

# The Heavenly Herald

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**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, ....” John 20:1-4a (ESV)

The morning of the first Easter was marked by excitement. Mary Magdalene discovered that not only was Jesus’ tomb open, but His body was also missing; she then ran to tell the disciples. On hearing the news of the open and empty tomb, Simon Peter and the other disciple (John) then ran to see for themselves. With all the running back and forth, the level of excitement is unquestionable. The excitement must have continued that night as most of the disciples got to see and touch Jesus. A week later, Thomas joined in on the excitement as he too got to see and touch Jesus for himself. Yes, the first Easter was certainly full of excitement, but that excitement didn’t last very long.

Only a short while later, more than half of the disciples tried to go back to their ordinary lives, the way things were before Easter and before Jesus. One day Peter just decided to go back to his old job of fishing and he was joined by James and John (“the other disciple”), by Nathanael and Thomas (the “Doubting” one), and by two others (John 21:2-3). Just to be clear, this was not a relaxing fishing trip, but the hard work of fishing all night long on the Sea of Galilee. For those seven disciples, the excitement of Easter was gone, and they were back to the daily grind.

Does that sound at all familiar to you? We have the forty days of buildup, that starts with Ash

Wednesday and continues through the season of Lent; then there’s the parade on Palm Sunday, the meal on Holy Thursday, and the betrayal and arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday. (There also used to be the mandatory Saturday night watching of “The 10 Commandments” starring Charleton Heston, but I don’t know if that’s shown anymore.) It all comes to a head with the excitement of Easter. There are the hymns, the scent of the lilies, the Easter meals, the egg hunts, and the candy.



And then what do we have after the excitement of Easter Sunday? Monday morning and work (or school). We go from the excitement of Easter right back to the regular routine of our ordinary lives. Sure, there may be the occasional upset stomach if too much Easter candy was eaten and perhaps some decorations or dirty dishes may linger on until the next day, but all too soon we’re back to the daily grind. For Peter and the rest, their excitement at least lasted the week until Thomas got his turn to see Jesus. For us, the excitement is gone much sooner.

As much as Peter and the other disciples tried to go back to their ordinary lives and the way things were, however, it just didn’t work. Their night of fishing ended up being fruitless, not a single fish was caught. At daybreak, the resurrected Jesus was waiting for them on the shore. Even though the excitement was gone, they were different – everything was different – because of Easter. Because of Easter, Peter and the rest were not far off and distant from God; no, they were brought near to Him by Jesus’ death and resurrection. They were not separated from the Father in heaven by their sins; they were joined to him by their savior Jesus. Easter changed everything.

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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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## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL*

Greetings All,



I hope you all had a very Happy Easter! Kyong and I really enjoyed attending the Wednesday Soup, Salad, Bible Study and Midweek Lenten Services. It is always nice to share a meal with fellow CLC members in a nice casual setting – wonderful way to get to know each other better. It is also nice to try the different soups prepared each week by various volunteers.

Each week Pastor Rowold presented a different Bible Study centered on events surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pastor put a lot of energy into these weekly studies, then put even more energy into presenting our midweek Lenten Worship Services. Holy week started with Palm Sunday and included our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services and culminated in our wonderfully presented Easter services.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations Pastor and Gloria!! Your love and dedication to one another is an inspiration to us all!!

Thank you to the Drust Family for their continued support of our annual Easter breakfast! Thank you to Pam and Andy Clark and all those that assisted with setup and cleanup of the Fellowship Hall and thank you to those that contributed various food items.

Many thanks to everyone that contributed to the success of our Holy Week program, to include Pastor Rowold, our Choir, Bell Choir, soloists, musicians, Altar Guild, soup makers, those that helped with the various setups and cleanups, as well as all that assisted with our annual inside and outside cleanup projects! Many hands make light work, and we are fortunate to have many helpful hands at CLC.

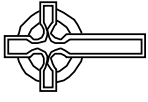
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Special thanks to Evangelism Deacon Erica Bencivenga and all those that contributed Easter Eggs, candy, time, talent, and lots of energy preparing for the first of what we hope will become our annual community Easter Egg Hunt – great outreach effort!!

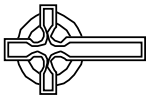
Our Council meeting was held Tuesday, April 2nd. Our next meeting of the Voter's Assembly is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff

Jeffrey A. Mann  
Parish President, CLC



# BIG Calendar April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:00 Council Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	8	9 6:00 Estate Planning Seminar	10 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	11	12	13
14 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship	15	16	17 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	18	19	20 9:00 Outside Clean-Up 9:00 Quilts of Valor
21 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	22	23 6:00 Ladies Night Out	24 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	25	26	27 2:00 Acoustic Blend Concert
28 <b>Voters Meeting</b> 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 7:00 Confirmation Class	29	30				

APRIL SERVERS LIST

<u>Readers/Altar Assistants</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers (month)</u>	<u>Choir</u>	<u>Altar Guild (month)</u>
<b>April 7 - Holy Communion</b> 8:00 - Acts 4:32-35 - Steve Feero - 1 John 1:1-2:2 - Steve Feero	Doug Henderson	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Paul Greenhalgh* Trish Greenhalgh	Organ	Ethel Daly/Christine Mason
10:30 - Acts 4:32-35 - Margie Mertz - 1 John 1:1-2:2 - Margie Mertz	Aika Kwayu	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Paul Smith* Todd Plantier	Parish Choir	
<b>April 14</b> 8:00 - Acts 3:11-21 - Vanessa Falk - 1 John 3:1-7 - Karen Bailey	Derek Henderson		Bell Choir	
10:30 - Acts 3:11-21 - Blair Donewald - 1 John 3:1-7 - April Slauson	Quincy Kwayu		Bell Choir	
<b>April 21- Holy Communion</b> 8:00 - Acts 4:1-12 - Terri Daly - 1 John 3:16-24 - Terri Daly	Max Muller		Organ	
10:30 - Acts 4:1-12 - Bill Sherman - 1 John 3:16-24 - Bill Sherman	Gabe Mann		Parish Choir	
<b>April 28</b> 8:00 - Acts 8:26-40 - Lynn Balash - 1 John 4:1-11 - Mario Bencivenga	Alex Muller		Congregational Hymn	
10:30 - Acts 8:26-40 - Bill Soulier - 1 John 4:1-11 - Tim Weiland	Noah Wilde		Congregational Hymn	

**\*\*Please note that the 8:00 a.m. ushers are now responsible for the eternal candle.**

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Easter changes everything for you and me too. You are not on your own as you go through this life, even during those times when no one else is around. Your savior Jesus is with you to support you and strengthen you, to lift you up when you stumble, and to encourage you along the way. God is never far away from you, even if events in life make you question whether He is there. The weight of the sins we have committed in this life is not a load for us to carry; it is a burden carried by our Lord Jesus to the cross, and left in the grave when He rose on Easter. You are changed, everything is changed, because of Easter – even if the excitement is gone.

By the time the April Heavenly Herald is printed and you are reading this article, Easter Sunday will be past. The excitement of the music and the lilies, of the gathering of family and friends, and the joy of watching kids hunt for eggs will be past. It all will be relegated to memory and to the photo galleries on our smartphones. Even though those feelings may be gone, Jesus is there for you – just like He was for Peter and the rest – today, tomorrow, every day, Jesus is with you. Because of Easter, everything is changed, even you.

In Christ Jesus our risen Savior,

Pastor David Rowold



## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have the name of a loved one that you would like added to the Prayer List, please contact Pastor. Also, if you have submitted a name to the 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. We take great joy when we can take a name off the list for good reasons.



## 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 March, Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> learned about Jesus: Healing the Centurian's Servant, raising Lazerus, raising Jarius' daughter and feeding the 5,000.

In April, Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> will learn about The Transfiguration of Jesus, Jesus healing the 10 lepers, and Easter Morning.

Save the dates:

- ☺ There is **no Sunday School** April 14, 2024 this is the Sunday that ends Spring Break in Cheshire and some nearby towns and starts Spring Break in other towns
- ☺ June 2, 2024 We will have a Sunday School breakfas
- ☺ June 9, 2024 The Sunday School children will be singing in church at the 10:30 service.

The Christian Education Hour is from 9:10-10:10 a.m. Sunday Mornings. In addition to our Pre-K to Grade 8 Sunday School we have a Toddler and Parent class, Youth Bible Study, and Adult Bible Study. There is something for every age.

Hope to see you soon.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent





## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



### Alleluia! He is Risen, Indeed!:

Thank you to all those who helped with our Easter Breakfast. Whether you assisted with setup on Saturday, or brought a dish to share, or cleaned up, your efforts did not go unnoticed. We appreciate all the participation and CLC is grateful to the many who made the celebration of Jesus' resurrection joyous!

A special "Thank You" to Shop Rite, aka, Don and Diane Drust for supplying the balloons, flowers, French Toast sticks, sausage, cereal and so many other staples for the breakfast! It is wonderful to come together on such a blessed day.

### Spring Concert:

Coming up in April, there will be a concert at CLC on the 27th from 2:00 – 3:00. Judy Handler and Mark Levesque will be performing, sharing their beautiful music. Please, do not miss this lovely musical duo! They are lovely, it is free to all in the community, and there will be light refreshments following the performance.

Pam Clark  
Fellowship Deacon

## Our Sincere Appreciation



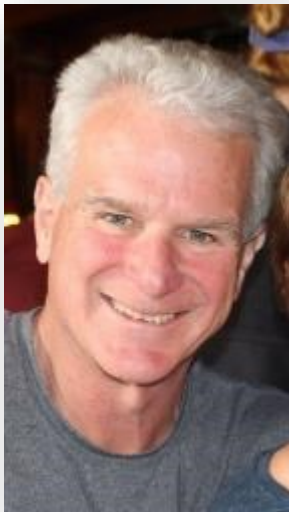
- ✦ Many thanks to Pam Clark and the Fellowship Committee for planning and executing our wonderful Easter Breakfast. The congregation acknowledges your hard work and dedication. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our Risen Lord. Thank You.
- ✦ Heartfelt Thanks to the Drusts (Don and Diane) for ALL you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

## 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



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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 3 - Wednesday	<i>No Choir Rehearsals</i>		
April 7 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 10- Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 14 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 17- Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 21 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 24 - Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir/Men Soloists
April 28 - Sunday	<i>No Choirs</i>		
May 1 - Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir/Men Soloists
May 8 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

## 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.



## DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS PRESCHOOL AGE?...

If so, please suggest to their parents that they look into our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program. Little Cherubs was the recipient of the 2023 Cheshire award for BEST PRESCHOOL. We are: a state licensed facility, our curriculum supports State of CT Benchmarks, focus is on kindergarten readiness, there is a low student to teacher ratio and we have enrichment programs available!

Little Cherubs preschool offers a sound Christian curriculum and quality learning opportunities that nurture a child's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical & emotional growth and development.

For detailed information about our Little Cherubs program please visit our church's website [www.cheshirelutheran.org/little-cherubs-christian-preschool/](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/little-cherubs-christian-preschool/)



Kelley Collins-Pardee

## SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

Are you serving as an acolyte, an altar assistant, an usher, a reader, or a choir member? All of these folks help to make our services happen on Sunday morning; it's because of their involvement and participation that our services are as rich, and full, and well run as they are. If you are not serving in one of these ways, please do. We are currently looking for readers, ushers, and choir members (youth and adult and handbell).



If you can sing, please join the youth or adult choir. If you can't sing, then please be a reader. If you can't read in front of people, then be an usher. If you can't walk up and down the aisles to collect the offering, please join the bell choir. We have ways just about every member of our family of faith can help – all we need is you.

To join one of the choirs, speak to Martha Medford.  
To be a reader or an usher, speak to April Slauson.



## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Our first Community Easter Egg Hunt was *egg-cellent!* Thank you to all who donated eggs, candy and their time to support the event. We had approximately 200 people in attendance, with the vast majority of them being from the community. This far exceeded my expectations. We had just over 2,000 eggs and they were gone in less than 5 minutes. The kids and families in attendance were all smiles. And a special shout out to my brother in law, Matthew Merrow, who was our Easter bunny. So again, thank you so much to those who contributed eggs and candy. We cannot wait to host it again! See pictures from this event on pages 16-17.

Also, we gave out 7 quilts for the Quilts of Valor in March. Thank you to Marilyn for continuing to arrange that. Marilyn also does a lot to keep in touch with our members who are homebound. Thank you for all your support, Marilyn.

Erica Bencivenga  
Evangelism Deacon

## ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: RESERVE YOUR SEAT...

Mark your calendars for April 9th at 6:00 p.m.! We're excited to announce an Estate Planning Seminar hosted by CLC member and Realtor Phil Giampietro, featuring Attorney Steven Rubin of Drazen Rubin Law.



Attorney Rubin is renowned for his expertise in estate and asset protection planning, making this seminar an invaluable opportunity to secure your future and that of your loved ones.

The presentation, including Q&A, will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Seating is limited, so sign up soon! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Join us for an evening of learning, discussion, and delicious pizza and beverages. Don't miss this chance to take control of your legacy!

Phil Giampietro, REALTOR®  
Coldwell Banker



# 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.



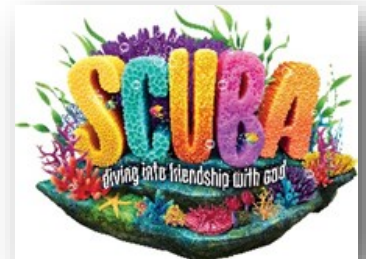
# VBS COMING IN JULY 2024...

*Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School will be July 8-12, 2024 from 9 am – noon*

If you have children in grades Pre-K (age 4)– Grade 6, watch for registration forms to come out in April.

Our theme is Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God.

The VBS Planning Committee will be meeting April 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. The purpose of this night will be to decide on the supplies we need and talk about decorations. If you are running a station, even if you do not want to attend all the planning meetings, this would be a great one to attend. If you cannot attend, please see Tricia Rowold ahead of time to make a list of supplies your station needs.



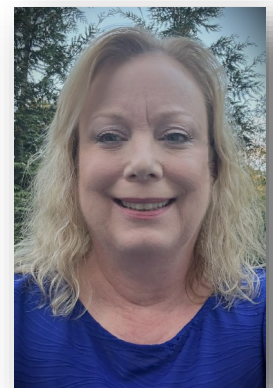
**Volunteers we need you!** Teens and adults, a sign-up sheet is on the Youth bulletin board. We need many helpers for VBS. Whether you can help the whole week, part of the week or the week before with decorating your help is needed and appreciated. Our VBS program reaches an average of 70 students each year and there are many tasks to be done to prepare for them ahead of time and to keep activities running smoothly the week of. We hope to see you there!

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

# NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

*You are cordially invited to be a:*

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





# Lent, Holy Week



Phil Giampietro - Euphonium soloist played "Ah Holy Jesus" on February 25, 2024.



Rowold Family CLC 6th Year Anniversary celebration on February 25, 2024

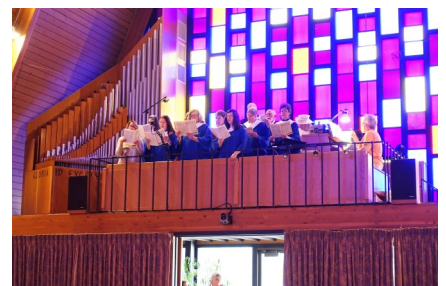
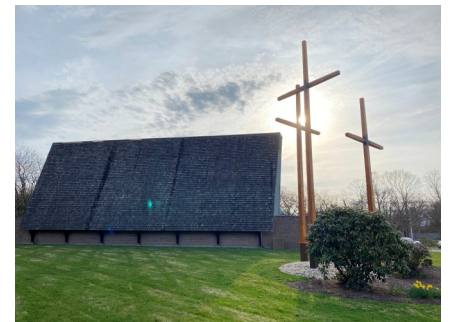


## Palm Sunday Memories





# & Easter Memories



## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



CLC will be rolling out a new process for our website’s Online Giving/Donate page in the near future. We have partnered with a new vendor (Vanco) affiliated with LCEF, and this will be accessible from CLC’s website, replacing our existing online contributions page.

Highlights include:

- ✦ No transaction fee for EFT contributions. LCEF sponsors this service, allowing online EFT contributions for “free”!
- ✦ Ability to give via EFT or Credit/Debit card
- ✦ Ability to make one-time or re-occurring contributions
- ✦ Ability to contribute to our General Fund (standard plate contribution) or a Special Gift (e.g., music, youth, in memory of).

All online contributions are secure and safe, will generate an email receipt, and will be reported on your contribution statement.

Special thanks to Steve Feero (Webmaster) and Alan Santoro (Financial Secretary) for driving this enhancement, and the Finance Committee for its support.

Rob DeLaubell  
Stewardship Deacon



## SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



### Cheshire Food Pantry

Please remember our adopt a shelf. We need to continue to donate liquid dish soap monthly to keep the dish soap in stock. If you are signed up to deliver to the food pantry, please do so the 3rd week of the month, so our totals can be included in the Heavenly Herald each month. Thank you!!

### Summer Camp

Needing a new idea for Summer vacation? I have received information about a Lutheran Camp in Moultonborto,NH,

- ✦ Lutheran Winni Week August 11-17 2024
- ✦ The information is on the Bulletin Board.
- ✦ This a week long camp for all ages, families ,children and singles
- ✦ Contact the following for more information:  
Website at <http://www.lutheranwinniweek.org>  
Call 860-349-359

Email at [registar@lutheranwinniweek.org](mailto:registar@lutheranwinniweek.org)



**The Cheshire  
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Thank you for all your support!!  
Nancy Engelhardt  
Social Welfare Deacon



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Hello to all,

These are the people in our neighborhood. There are so many people that help in our communities and we want to learn all about them. Learning about community helpers is an essential process for Preschool children because it helps them create a sense of belonging and safety within their community. We talked for weeks about community helpers. Our aim was to create awareness about the role of helpers in our day-to-day life and their importance in helping shape our community. Michele, Fiona and I reinforced this in various activities and games.

Our classroom was transformed into our Little Cherubs neighborhood with stations/offices set up all around the room encouraging our friends to be various community helpers. We have a vet hospital, a hospital, a fire department, and a police station .

We moved right into Spring. Welcome SPRING! We now are focusing our attention on signs of spring and some of the changes that we see and will see all around us as the weather gets warmer. We will discuss how plants grow and the things they need, so that when we plant our own garden, we will be fully prepared. What's spring without welcoming back our six and eight legged friends. The end of this month, we will turn our attention to insects. We will be focusing on a few specific ones and discussing general body parts of an insect- ones that we commonly see and ones we don't- and even how insects can help us.

The children will turn into entomologists and be using a microscope to look at various insects a little more closely, as well as going outside to look for 6/8 legged friends and some with no legs.

Our focus this whole month was to discuss the events that led to the crucifixion and the rising of Jesus and all aspects of Easter.

Pastor taught the children about all these parables as well. We love when Pastor comes in. The children are so proud of themselves as they re-tell the stories.

### Announcements

- 😊 We are very excited and blessed to welcome 2 new friends to our 3 year old class. We wish a warm welcome to Madison and Colette and their families.
- 😊 We are in need of sand toys plus shovels and rakes.

### 2024—2025 Registration

Little Cherubs is taking registration for the 2024—2025 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the Church or Preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the Church Office! Please pass the word along to those you meet and family members. [www.cheshirelutheran.org](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org)

Happy Easter to all.

God Bless,  
JoAnn



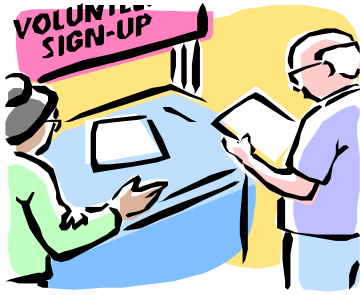
## CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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.



## 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 Schedule
- ✦ Current Council and Deacon position holders list for your information
- ✦ Sunday Morning Coffee Hour sign-ups
- ✦ Information regarding volunteers needed to run our Sound and Video equipment and sign up sheet
- ✦ Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- ✦ New contact information for Pastor N and Gloria at Elim Park
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2024 volunteer sign-ups and other information
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2024 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members Birthday and Anniversaries
- ✦ **Piano for Sale** information
- ✦ Information on our recent dearly departed CLC Family members
- ✦ Ladies Night Out Sign-Up and Menu information
- ✦ Handler and Levesque Concert Information
- ✦ Estate Planning Seminar sign-up



### *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 Kelley Collins-Pardee
- ✦ **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.

## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...[WWW.CESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.CESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG)

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✦ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✦ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services
- ✦ Service video with enhanced music recordings
- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles
- ✦ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✦ Video recordings from many past events
- ✦ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✦ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✦ Much, much more...





# Cheshire Lutheran Church

660 West Main St.

Present

## Acoustic Blend - Crossing Musical Boundaries

with

**Mandolin & Guitar Duo Handler & Levesque**



**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**No admission charge**

Enjoy passionate music with an international flair for guitars and mandolin. Connecticut based husband and wife duo Judy Handler and Mark Levesque blend swing, Brazilian, Classical, Latin, 60's & 70's, jazz, gypsy, and folk music influences to create their unique, expressive arrangements.

*We welcome the community to come and enjoy this concert.*

*Light refreshments following the performance.*





## 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:

- ✝ April 2—Ethel Daly
- ✝ April 3—Connor Collins
- ✝ April 17—Todd Plantier
- ✝ April 18—Leslie Donewald
- ✝ April 23—Jameson Kingsley
- ✝ April 23—Hannah Mayer
- ✝ April 23—Thea Mayer
- ✝ April 30—Patrick DiDomizio

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



### CONFIRMATION CLASSES NEWS...

Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. throughout the school year. During the month of April, we are scheduled to have class every Sunday, except for April 14; students should plan to be in class every other Sunday evening. The Rite of Confirmation is currently scheduled to take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.



### NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

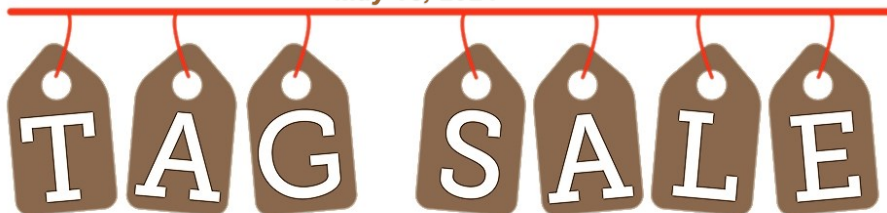
Hi everyone: the High School Youth have been very busy this spring with other activities as is evident by the lack of activities I've been able to plan, but things are about to change. One activity that is definitely planned this spring is a tag sale set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and I'm looking to the congregation for help. We will be accepting donations starting in May, so if you are doing some spring cleaning, please consider donating to our tag sale. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

As I've mentioned before, the Youth Room now has a TV on the wall and a Wii game system set up. Thank you to everyone who has donated games for the Wii; we do have a good selection now. If anyone has any other game systems (like Xbox or PlayStation), I would happily accept those also.

Thank you all for your support and donations to the Youth Group!

## Cheshire Lutheran Church

May 18, 2024



Andy Clark  
Youth Deacon



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



### ***Eternal Life Planning***

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

## 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)



## 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.

## GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!



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.

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

## CLC-W LADIES NIGHT OUT...



Mark your calendars for our annual Ladies Night Out:

**Date:** April 23, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fellowship Hall at Church

Dinner will be catered by ShopRite. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board along with menu options.

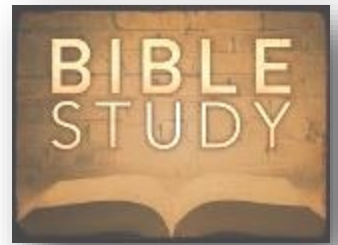
For questions, please contact Karen Weiland at

# 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 meets between the services at 9:10 a.m. every Sunday. We are currently halfway through a study from Lutheran Hour Ministries that looks at the topic of forgiveness. On April 7, we’ll be starting Part 3 of this study. You can participate in this Sunday morning Bible study in person in the Library or by Zoom; to join us remotely, watch your email for the link and a digital copy of the study pages.



*Nurturing Your Faith: Forgiveness* is a four-part Bible study looks at forgiveness. It considers how our first sin required God's pardon in order to re-establish the broken God-man relationship caused by our original rebellion. Along the way, it looks at how God works through the forgiveness we seek and offer in our lives, and it reminds us that where there is love mercy can triumph.

Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study resumes during April, following its time on hiatus for Lent and Pastor’s vacation. It will return on April 17, and we will be starting Lesson 4, titled “Marks of Maturity”, which looks at chapters 6 and 7 of the book of Acts. Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM in person in the Church library and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out via a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the lesson for the day.

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.

## REMINDER—CHESHIRE ROAD RACE 2024...

Mark Your Calendar - there is a Cheshire Road Race scheduled for April 21, 2024 starting at the south end of town. Please plan your trip to church accordingly.



## 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

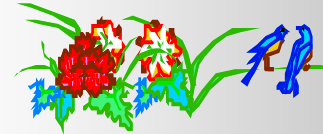




# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## April 2024

13 <sup>th</sup>	Guy & Christine Mason	28 Years
24 <sup>th</sup>	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	70 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Curt & Karen Smith	64 Years



### UPCOMING COUNCIL & VOTER MEETINGS REMINDER...

#### Mark your calendars:

The next *Council* meeting will be held on *Tuesday April 2, 2024* at 7:00 PM at CLC and via Zoom.

The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *Sunday April 28, 2024* after the late worship service at CLC and via Zoom

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rob Daly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Neuffer
- 6<sup>th</sup> John Balash
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tricia Rowold
- 11<sup>th</sup> Kyong Mann
- Pat DiDomizio
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hayley Fiedler
- April Slauson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Matthew Napp
- Helen Mayer
- 21<sup>st</sup> Michael Collins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Erich F. Strunk
- 24<sup>th</sup> Peggy Tessler
- Donna Spose
- 26<sup>th</sup> JoAnn Holstein
- 28<sup>th</sup> Arta Dobbs
- 29<sup>th</sup> William Sherman, Jr.



### PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (May 2024 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by *Friday, April 26, 2024*, 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 and let me know you did so. Thank You!



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