



# The Heavenly Herald

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" Revelation 7:13-14 (ESV)

During November, much of our attention is focused on the end of the month and Thanksgiving. It makes sense; after all, most people are either preparing a meal large enough to feed their whole family, or they are preparing to travel to the home of whatever family member is hosting the Thanksgiving meal. Whether you're planning the logistics of cooking all that food or the logistics of transporting yourself and your immediate family to the designated location, it can be a lot of work.

On top of that, there are also all the other activities and events connected to Thanksgiving. There are the football games (high school, college, and professional), the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, and – of course – there is the Black Friday shopping and the beginning of the holiday season. (Nowadays, there is even some shopping on Thanksgiving itself, either online or in person, but we won't talk about that.) Yes, with everything that happens around Thanksgiving, it's no wonder that all the attention seems to be there.

In spite of fact that most of the world puts the majority of the focus on the events at the end of the month, November actually starts with a pretty big day. November 1 is All Saints' Day in the Christian Church; that's the day we remember all those who have died in the faith and gone before us to their eternal rest with our Lord Jesus. Most congregations take time to especially remember the faithful who have died in the twelve months since the last All Saints' Day. When November 1 falls during the week, we celebrate the day on the next Sunday after it.

At CLC, we have begun taking our observance of that day a step further because of our Columbarium. We keep a running list of all the members of the Congregation who have died and we mention, in the Sunday service, the names of all those who have gone to be with the Lord in the last year; these are common among many congregations. We now also set aside time to gather at the Columbarium to remember and give thanks for all those Saints who's earthly remains rest with us and wait there for the Lord's return.

We do all these things to remember the faithful who are now with the Lord and also to remind ourselves that we too will join them one day. The time will come that we are transferred from the Church Militant (the Church here on earth) to the Church Triumphant (the Church in heaven with Christ Jesus). It will take place either by the Lord returning to earth at His Second Coming and taking us all to be with Him or by Him, calling us individually at the end of our earthly life.

As we look forward to that day, I have one question for you: are you ready? Are you ready to meet your Savior Jesus and join the Saints Triumphant? If you're not sure, if you're uncertain, I can tell you one sure-fire way to get ready. The way you do it is; look to Jesus. Trust in Jesus and rely on Him during the good times and bad times in life. Lean on Him when life is hard and give thanks to Him when life is joyous. That's what all the Saints who went before us did.

Just look at the verses above from the Revelation of Jesus Christ given to Saint John. It says, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." It doesn't say they

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## ***Come Worship With Us***

**Sunday Worship Services:**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday School  
&  
Adult Bible Classes:**  
9:10 a.m.

**Summer Worship Service:**  
9:00 a.m.  
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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is published for members  
and friends of Cheshire  
Lutheran Church.*

### **Church Staff**

*Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, PhD—  
Pastor*

*Brenna Steczkowski—Office  
Manager*

*Martha Medford—Organist & Choir  
Director*

*Jeff Mann—Parish President*

*Beth Soulier—Editor*

## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### *AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL*



I know there are other articles within this month's Heavenly Herald giving thanks to all those dedicated CLC congregants that came together to form the fabulous committee that planned the Nuechterlein event on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, I will simply say AWESOME JOB by all involved – what a special day for Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria.

It was also very nice to see Pastor Gustafson, Kathy and Laura, as well as Gwen Hopko and numerous other CLC congregants that returned to CT to participate in this amazing event!

A couple days after the anniversary event, I got a very heartfelt and emotional call from Pastor Nuechterlein expressing his gratitude for the generous \$5,000.00 contribution CLC made to Concordia Theological Seminary of Saint Louis, his alma mater, in honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Pastor was deeply moved by this gesture and went on to say how important it is to help out our seminaries, especially in light of their current struggles to attract and retain pastoral candidates. On behalf of Pastor Nuechterlein, THANK YOU!

Our Nominating Committee was looking for both

an Education Deacon and an Evangelism Deacon. We are still looking for members to rise to the occasion and accept a term with one of these important positions. I assure you that there is nothing difficult or time-consuming about serving on the Council, and you will not be alone. The Deacon takes the lead in fulfilling the duties of deaconship, but you will always have plenty of help and support.

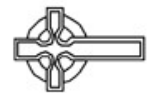
When I was asked to consider accepting a nomination to return to the Council as President two years ago, the decision was an easy one. As I have said many times in the past, CLC has no shortage of highly qualified, highly motivated members ready, willing and able to jump in wherever needed to take care of the needs of the church. If you've been on the fence about jumping in, please give it a shot – you know you want to.

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Congratulations to our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool for winning the "Best of Cheshire Award", for Best Preschool! Congratulations to Joann, her team, and all involved in leading and supporting this wonderful program!

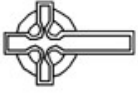
The CLC Council met October 24<sup>th</sup> and finalized the 2024 Mission Plan and Slate of Officers and Deacons for presentation to the Voter's Assembly for final approval. The next meeting of the Voter's Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 church service.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff Mann  
Council President



# GLC Calendar

## November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 - Bible Study 7 p.m. - Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. - Parish Choir	2	3	4 Progressive Social
5 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10S School + Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion 3:00 Pastor's Pilgrims 7 p.m. Confirmation	6	7	8 1:30 - Bible Study 7 p.m. - Bell Choir 7:45 p.m. - Parish Choir	9	10	11 9 a.m. Quilts of Valor
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## NOVEMBER SERVERS LIST

**Readers/Altar Assistants**  
*(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup*

**Altar Guild (month)**

April Slauson

**Nov. 5**

- 8:00 - Revelation 7:9-17 (I) - John Balash  
 - 1 John 3:1-3 - John Balash  
 10:30 - Revelation 7:9-17 (I) - Jonathan Schrumm  
 - 1 John 3:1-3 - Jonathan Schrumm

**Nov. 12**

- 8:00 - Amos 5:18-24 - Marilyn Miller  
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Bruce Emerick  
 10:30 - Amos 5:18-24 - Vanessa Falk  
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Christina Plantier

**Nov. 19**

- 8:00 - Zephaniah 1:7-16 (I) - Vicki DePaolo  
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - Vicki DePaolo  
 10:30 - Zephaniah 1:7-16 (I) - Bill Sherman  
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - Bill Sherman

**Nov. 22**

- 7:30 PM - Deuteronomy 8:1-10 - Pastor  
 - Philippians 4:6-20 or 1 Timothy 2:1-4 - Pastor

**Nov. 26**

- 8:00 - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 - Steve Behnfeldt  
 - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Karen Bailey  
 10:30 - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 - Joanne Casberg  
 - 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 - Cliff Ongley

**Ushers (month)**

**8:00**

David Blair  
 Kurt Lenz

**10:30**

Todd Plantier  
 Paul Fiedler

**Acolytes**

Grace Muller

Noah Wilde

Sarah Rowald

Gabe Mann

Max Muller

Quincy Kwayu

Doug Henderson

Grace Wilde

**Choir**

Organ

Parish

Bell

Bell

Bell & Parish

Soloist

Organ

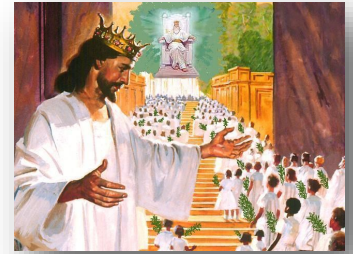
Attention Readers, Altar Servers and Acolytes -  
Reminder - You are  
 responsible for getting a  
 substitute if you are  
 unable to serve on your  
 assigned date. If you need  
 a substitute list, please  
 call the church office.



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are the ones who worked hard enough, gave enough, prayed enough, did enough good deeds, or anything like that. It says "they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." They are redeemed saints of God because Jesus died for them and they put their faith in Him.

You are a redeemed saint of God. Jesus died on the cross to take away Your sins. In Holy Baptism you were clothed with the white robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your offenses; He put faith in your heart by water and the Word. He nourishes and strengthens that faith in you through Holy Communion and the Holy Scriptures. Cling to Jesus; look to Him throughout your life, and, in God's good time, you too will join the Saints in white gathered around the throne.



There's a lot going on at the end of the month of November that we look forward to, Thanksgiving and all that comes with it. Before we get there, we set aside time at the start of the month to look back. We look back and remember all the saints who have died in the faith, especially during this last year. We give thanks to God for their lives and the blessings that they shared with us, and we prepare for the day that we too will join them, all by God's grace.

In Christ Jesus, who has washed you with His blood in Holy Baptism and made you one of His Saints,

Pastor David Rowold

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Throughout our lessons this year, we are looking at the Miracles that take place in both the Old and New Testaments. In October, students from age 4 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade learned about the Passover, Crossing the Red Sea, God providing for His people in the wilderness, and Balaam's Donkey.

On Sunday, November 12, we are asking Sunday School families - if they are able - to bring in a special donation of a baby item for Hope Pregnancy Center. That Sunday, we will be learning the Christmas story about the Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and, in a tangible way, we want to have the kids give the gift of something that will help a new born baby. The items we will be collecting are: wipes, baby clothes, baby toiletries, baby bottles, baby toys, pacifiers and blankets.



There are other items the Pregnancy Center needs, but these are ones that do not have specific sizes or brands requested, so they should be easier for a child to help pick out. The clothing and blankets can be gently used, but all other items should be new and in the original packaging.

Our Sunday School Christmas Program this year is scheduled for December 17, 2023, during the 10:30 Service. Rehearsals will begin in just a few weeks on November 19, and will take place during the Christian Education Hour on Sunday mornings.

In other news, we have a new Sunday School 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. If you did not receive a calendar in September, please see Tricia Rowold to get one.



Remember to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m. for Opening in the Fellowship Hall, followed by lessons in the Classrooms and Nursery. See you there.

Tricia Rowold  
Sunday School Superintendent

# Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✚ Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events, seasonal pix around our beautiful grounds and at Services. We are blessed.
- ✚ Thank you to Tim and Pastor and everyone that took and shared pictures and video during Pastor N and Gloria's 70th Anniversary celebration event on October 15th. These will help our congregation enjoy and remember the day for many, many years to come.
- ✚ Thank you as ALWAYS to Bill Juul for tirelessly working so hard to post and create the video, audio and still shot content on our YouTube channel.
- ✚ Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish, Bell Choirs and special soloists for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- ✚ Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.
- ✚ Thank You to everyone that made Pastor N and Gloria's 70th Anniversary celebration event so enjoyable and memorable. We are BLESSED.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S FAMILY...



We celebrated together as the following new members were baptized in Christ on Sunday October 8, 2023:

*Nathaniel Andrew and Benjamin Alton Bryant*

Nathaniel and Benjamin are sons of Andrew and Katey (Schrumm) Bryant.

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 kingdom of God.

## WELCOME BRENNA— CLC'S NEW OFFICE MANAGER...



Hello, from your new office manager, Brenna!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you to everyone for the warm welcome and a special thanks to Carol for her impeccable organization and for the help she is always willing to give me.

Here is a little bit about myself... I am the super proud mom of a Little Cherubs alum, MaryJane Grace who is now 8 years old and in the second grade at St. Bridget School. We live here in town in Currier Woods. I grew up in Trumbull, CT and attended Sacred Heart University graduating in 2007, with a BS in Criminal Justice.

I am rather diversified as far as my professional background is concerned and have found my niche doing administrative work. The past few years I have been an office manager at a flower farm and an executive administrative assistant for the CEO of a manufacturing company.

Being here, in a place where I can openly love the Lord and be amongst like-minded people is one of the greatest blessings in my life thus far.

I look forward to meeting you all and please come by and say hi. I LOVE working here.

Brenna Steczkowski

## 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.



## 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*.



## WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

- |                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ✝ November 6—Tim Slocum      | ✝ November 12—Nicole Daly           |
| ✝ November 9—Allison Smith   | ✝ November 18—Kelley Collins-Pardee |
| ✝ November 9—Doug Henderson  | ✝ November 26—Avery Clark           |
| ✝ November 10—Marilyn Miller | ✝ November 28—Robert DeLaubell      |
| ✝ November 11—Sally Schrumm  | ✝ November 28—Benjamin DeLaubell    |
| ✝ November 11—Wendy Milton   |                                     |



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





## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

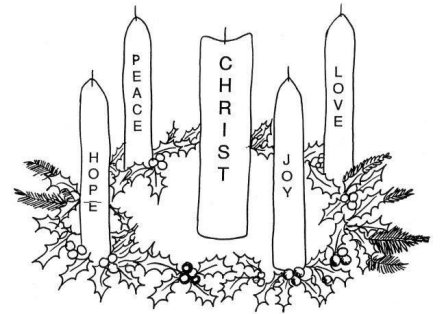
### Progressive Social:

On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, CLC will hold the Progressive Social. This has always been a favorite fellowship event. Each participant will go to 2 different Host Houses for appetizers and then all will gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and desserts at the end of the evening. Hosts will provide beverages and attendees will bring appetizers to each of the Host Homes to share. Dessert and coffee will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Clark or Rob DeLaubell.

### Advent Jubilee Luncheon:

The annual Advent Jubilee luncheon is scheduled for December 3rd, just about 5 more weeks! Please join us following the 10:30 service as we enter the Advent season. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in mid-November.

Pam Clark  
Fellowship Deacon



Tis the season to celebrate  
And be thankful for the past year

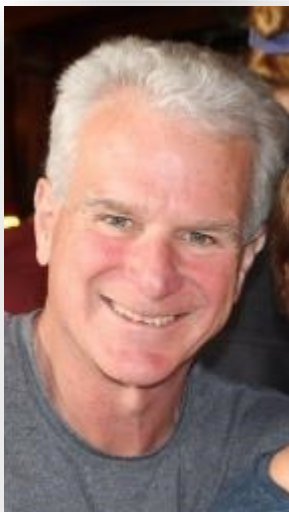
## Jubilee Advent lunch

After the late Service on Sunday, December 3, 2023



## 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.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary



## THANKSGIVING BREAD EXCHANGE...

This year we will once again have a loaf exchange at our Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Everyone interested is invited to bring a loaf of bread with them to the service; it can be bought at the grocery store, a bakery or even made at home, if you'd like. (Please remember to wrap it if you make it at home – and please, no loaves of sandwich bread that are so airy you “wonder” if it's really bread.)

We'll all place our loaves in a basket at the beginning of the service, and then everyone is invited to take a different loaf of bread home with them when the service is over.

By including these loaves of bread on our Thanksgiving tables, we can, in a symbolic way, share the meal with our wider family of faith.



## 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 its proper storage place for use at another time.



## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

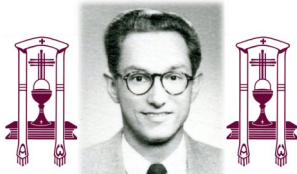
### November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication



## PASTOR N & GLORIA 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE...

The Reverend Louis Nuechterlein  
Blessed 70th Anniversary of Ordination...



Sunday, the fifteenth of October,  
two thousand and twenty-three  
at one o'clock pm

Aqua Turf Club  
556 Mulberry Street  
Plantsville, Connecticut 06479



The Blessed 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Reverend Emeritus Louis Nuechterlein's Ordination

1:00 PM Hors d'oeuvre's - Reception  
2:00 PM Welcome - Opening Remarks  
Parish President Jeffrey Mann  
Grace - CLC Pastor Reverend David Rowold, PhD  
2:15 PM Dinner  
After Dinner  
♦ Acknowledgement of Special Guests - Jeffrey Mann  
♦ Special Remarks:  
• Parish President Jeffrey Mann  
• Reverend President Robert Beinke, New England District  
• Reverend William Meyer  
• Reverend Gregory Wismar, DMin  
• Reverend George Heider, PhD  
• Reverend Charles Gustafson  
• Reverend David Rowold, PhD  
• Reverend Emeritus Louis Nuechterlein  
♦ Closing - Jeffrey Mann & Pastor Rowold  
• Trust in the Lord is sung  
• Special Anniversary Song is sung  
• Common Doxology is sung



November is traditionally the month of giving thanks and we at CLC have so much to be thankful for. We gathered at The Aqua Turf Club on October 15<sup>th</sup> to thank the Lord for Pastor Nuechterlein's 70 years of ministry as well as his and Gloria's time here at CLC. It was a spectacular event with many clergy, family members and CLC members speaking in their honor. The music was wonderful, the food was delicious and the speeches were phenomenal. It was a glorious day.

As Fellowship Deacon, I am grateful to our committee:

- ✠ Pat DiDomizio for leading and contacting special guests. Pat was also a liaison between the family of Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria, making sure their wishes were honored
- ✠ Karen Baily met with the printer to design the invitations and worked with the florist, a friend of Pastor's, for the beautiful floral arrangements. Karen also teamed up with Nancy Schweitzer, Nancy Engelhardt and Carol Santoro to create the guest list from outside the congregation.
- ✠ Nancy Schweitzer kept the RSVP's in order, creating an Excel sheet, and organized the reception of guests
- ✠ Marilyn Miller secured the venue and procured the floral arrangements on all the tables. She coordinated with the committee and The Aqua Turf Club to be certain the equipment for the sound system and arrangement of the tables were in place.
- ✠ Tim Weiland did an amazing job putting the photos into a slide show, many photos gathered by committee members from the Nuechterlein family.
- ✠ Beth & Bill Soulier worked tirelessly to get the programs just right, collaborated with Martha Medford on the music, and she has also submitted articles for the local papers.
- ✠ Then there's Brenna Steczkowski, our Office Administrator who fielded many calls.
- ✠ Jeff Mann, our president, had a hand in all the decisions and emceed the event.
- ✠ Of course, the expertise of Pastor Rowold was critical regarding the protocol for the clergy and making sure each decision was well thought out and all prospectives taken into consideration.
- ✠ Pam and Andy Clark coordinated our meetings and kept copious notes and contributed their expertise in other planning elements.

The members of Cheshire Lutheran Church continually amaze me with their generous spirit and I believe the Lord is smiling upon us all. THANK YOU!

Pam Clark  
Fellowship Deacon





# Pastor N & Gloria Celebration Memories



The distinguished Clergy which spoke at the event were as follows:

- ✠ Rev. President Robert Beinke – President Beinke currently serves as District President of our New England District. Prior to becoming District President, Pastor Beinke served for over 25 years as the Pastor of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, and was also the First Vice-President of our District.
- ✠ Rev. William Meyer – Pastor Meyer currently serves as an Interim Pastor in our New England District, helping congregations whose pastors have taken another Call or retired, while those congregations prepare to Call their next pastor. Prior to retiring from full-time ministry in 2002 and moving to Connecticut, Pastor Meyer served for over 20 years as the Senior Pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Garden City, Long Island, New York.
- ✠ Rev. Gregory Wismar – Pastor Wismar currently serves as Interim Pastor of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Naugatuck. Prior to retiring from full-time ministry in 2011, Pastor Wismar served for over 24 years as the Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Newtown, Connecticut. Pastor Wismar also served for 13 years as a member of the LCMS Commission on Worship.
- ✠ Rev. George Heider – Pastor Heider currently serves as Senior Research Professor of Theology at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Prior to retiring from active teaching in 2019, Pastor Heider taught theology at the University for 15 years; before that, he was a Professor of Theology at Concordia College, Nebraska, for 11 years and President of Concordia University in Illinois for 8 years. Pastor Heider served for 5 years at Cheshire Lutheran as Assistant Pastor under Pastor Nuechterlein from 1979 to 1984.
- ✠ Rev. Charles Gustafson – Pastor Gustafson currently resides in Millsboro, Delaware, where he occasionally serves as a Guest Preacher for his local parish. Prior to retiring from full-time ministry, Pastor Gustafson served for 22 years as the Pastor of Cheshire Lutheran. He was instrumental in encouraging Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria to return to CLC as their Church home after Pastor N retired from full-time ministry in 1994.
- ✠ Rev. David Rowold - The current Pastor of CLC.

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

CLC's featured members for November 2023 are Jonathan and Eva Schrumm. Jonathan was born and raised in Cheshire, while Eva hails from Syosset in Long Island, New York. What brought this fair-haired girl to Cheshire? Her dad was in pharmaceutical sales and was given a territory in CT, which resulted in her move here. Growing up on the opposite side of town and



being a year younger, Eva wasn't in the same school groups as Jon BUT, fortunately, her family joined CLC where the Schrumm family were members. Eva and Jonathan met at church, became friends, and hung out with the CLC youth group. They enjoyed activities including ski trips, bowling, food drive collections, and hayrides – speaking of hayrides... It was under the twilight of an autumn moon on a youth group hayride that the friendship between this pair began to blossom into romance. Jon invited Eva to a CHS senior dance, and the rest is history. The young couple dated into their college years while Eva attended Quinnipiac University for her nursing degree and Jon attained his business degree from Norwich University. Next, wedding plans were front and center as they were married at CLC by Pastor Nuechterlein in 1984.

Eva began her nursing career and lifelong passion for helping others at Highland Healthcare Center. She also worked at Elim Park and in the US Army Reserve Nurse Corps. Her commitment to her patients is evident in the many connections she formed with their families. Eva continues to work in healthcare, and with a knack for dealing with pharmaceuticals gained from her father, she now handles the medications for healthcare facilities as an account executive with a division of CVS.

Jon devoted his career to public service as well. After college, he volunteered for the Cheshire Fire Department. He was inspired to combine his interest in fire safety with his business education, thus developing a fire protection equipment service. He has run Northeastern Fire Associates, Inc. for 40+ years, providing fire protection apparatus such as trucks, hoses, nozzles, and jaws of life to fire departments throughout New England.

Eva and John were blessed with two beautiful daughters. First came Erica, followed by Andrea. The girls followed in their parent's paths of public service. Erica, after an adventurous career in the US Navy with her husband, now works as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) with Hartford Health Care. The couple has 3 daughters, lives in Cheshire, and belongs to CLC. Andrea and her husband served our country in the US Air Force, recently returned from service in the DC area, and now live in Hebron with their daughter. Andrea also works with Jon in his fire safety business.

The Schrumm's traveled extensively while following their daughters' military moves – Hawaii, Europe, and Japan. They were impressed with the extremely ethical society in Japan where they always felt safe. Jon and Eva aspire to travel more within the US and see famous sites they have not yet explored. Other interests? Eva is a gifted musician who occasionally plays the flute for church services. She is also talented in fiber arts: quilting, knitting, you name it; she loves to create from all types of fiber in appreciation of the crafts learned from her mother. She attends the NY Wool and Sheep Show where she is familiar with the science behind each and every fiber! Jon is an avid reader who enjoys non-fiction books, especially about history. He tinkers with home improvement projects and likes skiing and hiking. Jon enjoys football,

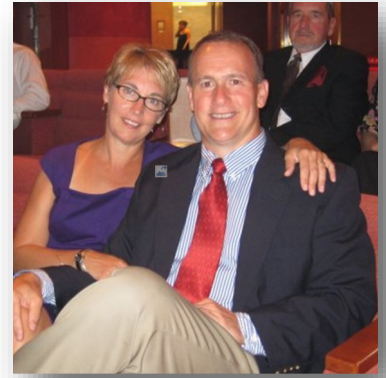
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but admits it is Eva you will more likely find watching a game. They are enthusiastic Green Bay Packers fans and have traveled to their football games for over 30 years!

The Schrumm's have faithfully served our church in many capacities. They belonged to the bell choir when it was first founded. Eva still plays today and Jon fills in as a substitute when needed. Jon served on the council as Education Deacon and taught Sunday School for over 20 years. Eva assisted with VBS and they both have acted as confirmation mentors. Thank you, Eva and Jon, for your many years of devoted service to our church and community.

Jon and Eva feel exceptionally blessed by their loving family and their closeness with their daughters and granddaughters. They thank CLC for bringing them together and the Lutheran faith for providing a welcoming family. Both Jon's and Eva's professions put them in touch with helping others, where they developed livelihoods that allow them to contribute to mankind while also allowing them to appreciate God's creation on the receiving end as well.



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

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## CONFIRMATION CLASSES...

Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. throughout the school year. During the month of November, students will not have class on November 26 because of Thanksgiving Weekend. The Rite of Confirmation is currently scheduled to take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.



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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

### Thanksgiving Baskets

The food pantry gave us two items to fill 150 baskets. They were canned mixed vegetables and chocolate pudding. We were able to use the Feed Northeast grant money to purchase all of these items.

Thank you so very much for your donations. We were able to meet both goals of 500 food items and fill our Thanksgiving Baskets .

### Adopt a Shelf: Liquid Dish Soap

Our continued commitment to the "Adopt a Shelf" program remains steadfast. Throughout November, 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.

### 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:

- |                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| ✝ Breakfast Cereal | ✝ Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| ✝ Mayonnaise       | ✝ Ketchup                 |
| ✝ Canned Chicken   | ✝ Sugar                   |
| ✝ Turkey Gravy     | ✝ Pasta Sauce             |
| ✝ Canned Corn      | ✝ Brownie Mix             |



Also, don't forget to support the Cheshire Town Wide Food Drive on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy Engelhardt  
Social Welfare Deacon

**FEED OUR FUTURE**



## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Please note:

- ♪ No Choir performances on November 12 & 26
- ♪ Bell Choir will perform on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** at **both Services** and on Thanksgiving Eve

## CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 1 - Wednesday <i>All Saints Day</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 5 - Sunday <i>All Saints Day—Celebrated</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 8 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 12 - Sunday	<b>No Choirs</b>		
November 15 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 19 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
November 22 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish & Bell Choirs
November 26 - Sunday	<b>No Choirs</b>		
November 29 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 3 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after the service on November 26. Beginning with the First Sunday in December/Advent (which are the same this year), the names currently on the list will be removed and names will remain on the list only if Pastor is told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like to stay there beginning in December or a new one that you would like to add, please contact Pastor to let him know.



## 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.

## CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **9:00 AMish** on the following Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

THANK YOU, AND A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL!

Bill Soulier  
CLC Vice President



## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Pledge Sunday will be November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, pending Council approval. Most folks know the drill, but I will summarize what this entails.

On Pledge Sunday, I will address the congregation after the sermon at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, on the topic of Stewardship. Each member will have a pledge packet waiting for them in the hallway that contains the following items:

- ✦ Pledge envelopes, for weekly offerings
- ✦ A pledge card, which you are invited (and encouraged!) to fill out and return. This is an opportunity to make a commitment to God and to CLC to help us achieve our mission. If you haven't pledged in the past, please consider doing so for 2024. It helps us best plan for our work plan / financial commitments.
- ✦ A copy of the 2024 Work Plan. This plan is approved by both the Council and the Voters Assembly. I encourage you to read it to understand how your contributions are used to fulfill CLC's ministry. And if you have any questions, you can always reach out to myself or any member of the Finance Committee.
- ✦ A Time and Talent Survey, welcoming you to "get involved" in an area of CLC which may inspire you. I have said before, this is the most important part of Stewardship - your efforts and energies makes CLC what it is.

Rob DeLaubell  
Stewardship Deacon



## NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others, and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



## ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

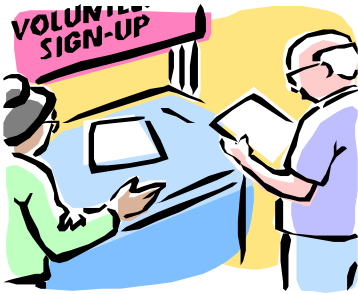
*Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!*

### *This month on the Bulletin Board:*

- ✦ CLC Usher Sign Up & Schedule
- ✦ 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.



## 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 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.



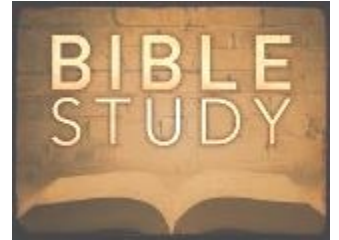


# Bible Studies at CLC

## 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. Back in October, the class had the opportunity to select from a number of topics available and they chose "how we got the Bible." That study will be wrapping up in the middle of November and we will be deciding what to study next. Join us on Sunday mornings to dig deeper into God's Word and to have a voice in our next topic.



In addition to Sunday morning Bible study, our midweek study of the Holy Gospel according to St. John continues on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. By the time the November newsletter comes out, we will have begun our last lesson, which will take us through chapters 20 and 21 of the Gospel. We'll be taking a few weeks to get through those chapters and then we will move on to another book of the Bible. Come out in person, if you're able, or participate with us by Zoom. Watch for an email from the Church office each week with the Zoom link and a digital copy of our study pages.

You are invited to join us any time, even if it's your first time, and even if it will be the only time. We 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 12<sup>th</sup>**, for subsequent installation on the first Sunday of 2024:

<u>Officers (term of 1 year)</u>	<u>Deacons (term of 3 years)</u>
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. Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Nancy Englehart, Todd Plantier, and Terri Daly.



## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Boy does time fly! November is upon us and that means ushering in some of our most precious Holidays and leading us towards the season of Advent. Which means at the end of this month we will be setting up the Creche out front. Look for an email for those who enjoy helping with this set up.

Some maintenance items have been completed, as usual, by the main man of action, Ed S. There was a gap that was forming between the patio outside the Fellowship Hall and the foundation, allowing water to seep into that gap and freeze and thaw, etc. We talked about what could be done and, with the expertise of Superior Products in Plantsville, a concrete filling agent was used to eliminate that gap.

In addition, during some of the heavy rains, it was noticed (by that same main man of action) that water was bubbling out of the gutter downspouts due to clogging of the drains into the back lawn. We poked and prodded and dug and snaked until we were able to uncover the drains. They had become covered with soil and grass had grown. ‘

Water is very important to our Christian Faith, but it is best when in the Baptismal Font, not leaking into Martha's office or out of Pastor's dishwasher. I have been trying to find and stop the leak over the office by applying rubber patches. That slowed the leak, and I thought it was fixed more than once; however, it would still come and go. Larry F. had recommended a product called liquid butyl. I found a vendor that would sell to us even though we are not a roofing contractor. Dave S. had thought it may be the flashing, so I coated and caulked the flashing. Low and behold, dare I say, I think it has been fixed. I am somewhat reluctant to even write about it, as I thought it was fixed in the past.

At the Parsonage, Pastor took charge and decided to become a DIY plumber. His dishwasher gasket was leaking. Pastor ordered the part and repaired the gasket. Voila, leak fixed. Praise the Lord for He is Good!

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



## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(December 2023 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>**, or earlier! ***This is the Friday after Thanksgiving.*** 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!

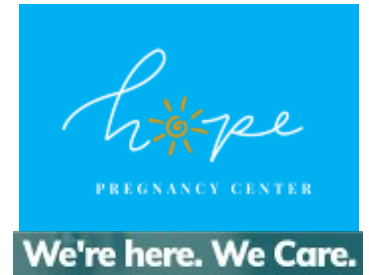


## WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

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

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

**Hope Pregnancy Center**  
110 Main St.  
Cheshire, CT 06410  
203.271.2703  
[hopepregnancycenterct.org](http://hopepregnancycenterct.org)



## THANKSGIVING SERVICE REMINDER...

We will be having our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on the Wednesday evening (November 22) before Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM.

The service will be in person and live streamed on YouTube (just like Sunday mornings).

Remember to bring a loaf of nice bread (not Wonder bread) to share.



## 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.

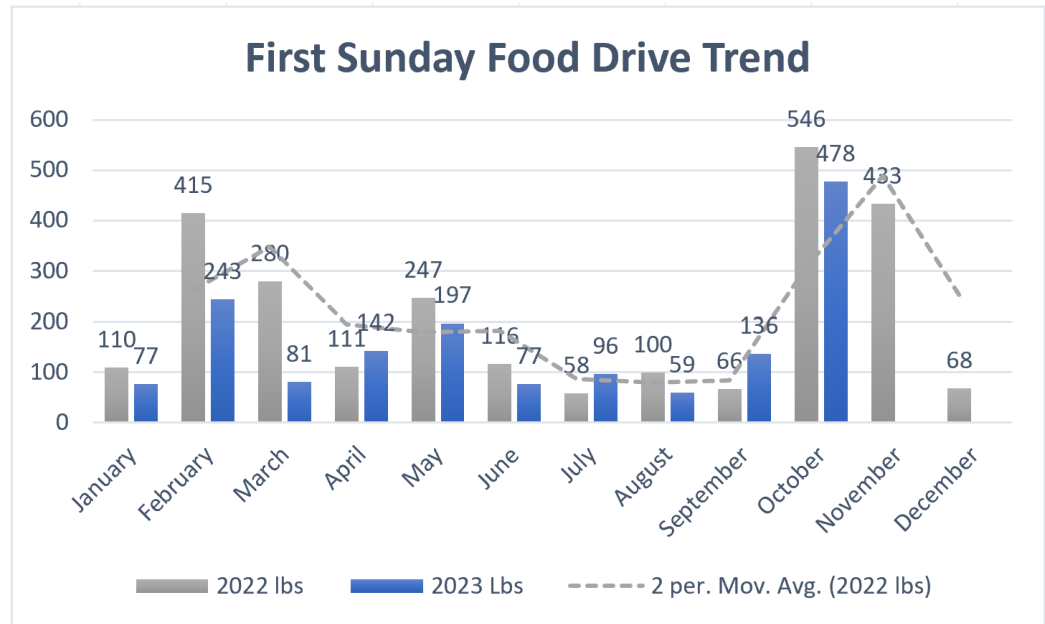
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## DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



## HELP WANTED

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

“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



## 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 14 of our CLC Family inurned in our Columbarium and 1 pending Inurnment occurring in November 2023
- ✠ 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, canopies, made the columbarium look great, and had umbrellas on Hand for the rain. 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

John Mulvaney

Priscilla Mulvaney

Vicki DePaolo

Jim Mertz

Margie Mertz

Randy Raddatz

Pat DiDomizio

Bill Soulier

Beth Soulier

Barbara Carson

Tim Weiland

Ed Schweizer



# Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

Move your clocks **back** 1 hour so you are not early for Church!

## CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY FEED THE NORTHEAST— UPDATE...



Thank you everyone. On October 16th, Vickie DePaolo and Karen Bailey delivered 601 food items to the Cheshire food pantry. The total weight was 478 pounds.

We will update everyone if we are one of the first 100 churches in the North East and receive the \$500 donation to our food pantry.

Thank you to Vicki DePaolo for getting the Thrivent Grant.

David Defoe, director of the CCFP posted this on their Facebook page!

Vicki DePaolo and Karen Baily from the Cheshire Lutheran Church stopped by yesterday and passed along a significant donation- mostly of items on our Thanksgiving wish list as we prep bags of dinner items going to our clients. The church participated in a Thrivent® “Help Feed the Northeast 2023” challenge where they are likely to receive \$500 as a result of collecting 500 items and donating to a food pantry or soup kitchen. They dropped off over 600 items and they were well within the time limit to do so for this competitive event. Having won this in the past, they hope to do so again and they’ll be donating the proceeds to our pantry. The Lutheran Church, along with all of the other religious organizations in town, are remarkably generous and our appreciation is deep. Thank you Karen and Vicki for your generosity, time and talent.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a Fortune 500 non-profit company that offers financial and insurance products. This terrific organization and its members provide volunteer and other charitable services to schools and various non-profits. Pictured with Karen & Vickie are volunteers Emma and Bobby.



## 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 .

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, my phone number and e-mail address is listed in the church directory Thank you and I hope you are enjoying the fall weather!

Sally Schrumm, chairman





**2023 - 50 Years of Giving**

# **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.
- ✦ 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 vouchers
- Granola bars/snacks
- Cereal
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Salt/pepper/spices
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Soups/stews
- Canned tomatoes
- Juice boxes
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned chicken/meat
- Condiments
- Tuna fish
- Rice/grains
- Pasta & sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Fruit cups
- Nut butters

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
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Evan Napp  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Griffin Natzel  
 10<sup>th</sup> Lynn Balash  
 Andrea Merrow  
 11<sup>th</sup> Julian Muller  
 Alexis Veleber  
 13<sup>th</sup> Pamela Clark  
 14<sup>th</sup> Natalie Veleber  
 15<sup>th</sup> David Veleber  
 17<sup>th</sup> Bill Sherman  
 Christina Plantier  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Schrumm  
 19<sup>th</sup> Alyssa DeLaubell  
 20<sup>th</sup> Clifford Ongley  
 Steve Behnfeldt  
 21<sup>st</sup> Joanne Casberg  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Emerick  
 26<sup>th</sup> John Casberg  
 Debbie Sherman  
 28<sup>th</sup> Dale Zeppieri



4<sup>th</sup> Larry & Gayle Logan 34 Years  
 10<sup>th</sup> David & Melissa Veleber 20 Years  
 12<sup>th</sup> Don & Diane Drust 51 Years  
 16<sup>th</sup> Alan & Carol Santoro 38 Years  
 23<sup>rd</sup> John & Priscilla Mulvaney 38 Years  
 Paul & Christine Smith 32 Years  
 24<sup>th</sup> Tim & Cindy Baker 22 Years  
 27<sup>th</sup> Edward & Nancy Schweizer 41 Years  
 28<sup>th</sup> John & Joanne Casberg 64 Years  
 Blair & Kristen Donewald 42 Years



## VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

**Voters** will meet Sunday **November 12<sup>th</sup>** after the late Service at CLC. **We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on.** Meeting will be in person and via Zoom. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



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