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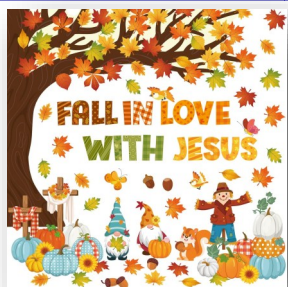
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." James 5:13-16 (ESV)

There are times in life when trouble and hardship seem to be inescapable. Turn on the television, open the newspaper, check the feed from your preferred news provider - the reports of tragedy and loss have led the day far too often lately. It would be hard enough to get by if the bad news was only limited to the accounts of strangers, but it's not just strangers. Friends and neighbors, loved ones and fellow parishioners are plagued with struggles and illnesses.

When faced with these situations, we want to help. We want to do something to express our care and concern for the person in need who we see before us; we want to bring relief to their hardships. Too often, however, we feel helpless; their difficulties are beyond our meager abilities, and the solutions to their problems are far out of our reach. In times like this, what is a person - what is a Christian - to do?

Pray. That's right, pray. Pray for the person in need. Pray for their loved ones. Pray for the people around them who do have the skill and ability to help with whatever the problem is. I know that it may not seem like much of a contribution in the grand scheme of things; it may feel small and futile and useless in comparison to the problem at hand, but nothing could be further from the truth.

Prayer is nothing less than talking to Almighty God, the creator of the heavens and the earth,

and He hears your prayers. Yes, that's right; God hears your prayers, He answers them, and He sends healing and relief to people in need. While prayer may seem feeble and weak in the face of life's troubles, prayer is actually powerful. God works miracles in response to prayer, and prayer also reassures the person in need that they are not alone or forgotten.

Prayer reminds us that we are surrounded by, and a part of, a community of people that cares for us and supports us in both the good and bad times of life. Prayer helps us to see that we are not alone; our Lord is with us, and so are our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is part of how we live together as a community.

That's why we pray as a regular part of our Sunday service, why we pray specifically for other people, lifting up to God their cares and concerns, their needs and their worries. That's why we pray for one another as part of our own personal and private devotions, holding them up to our Heavenly Father and trusting Him to bring them the aid that He knows is best for them. It's what the body of Christ does for its members.

We pray in our services for our members and friends who serve in the Armed Forces. We pray for those celebrating joyous occasions, like new births and baptisms, confirmations and weddings, birthdays and baptismal anniversaries and wedding anniversaries. We pray for people who are sick or dying or grieving. We pray for people in the silence of our hearts, lifting up people in need and adding their names to the list laid before the Lord.

We pray because the Lord tells us to pray, because He hears, and because He does answer. We pray because it makes a

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Come Worship With Us

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

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

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



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All

I hope all of you had a great summer, are doing well and are looking forward to the autumn season.



The choirs are back, Sunday School is in session and the Council is back at work. We had our first Council and Voters meetings. In our September council meeting, the first draft of the 2026 Mission Plan was presented by Randy Raddatz, our Parish Vice-President, and was approved by the Council to be presented to the Voters at the September Voters meeting. The final plan will be brought to the Voters in November for final approval, after adjustments, if any, are made.

Another issue of great importance that was discussed at both meetings is the formation of our Nominating Committee, as per our Constitution and Bylaws. This committee consists of two deacons and one voter. At the time of this writing the committee consists of Rob Delaubell, David Schrumm and Jeff Mann. We have several vacancies to fill. They are Financial Secretary, Stewardship Deacon, Fellowship Deacon, Youth Deacon and Worship Deacon. If anyone feels compelled to take on one of these roles, please reach out to the Nominating Committee. You will never serve alone. There are always members willing to help. 1 Timothy 3:1 reads, "This saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task."

Also at both meetings, the House and Grounds committee sought the approval of additional funds to allocated for repairs on the Parsonage. The repairs include the replacement of the deck, patio and sidewalk. This was approved and the work will be in progress soon.

Our next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 21st, and the next Voters meeting will be Sunday, November 9th. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our Church Council. We're here to listen, support, and walk alongside you in Christ's love.

In closing, I'll just keep this last comment simple and to the point. BE LIKE CHARLIE.

Yours in Christ
Bill Soulier

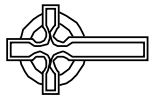
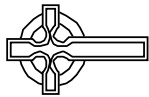
HELP IS NEEDED

Please consider serving as ...

**Financial Secretary
Stewardship Deacon
Fellowship Deacon
Youth Deacon
Worship Deacon**

Serve the LORD with gladness. Psalm 100:2

Contact Nominating Committee



GLG Calendar

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	2	3	4
5 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	6	7	8 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	16	17	18
19 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	20	21 7:00 Council Meeting	22 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	23	24	25
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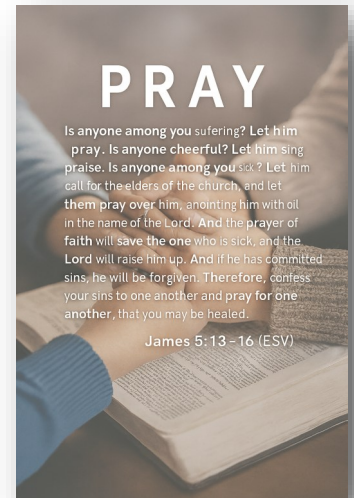
difference. We pray because it is something we are all capable of doing, regardless of our strength or mobility or stamina or eyesight or age. We pray because it's who we are as God's redeemed children and members of His body, the Church.

In the coming weeks, we will be looking to do something a bit different in our life of prayer at CLC. In addition to the Prayer List that is part of our worship services, I will also be gauging people's interest in starting a Prayer Chain. This would be made up of interested members and would provide them a list of people we are praying for, along with the reason we are praying (as much as they are willing to share).

Please reach out to me directly if you are interested in being a part of caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ through this ministry of prayer. If we have sufficient members who desire to be part of this, then I will begin reaching out to the contacts for our Sunday Prayer List, to see if they would like to have their loved ones on the Prayer Chain as well.

Our earthly lives are filled with joy and sadness, with bountiful blessings and countless hardships. As we encounter them all, we are never helpless – whatever they may bring. There is one powerful tool that each of us can employ, regardless of who you are or what your life is like. You can pray! Will you pray with me?

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!



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.



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 CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs will resume rehearsals in October. Please note:

- ♪ Parish Choir will perform on October 5th & 19th
- ♪ Bell Choir will perform on October Reformation October 26th

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
October 1 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
October 8 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 12 - Sunday	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
October 15 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 19 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
October 22- Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 26 - Sunday <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
October 29 - Wednesday	† † † NO REHEARSALS † † †		



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.



WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| † October 3—Hailey Sullivan | † October 11—Sia Kwayu |
| † October 3—David Rowold | † October 17—Alan Spose |
| † October 6—David Mason | † October 21—Louis Nuechterlein |
| † October 6—Jonathan Mason | † October 22—Emma Kingsley |
| † October 9—Ian Clark | † October 23—Bennett Tuscano |
| † October 10—Lisette Donewald | † October 24—Lucy Bencivenga |
| † October 10—Wesley Tuscano | † October 24—Timothy Daly |
| † October 11—Roberta Hagstrom | † October 24—Derek Henderson |

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

Columbarium Committee Update:

The Columbarium Committee continues careful planning and stewardship of our church's sacred memorial space. With deep respect for those who have gone before us and a commitment to serving our congregation's future needs, the committee reviewed several key items and made meaningful progress.

Highlights:

- ✠ **Site Maintenance & Aesthetics:** The Committee discussed ongoing care of the Columbarium grounds, including seasonal upkeep and potential enhancements to the landscaping. The goal is to ensure the space remains peaceful, dignified, and welcoming year-round.
- ✠ **Plaque and Niche Management:** The Committee is working to streamline the process for families and ensure timely communication and coordination with vendors.
- ✠ **Policy Review & Documentation:** We are revisiting the Columbarium policies to ensure clarity and consistency. A few updates were proposed to better reflect current practices and to make the guidelines more accessible to families considering future arrangements.
- ✠ **Financial Oversight:** The Committee reviewed the Columbarium fund and discussed long-term sustainability. Stewardship of these resources remains a top priority, with transparency and care guiding all decisions.

Outreach and Education: Plans are underway to provide more information to the Congregation about the Columbarium's purpose, availability, and spiritual significance. The Committee hopes to host an informational session later this fall.

We are grateful to the committee members for their thoughtful leadership and dedication to preserving this sacred space. Their work ensures that our Columbarium continues to offer comfort, reverence, and connection for generations to come.

If you have questions about the Columbarium or would like to learn more about reserving a niche, please reach out to the church office or speak with a committee member.

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

Out of care for our sacred space and in accordance with CLC By-Laws, we kindly ask families to refrain from leaving items (flowers, trinkets, etc.) at or around the Columbarium. While we deeply understand the sentiment, our staff is unable to remove these items promptly. If you have questions, please speak with a committee member. Thank you for your understanding.

Columbarium Status:

Category	Count	Notes
Saints Inurned	19	+1 Pending = 20 total
Subscriptions (Pre-Need)	33	Not including inurnments
Niches in Use or Subscribed	53	60% of total niches
Open Niches	35	40% available
Memorial Plaques (Purchased/Installed)	29	Includes both installed and ordered



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

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



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool is off and running. What a beginning it has been; our classes are very busy. Every time I turn around there are messages on the answering machine that a parent would like to take a tour of our school, and all wind up taking a spot. Most say they heard of us from a friend, family member or by just driving by and seeing the banner outside the Church on the lawn. This year, we are packed in both classes. Thank you, Lord!



We at Little Cherubs would like to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to Don Drust and his team who re-did the floors. They are beautiful. I love the gloss you used and how clean they are. That says a lot when a parent comes to tour. So, once again, we would like to say THANK YOU.

We would all like to give a big THANK YOU to our Mr. Ed. We are all so blessed to have you as part of our family at Little Cherub. We ask and you will deliver. Our old cubby room is amazing. Ed builds sturdy shelving to hold our supplies, and he also built shelving in the basement which is full already. There isn't enough space to go over everything Ed has done for us. Mr. Ed, Thank You.



And I would like to "shout out" to our amazing staff. Our classroom is pristine and the love for the children is expressed in all they do with their Little Cherubs. More to tell when the November Heavenly Herald is published. I continue to work as the Director both in my office and at home.

Director of Little Cherubs Preschool
Joann Adinolfi Holstein

2025—2026 Registration

Little Cherubs is still taking registration for the 2025—2026 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the Church or Preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the Church Office.

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).

A Call to Serve with Joyful Hearts

Our Sunday worship services are a sacred time to gather, reflect, and grow in faith together. To make these moments truly meaningful, we need helping hands and willing hearts. We are prayerfully seeking **USERS** and **LESSON READERS** to serve during worship.

If God has placed it on your heart to participate, whether by guiding our congregation through the service or sharing His Word aloud, your presence would be a blessing. No experience is necessary, just a spirit of love and a willingness to serve.

Please reach out to April Slauson to learn more or to say "yes" to this beautiful opportunity..



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



Orphan Grain Train—Hygiene Kits Update:

We had a very successful collection of hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train. We collected enough to assemble 40 kits. There was an overabundance of toothbrushes and bars of soap. Those items were donated to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



HYGIENE KITS

Help Us Bless Local Families This Christmas:

I am looking into a way to support needy children, families or seniors during the Christmas season. I have a call into Cheshire Social Services. If anyone knows any worthwhile organizations; please contact me and I will look into ways that we may support them.

August Food Delivery Update:

Thank you to Steve Behnfeldt for delivering food items to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry this month. Our contributions totaled 82 pounds. Steve relayed the message that "David DeFeo was appreciative of what Cheshire Lutheran contributes". He told him that our dish soap contributions "are like liquid gold" because they have trouble keeping it stocked.

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

Our continuous collection for the Cheshire Community 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. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Terri Daly
Social Welfare Deacon



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

FEED OUR FUTURE

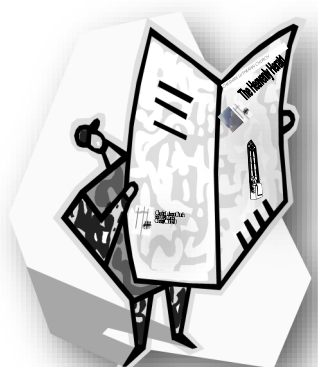
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(November 2025 Articles are Due!)

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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier by Friday **October 24th** 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!

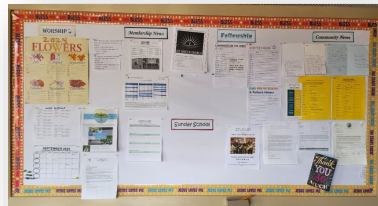
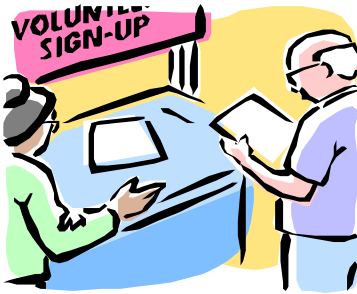


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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** 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
- ✦ **News and Updates** regarding some of our members



Others looking for help!

- ✦ **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer.
- ✦ **Altar Guild** is looking for new members. 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.

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.



PRAYER CHAIN...

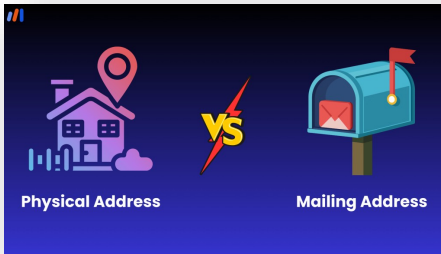
We are all familiar with the collection of names on our Sunday morning Prayer List. You may not know each name on there, but you are undoubtedly familiar with the list that sometimes seems endless. On more than one occasion, I have had people ask if they could have a copy of the list, so that they could personally pray for those people. I've also had people ask for more information about those for whom we are praying and why we are praying.

Inspired by these inquiries, I have a question for all of you: would you like to be part of a Prayer Chain that prays for our members, their family, and/or friends? Anyone who is interested in being part of this ministry of prayer, please contact me directly. If we have a sufficient number of people who would like to participate, I will be in touch with contacts for the people on our Sunday Prayer List and will compile a list of names for the Prayer Chain, along with some information on why we are praying for each person (as much as they are comfortable sharing).

Please contact Pastor Rowold (email preferred) for questions or if you would like to participate.



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...



Our Mailing Address vs. Our Street Address

When sending a check (or other important correspondence) by mail to the Church, please send the check to our **Mailing Address**:

Cheshire Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 157
Cheshire, CT 06410



Do not use the Church's street address (660 West Main Street), which results in mail being left in the mailbox at the street. We know from experience gained over the years that using the Mailing Address provides better security.

When directing an investment company (e.g., Schwab, Fidelity, Vanguard) to send a check directly to the Church on your behalf, please have them send the check to our Mailing Address.

Your Quarterly Offering Statement

Please review the third quarter's Offering Statement that Members should receive shortly after September 30. The Statements will be placed on the counter outside the Church Office. If you have any concerns about the accuracy of your statement, please reach out to Brenna Steczkowski, our Office Manager, or Rob DeLaubell, our Stewardship Deacon. This is a very important check and balance for us.

Larry Logan
Financial Secretary



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

October

October 31, 1517	Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany
October 11, 1953	Pastor Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
October 2, 2012	Schlicker Pipe Organ rededication; guest organist Andrew Schaeffer



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

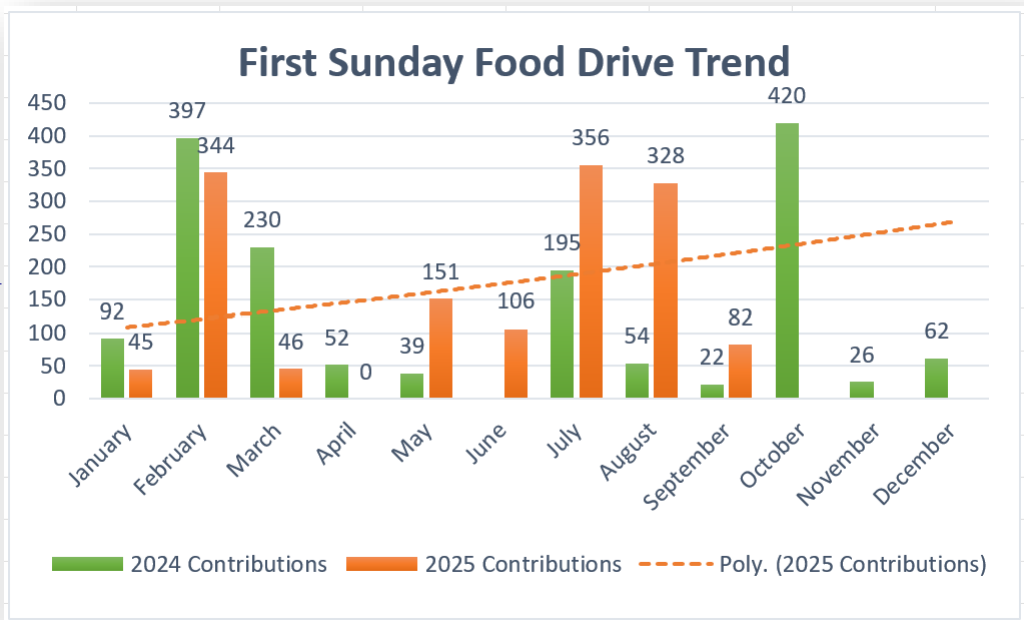
- ✦ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✦ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services
- ✦ Service video with enhanced music recordings
- ✦ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles
- ✦ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✦ Video 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...





DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



HELP WANTED

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

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

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

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

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

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

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

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:

175 Sandbank Rd
Cheshire Ct 06410

Send Checks to:

Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457

or

you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Thanks to all who came out to support the Cheshire Fall Festival! It was a great day! Hopefully, we touched many lives.

As Steve Feero, the Media Committee and I have been revamping our digital media, I realized that our old logo was not in an updated format to use on digital platforms, like our website. This led to the idea of a logo refresh! We kept the three crosses from the original design and people underneath them. Special thanks to Salty Anchor Design who helped with the design! I hope you like the new logo!

Erica Bencivenga
Evangelism Deacon



CLC HELPING HANDS...

NEW INFO... NEW REQUESTS

As always, there is a request for you to help.... Can you drive, can you bake, can you talk, can you listen... yes? Then I need you!

I have drivers for Gloria through October but need drivers for November and December! This involves transporting her to and from the 10:30 service. Bible class is optional and not expected. She and her family remain very grateful!

As our fall holidays approach, I would again like to bake, assemble a small gift and visit those who remain shut in! Can you be part of this outreach?

Currently, we do not have any requests for meals but I need to keep my list active and updated. When there is a need, it is usually immediate! Please let me know your status!

To reach me, you will need to check my prior emails or our new directory! The Heavenly Herald does not include this info to diminish the chance of spam use!

Thank you in advance!

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✚ Meals
- ✚ 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



Thank you!
Sally Schrumm
Helping Hands Committee

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

WELLNESS & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...



WELLNESS & SAFETY – FIRE PREVENTION

In 1922, the second week of October was named “Fire Prevention Week” by the *National Fire Protection Association* (NFPA). Today, October is observed as “Fire Prevention Month” which serves as a reminder to take preventative measures, practice fire escape planning, and ensure homes are equipped with essential fire safety tools like working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers. It’s important for all of us to take some time and be prepared.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS AT HOME



1. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home – one for every level. Remember to check all of them every month and to change the batteries regularly. For added safety, you can get units that are both smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
2. Avoid electrical fires by unplugging appliances when not in use and do not overload outlets by plugging in too many devices with things like power strips. When using an extension cord, make sure it is thicker than the cord for the device you are plugging in and do not put electrical wires under rugs or in high traffic areas.
3. Consider getting at least one fire extinguisher for your home. More fires start in the kitchen than in any other room, so this would be a good place to have one. Remember to get a fire extinguisher that is designed to

work on the most common types of home fires.

4. Clean the lint trap of your clothes dryer regularly and clear out any lint under or behind the dryer twice a year. Fires in residential areas often start in the clothes dryer.
5. Have an escape plan for how you will get out of your home if there is ever a fire. Make sure the members of your family know it. Don’t forget to designate a place outside of the home and far enough away where everyone will gather to make sure they are safe.



WELLNESS & SAFETY – SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING

Every October 31, children across the nation enjoy going out to trick-or-treat. From shortly after school, when the Elementary and Preschool children head out, to the evening when the teenagers make their rounds, Halloween is a time when the sidewalks and streets of our communities are filled with young people having fun. In the midst of the excitement, it’s important to take some simple steps to make sure everyone has a safe time.

TRICK-OR-TREATER SAFETY TIPS

1. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult on their neighborhood rounds.
2. If older children are going without an adult, they should travel in groups – and remember to plan and review an acceptable route before they go out..
3. Agree on a specific time children should be home.
4. Remind children never to enter a stranger’s home or car.
5. Tell your children not to eat any treats until they get home, so a responsible adult can check it for safety and food allergies.

HALLOWEEN DRIVER SAFETY TIPS

1. Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.

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2. Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
3. At dusk and after it gets dark watch for children in dark clothing/costumes.
4. Discourage new and/or inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

HOMEOWNER SAFETY TIPS

1. Keep your porch and front yard clear of tripping hazards like garden hoses, toys, and bikes.
2. Sweep leaves from sidewalks and steps to prevent people slipping.
3. Turn on exterior lights (front door, garage, etc.) that illuminate where trick-or-treaters will walk.
4. Do not leave candy out unattended or unmonitored. You have a responsibility to make sure the candy people get from your house is safe and that no one tampers with it.
5. If you are not giving out candy, remember to turn off your front porch light and consider turning off any lights that might illuminate your front door from the inside.



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

We are off to a great start. It was so wonderful seeing many families on Rally Day.



This year our lessons for grades Pre-K (ages 4-5) – Grade 6, are an overview of the Old Testament. Toddlers and parents have a different lesson set up that uses both New and Old Testament lessons throughout the year. Our Middle School and High School youth have the opportunity to study what the Bible says about topics they may face in everyday life and a chance to volunteer as helpers in the younger kids' rooms.



On regular Sundays, we continue gathering after the 8 a.m. service (between 9 and 9:15) for fellowship and we will start Sunday School Opening at 9:20 a.m. We will sing, pray, practice the commandments, collect offering, and take attendance all together. Then our youngest students and their parents will head to the newly set up toddler classroom and all others will get an introduction to the lesson for the day, before going off to class with their groups. The class groupings for this year will be Pre-K – Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Grades 7-12, if confirmed, will have a choice to meet and study God's word in the Youth Room or volunteer to be a part of sharing Gods word with the younger students.

Any families with students in Grades 7-12 who have not made their Confirmation, please reach out to Pastor Rowold if you would like more information on the process for doing so, and join us Sunday mornings to study God's word.

Some important notes for this year:

- ✚ Fun Sundays for the Fall will be October 12 and November 30. On Fun Sundays, we will meet all together the whole time; these are Sundays that the public schools are closed on Monday, as well as the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- ✚ The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be December 14, 2025 during the 10:30 am service. We will need a Saturday rehearsal this year to avoid taking to many Sundays away from the regular lessons. We will practice the music during Openings in the fall; full rehearsals will be Saturday, November 22, 2025 (time TBD), Sunday December 7, 2025 at 9:20 a.m., and a final dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2025.
- ✚ We will have a cookie reception following the pageant on December 14, 2025.
- ✚ We will have a regular lesson on December 21, 2025, and we will be off for December 28, 2025, for Christmas and New Year's.

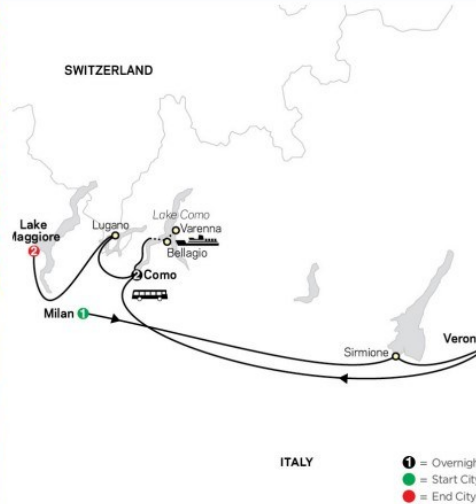
Parents, remember to **THANK** our staff and teachers this year; they are:



- ✚ Pre-K & Kindergarten: Dora Jacobson & Tricia Rowold
- ✚ 1st - 3rd Grade: Lynn Balash & Laura Sullivan
- ✚ 4th - 6th Grade: Kelley Collins-Pardee & James Donewald
- ✚ Adult Study: Pastor David Rowold
- ✚ Christian Education Deacon: Kelley Collins-Pardee
- ✚ Sunday School Superintendent: Tricia Rowold

A calendar for the full Sunday School year was handed out at Rally Day, September 7, 2025, and will be mailed to families that we missed that day. Can't wait to see you all in Sunday school!

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent



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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2025 - 52 Years of Giving

The Cheshire Food Drive

First Saturday & Sunday in November

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center



WHO WE ARE

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

WHAT WE DO

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

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

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

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :

CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926



First full weekend in November
Congregational Church Green

Shopping List

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

Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

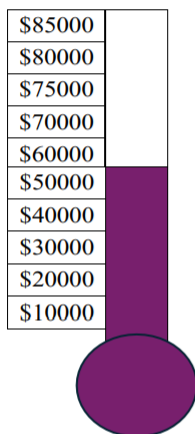
- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels



We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** * and nationally. For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org

PASS IT ON
SEPTEMBER 2025

**LWML-NED Mission Goal
for 2024-2026 is \$85,000**



2024-2026 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

Mission Goal \$85,000 allocated as follows:

\$55,250 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.
\$21,250 for national LWML Mission Projects; and \$8,500 for
Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England District Administration

Total **Mite** money thru, **August 30, 2025**, is **\$52,464.17**
and is **61.7%** of Goal.

**WE ARE MAKING OUR WAY
TOWARD OUR GOAL.**



**God bless
you as you
serve Him
with
gladness!**

Please **save and remit** your **Mite** donations payable
to **LWML-NED**

Our Mission Grants enable us to share the love of
Christ locally, nationally, and internationally.

SEND MITES TO: Barbara Lis, Treasurer
LWML-New England District
P.O. Box 932, Niantic, CT 06357

This is the Grant we are currently working on:

7b	PEER FELLOWS PILOT PROGRAM – First Lutheran Church of Boston (\$2,986.71 to-date)	\$ 5,000
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PLEASE KEEP OUR MITE RECIPIENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS YOU FEED YOUR MITE BOX.

*The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LWML-New England District (LWML-NED) is a part of the National LWML. Since 1942, the LWML has been encouraging women to use their God-given gifts to serve the Lord with gladness and to support global missions.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time (United States) ends **Sunday, November 2, 2025.**

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



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✚ Thanks to all who helped plan, work and help out for Sunday School Rally Day. Everyone had a terrific time.
- ✚ We always want to remember to thank all the folk that help out around the church! So much work needs to get done and does get done due to the hard work and dedication of so many unsung heroes! We are blessed and thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
- ✚ We can not thank Pastor, Martha, Live Stream Team and all the volunteers for working so hard to make sure our online Services run so smoothly. We appreciate you all and we are Blessed.
- ✚ Very Special thanks to the Evangelism Committee and booth volunteers for representing CLC at the Cheshire Fall Festival

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

A GENTLE CALL TO SERVE: JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD...

Dear Members of Cheshire Lutheran Church,

Behind every Holy Communion Sunday is a quiet act of devotion, faithful hands preparing the altar, setting the table, and ensuring that our worship space reflects the reverence of the moment. This sacred work is carried out by our Altar Guild, a team of volunteers who serve with grace and humility.



We are currently seeking **three new members** to join this meaningful ministry. Three of our dedicated volunteers are stepping down, and we hope to fill their shoes with hearts ready to serve.

What's involved?

- ✚ A commitment of just **three months** out of the year
- ✚ Scheduled **twice per month**
- ✚ You'll be **paired with a partner** for support

Training and guidance will be provided every step of the way

Whether you're new to this ministry or have served before, your presence will be a blessing. It's a beautiful way to deepen your connection to our worship life and contribute to the spiritual rhythm of our congregation.

Please prayerfully consider joining the Altar Guild. Your service will not go unnoticed—and it will be deeply appreciated.

Interested or have questions? - Reach out to **April Slauson**, who is coordinating on behalf of **Ethel Daly**.

Together, let's continue to honor the sacred traditions of our church with care and community.

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.



NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacons are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 9th**, after the 10:30 a.m. service:

<u>Officers (term of 1 year)</u>	<u>Deacons (term of 3 years)</u>
President	Fellowship Deacon
Vice-President	Stewardship Deacon
Recording Secretary	Worship Deacon
Financial Secretary	Youth Deacon
Treasurer	

New officers will be installed on the first Sunday of 2026.

CLC members are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in filling an elected position, or if you would like to propose a candidate for election.

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

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Rob Delaubell, David Schrumm and Jeff Mann.



GIVING TO CLC THROUGH YOUR IRA: A SMART WAY TO SHARE...



If you're age 73 or older, the IRS requires you to take annual withdrawals from your traditional IRA—these are called **Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)**. The amount is based on your account balance at the end of the previous year and your life expectancy. For example, at age 73, the IRS Uniform Lifetime Table uses a factor of 26.5, which means your RMD is approximately **3.77%** of your IRA balance.

These distributions are **taxable income**. However, if you'd like to support CLC, there's a way to do so while reducing your tax bill: the **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**.

A QCD allows you to contribute directly from your IRA to CLC. This amount can count toward your RMD and is **excluded from your taxable income**.

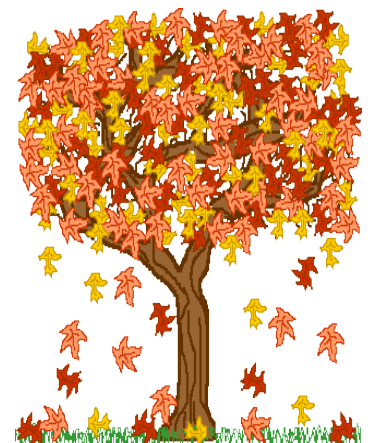
How to Make a QCD:

- ✚ Contact your IRA provider and request a **direct transfer** to CLC. You'll likely need to complete a form or initiate the request online.
- ✚ The payment must be made **directly to CLC**, not to you.
- ✚ When you file your taxes, the amount you donated directly from your IRA as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) doesn't count as taxable income.

Please contact a member of the CLC Finance Committee if you have any questions or plan to make a QCD. This helps us track and acknowledge your gift appropriately.

By using a QCD, you not only support a cause you care about—you also reduce your taxable income, making it a win-win for CLC and your finances!

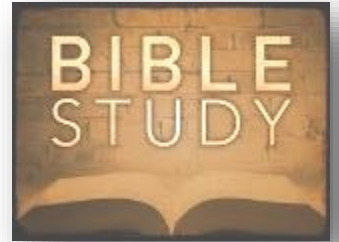
Submitted by Kurt Lenz
Stewardship Committee



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Sunday morning Bible Study between the services starts at approximately 9:10 a.m. every Sunday. For the Fall, our topic is "God's Word" from *The Lutheran Difference* Bible study series. As Lutherans interact with other Christians, we often find ourselves struggling to explain our beliefs and practices. When confronted with different doctrines, we cannot clearly state our faith, much less understand the differences. *The Lutheran Difference* Bible study series identifies how Lutherans differ from other Christians and shows from the Bible why Lutherans differ.



In addition to Sunday morning Bible, our midweek Bible study meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. At the start of the school year, we began looking at a new book of the Bible, Romans. We are now working our way through St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome.

Our Adult Bible studies meet in the Church Library on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you cannot be with us in person, watch for emails each week to participate by Zoom.

Come out and join us any time, even if you haven't been with us before. You are always welcome.

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.



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

✠ **Council** meetings:

✠ **Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM in Person**

✠ **Voters** meeting:

✠ **Sunday, November 9th, after the late service in Person (approx. 11:45)**



HELP WANTED—SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

We are in need of more volunteers to help teach Sunday School this September. The materials we use come from our Synod's Concordia Publishing House. Samples of the materials are available for anyone who would like to look at them. Whether you have taught before or this would be your first time, please prayerfully consider joining us.



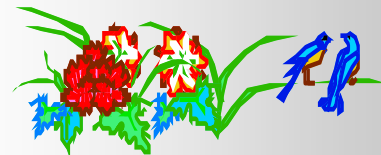
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 2025

1st Kelly Lenz
 3rd Mary Beth Blair
 Grace Wilde
 6th Frank Vasi
 7th Matthew Plantier
 8th Kelley Collins-Pardee
 10th John Balash, Jr.
 11th Grace Muller
 12th Jonah Tyler
 13th David Zeppieri
 15th Timothy Fiedler
 Sarah Rowold
 16th Brandon Feero
 18th Benjamin DeLaubell
 19th Mario Bencivenga
 21st Karen Bailey
 Marilyn Miller
 24th Edward Schweizer
 Rachel Henderson
 25th Holly Flugrath
 26th Donald DePaolo
 28th Lisa Finger



1st Craig & Rachel Henderson 20 Years
 4th Ken & Lisa Finger 22 Years
 6th Jon & Eva Schrumm 41 Years
 Frank & Martha Medford 46 Years
 7th David & Regina Lynch 18 Years
 10th Bill & Beth Soulier 38 Years
 12th Bill & Judy Juul 62 Years
 13th John & Diane Taylor 35 Years
 18th Don & Arta Dobbs 45 Years
 20th Michael & Carolyn Carrington 24 Years
 23rd Alan & Donna Spose 43 Years
 28th Scott & April Slauson 30 Years



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Voters will meet Sunday **November 9, 2025** after the 10:30 service.



Cheshire Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 157
Cheshire, CT 06410

