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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, Part II: The Creed; The First Article: Creation.

By the time you're reading this newsletter, the clocks will already have been turned back for the start of Daylight Standard time, All Saints Sunday will have come and gone, and we will be rapidly moving toward the start of the "holiday season" with Thanksgiving. Although hustle and bustle have, in many ways, become the hallmark of the season, before we crash headlong into the lights and glitter and gifts of Christmas, we pause – even if briefly – and set aside a few moments to give thanks to Almighty God for all the gifts He has so graciously given us over the past year. As is always the case, it's easier for some of us to find reasons to be thankful and a bit more challenging for others.

If you're a person who sees God's goodness clearly around you and feel blessed this year, you don't need me to point out what you already know and have received. If you're someone who has had a more challenging year and is having a harder time seeing God's goodness, you certainly don't want me to remind you of those either. Each of us knows whether it's been a good year or a bad one; for many of us, it's probably been a little bit of both over the last twelve months.

Regardless of whether your life feels full of blessings or full of challenges, the truth is that we all have reasons to turn to God with thanksgiving in our hearts and on our lips. In fact, we have all been so very richly blessed, even if this year has not always been easy for you. Martin Luther reminds us of that very reality in the *Small Catechism*, when he expounds on the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

"The First Article: Creation I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and

earth. *What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*, Part II: The Creed; The First Article: Creation.

As we approach the start of the holiday season, each and every one of us has copious reasons to be grateful this Thanksgiving. The list Luther provides of all the various ways that God has blessed you and me simply goes on and on. Some of them are life altering and monumental – things like children and a spouse, or owning a home. Other blessings from the giving hand of our Heavenly Father may come across as more routine and mundane – like the mobility of our members or the variety of food within our pantries. Still, each and every one of these, no matter how great or how small, if a gift of love given to you by our Almighty Father.

Just few years ago, we were all so keenly aware of the good gifts we have received from God. We stood spaced six feet apart in lines and hoped to find store shelves that were not bare. We longed to gather without covering our faces or keeping each other at arms' length. For many, life today still does not feel as easy as it was prior to 2020, as the affordability – or the lack thereof – of many

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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 everyone is doing well and enjoying the Fall weather as we head into the holiday season. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends and maybe watch a football game or two. Enjoy and give thanks.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise (Psalm 95:2).

It's that time of year, when we turn our clocks back one hour on November 2nd. Do so and you won't be late for church.

The positions to be filled are Financial Secretary, Fellowship Deacon, Stewardship Deacon, Worship Deacon and Youth Deacon. As of this writing, we have candidates for all of the positions except Youth Deacon. The Nominating Committee has been working hard to find someone to fill this position, so if you feel compelled to take on this task, please contact the Nominating Committee or myself. I understand that taking on this role may seem like a challenge, however, you will not be alone.

The Council finalized the 2026 Mission plan and will present it to the Voters. Also, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates to fill the open positions of Officers and Deacons and will present them to the Voters for approval at our next Voters Meeting that will take place on Sunday, November 9th, after the late service. The positions to be filled are Financial Secretary, Fellowship Deacon, Stewardship Deacon, Worship Deacon and Youth Deacon. As of this writing, we have candidates for all of the positions except Youth Deacon. The Nominating Committee has been working hard to find someone to fill this position, so if you feel compelled to take on this task, please contact the Nominating Committee or myself. I understand that taking on this role may seem like a challenge, however, you will not be alone.

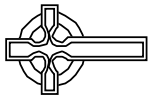
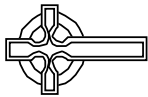
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee for their efforts to put together a comprehensive, fair and balanced Mission Plan. The members are Randy Raddatz, Bill Sherman, Rob DeLaubell, Larry Logan and Dave Schrumm. Also, I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their hard work to find candidates to fill all the open positions. Not an easy task this year. The members are Rob DeLaubell, Dave Schrumm and Jeff Mann.

As I mentioned, our next Voter's Meeting is November 9th after the late service. It is extremely important that we have as many Voters as possible in attendance, so that we can establish a quorum as required by our Constitution and Bylaws.

Yours in Christ
Bill Soulier
CLC Council President





GLG Calendar

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>All Saint's Sunday</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion	3	4	5 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	6	7	8 Daylight Savings Time Ends
9 8:00 Worship 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship VOTERS MEETING	10	11	12 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	13	14	15 10:00 Quilts of Valor
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things challenges us. Yet, no matter what your life may look like, we all still have so many reasons to be grateful.

Before the rush and the crush of the holiday season begins, remember to pause for a moment, take a deep breath, and look around at the life God has given you. I know you'll see every good gift our Loving Father has provided. And if you have any trouble, just go back to your *Small Catechism* and let Doctor Luther's Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed remind you. We've all got something for which to be thankful. In fact, we have many things.

God bless you as we move closer to the end of the year, and may these days be rich with God's blessings upon you and full of every good and perfect gift that comes from His living hands.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



On our regular Sundays, we continue gathering after the 8 a.m. service (between 9 and 9:15) for fellowship and snacks, we start Sunday School Opening at 9:20 a.m. We 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 God's Word with the younger students.

Any families with students in grades 7-12 who have not made their Confirmation if you have reached out to Pastor Rowold, you will get an email soon with confirmation information.

Some important notes for this year:

- ✚ Our next Fun Sunday will be November 30. On Fun Sundays, we will meet all together the whole time; this is the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- ✚ The Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be December 14, 2025 during the 10:30 a.m. service.
 - ✱ We will need a Saturday rehearsal this year to avoid taking too 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. 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.
- ✚ A calendar for the full Sunday School year was handed out at Rally Day, September 7, 2025, and was mailed to families that we haven't seen in person yet.

Can't wait to see you all in Sunday school!

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent



THANKSGIVING SERVICE REMINDER...

We will be having our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on the Wednesday evening (November 26) before Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM.

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

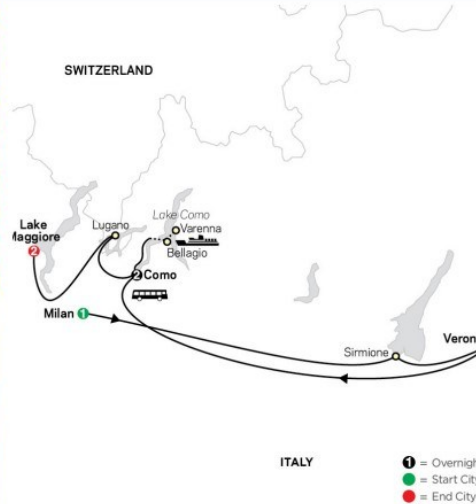
Remember to bring a loaf of nice bread (not Wonder bread) to share.



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.



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:

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NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

October has been very busy at Little Cherubs Christian Preschool.



Our Bible time has been about Noah and Abraham. The children are learning about the men of faith who obeyed God. Also, that God keeps his promises and takes care of his people. Please pray that the children keep these truths with them.

We made many crafts. Some were cats, dogs and owls. The children enjoy making art projects. Their gluing skills are getting better each week. Their writing and cutting skills are being worked on daily.

We continue to practice our letter & number knowledge while we are having a lot of fun. The teachers and I teach a letter and its sound each week. We have circle time where we read fun stories and review counting, the calendar and movement activities. We've been invited to parade in our favorite character costumes on Oct 31st at Marbridge, across the street. We are looking forward to that fun!



Ms. Fiona, Ms. Carrie and I are working as a team. When one of us has been absent for different reasons there has been a substitute named Ms. Bobbi-Jo or Ms. Dora. Ms. Bobbi-Jo has been helping out two days a week as well with the 3-year-old class. God has provided; we are thankful!

Joann has been working from home, getting office work done. There is always administrative paperwork when it comes to directing a preschool. Please continue to pray for Joann's health journey.

Tracy Lennon (Teacher)

*There is a desire to connect the congregation with the preschool children. If you have a talent that you'd like to share, or you'd like to read a book to the children please reach out and let us know. Maybe you'd like to volunteer in the classroom, we would welcome that.

Director of Little Cherubs Preschool
Joann Adinolfi Holstein

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...



CLC Joins Thrivent's Feed the Northeast Challenge!:

We're excited to once again participate in the **Thrivent Feed the Northeast** program, a powerful opportunity to bless our neighbors in need. The first 100 churches to collect **500 food items** and deliver them to an approved charity will receive a **\$500 grant**, which will also be donated to that charity.

This year, we're tying our efforts directly into the **Thanksgiving baskets** for the local food pantry. **CLC has been asked to provide**

170 boxes of stuffing, a small but meaningful way to help families enjoy a warm holiday meal.

Let's rise to the challenge together! Please consider making an extra food donation to the pantry this month. Every item counts, and every act of kindness reflects Christ's love.

Special thanks to **Don and Diane Drust**, who generously provided **\$250 in seed money** by registering this initiative as a **Thrivent Action Team**. Their support helps us multiply our impact and serve with purpose.

September Food Delivery Update:

Thank you to Curt and Karen Smith for delivering food items to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry this month. Our contributions totaled 209 pounds.

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.**

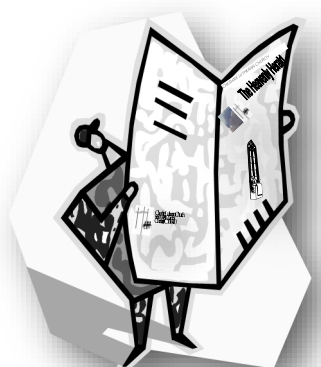
FEED OUR FUTURE

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

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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier by Friday **November 28th (the Friday AFTER Thanksgiving)** or earlier! Use email listed in our PRINTED directory. Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs will resume rehearsals in October. Please note:

- ♪ Parish Choir will perform on November 9th, 16th & Thanksgiving Eve
- ♪ Bell Choir will perform on November 23rd
- ♪ No Choirs on November 2nd and 30th

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 2 - Sunday	No Choirs		
November 5 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 9 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 12 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 16 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 19 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 23 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
November 26 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 30 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	No Choirs		



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

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

Preparing for Phase Two with Gratitude and Grace

As we approach All Saints' Sunday, the Memorial Garden & Columbarium (MG&C) Committee is pleased to share meaningful updates and reflections on our ongoing ministry of remembrance and hope.

A Beautiful Tribute: The MG&C Video

Thanks to Bill Juul's creative dedication, our new video beautifully captures the spirit and purpose of our Memorial Garden. It remains a heartfelt tribute to our shared work. Plans are underway to share the video with the congregation, potentially during All Saints' services, and to make it accessible via the CLC website and YouTube channel. Congregants and friends of CLC will be able to view and reflect. We encourage everyone to watch, subscribe, and share this visual testimony of God's faithfulness through our ministry.

Phase Two: Construction Plans and Congregational Communication

The Committee is preparing to move forward with the long-awaited second wall of the Columbarium. This next phase was approved by the Town back in 2016 and reaffirmed during the September Voters' Meeting. With sufficient funds and clear guidance from our Bylaws, the Committee is empowered to proceed. However, in the spirit of transparency and unity, we plan to reiterate our intentions at the November Voters' Meeting and ensure the congregation is well-informed.

Pastor Rowold will also speak during All Saints' Sunday services to remind us that the current wall is just the beginning of a larger vision. A picture board outside the Fellowship Hall offers additional details for those who wish to learn more.

Practical Insights from a Recent Inurnment

A recent inurnment offered both blessings and lessons. The service was smooth and reverent, thanks to the careful preparation by Rick and the support of Jim, Margie, Tim, Ed, and Vicki.

Gratitude and Fellowship

We extend heartfelt thanks to Columbarium Committee members and Brenna for their diligent work in organizing our records, and to all Committee members and Pastor Rowold for their faithful commitment to this ministry. Your prayers, presence, and participation continue to bless our church family.

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

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, we celebrated together as *John Mitchell Bardon*, son of Allen & Catherine (Donewald) Barden, 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.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

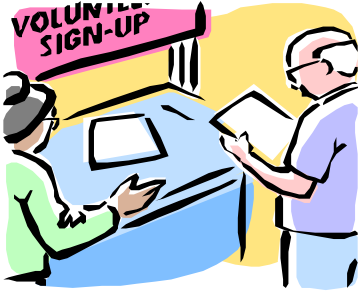
The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after the service on November 2. Beginning with the Sunday services on November 9th, the names currently on the list will be removed and names will remain on the list only if Pastor is told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like to stay there after All Saints' Sunday, or a new one that you would like to add, please contact Pastor to let him know.

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.



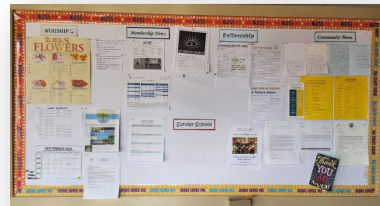
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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
- ✦ The Cheshire Community Food Pantry looking to hire a new Executive Director
- ✦ News and Updates regarding some of our members
- ✦ Stony Creek Singers present Music for a Sunday Afternoon performance November 16, 2025



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.



CLC CHRISTMAS TREE PREPARATION...

“Many Hands Make Light Work!”

As we prepare our Sanctuary for the celebration of Christ’s birth, we invite you to join us for two festive opportunities to serve:

Tree Cutting

We’ll gather at **CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, tentatively December 12th or 19th**, to harvest and bring the Christmas tree into the Sanctuary. Your helping hands will make this joyful task light and lively!

Tree Decorating

The following morning—tentatively **Saturday, December 13th or 20th**—we’ll meet at **9:00 a.m.** -ish to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. With enough helpers, this festive tradition is usually completed within 1–2 hours.

Final dates will be confirmed in upcoming Sunday Bulletins and the December Heavenly Herald.

Thank you all for your cheerful service and fellowship. Wishing you a blessed Advent and Christmas season!

With gratitude,
Randy Raddatz
 CLC Vice President



COLUMBARIUM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7...

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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	20	
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



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

November

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



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful **NEW** 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...



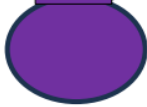


We hope you are enjoying these issues of "Pass It On" -- a tool that you can use to share the latest, most up-to-date information on what is happening in the **Lutheran Women Missionary League-New England District (LWML-NED)** * and nationally. For more news and information, visit www.lwml-ned.org

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

2024-2026 LWML-NED MISSION GRANTS

\$85,000	
\$80,000	Mission Goal \$85,000 allocated as follows:
\$75,000	\$55,250 for LWML-NED Mission Projects.
\$70,000	\$21,250 for national LWML Mission Projects; and
\$60,000	8,500 for Lutheran Women's Missionary League-New England
\$50,000	District Administration
\$40,000	
\$30,000	Total Mite money thru, September 30, 2025 , is \$54,999.74
\$20,000	and is 65% of Goal.
\$10,000	



**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 (\$4,634.83 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.

Stony Creek Singers

PRESENT

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, November 16th, 2025

4:00 PM

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

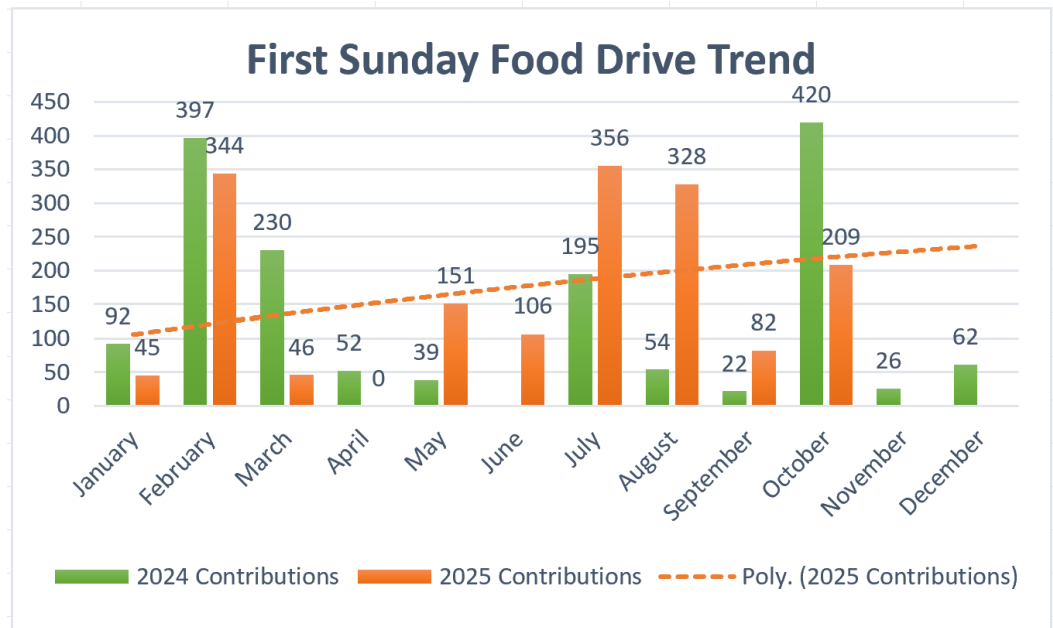
Free Concert • Donations Appreciated





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 THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

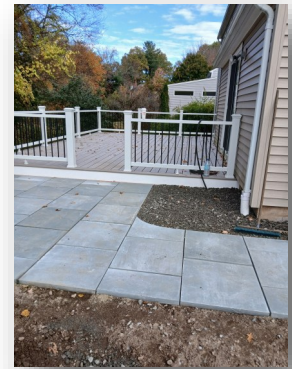


The past few months have been productive with some improvements to our parsonage property. Contractors trimmed a large tree in front of the house and removed another failing maple tree. Some stumps and problematic rocks were dug out, holes filled, and graded along with 8 overgrown yews removed crowding the front walkway to the house. Thanks to Randy and Karen Raddatz for some final grass seed and new shrub enhancements.

Around back, the much anticipated deck project unfolded nicely and is now completed. The old deck was removed, new post system installed into the ground, along with a Trex deck and railing. The building department has signed off on it's construction successfully and a masonry contractor is finishing the adjoining patio/walkway to the driveway.

At church, attention has been given to some minor plumbing, kneeler, roof and heating issues. I hope to tackle some more temperature control issues for energy savings and reliability in the near future. As always, thanks to the folks who have been helping keep our CLC home in good working order.

Jonathan Schrumm



CLC HELPING HANDS...

PLEASE READ AND RESPOND! My hands need help!

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!

We continue to help our beloved sister, Gloria, worship with us. I 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!

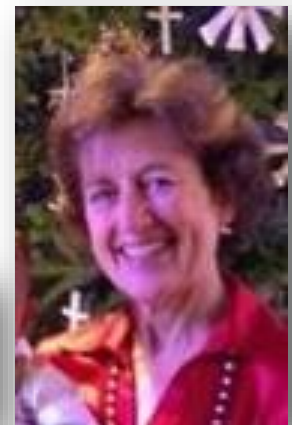
To reach me, you will need to check my prior emails or our new directory! The Heavenly Herald does not include this info to diminish the chance of spam use!

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.

REFLECTIONS OF AN OUTGOING STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



It has been an honor to serve as Stewardship Deacon for the past six years. As my term on the Council comes to an end, I want to share a few impressions and thoughts on Stewardship at CLC.

Assessment of CLC Stewardship:

Strengths:

- ✚ **Financial health:** CLC is strong financially thanks to the collective generosity of a broad base of donors across the congregation. A number of very generous donors also make particularly impactful contributions.
- ✚ **Time and talent:** So many members give freely of their time and abilities—supporting worship, teaching, running programs, maintaining our buildings and grounds, caring for others, and doing countless behind-the-scenes tasks. We are deeply grateful for this service.

Opportunities:

- ✚ **Concentration of giving:** CLC's mission is sustained by many contributors, and a small number of particularly generous givers help us sustain and expand our ministries. This observation comes from the giving analysis the Council and Voters Assembly reviewed in 2022 using 2021 data. This pattern is common across many churches and nonprofits, but it does mean we have financial concentration risk we should manage.
- ✚ **Volunteer succession:** We sometimes struggle to find volunteers for key roles, and several long-serving volunteers are rightly ready to pass the baton. This is a natural part of congregational life, and it calls for intentional recruiting, training, and recognition.

Thoughts on Our Annual Pledge Drive:

- ✚ **Balanced message:** In every appeal, I have tried to strike a balanced tone—thanking those who give time, talent, and treasure, while inviting others both to consider their financial support and to become more involved in our ministries. Gratitude and invitation belong together.
- ✚ **Year-round stewardship:** If I could change one thing, it would be to make giving a year-round conversation, not only an effort during the annual pledge drive. Always remember the underlying notion that all we have is a gift from God.

Transition and Continuity:

I'm happy to share that the Nominating Committee has put forward a strong candidate to succeed me. With the Voters Assembly's approval and installation at the Council's January meeting, they'll step into the role and continue our stewardship work.

Thank You and Closing:

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in this role, those who gave time, talent, and treasure, and those who offered encouragement. I look forward to supporting the new Stewardship Deacon and to see CLC continue to grow.

Rob DeLaubell
Outgoing Stewardship Deacon

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 ways 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.



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nurtures their spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, and
emotional development—all within a loving, faith-filled community.

Whether you're a member of CLC or a neighbor seeking a
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prayerfully consider Little Cherubs for your child.

Learn more and take a virtual peek at our program by visiting:
www.cheshirelutheran.org/Little-Cherubs-Christian-Preschool



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✚ Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events, seasonal pix around our beautiful grounds and at Services. We are blessed.
- ✚ Thank you as ALWAYS to Bill Juul for tirelessly working so hard to post and create the video, audio and still shot content on our YouTube channel.
- ✚ Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish & Bell Choirs, and special soloists for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- ✚ Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.

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.



LWML MITE BOX COLLECTION: SMALL COINS, MIGHTY IMPACT...

Ladies of CLC, if you've been faithfully collecting mites for the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)**, now is the time to bring them in! Please place your donations in the **mite collection box** located on the counter outside the church office.

All contributions will be gathered and consolidated into a single gift, which will be forwarded to our **local LWML treasurer** to support mission grants and ministry efforts near and far.

Your mites—those humble coins and offerings—help fund life-changing projects that share Christ's love across the globe. Every cent counts, and every heart behind it matters.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to **Karen Weiland**, who continues to steward this effort with care and dedication.



THANKSGIVING BREAD EXCHANGE...

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

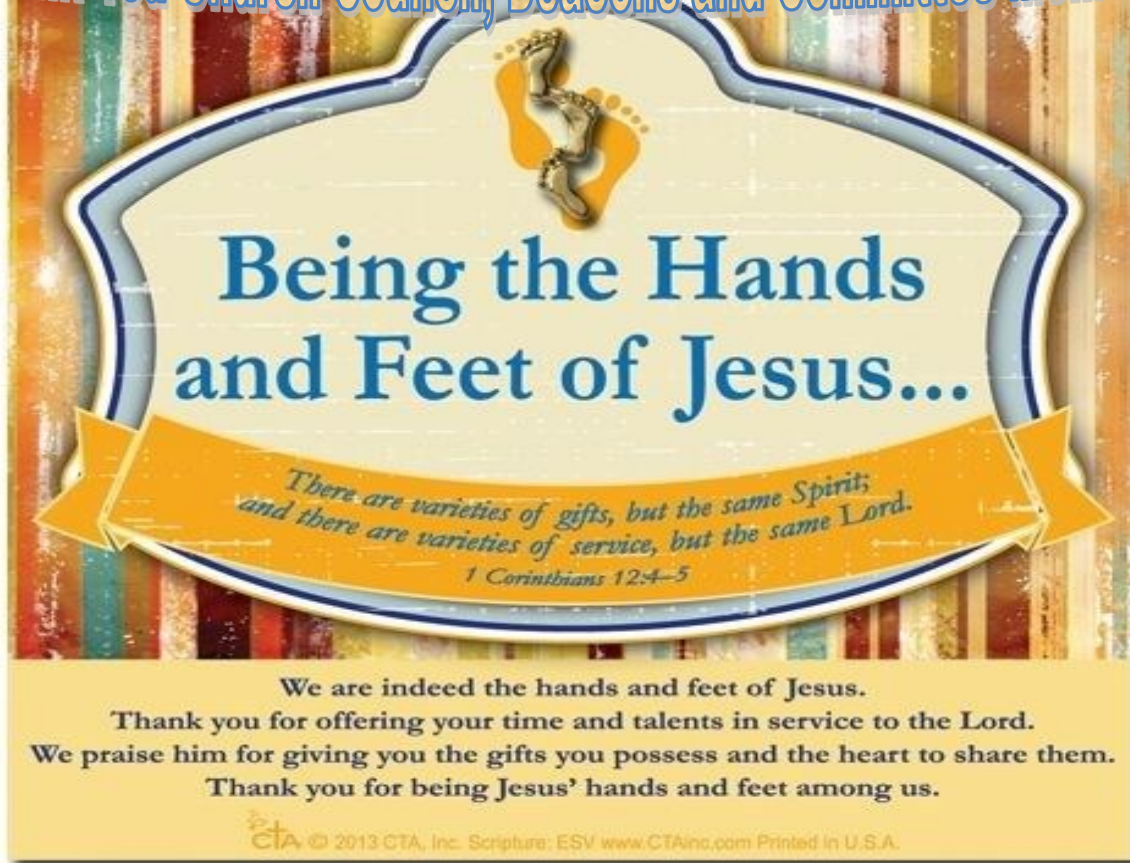
Everyone interested is invited to bring a loaf of bread with them to the service; it can be bought at the grocery store or the bakery, or even made at home if you'd like. (Please remember to wrap it if you make it at home – and please, no loaves of white sandwich bread that are so airy you "wonder" if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

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

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



Thank You Church Council, Deacons and Committee Members



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.

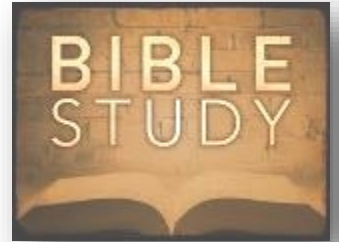
Nominees shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall be confirmed members of the congregation. Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.

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

Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

Sunday morning Bible Study between the services starts at approximately 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Starting on November 9, our topic will be "The Lord's Supper" from *The Lutheran Difference* Bible study series. "Real Presence. Weekly Lord's Supper. Symbolism. Infant Communion. So many options. What do you believe? As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. ... Based on God's Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe. ... *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, December 2nd 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 November 2025

10th Lynn Balash
Andrea Merrow
11th Julian Muller
13th Pamela Clark
15th David Veleber
17th Bill Sherman
Christina Plantier
18th Jonathan Schrumm
Stanley Harris
19th Alyssa DeLaubell
Kristina Tuscano
20th Clifford Ongley
Steve Behnfeldt
21st Joanne Casberg
22nd Bruce Emerick
26th John Casberg
Debbie Sherman
28th Dale Zeppieri



4th Larry & Gayle Logan 36 Years
10th David & Melissa Veleber 22 Years
12th Don & Diane Drust 53 Years
16th Alan & Carol Santoro 40 Years
23rd Paul & Christine Smith 34 Years
24th Tim & Cindy Baker 24 Years
27th Edward & Nancy Schweizer 43 Years
28th John & Joanne Casberg 66 Years
Blair & Kristen Donewald 44 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Voters will meet Sunday **November 9th** after the late Service at CLC. **We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on.** Meeting will be in person and via Zoom. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



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