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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.” Acts 2:41 (ESV)

On the first Pentecost, crowds of people gathered in Jerusalem to see what was going on after God poured out His Holy Spirit on Jesus’ disciples. Peter proclaimed to the masses the Good News that Jesus had died to take away the sins of the whole world through His death on the cross, and also that God had raised Him from the dead for our justification. In response to this bold proclamation of the Gospel, three thousand people believed and confessed their faith in Jesus.

On this Pentecost (May 19), people will gather in Cheshire to celebrate the day that God gave the gift of His Holy Spirit to His Church. The Good News of Jesus death to take away our sins and His resurrection for our justification will again be proclaimed. Following a two-year long period of instruction in the Christian faith and in response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, three young people will stand before the congregation and confess their faith in Jesus.

I know three people is not nearly as dramatic as three thousand people – even if it is a lot easier to manage logistically – and we won’t get to see the Holy Spirit descending as tongues of fire or giving the instant ability to speak in foreign languages. Still, on Pentecost Sunday we will see God at work, just as surely and certainly as He was two thousand years ago. We will see the fruition of the faith that God put into the hearts of our Confirmands and the years of work undertaken by the students, their parents, their Sunday school teachers, the Pastor, and the whole congregation.

God is working in and through His people today just like He did all those years ago when He first poured the Holy Spirit out on the disciples. He’s at work through you and me and all the Christians who call Cheshire Lutheran their Church home. God is creating and strengthening faith in young and old. He’s comforting and reassuring us as we face the challenges that the world sends our way. He’s building us up in love and compassion for each other and the whole household of God.



There may be times when we look at our congregation and feel small, especially if we try to compare ourselves to other faith communities around us, but that’s okay. Jesus’ disciples probably felt small too as they gathered on Pentecost; after all, they all fit into one house (Acts 2:2). Still, God worked mighty deeds in and through them. As a result of their preaching, three thousand people came to faith. Who knows how many people will eventually confess their faith in Jesus Christ because of the work of our congregation?

Will we see the same kind of explosive growth that the early Church witnessed? Probably not. Will God use you, me, and CLC to make a difference for His kingdom? Definitely. How many people will be impacted? I don’t know, and neither do you; only God knows.

All we can do is wait and see. There is, however, one thing that I DO know – the total number will increase by three this May.

I pray that you will come out on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, and celebrate with us.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor David Rowold



**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 am sitting on my couch with my computer on my lap, trying to knock out my article, and I am experiencing a bit of writer’s block. Not wanting to get too personal, but this past week I experienced a bit of a health scare that served to not only reinforce my faith in the Power of Prayer, but also to provide a greater trust in the value of modern technology.



After attending church last Sunday (4/21), Kyong and I went shopping with our daughter-in-law, then lunch. As I finished lunch, I commented that I was not feeling well – nothing specific, just not feeling “right.” When we got home, I still did not feel right and decided to take a nap, something I rarely do. About an hour into my nap my watch woke me up with an intermittent buzz. I looked at my watch and saw an alert notice telling me that although it appeared I was in a period of inactivity, my heart rate was over 120 for more than 10 minutes and suggesting that I seek medical attention.

My Granddaughter Brynne told her mother, “A miracle happened for Grandpa because I prayed with Daddy last night”!

I got up and checked my blood pressure, finding it to be extremely high and verifying that my heart rate was up to 159. Kyong and I went to Midstate as a precaution and after an EKG I was immediately admitted. I was told I was experiencing Atrial Fibrillation, and they would work to get my vitals under control and establish an effective medication dosage so I could be released. I would then return for a procedure involving a minor electrical shock to get my heart back to proper rhythm.

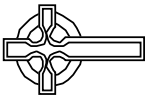
Midway thought the next day they were able to get my vitals under control and things were looking good. I fell asleep shortly after Kyong departed and was awoken sometime later as my room was full of nurses and I was informed that my BP was down to 90/40 and my heart rate was back up over 140. I was completely confused at what was going on, closed my eyes and began to pray.

I fell asleep praying, slept like a baby, and woke up to find that my prayers had been answered. As I was eating my breakfast the cardiologist came in and said, “congratulations.” I responded, “for what?” and was informed that I came out of AFib on my own around midnight and would be going home shortly! Not believing this was done “on my own,” I immediately said a prayer of thanks.

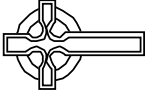
I was released on my third day in the hospital and, although I will have to deal with some follow-up, I feel great. I later learned that Kyong sent out a prayer alert on our family text chain and got everyone going. My Granddaughter Brynne told her mother, “A miracle happened for Grandpa because I prayed with Daddy last night”! We do not always get happy outcomes, but I believe lessons like this help to set our children on a path we hope they will follow throughout their lives.

At the onset of all this I sent a text to Pastor Rowold asking for his prayers. He responded immediately, not only telling me that I was in his prayers, but also sending me a prayer that he composed for me to

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BIG Calendar



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	2	3	4
5 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation Class	6 6:00 VBS meeting	7 7:00 Long Range Planning Meeting (Zoom)	8 1:30 Bible Study	9	10	11
12 Happy Mother's Day! 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship No Confirmation Class	13	14	15 1:30 Bible Study 7:30 Parish Choir	16	17	18
19 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion & Confirmation	20	21	22 1:30 Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship	27	28	29	30	31	June 1st TAG SALE

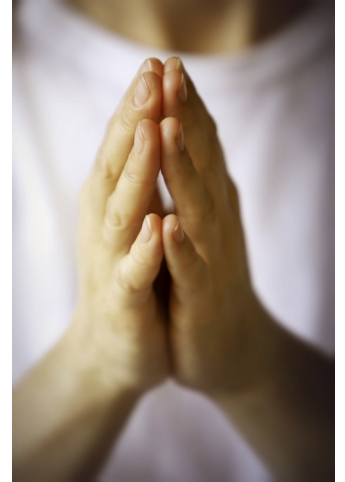
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read – we are blessed!

This unexpected episode served to reinforce my strong belief in the Power of Prayer. It also gave me confidence in the reliability of technology. I knew my device had an EKG feature, but never knew it was constantly running in the background and programmed to provide alerts when abnormalities were detected – thank God!

By the time this edition of the Heavenly Herald is published we will have had our April 28th Voter’s Assembly meeting, and I will have more to report – lots going on!

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC Parish President



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



THANKS TO OUR
VETERANS AND
SOLDIERS



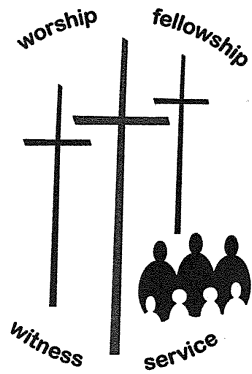
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HONOR OF ALL

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor
May 7, 2017	Pastor Gustafson leads his last Service and Retires from CLC





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April 24, 2024

A message from Pastor N and Gloria to all of you, fellow saints of God here at CLC:

It so happens that today, April 24th, marks the 70th (yes, 70th!) anniversary of our wedding in St. Trinity Lutheran Church in St Louis, MO, (Gloria's home congregation) back in the year 1954. I remember well the text of our wedding homily by Dr Richard Caemmerer, my professor of Homiletics (the art of preaching) at Concordia Seminary in St Louis – namely, James 1:17 – "Every good and perfect gift is from above (heaven)". Well, let me tell you, Gloria has surely been God's great gift to me all these many years and, with ongoing help from the Holy Spirit, I have tried to be the same to her! In addition, God has richly blessed us with four wonderful Christian children: John, in Minneapolis MN; Mary, in Madison, WI; Paul, in Phoenix, AZ; and Anne, nearby in W. Hartford. But I am digressing.

The PUPROSE of this letter is to inform you that the two of us choose to believe that God's Holy Spirit has recently inspired the members of our CLC Church Council and Columbarium Committee to waive the cost of two permanent places in our CLC Columbarium here on our church property, thereby enabling us in the years to come – even after we have been "transferred" by God's grace in Christ Jesus into His Nearer Presence in Heaven – to "keep a Gospel watch" over all the goings on by the Christians who will be worshipping the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, here in the years to come. For this great generosity to us we want you to know that we are, and will always be till God calls us HOME, MOST GRATEFUL!

For those of you who may not yet know, the two of us have moved (on last Thanksgiving weekend) from Ives Hill (our home for the past 43 years) to Elim Park here on the south end of town. We've adjusted as well as two old people can (I'm now 95, and Gloria is 88.) to our lovely and "spacious" two-room apartment and you're all invited, if you're ever so inclined, to come here to visit. Elim Park is a wonderful facility (more so than you might think!) and we consider ourselves richly blessed to be here.

Once again, a hearty THANKS to all of you for insuring us a permanent "Home" here at CLC in the Columbarium. We're deeply and genuinely grateful!

With much love - in Christ, Pastor and Gloria Nuechterlein

Come Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:30 am; Sunday Church School 9:10 am

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 soon
- ✦ There are currently 30 inurnment subscriptions & 6 pending possibilities
- ✦ We have 28 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)

Consider this Beautiful spot for Memorial Plaque or to house your final remains.

For more information, grab a pamphlet and/or contact any member of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee. Please also stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information to our congregants regarding End of Life Planning.

John Mulvaney
 Jim Mertz
 Pat DiDomizio
 Tim Weiland

Priscilla Mulvaney
 Margie Mertz
 Bill Soulier

Vicki DePaolo
 Randy Raddatz
 Beth Soulier
 Ed Schweizer



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



Easter Breakfast Thank You:

Thank you to everyone who helped setup, cleanup, and brought so many delicious side dishes and desserts for our Easter breakfast. A special thank you to Don and Diane Drust for contributing colorful spring flowers, French Toast sticks, yogurt, granola bars, cereal, fruit punch, serving, leading the kitchen crew, and so much more. We are blessed to have so many members willing to show up and work together for a glorious event. We had over 100 people attend and it was a wonderful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. He has Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! The freewill offering has gone to the Fellowship account and will be used to continue bringing members of CLC together in the coming months.

Annual CLC Family Picnic:

It almost seems too soon to prepare, but please mark your calendar for our Annual CLC Picnic on June 9th. We will kick off the summer season with a barbeque, games for all ages, and great fellowship. This event begins following the 10:30 service. We ask members to join us and share a side dish, salad or dessert. Look for the signup sheet mid-May. This helps us supply the appropriate amount of burgers and hot dogs, as well as paper products and tables.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

Our Sincere Appreciation



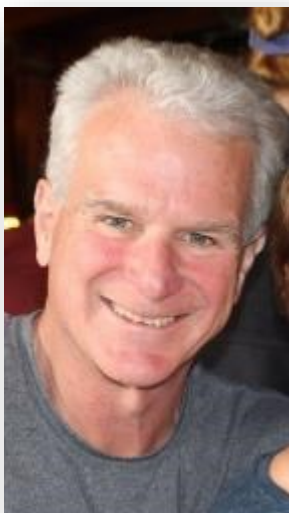
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Thank you to Tim Weiland for taking pictures and documenting our History. We so appreciate your hard work.
- † Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and behind the scenes helpers. Thank you. Our Children need their Christian education now more than ever. WE APPRECIATE YOU!
- † Pastor, Tricia and Sarah, we all send you heartfelt Thanks for continuing to share your lives and leadership with us

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.

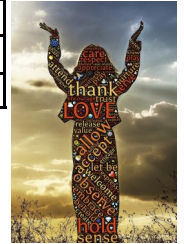
Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
May 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 8 - Wednesday	<i>No Choir Rehearsals</i>		
May 12 - Sunday <i>Mothers Day</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Men
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Men
May 15 - Wednesday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 19 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
June 9 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School Children
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School Children
June 16 - Sunday	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Women
	9:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Women

Martha wishes to give many words of gratitude to the Parish and Bell Choirs for giving of your time and talent to CLC this year. Stay tuned for more information on rehearsals and performances for solos and ensembles for Summer Services.



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/



Kelley Collins-Pardee
Christian Education Deacon

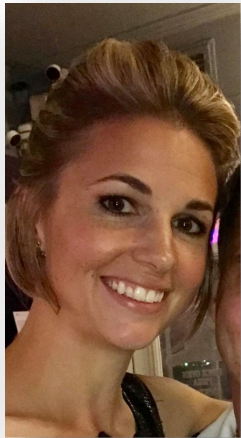
SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

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...

Greetings!

Media Committee:

I am forming a Media Committee to look at website content, general marketing, email distribution, etc. If you are interested in joining our committee, please let me know! We are interested in having a few more members.

Happy Mother's Day! Many blessings to you and your family!

Erica Bencivenga
Evangelism Deacon



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

TAG SALE UPDATE – NEW DATE JUNE 1ST

Due to Confirmation on May 19th, the decision was made to move our tag sale to June 1st and we are looking to the congregation for help. We will be accepting donations starting May 20th after confirmation, so if you are doing some spring cleaning, please consider donating to our tag sale. Look for more information on the bulletin board in the hallway or see me (Andy Clark).

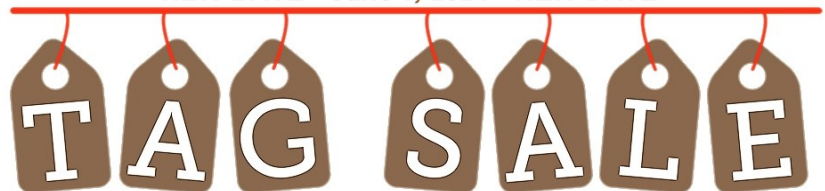
The Youth Room now has a Wii and Xbox game system; thank you to everyone that has donated! I'm working with some of the youth to organize the room and hang some posters to make it feel more like their room.

Thank you all for your support and donations to the youth group!

Andy Clark
Youth Deacon

Cheshire Lutheran Church

NEW DATE—June 1, 2024—NEW DATE



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.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after the service on May 26. Beginning with the First Sunday in June, 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 June or a new one that you would like to add, please contact Pastor to let him know. Also, if you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please remember to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list. We take great joy when we can take a name off the list for good reasons.



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.



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



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 continue to support our adopt a shelf with donations of liquid dish soap; All donations are welcome'

Reminder for people signed up to deliver food to the food pantry: We would appreciate it if food could be delivered the 3rd week of the month. This lets us have weight of our monthly donation in time to report in the Heavenly Herald

Hope Pregnancy Center:

Please continue to support this mission with your donations. Donations can be placed in the bassinet .

Thank you
Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



**The Cheshire
Community Food
Pantry, Inc.**

FEED OUR FUTURE

Hello and God Bless to all of you,

April started off very rainy and cold. We did see some more springlike weather. Flowers blooming, insects and bugs crawling and flying around us, birds singing, buds on the trees and the warmer feelings from the sun. We continued the month with all things Spring. Eric Carle has so many great books related to insects and spring, so we incorporated many of them into our curriculum.

Since spring is a time of growth, I wanted to share some of the growth and leaps our friends have made. They can count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's and know the alphabet and 1 - 20 in Spanish. Our Pre-K friends have finished the alphabet and are now working on CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words. Hearing them put the sounds together and starting to read is truly amazing.

In Preschool, we got to the middle of the alphabet, and they are doing an incredible job recognizing their letters and their names as well. The growth from the beginning of the year for these little minds is truly mind blowing!!

Our Bible stories have been focusing on the disciples after Jesus went to heaven.

Our Preschool is pleased to currently have 12 three year olds and 8 four year olds enrolled. By God's grace, we are growing!

It comes with great sadness that Michele lost her father on April 13, 2024. It has been devastating for all of us, since my family has known Michele's family for 30 years. His name was Ronald Kazmerzyk and his visitation was held at Wallingford Funeral Home. Please keep Michele and her family in your prayers.

God Bless,
JoAnn



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

It's incredible to think that May is upon us already! I, personally, am looking forward to the nice weather. I would like to thank all the members who came out to help with the inside cleanup of CLC. Due to scheduling issues and inclement weather, the outside cleanup was postponed. The landscaping company has taken care of the majority of the cleanup around the church. I will be looking to clean up some additional areas as well as a project or two.

At the request of members, new tables were purchased to replace the heavy wooden tables used for fellowship and church events. Four tables were tested during our Easter breakfast and the feedback was positive. I have an inventory to replace all our tables and will be following up with pricing. If any members are interested in the old tables, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

As always, thank you to all those who consistently offer their time, talent and treasures here at CLC!

Todd Plantier
House and Grounds Deacon



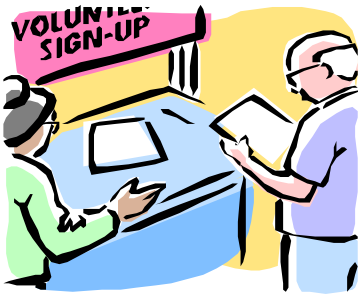
CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection can is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall by the storage closet.



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
- † Stony Creek Singers June concert information
- † Lutheran Winni Week Summer Camping Information
- † Sign up for old tables used for Fellowship events
- † 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 and Bo Hagstrom 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
- † LCEF Information



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

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...



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS— JUNE 9, 2024...

Please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the 10:30 service on June 9th. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

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

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

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

Pam Clark
Fellowship Committee



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 April grades Pre-K through 8th learned about the Transfiguration of Jesus, Jesus healing the 10 lepers, and Easter morning.

In May, grades Pre-K through 8th will learn about Jesus' Ascension, the conversion of Saul, Paul and Silas in prison, and Paul's shipwreck. There is Sunday School every weekend in May and the first 2 weekends in June we have special Sunday school activities. Your children's faith and Christian Education are important! Let's finish the year strong. See you Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m.

Save the dates: On June 2, 2024, we will have a Sunday School breakfast and end of year prizes and on 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, a Youth Bible Study and Adult Bible Study. There is something for every age. See you there!

Vacation Bible School:

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School will be July 8-12, 2024 from 9 a.m. – Noon
If you have children in grades Pre-K (age 4)– Grade 6, registration forms are available outside the Church office and have been mailed to past participants.

Our theme is "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God."

The VBS Planning Committee will be meeting in May and June; watch the bulletin and the church email for details on when.

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 that week. We hope to see you there!

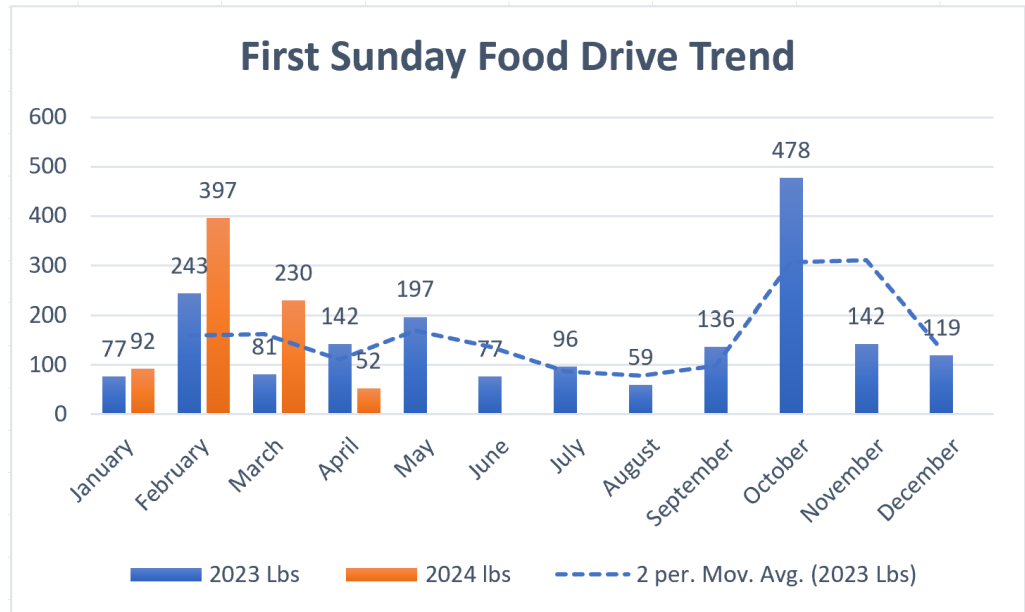
Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent





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 30 lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Food Pantry for more information. quette@cheshirefoodpantry.org or 203.699.9226.

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

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

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

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

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

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

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

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

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

CLC SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE...

The Scholarship Committee met on Tuesday, March 26th, to review the scholarship applications we received from the 3 students in our congregation that are graduating from High School this year. Each student is planning to continue their education in the fall. The by-laws allow us to provide 1 or 2 students with a scholarship of \$1,000; therefore, we were able to choose 2.

The students are asked to submit their applications with three requirements:

1. A minimum of 500 word essay that answers the question "How has your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and your membership at Cheshire Lutheran church made a positive difference in your life?"
2. An unofficial high school transcript that includes their grades for the most recent school year.
3. A resume detailing their active membership in Cheshire Lutheran Church and community service during high school which exemplifies Christian values.

The committee reviewed each redacted application and choose Emma Finger and Sarah Rowold as our recipients for this years scholarship awards.

Emma Finger is the daughter of Kenneth and Lisa Finger. Emma's essay told us how her family moved here to Connecticut during the pandemic, to be closer to family. She was confirmed in Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Nevada, where she went on mission trips and volunteered at Boys and Girls Clubs. She has helped with VBS at CLC, attended Youth Group and attended the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2022. She recounted how her faith in Jesus was tested and strengthened through trials her family experienced after moving here.

Emma's school transcript is very impressive with her high grades in many college and career ready and honors courses. Emma plans to study Occupational Therapy starting at Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Sarah Rowold is the daughter of Pastor and Tricia Rowold. Sarah states in her essay how her faith helped her transition in the move her family made from New Jersey to Connecticut at age 12. Starting here at CHS, and leaving a close friend who was experiencing a health crisis in New Jersey, were eased by her faith. Sarah has been actively attending Sunday School, Youth Group, singing in choir and helping to assemble backpacks for Orphan Grain Train here at CLC. She has also been an active volunteer with VBS every year, even bringing along friends to help. Sarah has been active in the Drama Club, Yearbook and Rampage paper at CHS, in addition to taking dance classes. She has also volunteered at the Cheshire, Yellow House. Sarah's transcript shows excellent grades in many courses of competitive college level and college prep categories.

Sarah is still deciding which college she wishes to attend although she has been accepted at Dean College and 4 state universities. Sarah plans to major in Technical Theater with interest in costume design.

The committee was saddened to not be able to award our 3rd applicant a scholarship, as he displayed excellent qualifications and commitment to church and community as well.

We congratulate all three applicants for their excellence in achievements and devotion to faith and family which will always serve them throughout their lives.

The Scholarship Committee:

Lynn Balash, Erica Bencivenga, Diane Taylor, Kelly Collins-Pardee, Paul Fiedler, Danielle & Alex Wilde, Rob DeLaubell, and Christina Plantier



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

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:

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| ✠ May 1—April Slauson | ✠ May 15—David Schrumm |
| ✠ May 7—John Balash | ✠ May 16—Vicki DePaolo |
| ✠ May 11—Conner DeLaubell | ✠ May 23—Michael Rowold |
| ✠ May 12—Thom Zeppieri | ✠ May 26—Thomas Tuscano |

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 May, we are scheduled to have class on May 5, when students are expected finish their Final Exam. There is no class scheduled on May 12 because of Mother’s Day. The Rite of Confirmation is currently scheduled to take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Bible Studies at CLC

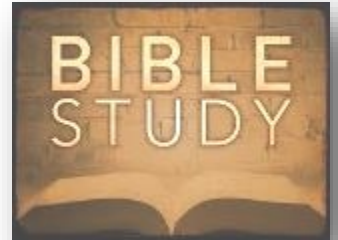
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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. *Nurturing Your Faith: Forgiveness* is a four-part Bible study that 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. 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.

In addition to Sunday morning Adult study, we have our Midweek Bible study on Wednesdays. During May, we are continuing to work through the Book of Acts. We will begin the month in the midst of Lesson 5, titled "*Thrust Out Of the Nest*", that looks at chapters 8 and 9 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.



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.



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

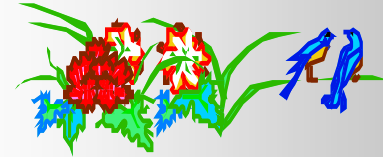


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY May 2024

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



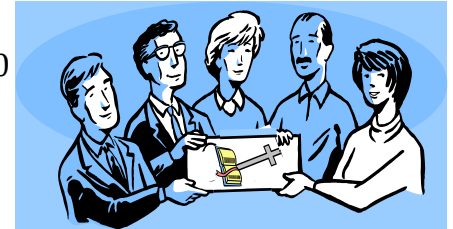
1 st	Glenn & Carlene Myers	41 Years
13 th	David & Mary Beth Blair	18 Years
18 th	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	56 Years
25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	32 Years
26 th	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	23 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	24 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	65 Years



UPCOMING COUNCIL & VOTER MEETINGS REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

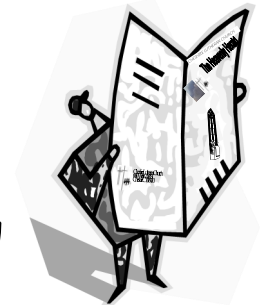
- ✦ The next *Council* meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 4, 2024** at 7:00 PM at CLC and via Zoom.
- ✦ The next *Voters* meeting will be held on **Sunday September 8, 2024** after the late worship service at CLC and via Zoom



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

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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier by Friday **May 31st** or earlier! Use email listed in our PRINTED directory. Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway counter. Thank You!



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