2023 volunteer sign-ups and other information
- Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✤ 2023 Flower Chart Sign-up
- ✤ Monthly CLC Members Birthday and Anniversaries
- ✤ Helping Hands Sign-ups
- **Piano for Sale** information
- Information on our recent dearly departed CLC Family members
- ✤ Information on the streaming Series "The Chosen" now on some TV stations

Others looking for help!

- Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers to help make the events happen. Contact Pam Clark if you can help in any capacity.
- Sunday School Teachers Needed—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Pastor Rowold, Tricia Rowold or Craig Wilson.
- **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer.



CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...

Sunrise June 4, 1933 ~ Sunset September 6, 2023 Lillian Derganc

On September 6, 2023, our beloved sister in Christ *Lillian Derganc* was called home to be with those that have gone before us and has been reunited with Our Lord after a brief illness.

A longtime teacher at Doolittle & Darcey schools, she was also a licensed & certified psychological counselor for over 26 years in Cheshire. She was a respected member of Cheshire Lutheran Church, where she found solace in her faith and shared her kindness with fellow congregation members.

A Funeral service was held at Cheshire Lutheran Church on Friday September 29, 2023, at 11 AM. Lillian's remains were lovingly placed in our Columbarium following the service.

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

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

"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." *Matthew 25:21*



our Sunday morning announcements, it's still important for all of us to take some time and be prepared.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS AT HOME

- 1. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home one for every level. Remember to check all of them every month and to change the batteries regularly. (Twice a year is a common recommendation, and the beginning and end of daylight savings time can be a helpful reminder.) For added safety you can get units that are both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- 2. Avoid electrical fires by unplugging appliances when not in use (This can save on your electricity bill too.) and do not overload outlets by plugging in too many devices with things like power strips. When using an extension cord, make sure it is thicker than the cord for the device you are plugging in (to keep from overloading the extension cord) and do not put electrical wires under rugs or in high traffic areas.
- 3. Consider getting at least one fire extinguisher for your home. More fires start in the kitchen that in any other room, so this would be a good place to have one. Remember to get a fire extinguisher that is designed to work on common fires you might have in your home.
- 4. Clean the lint trap of your clothes dryer regularly, preferably after every drying cycle, and clear out any lint under or behind the dryer twice a year. Fires in residential areas often start in the clothes dryer.
- 5. Have an escape plan for how you will get out of your home if there is ever a fire. Make sure you know the route out of every room in your house and practice getting out. Practice staying low to the ground and checking doors with the back of your hand to see if it is hot. Don't forget to designate a place outside of the home and far enough away where everyone will gather to make sure they are safe.

IF THERE IS EVER A FIRE AT CHURCH



Make your way to the nearest exit and go outside; when you are outside head to one of two meeting places. If you see the Church sign when you get outside, you are at the front of the building – head towards the sign and wait on the front lawn by it. If you see the large white cross, you are at the back or the side of the building – head towards the cross and wait on the back lawn by it. If you have limited mobility, ask for help and other members will assist you in getting as far from the building as possible.



EMERGENCY

WELLNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Wellness & Safety Committee has not met in person since the Spring, but it did recently provide guidance to Little Cherubs related to their Covid policy. Our previous Chairperson is currently serving on other committees, and we are in need of a new Chair. If you would like to join the Wellness & Safety Committee or have any questions, please contact Pastor Rowold.

HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

If there is no answer in the Church Office Pastor Rowold may be





updates since my last Heavenly Herald article.

The Cross Garden has been completed! A very big thank you to Randy R. and all the members who worked on making that project a reality. We started by meeting to plan the project and discuss with Arisco Landscaping. Then that single-handed wrecking ball went to town to remove the weeds and reclaim the overgrown garden to plant grass. It was amazing to watch the dedication that our members have to the beautification and maintenance of our House & Grounds in action. Arisco Landscaping completed the project by building the berm and planting boxwoods, laying the stone around the Crosses and planting the rhododendron. In all, there were 24 cubic yards of stone and topsoil used. Ricky at Arisco Landscaping was very generous and billed us well under budget.

At the parsonage, a team of us spent time removing the overgrown, invasive brush that had been overtaking the back yard. We also trimmed the hedges and laid mulch. I am getting pricing to have the invasive weeds and bushes removed, topsoil brought in to level the area and have grass planted.

Of course, the truest measure of knowing that summer is done and fall is approaching is the start of school. To prepare our Little Cherubs Preschool, they had their floors stripped and waxed. Volunteers stained the fence by the playground, added fresh sand to the sandbox, added a fresh layer of playground mulch and cleaned the outside toys and table.

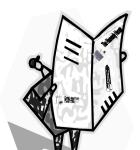
As always, a very sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you who lend your time, talents and treasures to our House & Grounds.

Todd Plantier House and Grounds Deacon



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

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



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

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

Thank You!

Library in Cheshire. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We donate baby items to the **local** organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire, in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.



Hope Pregnancy Center

110 Main St. Cheshire, CT 06410 203.271.2703 hopepregnancycenterct.org

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

Yon are cordially invited to be a:



- 🕆 Reader
 - } Usher
 - Greeter
- 🕆 Singer or Ringer
- 🗄 Altar Guilder
- 🕆 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.

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)

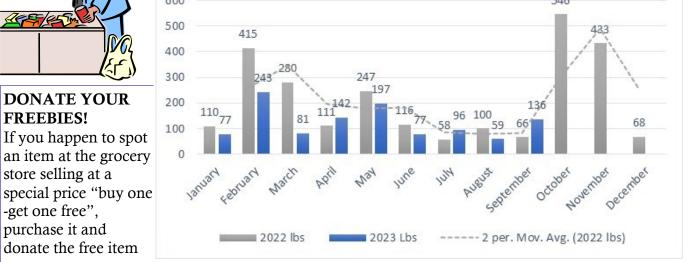
A variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal and miscellaneous choices.

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.





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.

"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs."" John 21:15b



WANTED

HELP

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 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 14 of our CLC Family inurned in our Columbarium
- There are currently 28 inurnment subscriptions & 4 pending possibilities
- ✤ We have 21 memorial plaques purchased, 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 Our Columbarium

Marilyn E. Allesandrine (Jul. 31, 1939 – Mar. 21, 2019) Lillian Derganc (June 4, 1933 - Sep, 6, 2023)
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)
Ralph Joseph Schupp (Nov. 9, 1926 - Sep. 20, 2021) Joseph W. Stark (June 17, 1932 - Dec. 31, 2021)
Rita Martha Stark (Mar. 30, 1932 - June 5, 2023)







The inurnment of Lillian Derganc took place on Friday September 29, 2023. Attendees were friends, family. The committee members arrived early to set up chairs, seating cover for our bench, made the columbarium look great, and had umbrellas on hand in case. Other committee members were there to hand out service bulletins. Pastor, as usual, conducted a beautiful service.

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



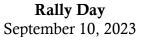
Davlight Saving Time (United States) ends Sunday, November 5, 2023.

Chrembel 2029 Memories



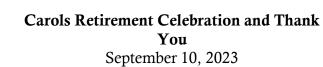


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Sunday School Teacher Installation September 10, 2023



CLC at Cheshire Fall Festival September 10, 2023





The Cheshire Food Drive



First Saturday & Sunday in November

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

WHAT WE DO

- Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the Cheshire Food Pantry located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- S Financially support the Food Voucher Program administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

Canned meat	Boxed snacks	Powdered Milk	Tomato sauces
Peanut Butter	Pasta and Rice	Tuna Fish	Granola bars
Vegetables	Soups and Stews	Juices/Juice boxes	Cereal

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to : CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926



First full weekend in November Congregational Church Green

Shopping List

- Cash for youchers
- Granola bars/snacks Canned chicken/meat
- Cereal
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Salt/pepper/spices Rice/grains
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Soups/stews
- Canned tomatoes Fruit cups

- Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:
- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- - Flour
- Sugar
- Condiments Tuna fish

Canned/dried beans

Pasta & sauce

Shelf-stable milk



BEEN CALLED!

Years ago, before I had my own children (late twenties), I was asked by the Education Deacon if I'd be willing and interested to teach Sunday School at CLC. I politely responded that I would consider the request carefully. However, I thought to myself, "I've never taught before, let alone children. I have no experience. What if I mess this up? I probably won't be good at it."

A few days later, I was traveling with a colleague on a week-long business trip across the country. We had become friends over time as a result of working together. Being spiritual himself, we got onto the topic of faith and religion. I shared with him the request I received from the Education Deacon, and his response was like having water thrown at my face. He said, "For all the things God has given you, this doesn't seem like an unreasonable request. You have been called!" Upon reflection, I knew he was right.

I taught Sunday School for six years—5th and 6th grades. It was rewarding, uplifting and an educational experience for me, not just the children. And, when a child shares his/her innermost feelings with their classmates and their teacher, you see firsthand how scriptures can connect them to their world. It's unforgettable.

And now, I'm the Education Deacon reaching out to you. Please help keep this evangelical mission moving ahead and energized. Tricia Rowold now leads the Sunday School ministry. She is and will do a wonderful job along with the teachers we have. But they can't do this alone. Please help us. We need you. You have been called!

Sincerely and Yours in Christ

Craig Wilson CLC Education Deacon







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 theses 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 <u>sbschrumm@cox.net</u>. Thank you and have a nice summer!

Sally Schrumm, chairman



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services meets at 9:10 a.m. every Sunday. On the first Sunday in October, we will be selecting our next study. Choices include Creation, how we got the Bible, forgiveness, and a series on stuff they didn't teach us in Sunday School. Pay attention to the Sunday morning announcements to learn which study is picked, then come out and join us.

In addition to Sunday morning Bible, our Wednesday afternoon study of the Holy Gospel according to St. John continues on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.. We are currently working through chapters 18 and 19 of John's Gospel. If you cannot be with us in person, watch for emails to join us by Zoom.

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

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacons are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 12th**, for subsequent installation on the first Sunday of 2024:

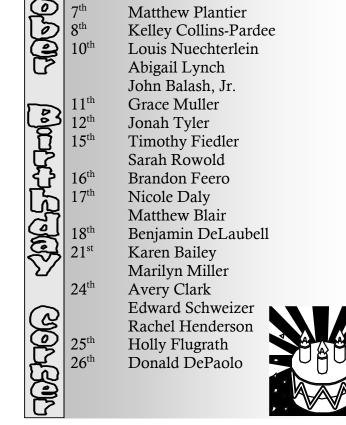
Officers (term of 1 year)	Deacons (term of 3 years)
President	Christian Education Deacon
Vice-President	Evangelism Deacon
Recording Secretary	
Financial Secretary	
Treasurer	



Nominees shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall be confirmed members of the congregation. <u>Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.</u>

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Nancy Englehart and Todd Plantier





October 2023

1 st	Craig & Rachel Henderson	18 Years
6 th	Jon & Eva Schrumm	39 Years
	Frank & Martha Medford	44 Years
7^{th}	David & Regina Lynch	16 Years
10^{th}	Bill & Beth Soulier	36 Years
12^{th}	Bill & Judy Juul	60 Years
13^{th}	John & Diane Taylor	33 Years
14^{th}	Alfred & Helen Mayer	56 Years
18^{th}	Don & Arta Dobbs	43 Years
20^{th}	Michael & Carolyn Carrington	22 Years
23 rd	Alan & Donna Spose	41 Years
28^{th}	Scott & April Slauson	28 Years



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...



Council will meet Tuesday, **October 24**th, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Church Library and via Zoom.

Voters will meet Sunday, October 1, 2023, after the 10:30 service in person and via Zoom.



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