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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

“For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” Psalm 51:16-17 (ESV)

The season of Lent is upon us once again, bringing the various traditions and practices that people associate with it. It began with many people deciding what they would “give up” or forego during this holy time as an act of self-sacrifice and with many receiving the ubiquitous crosses from the remains of burned palm leaves on foreheads or hands for Ash Wednesday. For our fellow Christians of the Roman Catholic persuasion, avoiding meat on Fridays also started just a few days later. Along with those things, we have the special Lenten devotions, additional mid-week and then Holy Week services, soup suppers, and Bible studies.

All of these things make up part of our routine activities during the season of Lent, and those ways of observing the Lenten season can be good and beneficial practices. They mark this period as unique and help set it aside as a special opportunity for self-examination, repentance, and contrition. At the same time, however, it must be said that there is nothing inherently God-pleasing in any of these activities. It doesn't matter whether or not we do these things, at least not to God; what matters to Him is why we do these things.

Crosses of ash on our foreheads are fine, if they are an outward expression of our inner repentance and contrition, but there's nothing good about them if there just for show, simply an outward act, or intended to serve as some kind of protest or statement. Choosing to give up something – whether for the entire season of Lent or merely meat on those Fridays – can be a humbling act of self-denial, but there's no benefit

if you do it simply because it's tradition. Attending additional services or Bible studies, adding prayers or devotions, all have the potential to deepen and strengthen our faith, but not if we're adding them just because “it's what we've always done.”

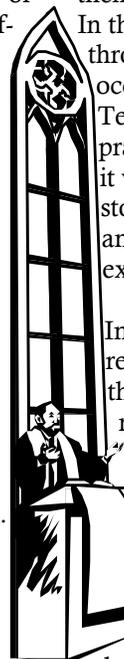
With all of our traditional Lenten activities, there is the danger of simply engaging in them because they are routine or expected. In those cases, we end up merely “going through the motions.” That same problem occurred with God's people in the Old Testament; they began offering their prayers and sacrifices in the temple because it was what they were supposed to do. It stopped being an act of faith, of devotion, and merely became what they did to meet expectations.

In the face of the people's hollow, empty religious actions, God pronounced that they were unacceptable to Him. He would not listen to them, and their offerings were not pleasing to him. God didn't want people who would merely go through the motions, engaging in empty actions that were without meaning. Instead, God proclaimed that a person's faith is what mattered; it was their heart and how they actually lived out the faith that was within them.

It is the same with you and me. All of our various Lenten observances **can** be activities that help us to turn our hearts to God in repentance and contrition; they may be ways that aid us in putting our faith into action. But there is no guarantee. We too could fall into the same empty routines and actions bereft of meaning. For us, as for the Israelites, it's not **what** you do this Lent that matters; it's **why** you do it.

Please add a devotion or give up something

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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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is published for members  
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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**



Greetings Everyone

As of this writing, we are bracing ourselves for another big snow storm or two and, by the time you read this, we are dealing with the aftermath. I hope you all weathered the storm unharmed and did not suffer any damage to yourselves or your property. Fortunately, the storm started after our Church service and our Voters Meeting, so we did not have any cancelations. We already have had two cancelations this winter. The process of notifying the Congregation of cancelations will be via Facebook, our web site and WFSB Channel 3. We will make the determination to cancel the night before at around 5 p.m. and get the word out ASAP. We are relying on the weather forecast, so there might be a chance of us getting it wrong. There might be time where we cancel and the weather turned out to be not so bad, or we do not cancel and the weather turns out to be nasty. If for some reason we do not cancel and the weather is bad and you are unsure if you should venture out, stay home and watch the service via streaming. We do not want anyone driving if you feel it's not safe. We want to see you the next Sunday.

If being a voter is not for you there a plenty of sub- committees looking for members. There are plenty of ways you can be part of the action. Like what you might ask. Ushers, Live Streamers, Readers, Altar Guild etc.

The good news is that Spring is only a few weeks away and the season of Lent has already started. Wednesday evenings starting February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. we have our Soup and Salad dinners followed a Bible study and Lenten service at 7:30 p.m. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who want to attend and also bring a soup. You do not have to bring a soup to attend; however, we do like a variety of soup. We will never say “No soup for you!” This is a wonderful Fellowship opportunity, so if you have never joined us for soup and salad don't be shy give it a try.

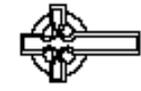
Acts 2:42 “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

We had our first Voters Meeting of the year this past Sunday and it was well attended; we were able to have a quorum and we were able to approve our Church business. Our next Voters Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, after the late service. Hope to see more of you there. If being a voter is not for you, there a plenty of sub-committees looking for members. There are plenty of ways you can be part of the action. “Like what?” you might ask. Ushers, Live Streamers, Readers, Altar Guild, etc. If you would any information on what you can or would like to do, you can reach out to myself or any Council member.

The next Council meetings will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please reach out to myself or any other council member.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Soulier  
Parish President, Cheshire Lutheran Church



# WEEKLY CALENDAR March 2026



| Sun   | Mon | Tue                           | Wed  | Thu                        | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|-----|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| 1<br>8:00 Holy Communion<br>9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies<br>10:30 Holy Communion              | 2   | 3<br>6:30 Women Book Club<br> | 4<br>6:00 Soup/Salad Supper & Bible Study<br>7:30 Lent 2 Service<br>8:15 Parish Choir  | 5<br>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  | 6  | 7<br>Daylight Saving Time<br>set clocks ahead before going to bed<br> |
| 8<br>8:00 Worship<br>9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship                              | 9   | 10<br>7 PM Council Meeting    | 11<br>6:00 Soup/Salad Supper & Bible Study<br>7:30 Lent 3 Service<br>8:15 Parish Choir | 12<br>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 13   | 14<br>2:00 p.m. CELTIC CELEBRATION CONCERT<br>                        |
| 15<br>8:00 Holy Communion<br>9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies<br>10:30 Holy Communion             | 16  | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day<br>   | 18<br>6:00 Soup/Salad Supper & Bible Study<br>7:30 Lent 4 Service<br>8:15 Parish Choir | 19<br>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 20<br>Heavenly Herald articles due to Beth Souhier | 21<br>10:00 Quilts of Valor<br>                                       |
| 22<br>8:00 Worship<br>9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship                             | 23  | 24                            | 25<br>6:00 Soup/Salad Supper & Bible Study<br>7:30 Lent 5 Service<br>8:15 Parish Choir | 26<br>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir | 27   | 28<br>10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT<br>                                       |
| 30 PALM SUNDAY<br>8:00 Holy Communion<br>9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies<br>10:30 Holy Communion | 31  |                               |  |                            |  |   |

# Left Blank for Servant Schedule

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for Lent, but only if doing those things will help deepen your faith. Don't feel you need to do them just to meet expectations. Come and join us for our Wednesday soup/salad suppers with Bible study and for our mid-week services; they are wonderful opportunities for fellowship and growth, but it shouldn't be because you're worried about what people will think if you miss them.

God isn't looking for you to do specific things or say certain words this Lent. He wants you to turn your heart to Him, to look to Him in faith and to put that faith into practice in your life. God doesn't want you to go through the motions; He wants you to follow Him in faith and in love. When you do that – no matter how you mark the season of Lent – God will always accept you.

May this Lent be a time when your faith in Christ is strengthened and your love for the Lord deepened, as we turn our hearts and our lives to Him.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rowold



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

### Sunday School

Our Sunday school lessons are all from the Old Testament this Sunday School year; so far, we have had lessons from Genesis, Exodus, Numbers and Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel.

Join us this month as we learn about David & Goliath, David & Jonathan, and Solomon.

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship and snacks. Opening is at 9:20 a.m., followed by age-appropriate study and activities to reinforce the lesson for the day; and will all wrap up by 10:20. This month, we will have 4 regular Sundays.

### VBS Registration is open!

The dates will be June 22-26, 2026.

Registration packets are on the counter outside the office or you can register online at:

[www.cheshirelutheran.org/vbs](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/vbs)

We need many volunteers to make this happen; please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Our next planning meeting will be March 22 at 11:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet for helpers and station leaders is on the bulletin board. Can't wait to see you at Rainforest Falls this Summer!

Tricia Rowold  
Sunday School Superintendent





## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

### Please note:

- ♪ Parish Choir performs March 1, 15, Palm Sunday March 29 & Good Friday April 3
- ♪ Bell Choir performs March 22 & rehearsals are on Thursdays during Lent

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

| Date   | Time          | Event       | Choir        |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| March 1 - Sunday<br><i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>        | 10:00 AM      | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
|  | 10:30 AM      | Performance | Parish Choir |
| March 4 - Wednesday<br><i>2nd Wednesday in Lent</i>  | 7:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Soloist      |
|  | 7:30 PM       | Performance | Soloist      |
|  | After Service | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
| March 5 - Thursday                                   | 6:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
| March 8 - Sunday<br><i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>        | 7:30 AM       | Rehearsal   | Soloist      |
|  | 8:00 AM       | Performance | Soloist      |
|  | 10:30 AM      | Performance | Soloist      |
| March 11 - Wednesday<br><i>3rd Wednesday in Lent</i> | 7:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Soloist      |
|  | 7:30 PM       | Performance | Soloist      |
|  | After Service | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
| March 12 - Thursday                                  | 6:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
| March 15 - Sunday<br><i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>       | 10:00 AM      | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
|  | 10:30 AM      | Performance | Parish Choir |
| March 18 - Wednesday<br><i>4th Wednesday in Lent</i> | 7:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Soloist      |
|  | 7:30 PM       | Performance | Soloist      |
|  | After Service | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
| March 19 - Thursday                                  | 6:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
| March 22 - Sunday<br><i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>       | 7:20 AM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
|  | 8:00 AM       | Performance | Bell Choir   |
|  | 10:30 AM      | Performance | Bell Choir   |
| March 25 - Wednesday<br><i>5th Wednesday in Lent</i> | 7:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Soloist      |
|  | 7:30 PM       | Performance | Soloist      |
|  | After Service | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
| March 26 - Thursday                                  | 6:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
| March 29 - Sunday<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>              | 10:00 AM      | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
|  | 10:30 AM      | Performance | Parish Choir |
| April 1 - Wednesday                                  | 7:00 PM       | Rehearsal   | Bell Choir   |
|  | 7:45 PM       | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
| April 2 - Thursday<br><i>Maundy Thursday</i>         | 6:45 PM       | Rehearsal   | Ensemble     |
|  | 7:00 PM       | Performance | Ensemble     |
| April 3 - Friday<br><i>Good Friday</i>               | 6:45 PM       | Rehearsal   | Parish Choir |
|  | 7:00 PM       | Performance | Parish Choir |

## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



*You are cordially invited to be a:*

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



In a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 “periods of service” where members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members and guests before service, glorify God through musical offerings, prepare the altar, and operate CLC’s live stream broadcast.

Our services are a sacred time to gather, reflect, and grow together in faith as a worship community. It is truly a blessing to serve God and our worship community. No experience is necessary, just a spirit of love and a willingness to serve.

Please reach out to Steve Behnfeldt to learn more or to affirm your willingness to serve. Thank you and the Lord bless you!

*I would like to heartily thank **April Slauson** for her gracious help in my transition to this new role. It is greatly appreciated.*

Steve Behnfeldt  
Worship Deacon

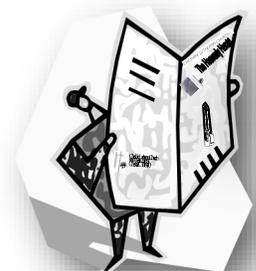
## SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

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



## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (April 2026 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (by Friday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth’s lateral file folder on the hallway table. Thank You!



## Test Your Knowledge on the History of CLC as we celebrate anniversaries of the Church, the Sanctuary and the Schlicker Pipe Organ in 2026.

- 1) How many laminated arches hold up the roof of the sanctuary/narthex?  
A) 6 B) 7 C) 8 D) 9 E) 12
- 2) Pastor and Gloria Nuechterlein arrived in Cheshire on Thursday June 9, 1960. Groundbreaking for CLC took place how many weeks later?  
A) <1 B) 1 C) 2 D) 3 E) 4
- 3) Pastor Nuechterlein was installed as Pastor at CLC \_\_\_\_\_ week(s) after groundbreaking for the Church?  
A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4 E) 6
- 4) Preliminary plans for the Church showed its orientation facing east/west versus the north/south orientation as built.  
A) False B) True
- 5) The area just outside of the north facing wall of the church (altar/cross end) was to be:  
A) A stairway to heaven  
B) A grove of olive trees  
C) A peace garden  
D) An outdoor chapel
- 6) The dimensions of the sanctuary are:  
A) Approximately 25 cubits by 50 cubits by 25 cubits.  
B) 36 feet by 72 feet by 36 feet  
C) 12 yards by 24 yards by 12 yards  
D) All of the above E) Only B above
- 7) The total cost to build the church was approximately:  
A) \$30,000 B) \$60,000 C) \$120,000 D) \$240,000 E) \$360,000
- 8) Soon after being installed at CLC, Pastor Nuechterlein helped the congregation:  
A) Sell commemorative CLC bricks  
B) Pick up rocks around the property  
C) Plant red maple trees  
D) Locate a bell
- 9) How many acres of land were purchased in 1957 to build the church on?  
A) 5 B) 6 C) 7 D) 8.5 E) 10
- 10) Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, Ph.D. was installed as Pastor at CLC in:  
A) 2017 B) 2018 C) 2019 D) 2020
- 11) The CLC Memorial Bell is dedicated in the memory of CLC's Pvt. Gary Richards who died in which country?  
A) Korea B) Japan C) Vietnam D) Thailand
- 12) The Bell is said to weigh:  
A) 158.8 kg B) 350 lbs. C) 0.175 tons D) A & B & C
- 13) The Bell originally hung in a steeple at Saint Bridget's Catholic Church that now resides Cheshire Pizza.  
A) True B) False
- 14) The Bell dedication took place on:  
A) Dec. 24, 1967 B) Jan. 4, 1968 C) Feb. 4, 1968 D) Dec. 4, 1968
- 15) The architect of both the modest CLC Bell Tower and adjacent Sanctuary was from:  
A) Geitz, Nuechterlein and Gustafson  
B) Schrumm, Schweizer and Clark  
C) Schrumm, Soulier and Mertz  
D) Russell, Gibson and von Dohlen
- 16) Pastor Nuechterlein retired in 1994. Pastor Charles Gustafson served CLC from 1995 to 2017.  
A) False B) True
- 17) The dedication and blessing of the CLC Columbarium wall took place on July 24, \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) 2014 B) 2015 C) 2016 D) 2017 E) 2018
- 18) The basin of the Memorial Garden adjacent to the Columbarium wall continues to serve as a temporary receptacle for parking lot rain runoff.  
A) False B) True
- 19) A niche is one of the multiple spaces in the Columbarium wall for one urn in which cremains are placed. There are \_\_\_\_\_ niches in the current wall.  
A) 22 B) 44 C) 66 D) 88
- 20) The organist at the Dedication Service and Recital for the Schlicker Pipe Organ was:  
A) Gloria Nuechterlein B) Rev. Louis Nuechterlein, Pastor  
C) Herman Schlicker D) Rev. Billy Graham
- 21) The dedication service of the Schlicker Pipe Organ took place on November 5 of what year?  
A) 1956 B) 1960 C) 1961 D) 1962
- 22) The Cheshire Lutheran Church's organ has \_\_\_\_\_ pipes.  
A) 178 B) 378 C) 578 D) 778 E) 978

## NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

### Reminders from Your Financial Secretary:

- To help the volunteers who process your offerings, to do so accurately and efficiently, here are a few things that you can do:
  - ✦ If you have received offering envelopes, PLEASE use them. This will eliminate any errors when your envelope number is looked up during the recording process.
  - ✦ Please remember to mark the outside of your offering envelope with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
  - ✦ If you've been absent for some time and want to bring your offerings up to date, kindly use ONE rather than MANY envelopes.
  - ✦ Please do not post-date checks.
  - ✦ Please use black or blue ink for your checks.
- When sending a check by mail to the Church, either personally or through an outside financial entity, please send the check to our **Mailing Address:**

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



- You can submit donations to the Church via **online transactions** through the Church's website. The following is additional information for this process:
  - ✦ No transaction fees when contributing directly from a bank account. If contributing via credit card or debit card, the donor has the option of adding 3% to help offset the processing fees.
  - ✦ Contributions **(a)** may be made to the "General Fund" or "Other Fund" (for example: in memory of, music, youth, etc.); **(b)** can be recurring or one time only.
  - ✦ You'll have the ability to create an account or make donations as a guest.
  - ✦ **Little Cherubs Tuition payments** can also be submitted through the Church's website. The payments can be made directly from a bank account without incurring any transaction fees. If paying by credit or debit card, you must select the option to pay the 3% fee to offset transaction fees.



Nancy Schweizer  
 Financial Secretary

## NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I'd like to thank those who took the time to fill out our Gift of Time and Talent Survey that was included in your pledge packets. We appreciate all who have expressed an interest in getting involved on committees and those members who have served tirelessly for many years on one or more of the committees that keep our church mission alive and operations running smoothly. That being said, the very real need for volunteers to help out with the various ministries in our church continues.

As we focus on Jesus during this Lenten season, consider serving him by serving others, helping in just one way by perhaps volunteering to bring soup to one of the midweek suppers, offering to give an elderly parishioner a ride to church, visiting a shut-in, or agreeing to read Scripture one week at church. Volunteer in any way that aligns with your skills or interests.

If you're not sure where to begin, contact the church office and Brenna can provide you a list of opportunities and folks who'd be willing to share what these various volunteer experiences entail. Even the smallest gesture of kindness and act of service makes a difference!

*Mark 10:45 NIV*

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Kurt Lenz  
 Stewardship Deacon



## 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!

## LENT WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...



Every Wednesday through **March 25**, we will have a short Bible study following the Soup & Salad Supper. Our Bible study this Lent takes a look at those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ. Study and discussion questions, prayers and reflections help to develop a closer relationship with Christ. Come out for dinner at 6 PM and take part in the Bible study after, then join us in the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM.

## WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

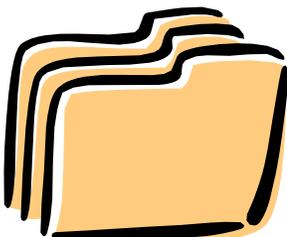


Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year!

To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, you can check the local TV stations—WTNH Channel 8, MyTV 9, and WFSB Channel 3—or listen to WTIC 1080 AM on the radio. All of these stations also post weather closings on their websites.

In addition to these outlets, we will share weather-related updates through **mass email, our church social media accounts, and text alerts**. If you would like to be added to our email list, text notification list, or want to be sure you're following the correct social channels, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to include you.

Stay warm!



## 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.

## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

### Mid-Week Lenten Services—Soup, Salad and Bible Study:

Please join us for Soup, Salad, and Bible Study every Wednesday night in the Fellowship Hall, at 6:00 p.m., beginning on February 25 and running through March 25. Following supper, we'll have a brief Bible Study and then the Midweek Service at 7:30 p.m.

In the hallway on the bulletin board, you'll find the sign up sheets for all the suppers. Since soup is needed for these suppers, I'd appreciate it if people would select a week to volunteer and bring their favorite soup.

Our weekly Soup, Salad & Bible Study gatherings schedule:

- ✠ 6:00 PM – Light Soup & Salad Supper
- ✠ 6:30 PM – Lenten Bible Study
- ✠ 7:30 PM – Midweek Lenten Service

Let us walk together through this sacred season, sharing fellowship, studying God's Word, and preparing our hearts for Easter.

Thom Zeppieri  
Fellowship Deacon



## QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTED TO KOREAN WAR ERA VETERAN FRED NEUFFER...

On February 15, Paula and Cliff Ongley presented a Quilt of Valor to Fred Neuffer.

Fred served in the Naval Reserves in 1951 prior to joining the Army in 1952. He served in the Korean War Era in Bordeaux, France for a year as a truck driver and mechanic in the Motor Pool. Fred was a Corporal when he left the service in 1954.

We are grateful for his service.



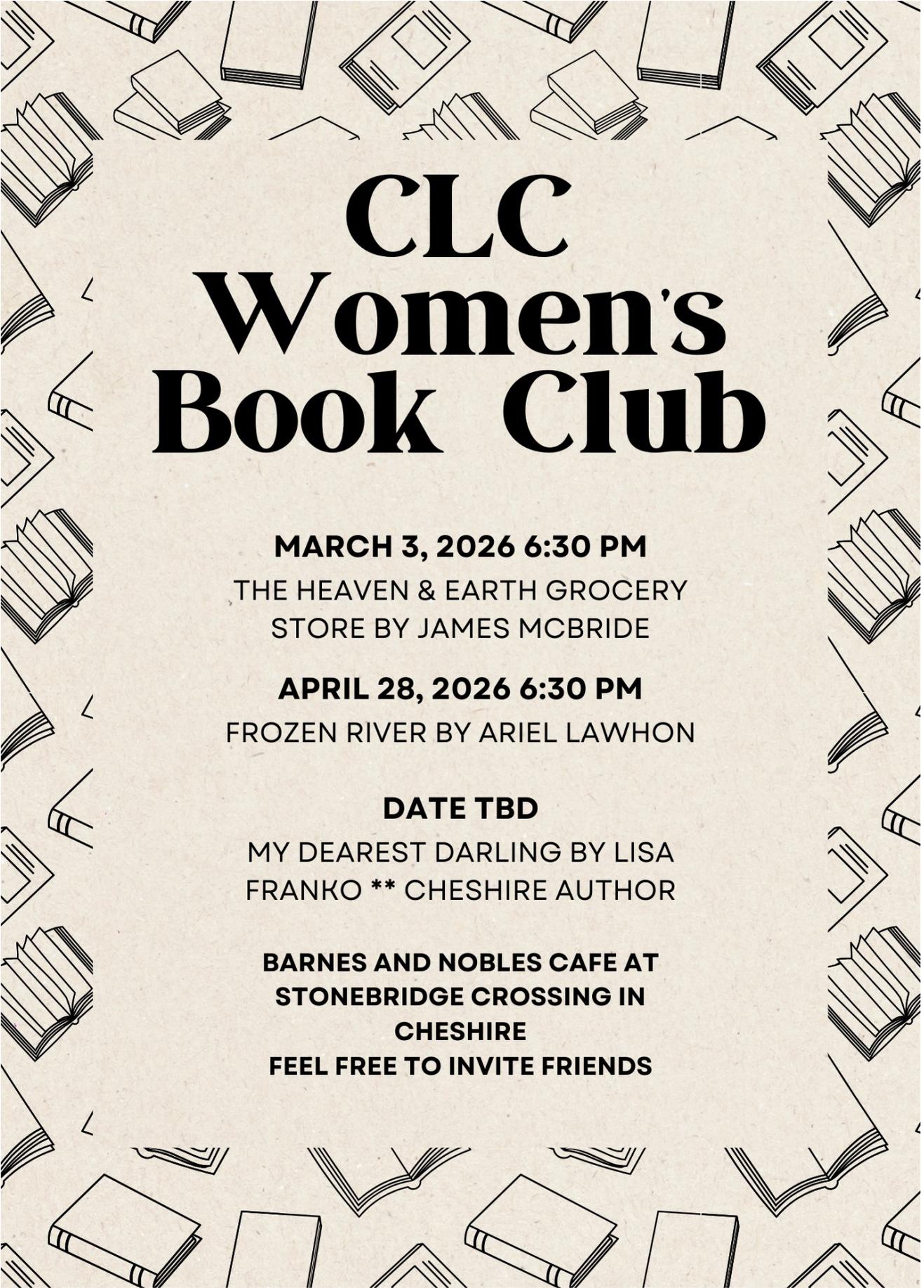
## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

### March

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| March 30, 1958 | Congregation chartered on Palm Sunday, with 71 communicants received as charter members.                        |
| March 1960     | The Rev. Darrel Geitz released to accept call to Our Savior and Messiah Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana. |
| March 1979     | Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms construction commenced.  |





# CLC Women's Book Club

**MARCH 3, 2026 6:30 PM**

THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY  
STORE BY JAMES MCBRIDE

**APRIL 28, 2026 6:30 PM**

FROZEN RIVER BY ARIEL LAWHON

**DATE TBD**

MY DEAREST DARLING BY LISA  
FRANKO \*\* CHESHIRE AUTHOR

**BARNES AND NOBLES CAFE AT  
STONEBRIDGE CROSSING IN  
CHESHIRE**

**FEEL FREE TO INVITE FRIENDS**

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Greetings!

Our 3rd Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 AM. Hopefully the snow has melted. Starting in March, I will have empty eggs available to fill in paper bags to prepare for the egg hunt. Please take 100- 200 eggs home to stuff and return stuffed by March 22nd. We have about 3,000 eggs to stuff! I am also looking for volunteers to come help me the morning of the event. Sign ups will be available on the bulletin board for help.



CLC scholarship applications for High School seniors are due by March 6th. Thank you to Lynn Balash for all you do running that committee.

Are you interested in getting involved with church? Want to learn more about how decisions for our church is made? Join Voters'! Becoming a voter is open to all members of CLC. It meets 4 times a year after late service. It is approximately 1 hour in length. You learn all the behind the scenes happenings here at CLC. The kids can all hang out together and foster those friendships while the adults do the same! Talk to any council member or voter if you want to learn more!

Blessings,

Erica Bencivenga  
Evangelism Deacon



## A LIVING LEGACY: CHARTER MEMBER AL MANKE REFLECTS ON 70 YEARS OF CLC...

Recently, several congregants sat down with perhaps the last original Charter member of CLC. For over an hour, Al shared many early memories of his life and this Church. Stay tuned for a link to the recording, currently being assembled by Bill Juul.

This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Church, plus the 65th of the dedication of its building/facilities and the Schlicker Pipe organ.



## NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

With our New England weather continuing to amaze us, our church building has needed a little extra attention this winter. The extreme cold has caused a down spout that drains water from the roof over the library to freeze and back up. This soaked some ceiling tiles and insulation that was removed. While I don't believe any serious damage was done, will have to keep an eye on it when exceptionally cold weather says around for long periods of time. Will be investigating the need for a heater but would like to avoid the expense.

The parish hall had some leaks as well. Snow collected on the roof transition to Little Cherubs and created ice dams in the gutter. Some ice melt and the help from Ed Schweizer racking the roof mitigated that. The drips in front of the kitchen, will also be tended to when the weather gives us the opportunity. Looking forward to springtime!

Jonathan Schrumm  
House and Grounds Deacon





## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have the name of a loved one that you would like added to the Prayer List, please contact Pastor. Also, if you have already 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.

## GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



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



## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2026...

Pledge Sunday for 2025 is here. For those that have returned your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Card for 2026, THANK YOU! For those that have not, a friendly reminder to do so.

Thank you!

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



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

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

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

Kelley Collins-Pardee  
Christian Education Deacon

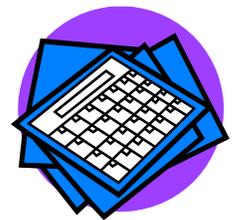


# HOLY WEEK

| Event  | Date                   | Notes                          |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist                       | Thursday April 2, 2026 | Service at 7:30 PM             |
| Good Friday Tenebrae                                 | Friday April 3, 2026   | Service at 7:30 PM             |
| Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist | Sunday April 5, 2026   | Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM |

## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2026...

2026 Calendars are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table as soon as they arrive.



## 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.



CHESHIRE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

invites you to an

Easter  
EGG HUNT

SAT. MARCH 28TH

Egg hunt starts at 10:00 AM

660 West Main Street  
Cheshire, CT 06410



## DID YOU KNOW?...

### *The Story Behind the Construction and Dedication of Our Church Home*

When Cheshire Lutheran Church dedicated its new building in 1961, it wasn't just the completion of a construction project — it was the culmination of sacrificial giving, skilled craftsmanship, and a deep desire to create a place where Christ would be worshiped for generations.

From the very beginning, the congregation envisioned a church home that was both beautiful and functional. Architect **Robert von Dohlen** designed a clean-lined, classic structure measuring **72 feet long, 36 feet wide, and 36 feet high**, with room for future expansion. The nave seated **170 worshipers**, with space for **20 more** in the gallery. The parish hall mirrored the church's footprint and included a large assembly room, nursery, kitchen, and the pastor's study.

Much of what we still cherish today was lovingly gifted by members and friends of the congregation. The **pulpit, altar, baptismal font, colored glass windows**, and even the **hand-split wood shingles** on the roof were given as memorials or donated by the contractor. The Ladies' Guild outfitted the parish hall with kitchen appliances, nursery cabinets, dinnerware, and silverware. The Schlicker pipe organ — still beloved today — was planned from the beginning, with a temporary electronic instrument used until its installation.

The total cost of the project, including **six acres of land**, architectural fees, and furnishings, was approximately **\$132,000** — a remarkable achievement for a young congregation.

The dedication services featured the Reverend **Louis Nuechterlein** as preacher and officiant, with the Reverend **Dr. Alfred W. Trinklein** of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church in New York City serving as guest preacher. The Parish Choir, under the direction of **Gloria Nuechterlein**, provided music for the celebration.

The day marked not only the opening of a new building, but the beginning of a new chapter in the life of Cheshire Lutheran Church — one built on faith, generosity, and a shared commitment to proclaiming Christ.

### **Timeline of the Construction & Dedication of Cheshire Lutheran Church**

Below is a clear, reader-friendly timeline based on the historical insert.

#### **Early Planning & Design**

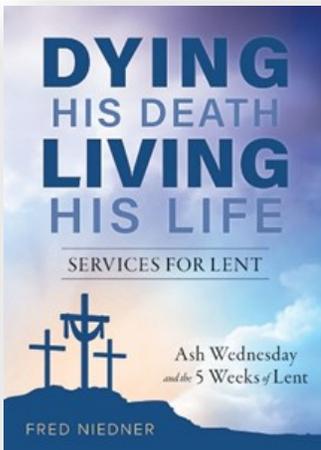
- **Architect Selected:** Robert von Dohlen of Russell, Gibson, and von Dohlen (West Hartford)
- **General Contractor:** Alfred Jabs & Son (Waterbury)
- **Design Features:**
  - \* 72' × 36' sanctuary
  - \* 72' × 36' parish hall
  - \* Seating for 170 in the nave and 20 in the gallery
  - \* Future expansion planned by extending roof and chancel 12 feet

#### **Construction Phase**

- **Building Committee Leadership:**
  - \* Chairman: **Hilton Roth**
  - \* Members: William Jabs, Andrew Hoppe, Aileen Krampitz, Alwin Manke
  - \* Ex officio: **Harry Rohde**, Congregation President
- **Key Construction Contributions:**
  - \* Hand-split wood shingles
  - \* Additional kitchen cabinets
  - \* Trap-rock driveway and bluestone narthex floor
  - \* Custom shelving and cabinetry
  - \* Numerous additional materials donated by Alfred Jabs & Son
- **Furnishings & Appointments Installed:**
  - \* Pews by Peerless Woodwork Co.
  - \* Chancel furniture by Long Hill Cabinet Works

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## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES *DYING HIS DEATH, LIVING HIS LIFE*



During the season of Lent, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him. In word and song, our services lead us to contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

Join us for our Wednesday night Lenten series *Dying His Death, Living His Life* at **7:30 PM each Wednesday** through **March 25**, the Wednesday before Holy Week. If you can't be with us in person, then please join us by our YouTube live stream. Watch your email for service link and information.

Adult devotions, connected to the series and also titled *Dying His Death, Living His Life*, are still available on the counter outside the Church office as of February 20.

## YOUR IMPACT MATTERS: THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS SUPPORTING CLC...



**Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®**

As most of you know, Thrivent is a membership owned fraternal organization. It provides financial advice, investments, insurance, banking and generosity programs to help members make the most of all they have been given. Thrivent Choice is one of the membership programs available to help members make an impact in their communities. Eligible Thrivent clients can direct where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing Choice Dollars they earn quarterly to enrolled nonprofit organizations.

In the past, CLC has received up to \$2,500 from Choice Dollars alone. A tremendous thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who have allocated Choice Dollars to CLC over the years.

As a reminder, Thrivent members who still have 2025 Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2026** to direct them. After March 31, these Choice Dollars will expire. Please take advantage of this generous program by direct any remaining Choice Dollars by March 31. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Spose at (203) 623-1650.

## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE... [WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://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 during
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds.
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events.
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastor's 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...





# LENTEN CALENDAR

| Event                                   | Date                      | Notes  |
|---|---------------------------|--|
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in Lent</b> | Wednesday, March 4, 2026  | Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i><br>Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube. |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b> | Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i><br>Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube. |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b> | Wednesday, March 18, 2026 | Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i><br>Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube. |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday In Lent</b> | Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i><br>Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube  |

## *Our Sincere Appreciation*

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those who play a vital role in the success of our Services and Church activities.:

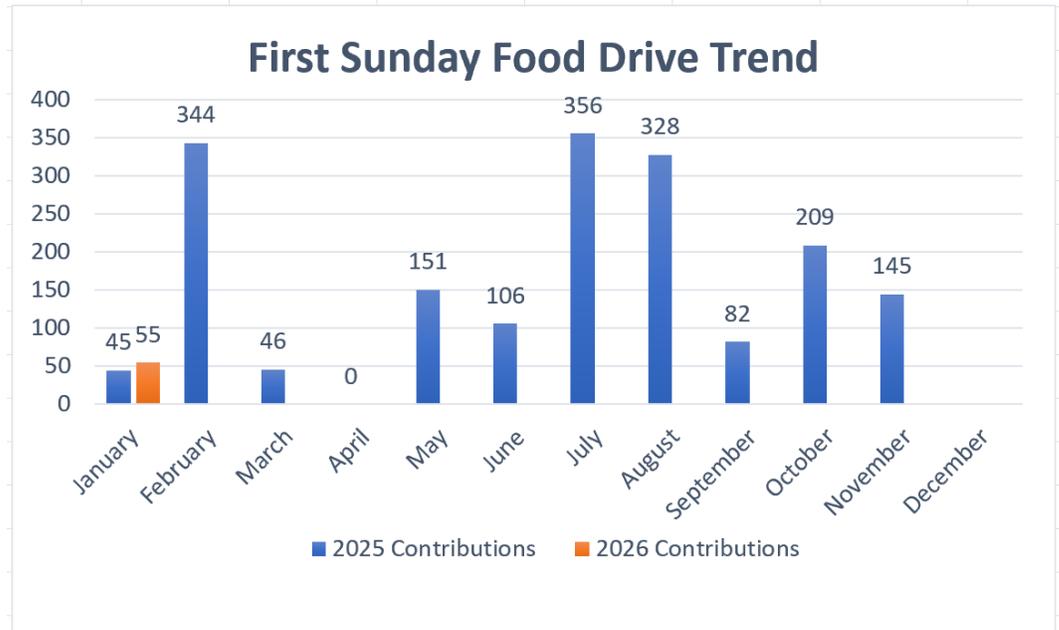
- ✠ Brenna, your exceptional organization of information and materials each week is greatly appreciated.
- ✠ Martha, your tireless dedication to providing beautiful music every week enriches our services immeasurably.
- ✠ The Live Streaming committee, your technical expertise and unwavering commitment to enhancing the congregants' live stream experience are deeply valued by all..





**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

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- \* Temporary electronic organ installed in gallery
- \* Pipe organ by Schlicker Organ Co. scheduled for later installation

### Gifts & Memorials (Selected Highlights)

(All quotations from the dedication insert)

- **Pulpit** — “a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rohde, in memory of his and her grandparents, and her mother.”
- **Baptismal Font** — “a gift from the children of our Sunday School.”
- **Altar** — “a gift from Mrs. Ethyl Hunt, in memory of her husband George.”
- **Colored Glass Windows** — “a gift from August, Adolph, Wilhelmena, and Aileen Krampitz; in memory of their parents.”
- **Flags, linens, stoles, ciborium, kneelers, and more** — donated by members, families, and the Ladies’ Guild.

### Dedication Day Services

- **Morning Service & Vespers Officiant:** Rev. Louis Nuechterlein
- **Guest Preacher for Vespers:** Rev. Dr. Alfred W. Trinklein, First Vice-President of the Atlantic District
- **Organist & Choirmaster:** Gloria Nuechterlein
- **Music:** Parish Choir of Cheshire Lutheran Church

## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

February has been very busy at Little Cherubs Christian Preschool.

Our Bible time has been about Jesus ‘ministry. The children learned that Jesus is God and have been asking questions about that. We learned about some of the parables and miracles of Jesus this month. Please pray that the children keep these truths with them throughout their lives.

We made many valentine crafts. The children exchanged Valentine’s cards and treats. The children have been learning about ways of how to be a good friend this month. They all have examples of friendship on our bulletin board. The children also love to free paint, which is available to them on a daily basis.

All the children recognize their first names, and many are learning their last names. We have been reviewing letters by writing them, tracing them and reading books. The teachers and I are completing student evaluations to send home to the families.

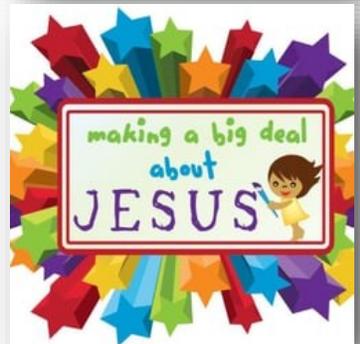
The teachers and I are a great team, and the children have come to know us and rely on us. We are missing JoAnn, our faithful director. Please pray for her healing.

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. Examples might be, if you play a musical instrument, juggle, or make crafts that you might want to share.**

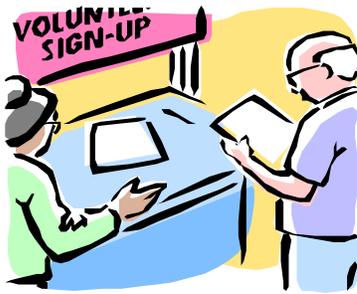
**If this interests you, Please reach out**

If this interests you, please reach out to me, Tracy Lennon by contacting the Church Office.



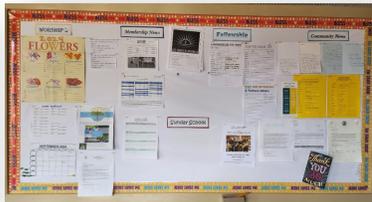
## ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

*Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!*



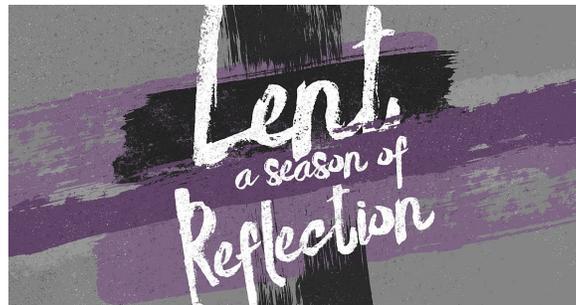
### ***This month on the Bulletin Board:***

- ✚ Wednesday Night Lenten Soup & Salad dinner sign up
- ✚ VBS Sign-Up
- ✚ 2026 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
- ✚ **Sunday School Schedule** information
- ✚ **Sunday Coffee Hour** sign-up
- ✚ Names of our fellow congregants serving us on Church Council/Deacons
- ✚ 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 Steven Behnfeldt to volunteer.
- ✚ **Altar Guild** is looking for new members. Contact the Church Office to volunteer.
- ✚ **Helping Hands** is has expanded its mission and ministry. Contact Sally Schrumm to learn more and volunteer.



## PROCESSION WITH PALMS ON PALM SUNDAY...



This year, we will again have a procession with palms on Palm Sunday. For everyone who is able to walk easily, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall for the start of both services and a Palm Sunday procession.

Each Service will start in the Fellowship Hall with the Palm Sunday Processional Gospel and then the members gathered in the hall will process into the Sanctuary during the Opening Hymn. Whether we simply walk down the hall or dare to venture outside will be partially decided by the weather on Palm Sunday.

Anyone who is not able to comfortably walk from the Fellowship Hall is welcome to go directly to the Sanctuary and find a pew. Pastor will be using the wireless microphone, so everyone will be able to hear, wherever they are in the building.

# MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

## Committed Continues to Meet Regularly:

The Columbarium Committee continues to meet faithfully to review our current status, care for the grounds, and refine our process to ensure each inurnment service is conducted with reverence and ease.

We encourage all congregants to revisit the **Beautiful Tribute: The MG&C Video**, available on our church website, as it beautifully reflects the spirit of this ministry. Looking ahead, the Committee is excited to begin working closely with Rick Arisco as we prepare for **Phase Two construction**, tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2026.

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 | Margie Mertz |
| Randy Raddatz | Bill Soulier  | Beth Soulier |
| Ed Schweizer  |               | Tim Weiland  |

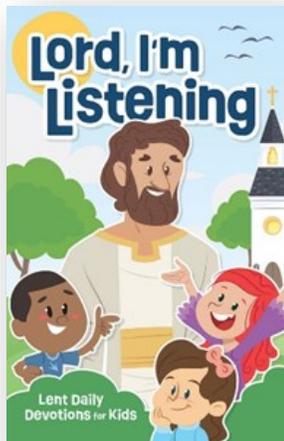
Out of care for our sacred space and in accordance with CLC By-Laws, we kindly ask families to refrain from leaving items (flowers, trinkets, etc.) at or around the Columbarium. While we deeply understand the sentiment, our staff is unable to remove these items promptly. If you have questions, please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

## Columbarium Status:

| Category                               | Count | Notes               |
|--|-------|---------------------|
| Saints Inurned                         | 22    | 2 Pending           |
| Subscriptions (Pre-Need)               | 32    | 1 Pending           |
| Niches in Use or Subscribed            | 53    | 60% of total niches |
| Open Niches                            | 35    | 40% available       |
| Memorial Plaques (Purchased/Installed) | 30    | 1 Pending           |

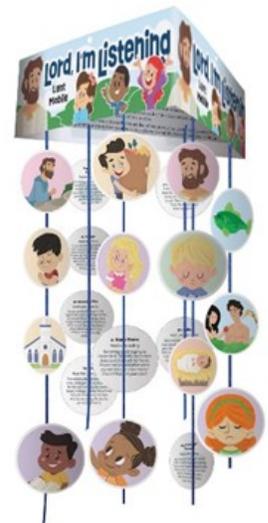


# KIDS' LENTEN DEVOTION AND MOBILE...



Is that a snake I hear up in that tree? Oh, don't listen to that!" So begins this sound-filled Lenten journey. In these Lent daily devotions for kids, readers are invited to open their ears and listen to Jesus' saving words and the many Biblical sounds that accompanied Jesus' to the cross and beyond to the opening of his tomb! Ages 6-12.

Perfect as a centerpiece above the table or in the classroom, family room or bedroom, this Lenten mobile grows throughout Lent as we pray through the days until Jesus' glorious resurrection. Each day, a new piece is added to the mobile, creating a beautiful decoration for Easter. A daily devotional verse and Scripture passage are also included. A great companion piece to the children's Lenten devotional booklet of the same name. *Cutting is required and string is not included.*





## CLC HELPING HANDS...

Many hands have been busy this past month, providing meals and transportation to our fellow parishioners.

Thank you to all who continue to willingly assist ! The recipients are most appreciative!

The need continues. There is plenty of room for others to assist. I am happy to talk with YOU, whether it's for a "one time only", "once in awhile" or "regular" participation.

Sally Schrumm ( please see the directory for my email or cell to respond) Thank you!

### 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



## 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.



### Test Your Knowledge on the History of CLC Quiz (page 8) answers:

1 B; 2 A; 3 A; 4 B; 5 D; 6 D; 7 C; 8 B; 9 B; 10 B; 11 C; 12 D; 13 A; 14 C; 15 D; 16 B; 17 C; 18 B; 19 D; 20 B; 21 C; 22) B;



# Cheshire Lutheran Church

660 West Main St.

Present

## Celtic Celebration

*with*

**Mandolin & Guitar Duo Handler & Levesque**



**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**No admission charge**

Enjoy lively Irish dance tunes, beautiful Celtic melodies, and singalongs of Irish-American favorites. The program features music by Turlough O'Carolan, Irish-inspired American pieces, and engaging stories behind the songs.

The acclaimed duo **Handler & Levesque**, with over 2,500 performances across the U.S. and Europe, are known for their seamless blend of guitar and mandolin and their warm, audience-friendly style. A joyful Celtic celebration for all!

*We welcome the community to come and enjoy this concert.  
Light refreshments following the performance.*



## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Steve Behnfeldt, our Worship Deacon, or call Pastor at the Church office.

We look forward to serving the Lord together.

# Bible Studies at CLC

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

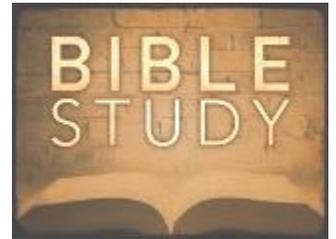
The Sunday morning Adult Study between the services starts at approximately 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. We are halfway through our study about the “End Times” from *The Lutheran Difference* Bible study series. Please come and join us. Here’s a little about our topic:

“Millenium. Revelation. Rapture. Eternity. 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.”

During the season of Lent, our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study is on temporary hiatus and will restart after Easter. Since we finished our trek through the book of Romans in early February, we will have a new topic when we resume. Check the Heavenly Herald and the Sunday bulletin for the announcement of the next book of the Bible we will study.

Our Adult Bible studies are meeting in the Church Library on Sundays this March. 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.



***Council* will meet Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
in the Church Library**



## WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

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| ✠ March 3—Samantha Nowak    | ✠ March 19—Christopher Barden  |
| ✠ March 6—Emily Smith       | ✠ March 25—Natalie Veleber     |
| ✠ March 11—Catherine Barden | ✠ March 26—Chloe Burke         |
| ✠ March 12—Evelyn Merrow    | ✠ March 29—Gloria Nuechterlein |
| ✠ March 15—Larry Fiedler    |                                |



Contact the church office to add your “Baptismal Birthday” to the list.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## March 2026

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Paul & Trish Greenhalgh   | 43 Years |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Joe & Joann Holstein      | 32 Years |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Philip & Leigh Giampietro | 45 Years |



- 3<sup>rd</sup> David Schrumm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Priscilla Troemel
- 9<sup>th</sup> Melissa Veleber
- 10<sup>th</sup> Eva Schrumm  
Conner DeLaubell
- 12<sup>th</sup> Noah Wilde
- 13<sup>th</sup> Martha Medford
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thom Zeppieri
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ethel Daly  
Phil Giampietro
- 17<sup>th</sup> John Taylor
- 19<sup>th</sup> Laura Sullivan
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Robert Lamb
- 26<sup>th</sup> Guy Mason



Please join us for worship on  
Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during  
Lent.



# Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 8, 2026.**  
Move your clocks *ahead* 1 hour so you are not late for Church!



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