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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." Psalm 96:1-2 (ESV)

Lutherans are known for many things – our love of hymns, our theology, Bach, our stubbornness. One thing we are definitely NOT famous for is our receptiveness to change, to doing something new. We are so notorious for our dislike of change that there is more than one joke about our aversion to it: "The only time Lutherans like change is when they decide to put it in the offering plate." Or: "How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb? Change?!?!"

Yet, in spite of our renowned dislike of doing new things, that is exactly what the Scriptures encourage us to do. Three times in the book of Psalms alone, God calls on His people – that's you and me – to "sing to the Lord a new song." So, even though we all have our favorites in worship (You know, the liturgy you'd use and the hymns you'd sing every week if given the opportunity.), this summer we are going to follow the admonition of the Psalms. We're going to sing to the Lord, bless His name, and tell of His salvation with new songs and a new liturgy. Well... "new-ish."

We're not actually going to do something that CLC has never, ever done before – at least, not as long as I have been accurately informed about worship during the vacancy between Pastor G and myself. Beginning with June 22, we will be using the "Service of Prayer and Preaching" from our *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal (page 260ff.) for the non-Communion Sunday services. I have been told that CLC used that service at least once during the vacancy and I distinctly remember hearing the service's *New Testament Canticle* after I arrived (perhaps during Easter back in 2018).

So, fine, we may not exactly be singing totally new songs and using a totally new liturgy, but we will be doing some things that are definitely NOT part of our normal routine. We will be worshipping God in ways that call on us to pay attention and be engaged in, ways that are not so routine; that our minds will not be wondering while our mouths are singing familiar words. We will also be using another small portion of the wealth of worship materials in our hymnal.

Did you know that our *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal has a total of five different service settings for the Divine Service (Holy Communion), two services for use in the morning, two services for the evening, one service for the end of the day, and the "Service of Prayer and Preaching"? That's eleven (11) services, and it does not even include the two orders for responsive prayer, the litany, the rites for corporate and individual confession, and the daily prayer orders for use by individuals and small groups. Right now, we use two Divine Service settings regularly (Setting 1 and 2) and one occasionally (Setting 4), only roughly a quarter of the service orders in our hymnal.

Before you get anxious about the fact that we'll be doing something unfamiliar for our non-Communion services over the summer, let me reassure you: we're not just throwing you into the deep end and expect you to swim. We'll make sure that you've at least been exposed to the service before we use it for the first time. Handouts of the "Service of Prayer and Preaching" will be available for people to take home and look at before we worship with it the first time on June 22. We will also make time to go over the two Canticles found in the service before the day we use them.

In this relatively small and fairly safe way,

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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



At the time of this writing, it is The Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom to worship, freedom to assemble, freedom to petition, freedom of the press and more. On Memorial Day, we remember those who gave their lives so we could live free.

All gave some, some gave all.

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of summer and we at CLC will be starting our single 9:00 a.m. Service on Sunday June 15th. This is a great opportunity to meet or get reacquainted with those who normally attend a different service than yourself.

Our annual CLC Church picnic will take place on June 8th after the 10:30 a.m. service. It is another great opportunity to mingle and enjoy some great food. Side dishes and desserts are welcomed. See the signup sheet or Pam Clark for more information.

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 7-11 and we are in need of volunteers to make this a successful program. Please signup on the bulletin board next to the Fellowship Hall.

By the time you read this article, the Youth would have held their tag sale. Many thanks to those who either helped with the running of the sale, donated items or purchased items. This event has always been a huge success and the Youth greatly appreciate your help.

Pastor and I will be attending the 2025 New England District Convention to be held June 12-14 in Springfield, Massachusetts. I will have a report on this event at our Voters meeting on September 7th.

Our next Council meeting will be held this Tuesday, June 3rd and we will start the ground work for our 2026 work plan. If anyone has any question or concerns about what is going on at CLC, please reach out to myself or any other Council member.

Yours in Christ
Bill Soulier
CLC Parish President



Lutheran Church of the Cross

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion	2	3 7:00 Council Meeting	4 1:30 Bible Study	5	6 Quilts of Valor	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Holy Communion ANNUAL PICNIC	9	10	11 1:30 Bible Study	12	13 New England District LCMS Convention	14
15 Happy Father's Day! Trinity Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion Lemonade on the lawn	16	17 10:00 VBS Staff Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship Lemonade on the lawn	23	24 Making VBS Decorations	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship Lemonade on the lawn	30					

June Servants Schedule

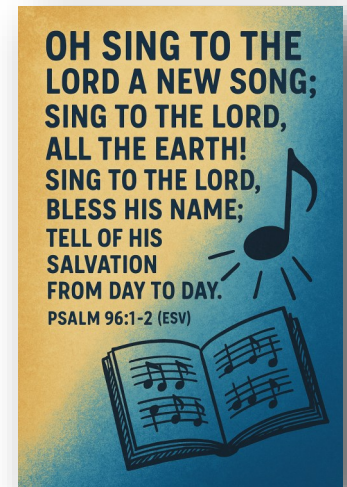
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we'll make a little greater use of the wealth of worship forms available to us in our hymnal. We'll also participate in a service that requires us to be just a little more present, a little more engaged, and to pay a little more attention to the words we are speaking and singing. Who knows, you might even find that you like it. After all, "new" does not automatically mean "bad"; it's just something with which you're not familiar.

So, mark your calendars for June 22 when we'll be singing some songs to the Lord and using a service that are "new-ish." I hope you'll join us that Sunday and every Sunday over the Summer as we "Sing to the LORD, bless His name, and tell of His salvation from day to day." See you then.

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



REMINDER: TO CONNECT AND GREET ONE ANOTHER...

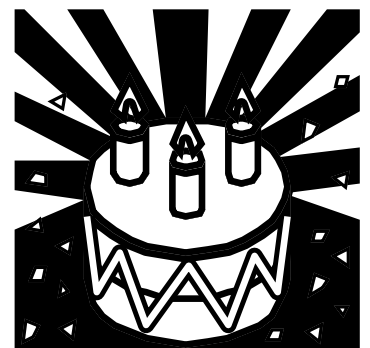
We kindly remind you to take a moment after the service to greet those around you. Whether they are guests or fellow members, if you spot someone you don't know, please introduce yourself. Encourage visitors to introduce themselves to Pastor and sign the guest book so we can stay in touch. Don't forget to thank them for joining us and let them know we hope to see them again.

Your friendly gesture can truly brighten someone's day and help build a welcoming, connected church community. Thank you for fostering a spirit of warmth and hospitality!



JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

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



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 ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
June 1 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
June 8 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
	10:30 AM	No Choirs	
June 15 - Sunday <i>Fathers Day</i>	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Women
	9:00 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Women
During the summer, all our choirs are taking a break. However, Martha is curating a delightful selection of music and special performances for our Summer Services. If you're interested in participating in a service, please reach out to Martha. She will collaborate with you to choose the perfect music.			



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.



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

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

Please join us once again after our 9 AM services this summer for some fellowship, lemonade and a treat, beginning June 15th. We look forward to this time for weekly fellowship after our worship. Please join us for a bit of catching up.

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

Happy Fathers Day!

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 16 of our CLC Family inurned in our Columbarium and 2 pending Inurnment occurring in July 2025.
- ✠ There are currently 30 inurnment subscriptions & 6 pending possibilities.
- ✠ We have 22 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. Allesandrino (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)
 William Hillis, M. D. (February 24, 1929 - December 8, 2024)
 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)
 Rev. Louis G. Nuechterlein (Oct. 10, 1928 – Jan. 25, 2025)
 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 a 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.

Pat DiDomizio	Vicki DePaolo	Jim Mertz
Margie Mertz	Randy Raddatz	Bill Soulier
Beth Soulier	Ed Schweizer	Tim Weiland



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2025

3 rd	Mario & Erica Bencivenga	14 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	39 Years
15 th	Randy & Karen Raddatz	1 Year
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	63 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	45 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	56 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	42 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	33 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	10 Years





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

On Sunday May 11, 2025 we celebrated together as ***Tristan Matthew Merrow***, son of Matthew and Andrea (Schrumm) Merrow was baptized into the Lord's Family.

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.

CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS—JUNE 8, 2025...



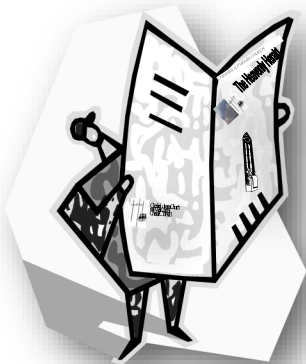
Please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the 10:30 service on June 8th. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

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



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (September 2025 Articles are Due!)

REMINDER: The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will be the ***September 2025*** edition.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier by Friday **August 22nd** 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 hall-way table.

Thank You!



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

Cheshire Food Pantry—Adopt a Shelf—Wish List Items:

Your generosity makes a significant impact on those in need.

- **Adopt a Shelf - Liquid Dish Soap:** We're continuing our "Adopt a Shelf" program, focusing on liquid dish soap.
- **Wish List Items:** The current wish list includes: sugar (small packets), vegetable oil, mayonnaise, cannellini beans and canned meats.
- **Delivery Sign-Up:** When signing up to deliver items to the food pantry, please aim for the **third week of the month**. This helps us accurately record our food totals for the **Heavenly Herald**.

Ongoing Collection for Cheshire Food Pantry



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

FEED OUR FUTURE

Terri Daly
Social Welfare Deacon

Our continuous collection for the Cheshire Food Pantry remains active with bins located under the counter near the church office doors. Please consider signing up to deliver the items to the food pantry. In January, we donated 45 pounds of food to those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!



CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever as the number of families they serve continues to rise. Please remember to bring your donations 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

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



It is not too late to **sign up for our annual picnic on Sunday, June 8th**, following the 10:30 service. All are invited to join us for some summer fun. We will start with the traditional hamburgers, hot dogs, iced tea, and lemonade. We will kick off the summer season with a barbeque, games for all ages, and great fellowship. There will be indoor seating to accommodate for foul weather and those inclined to eating indoors. 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 enough burgers and hot dogs, as well as paper products and seating.

Lemonade on the Lawn:

This summer, CLC will continue enjoying fellowship with lemonade on the lawn following the 9:00 single service, beginning June 15th. Weather permitting, we will be outside the nave of the church and inside during inclement weather. We are looking for members willing to make and serve lemonade and iced tea. The mix will be supplied and only takes 5-10 minutes before the church service to prepare. If you can stay for 20 minutes to serve and cleanup, please signup on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance for participating in this summer fellowship activity.

Pam Clark

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. Sincerely, Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to Randy, Tim, Jim, Margie, Ed, The Myers and so many others that help maintain the CLC gardens and grounds so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee led by Pam Clark for working so hard to provide wonderful Fellowship events for us. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Thank you to Tim Weiland for taking pictures and documenting our History. We so appreciate your hard work.
- † Grateful thanks to Martha for her hard work and dedication to all things musical. We are a congregation that adores and appreciates music and understand the sacrifice it sometimes takes to execute. We are Blessed – Thank You
- † Thank you to our Sunday School teachers and behind the scenes helpers. Thank you. Our children need their Christian education now more than ever. WE APPRECIATE YOU!
- † Pastor, Tricia and Sarah, we all send you heartfelt thanks for continuing to share your lives and leadership with us
- † Thank you to our CLC family for donating items for the Tag Sale. It no doubt will be a HUGE success again this year. Also, heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that will be helping out during Tag Sale.

WE NEED YOU...

That's right, we need YOU! We need you to help make our service on Sunday morning happen.

We need acolytes, ushers, readers, greeters, and communion assistants to join in serving. The people who currently give their time to help in these way are wonderful, and we greatly appreciate them, but we need YOU to join their ranks.

For more information on how you can help please speak to April Slauson, our Worship Deacon, or call Pastor at the Church office.

We look forward to serving the Lord together.



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





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2025

10 th	Tim & Karen Weiland	43 Years
12 th	John & Peggy Tessler	44 Years
15 th	James & Cynthia Metz	8 Years



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON...



It's Almost here! VBS is only about a month away on July 7-11, 2025! We will use Group's True North VBS, "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." We will make decorations from June 23-27, 2025 and put the decorations up June 30 – July 3 and July 6 after the service. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you want to know more about the needs of a particular station, the names of the station leaders are also on the board in the hallway so you can ask them what their station is like.

Some decorating sessions will be in the morning and some in the evening the exact dates and times will be posted on the bulletin board and in the bulletin, as they are being finalized after the newsletter deadline.

Registrations are due June 2, 2025; the online registration is open at <https://www.cheshirelutheran.org/vbs> or packets can be gotten from the Church office.

Please pray for our volunteers and consider joining us. We have received more than 30 registrations already.

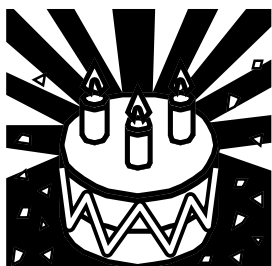
Thank you to everyone who has donated or is lending us decorations for VBS. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with VBS this year. The excitement is building as we get ready to "Trust Jesus in a Wild World!"

We hope to see you there!

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent

JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER



4th	Paula Ongley	17th	Ian Carrington
	Diane Drust	18th	Lisa Tyler
5th	Julia Plantier	21st	Lucas Donewald
6th	Elizabeth Blair		Brynne Mann
	Erica Bencivenga	22nd	CP Troemel
9th	Karen Weiland	24th	Carlene Myers
13th	Dorothy Dierolf	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
14th	Max Muller	31st	Pastor Rowold
15th	Debra Hajjar		
	Peter Mayer		



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

On Sunday, May 11th the Sunday school children sang 2 songs during the 10:30 service. They were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all of the parents for your help in getting them there.

May lessons were: May 4, A Telling Truth; May 11, A Servant Speaks; May 18, Philip and an Ethiopian; and May 25, a Fun Day based on the Loaves and Fish.

We have one lesson left for this Sunday School year on June 1st, that lesson will be Saul/Paul's Conversion.

We tried some new things this year in terms of start time, materials, and Opening format. There is a survey going home with parents to help us better understand what worked and what didn't work from the parent perspective. Your feedback is very important to us; please return them to the Church office by June 15, to aid in planning for next year.

Please join us on September 7, 2025 for Rally Day and Teacher Installation. It will be an "all together" fun day. Teachers will be installed at the 10:30 am service. Watch for a bulletin announcement in August about the start time for Sunday school.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent



NEW PICTORIAL CLC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS HERE...

We're pleased to announce that the 2025 Pictorial Member Directory is now complete and ready for distribution. At this time, each family may receive one copy upon request. Please reach out to Pastor or Brenna to obtain yours.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed photos and provided updated contact information—your support made this possible!

Special appreciation goes to the dedicated team who worked tirelessly to bring this new Pictorial to life:

- ✙ April Slauson - Committee Lead and Photographer
- ✙ Tim Weiland - Contributing Photographer & Copy Editor
- ✙ Rob Delaubell - Content Reviewer
- ✙ Pastor Rowold - Content Reviewer
- ✙ Brenna Steczkowski - Content Reviewer



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



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Reminder: We're Still Collecting Stories About Stewardship:



Sharing your Personal Stewardship Journey Continues:

We're still actively gathering articles for *The Heavenly Herald* and encourage more members of the congregation to take part. Writing about your experiences with stewardship—whether through volunteering, participating in church activities, or financial giving—is a wonderful way to celebrate faith in action and inspire others.

Your reflections can highlight how stewardship has enriched your spiritual journey and offer encouragement for others to live out their faith through giving.

If you're willing to share your story, please reach out to me for more information or assistance.

We'd love to feature your thoughts and experiences in one of our upcoming editions.

Thank you for being part of this meaningful effort to share and celebrate stewardship within our community!

Our first submission is from Karen Bailey. (see below)

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon

Initially written by Karen Baily on April 3, 2011 for Consecration Sunday

As a "life-long Lutheran" having attended eight years of parochial schooling at Immanuel Lutheran in Danbury, CT - I was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church and married in that church. The Pastor who confirmed and married me also officiated at the renewal of my wedding vows at 25 years.

As a young girl, I remember "my church family" and my Pastor being there for my parents and I when my younger sister went through major heart surgery at 11 years old; school teachers came to our home to help with her studies while she was recovering, meals were brought (just as we do here at CLC through Helping Hands) and our Pastor was a constant support with prayers and visits.

Just months after my sister's surgery, my beloved father died of a heart attack at the age of 42. The very next morning my mother, sister and I were in church, sitting in the same pew we sat in as a family. Once again, feeling comfort from our Pastor, God's Word and our congregation.

My grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins were all active members of this church. I've belonged to two churches in my life and the congregation here at CLC, along with Pastors Gustafson and Nuechterlein have become important in my life - enough so, that this church and the wonderful job the "Dear Lord" chose for me six years ago have helped me to decide not to relocate to be closer to my children and grandchildren at this time. I trust I am where God wants me to be for now!

I start my day reading Portals of Prayer and on February 23rd the title was "Tell Your Story" - so I am!

Once again, my church family has been there for me especially in the last eight years as I went through my husband's diagnosis of terminal cancer, his difficult chemo and radiation treatments and his death - CLC members and friends called me; what can we do? What do you need? and Pastors Gustafson and Nuechterlein were a constant support.

When I contemplate answers to the following questions: What has the Lord done for me? When was the last time I told another person about God's Salvation or what God has done in my life? I have this to say: We do not have to worry about whether we have enough training to share our faith or worry that we will say the wrong thing. Rather, we can share what

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God means to us, how we see him working in our lives and why we believe in Jesus. As we share our faith stories during this "Consecrated Stewards Program" with others in this congregation, God strengthens our own faith and uses our stories to strengthen our listener's faith.

I believe that God is closest to those broken hearts and part of God's plan for me to get through the grief process and continue living was to serve my congregation and community more! As many of you know, I work at the Harold Leever Cancer Center where my husband was a patient. I'm also involved in numerous events and fundraisers at the center. I do believe this was all part of God's plan for me - helping others - helps me! I believe one of God's goals for every human being on earth is to use the gifts God has given us to serve one another; if possible in the context of a local church.

A prayer at midday I use often says: Help me use my time wisely, strengthen me in the tasks that lie before me and bless me as a good steward of those things over which you have given me responsibility. My most recent responsibility here at CLC is being a mentor to Hannah and a friend to her mother, Monica and brother Christian - our stories are similar!

Yesterday afternoon as I was listening to my favorite FM station on the radio, 88.9 in Prospect, CT - a noon prayer was being said and it ended by saying: God has written the story of your life - trust Him.

As I walked into church this morning, I picked up one of our brochures titled "Who are Lutherans", one of the paragraphs states: "Lutherans are Stewards" which means they believe that all of life and health, all possessions and capabilities are, in a sense, on loan from God the creator. So they keep on learning - never rapidly enough, or profoundly enough - how to return on God's investment in them.

God bless everyone here at Cheshire Lutheran and thank you all for your friendship and continued support.

The following addendum recently written by Karen Bailey:

And 14 years later I continue to volunteer and serve on committees as needed here at Cheshire Lutheran Church. A Christian's deepest need is to be part of a truly meaningful community; the church is that community. Great opportunities to get involved and serve your church often disguise themselves in small tasks. God uses our time and talents to further His Kingdom.

My Lutheran Faith, my church and my church family continue to be most important in my life. Not only spiritually but socially as well. What would I do without my CLCW friends? Especially the ladies who are able to travel with me. Pastor Gregory Wismar's 10 day trip to Germany in 2017 for the 500th Anniversary Of The Reformation and walking in Martin Luther's steps each day with Vicki DePaolo was a blessing and a trip I will never forget.

Once again I thank the congregation and Pastor Rowold for the fellowship we share.



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...



As I continue to get up to speed on tackling some projects at church, I am struck by what a beautiful gift we have been given. Our building, designed in a "midcentury Lutheran modest" theme has a refreshing practicality and well-kept by our members. Wide open spaces, bright lights and glass with a spacious utility about it... Yes, this commentary could be found on a "Zillow" ad, but we are blessed to have an extraordinary "home" in which to gather and worship. Our founding members, with God's help and guidance, have left us a wonderful gift.

Recently, some of our congregation members were able to use our parish hall for some beautiful family functions. Nothing made me happier than to see our building used in a joyous way, celebrating God's blessings with them. Please feel free to ask if we can share this hospitality should you have an appropriate gathering.

Of late, some kneelers have been repaired, a roof leak patched, some plumbing and painting also completed.

Our cadre of botanically inclined members continues their vigilance, watching for struggling foliage, trimming, and planting as our properties continue to blossom. Thanks to you all.

As always, please feel free to let me know of anything we can do to help "keep our house" in order.

Jonathan Schrumm
House and Grounds 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.

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 was reset After Easter Sunday. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like added or returned to the list, please contact Pastor. 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**



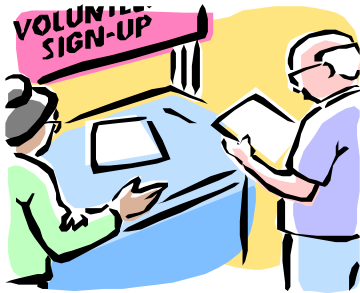
For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 “periods of service” when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir’s musical offerings that make our worship special).

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



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:

- ✦ **2025 Flower Chart Sign-up**
- ✦ **CLC Usher Schedule**
- ✦ **Live Stream Camera & Operator sign-up**
- ✦ Address information for Gloria Nuechterlein and Bo Hagstrom at Elim Park ♥
- ✦ Names of those serving on our CLC Council and Deacons
- ✦ **Information on CLC family members called home** to be with Jesus
- ✦ **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** information
- ✦ **The Magic of the Italian Lakes** trip information
- ✦ Nuechterlein Family photo
- ✦ **Sunday School Schedule** information
- ✦ **Sunday Coffee Hour** sign-up
- ✦ **Thank You Cards** and other correspondence
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **Annual Picnic** sign-ups
- ✦ **Stony Creek Singers—Music for a Sunday Afternoon** performance 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.
- ✦ **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer.
- ✦ **Helping Hands** is has expanded its mission and ministry. Contact Sally Schrumm to learn more and volunteer.
- ✦ **Sunday School Teachers Needed.** Please contact Tricia Rowold.

NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.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...



MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

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

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

THANK YOU....

TODDLER CLASS:

Erica Bencivenga

Guest Teacher; Dora Jacobson

PREK-GRADE 1:

Pam Clark

Guest Teacher; Terri Daly

1ST—3RD GRADES:

Lynn Balash

4TH & 6TH GRADES:

Susan Harris & Tricia Rowold

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:

Andy Clark

Guest Teachers:

Andy Clark and Kelley Collins-Paradee

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND CONFIRMATION:

Pastor David Rowold

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Tricia Rowold

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEACON:

Kelley Collins-Paradee



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...

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





CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands volunteers have been tirelessly serving our community over the past few months. From visiting shut-ins during the holidays to providing meals for those in need, their dedication has been unwavering. During Lent and Easter we supported Brenna with mailings to shut-ins and delivering an Easter gift during Holy Week.

Our meal and transportation assistance continues to be available as needed. We invite you to lend YOUR HAND! If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Sally. You can find her contact information in the Church Directory or contact the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.

Thank you,
Sally Schrumm
Helping Hands Committee

Please reach out the Church Office or CLC Directory for my contact information.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✝ Meals
- ✝ Transportation
- ✝ Visitation—Especially around Holidays
- ✝ Mailing cards - holiday and thinking of you
- ✝ Seasonal gifts.. apple pies at thanksgiving, cookies at Christmas, palms and Lenten devotional, Easter flowers



HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

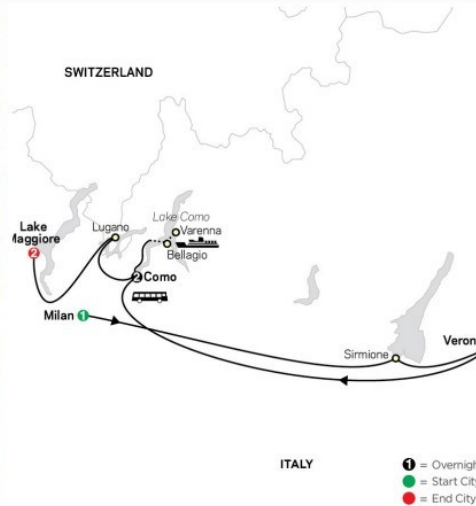
If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone listed in our church directory.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 7, 2025 with Rally Day!

Have a GREAT Summer!



The Magic of the Italian Lakes

8 DAYS | July 26—August 2, 2026 | Milan to Lake Maggiore

Day 1: (SUN) 26 JULY – Arrive in Milan, Italy Welcome to Milan! Check into your hotel and start exploring! Tonight, meet your Tour Director and Travel Companions.

Day 2: (MON) 27 JULY – Milan-Sirmione-Verona Start the day with an orientation tour of Milan, stopping to admire the famous Gothic-style Duomo. Travel east through the Po Valley and stop at Lake Garda to discover Sirmione. This is a Spa town rich in thermal waters and ancient charm situated on a long peninsula surrounded by breathtaking views. Among its highlights, a medieval castle, the famous Roman villa and grottoes of Catullo. Spend the evening in Verona, the "city of love". (B)

Day 3: (TUE) 28 JULY – Verona In the morning, a Local Guide take you through the old cobblestone streets of the old part of Verona telling you the stories behind the old buildings and how this beautiful city inspired Shakespeare. Spend the afternoon shopping, visiting, or taking a stroll along the Adige River banks. (B)

Day 4: (WED) 29 JULY – Verona-Lake Como This morning, say goodbye to the romantic city of Verona and continue to fascinating Lake Como, where you'll spend two nights. Stroll around the narrow alleys of the city center and the lungolago and maybe taste some fabulous local gelato. (B)

Day 5: (THU) 30 JULY – Lake Como. Excursion to Bellagio and Varenna Inspiring everyone from Roman senators and great composers to Hollywood actors, Como is the romantic image of the lakes. Its cobalt-blue waters are lined with magnificent mountains, lush gardens, and grand villas. Join the included boat trip to Bellagio, set in one of the most scenic position in all of Italy, and Varenna, an old fishing village. (B)

Day 6: (FRI) 31 JULY – Lake Como-Lugano, Switzerland-Lake Maggiore, Italy Depart Lake Como and cross the border into Switzerland. Head towards beautiful Lake Lugano and the stylish city that bears its name. Time to stroll along the lakeside promenade, window shop on refined Via Nassa, or sip an espresso on the Piazza Riforma. Leave Switzerland and cross back into Italy, driving to Lake Maggiore. (B)

Day 7: (SAT) 1 AUGUST - Lake Maggiore, Italy Set between Piedmont, Lombardy, and Switzerland, Lake Maggiore is a paradise of crystal waters, backed by towering mountains and surrounded by lush countryside. The day is yours to relax or to enjoy some of the many activities available around the lake. Farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

Day 8: (SUN) 2 AUGUST - Lake Maggiore Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Safe travels until we meet again! (B)

Pricing: \$1,799*pp based upon double occupancy
Travel Protection (optional - due at time of deposit): \$199pp
Deposit: \$250pp + Travel Protection

*Itinerary/pricing subject to change, Airfare not included in cost.

** Departing US on July 25 to arrive in Italy on July 26.

For more information contact:

Group Leader: Pastor Greg Wismar

(203) 405-1135; wismar@prodigy.net

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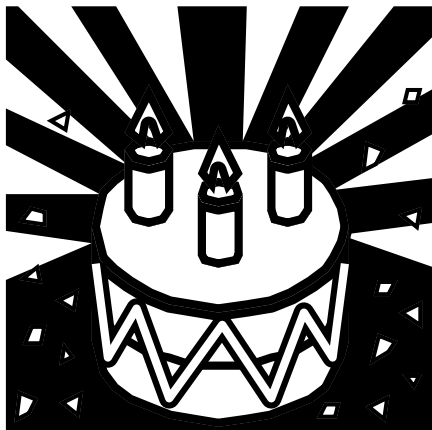
CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All our choirs are taking a break for the Summer; however, Martha has some wonderful music and special performances lined up for our Summer Services. If you are interested in performing for one service, let Martha know. She will work with you to decide what to do and when.

Also, consider joining the Bell or Parish Choir this Fall. You will be glad you did.

All Choirs start up again in September.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1st Caroline Veleber
Paul Emerick
2nd Leslie Donewald
4th Emma Finger
6th Tim Slocum
7th Kurt Lenz
8th Daniella Wilde
11th Donald Drust, Sr.
Julie Lamb
12th Andrew Clark
15th Georgianna Schupp
Christina Webster
17th Douglas Henderson

21st Richard Schellinger
22nd Alan Green
23rd Janice Matson
25th Christine Smith
Alex Wilde
26th Karen Smith
27th Matthew Emerick
Laura Richter
28th James Matson
30th Patricia Greenhalgh
31st Robert DeLaubell
Amanda Finger

Service Reminder!

- ⌚ CLC Church Picnic is June 8th
- ⌚ Last Day of Sunday School was June 1st with food and fun
- ⌚ 9:00 AM Services start June 15th
- ⌚ Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays at 9:00 AM during the Summer
- ⌚ Summer Sunday Lemonade on the Lawn will start on Sunday June 15th after the 9:00 AM Service
- ⌚ Regular 2 Service Sunday schedule (8:00 & 10:30 AM) resumes on September 7, 2024

THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2025



5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	35 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	30 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	58 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	8 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	24 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	19 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	28 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	42 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	56 Years



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

✠ **Council** meetings:

✠ **Tuesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 PM in Person**

✠ **Tuesday, September 2nd, at 7:00 PM in Person**

✠ **Voters** meetings:

✠ **- Sunday, September 7th, after the late service in Person (approx. 11:45)**





May 2025

Our Beautiful
Grounds



We Are
Blessed

VOICES OF FAITH—WHAT’S THE BEST PART ABOUT CHURCH?...

“Going to church” has many “best parts”, whenever the parts are done with excellence.

Some churches have extraordinary music programs that lift yearning souls into heights of glorious celebration.

Some churches have exceptional preachers who astound listeners with their poetic capacities to command engagement about matters of ultimate importance.

In other churches the rarified gifts of prayer are front and center.

In yet other churches, members and visitors alike are reminded of the empowering delight of living in a caring community and encountering afresh the holy promise: “Lo, I am with you always.”

Church experiences afford participants the regular discipline of reverence as well as opportunities for usefulness through hands-on service.

In a fractured society distracted by hyper- individualism, there can be devastating isolation. Going to church provides an encounter with an extended family and helps people guard against the temptation of self-absorption.

Most people long for the blessings of solitude, but there is an even greater need for a sense of belonging. Going to church can provide you a group that know your name, welcomes you with grace, comforts you in sadness, and celebrates our joys and successes.

Going to church, at its best, is an adventure that broadens your vision, heals your destructive habits, enhances your talents, expands your friendships, intensifies your jubilations, soothes your sorrows, and magnifies the amazing, abounding graces of God.

Going to church helps you go through the rest of the week - and eventually the rest of life - with purpose, fulfillment, and immutable joy.

Written by,
The Rev. Bob Hill



Stony Creek Singers

PRESENT

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

“In Some Chosen Place”

(A STONY CREEK STORY)

Sunday, June 8th, 2025

4:00 PM

Stony Creek Congregational Church
192 Thimble Island Road, Branford, CT 06405

Free Concert • Donations Appreciated



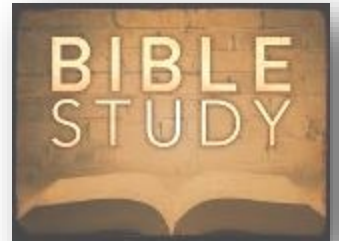
Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Sunday Adult Bible study will meet between the services on June 1 for our last regular lesson of this School year. We will resume in the Fall with Rally Day activities, and our first lesson will be the Sunday after Rally Day.

Our Midweek Adult Bible study will continue to on Wednesday afternoons until we finish our study of Philippians. Presuming we maintain our current pace of a lesson a week, we'll be meeting in June on the 4th and 11th. Once we've finished the final lesson of our current study, the class will go on hiatus for the Summer. The Midweek Bible study will return in the fall after Rally Day.

Watch for the September edition of the Heavenly Herald for details on the start of Bible studies after Summer vacation, and please feel free to contact Pastor Rowold if you have any suggestions for what we should study in the fall. As always, don't forget to set aside time on a regular basis to read God's Word and pray about what He says to you in it.



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.



HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Four of our teachers have let me know they are stepping back from teaching next year. We need some new Sunday School teachers to work with our amazing students starting in September. The Sunday School year runs September – June. We meet for 1 hour on Sunday mornings between the services. Please prayerfully consider serving as a Sunday School Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings at all grade levels. You can be a guest teacher covering occasional absences or a part of a team that shares the responsibility of teaching as works best for you and your teammate, whether that is every other week, every other month, or a fall winter-winter/spring split. We would like to have a team of at least 2 for each grade level.

Requirements: communicant member of CLC, pass in a basic background check, and have a desire to share God's word with our amazing students.

Benefits include: a deeper understanding of God's word, getting to know the students and their families, growing closer to God along the way. Please contact Tricia Rowold if you are able to help.



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

WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

† June 8 Kiley Soulier
 † June 9 Michael Collins
 † June 9 William Sherman
 † June 14 John Greenhalgh
 † June 14 Matthew Lynch
 † June 15 Lynn Balash
 † June 15 Ali Tyler
 † June 18 Jim Mertz
 † June 24 Beth Soulier
 † June 30 Barbara Fiedler
 † July 1 Cliff Ongley

† July 8 William Rowold
 † July 9 Nora Bencivenga
 † July 10 Tricia Rowold
 † July 10 Emily Soulier
 † July 10 Michael Plantier
 † July 12 Clair Bencivenga
 † July 12 Jeffrey Mann, Jr.
 † July 16 Joe Nowak
 † July 27 Julia Plantier
 † July 29 Bill Soulier

† August 4 Elizabeth Barden
 † August 4 Paula Ongley
 † August 9 Cora Swayner
 † August 11 Megan Smith
 † August 13 Claire Przybylski
 † August 15 Christina Webster
 † August 16 Vanessa Falk
 † August 17 Amanda Nowak
 † August 19 Ava Euen
 † August 23 Erica Bencivenga
 † August 24 Logan Euen
 † August 28 Julianna Tyler
 † August 30 Barbara Carson



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