



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ... ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ... ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” Mark 16:2, 5, 8 (ESV)

When we think about the first Easter morning, there are certain elements that we naturally expect to be part of the account. It should start with the group of women going to Jesus’ tomb. Next, the women ought to find the tomb empty and encounter an angel. Then the women should run off and tell Jesus’ disciples what had happened. Finally, we expect some of the disciples to run to the tomb and also find it empty. Those are the basic facts from the day that Jesus rose from the dead, and we take for granted that they will be a part of every Easter Sunday retelling.

By contrast, the Easter story recording in some of the earliest copies of Saint Mark’s Gospel feel woefully incomplete to us. Sure, Mark tells us that the women went to the tomb early on that first Easter morning and they found the tomb empty. He includes the appearance of the angel with the good news that Jesus had risen, and Mark even mentions the command that the women should go and tell the disciples what had happened, but that’s where those early copies of Mark’s Gospel end. The last thing he tells us is that the women “said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

That’s it. That’s all he says. The early copies don’t say anything about the disciples running to the tomb. There’s no appearance of the risen Christ, or Jesus on the road to Emmaus, or forty more days of teaching the disciples, or any of

that. In those early copies, the “Good News of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark” ends simply with the words “they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” That sounds like a pretty sad excuse for an Easter Gospel, and I think there are a lot of people who would agree with me.

As disappoint as those early copies of Mark’s Gospel may seem to us, we can’t entirely blame the women for being afraid the way they were. Sure, they had wonderful news and they were even commanded to go out and share that news, but is our behavior any different? You and I may not have an angel of the Lord standing right in front of us, telling us the news and giving the command to go and tell, but we do have the very words of Christ Jesus our Lord commanding us to go and share His Gospel with the people in our lives. And how do we often respond when opportunities to share that Good News present themselves? With fear and silence.



Many Christians are not comfortable talking about their faith with people who may not be Christian. The thought of inviting someone to come to Church can make a Christian feel anxious, and the idea of even approaching a stranger to talk about Jesus causes them to become nervous – and that’s putting it mildly. If we are willing to be honest with ourselves and truthful in what we’re feeling, we’d have to confess that we too are afraid, just like the women and the tomb. Often that fear leads us to keep our mouths shut and not say anything, just like the women.

But we know that fear and silence wasn’t the end of the story for the women who went to

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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 Everyone,

Hopefully, by the time you read this article the Winter doldrums will be gone and Spring will have sprung. Spring is my favorite time of year as things come back to life. During the month of March we had our Soup & Salad dinners and Bible Study followed by our Lenten Service. We had good attendance and a great opportunity for fellowship. Thank you to all that helped make this happen. The food and fellowship are always great.

By the time you read this article we will have had our third annual Easter Egg hunt and I am sure it was **Eggciting** for everyone young and not so young. A big thank you to Erica Bencivenga and her team.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on March 29th, followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Then we have Easter Sunday on April 5th with our annual Easter Breakfast in between services.

Philippians 3:10

“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death”

Holy week starts with Palm Sunday on March 29th followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Then we have Easter Sunday on April 5th with our annual Easter Breakfast in between services.

With all the activities we have going on at CLC, the more opportunities there are to get involved; we are always looking for more people to help as readers, Worship assistants, Ushers, and Live Stream operators. Also, there are several committees to get involved with. If you have any interest in participating, please reach out to myself or any Council member.

Our next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21st and the next Voters meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th, after the late service.

Have a Blessed Easter. Stay safe and go easy on the candy.

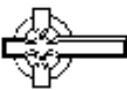
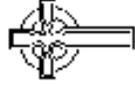
Yours in Christ,

Bill Soulier
Parish Council President

He is Risen



BLE Blessings April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Maundy Thursday 6:45 Bell Choir 7:30 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	3 Good Friday 6:45 Parish Choir 7:30 Good Friday Worship	4 9:00 Easter Breakfast Setup
5 HAPPY EASTER! 7:10 Bell Choir 7:35 Parish Choir 8:00 Holy Communion 9:15 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Holy Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	16	17	18 8:00 Spring Clean Up 9:00 Quilts of Valor
19 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Holy Communion 11:45 VBS Meeting	20	21 7:00 Council Meeting	22 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	23 6:00 Preschool Committee Meeting	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	27	28 6:30 Women's Book Club	29 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	30	Heavenly Herald articles due to Beth Soulier	

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Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning. In spite of their fears, they **did** eventually go and share the Good News with the disciples. We know because the other Gospel writers tell us that, and we know because **we** know the Gospel. It wasn't kept a secret by the silence of the scared women. The Good News of Jesus' resurrection and the eternal life that He brings changed those scared women and gave them the strength to share the Gospel message.

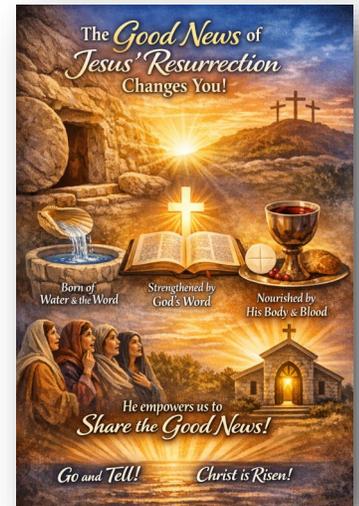
The same Good News of Jesus' resurrection changes you and me too. Sure, the thought of talking about our faith or inviting someone to come to Church may make us anxious, but that doesn't have to stop you from sharing the Gospel message in your own life. Christ Jesus gives you the strength to share that message in spite of your reservations. He poured His power out on you by the working of the Holy Spirit by water and the Word in Holy Baptism, and He continues to strengthen you by His Word in the Scriptures and by His body and blood in Holy Communion.

When the women went to the tomb that Easter morning and heard the Gospel message, at first they said nothing to anyone because they were afraid, but the Good News of Jesus' resurrection gave them the strength to share that message with others. When you come to Church this Easter and hear the Gospel message, may it give you the strength to share that Good News with others.

I look forward to seeing you on Easter, and I pray we'll all have the strength in Christ Jesus to invite others to join us.

In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,

Pastor Rowold



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Our Sunday School lessons are all from the Old Testament this Sunday School Year; so far we have had lessons from Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings.

In April as we will learn about Elijah, Elisha, and Jonah. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship and snacks; music, prayer and Bible lesson is at 9:20 a.m., followed by age-appropriate study and activities to reinforce the lesson for the day, we will wrap up by 10:20. This month, there will be no Sunday School on April 5th; please join us that morning for services and the Easter Breakfast. We will have a fun Sunday on April 12 and regular lessons on April 19 and 26.

VBS Registration is open!

The dates are June 22-26, 2026.

Registration packets are on the counter outside the office or you can register online at 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 in April. Please watch your email and bulletins for details. A sign-up sheet for helpers and station leaders is on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. 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
April 1 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 2- Thursday <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Ensemble
	7:00 PM	Performance	Ensemble
April 3- Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 5 - Sunday <i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:10 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:35 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell & Parish Choirs
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell & Parish Choirs
April 8 - Wednesday	<i>No Choir Rehearsals</i>		
April 12 - Sunday	*** <i>No Choirs</i> ***		
April 15 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 19 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 22 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 26 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 29 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

REMINDER—CHESHIRE ROAD RACE 2026...



Mark Your Calendar - there is a Cheshire Road Race scheduled for Sunday April 12, 2026 starting at the south end of town.

Please plan your trip to church accordingly.

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!

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.



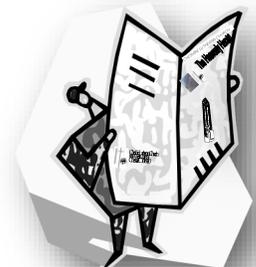
OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

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.



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

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



There is still time to join us for the final remaining Holy Week Services. With the Heavenly Herald expected to be in your hands by Palm Sunday, we still have our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services to go. Both services will be at 7:30 PM and we will have Holy Communion as part of the Thursday night service.

Don't forget to join us for our Easter Sunday services, at the usual 8 and 10:30 AM times with the traditional Easter Breakfast in between. Services will be in person and live streamed.



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

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

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.
- 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.
- If you have any questions, please email the Financial Secretary at finsec@cheshirelutheran.org or contact me directly (see the Church Directory for my email address).

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

Nancy Schweizer
Financial Secretary



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.



NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

During Lent, many people give up something they enjoy. Our small sacrifices are symbolic of the ultimate sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made for us. His was the ultimate act of stewardship - giving of Himself fully, out of love for our sake.

Stewardship is not simply about financial giving; it is about how we share the blessings God has entrusted to us. Our church is a place where faith is nurtured, community is strengthened, and God's love is lived out in meaningful ways. None of this happens without the faithful generosity of our congregation. Your support enables us to continue our mission, care for those in need, and ensure that CLC remains a strong home for generations to come.

As we celebrate the resurrection this Easter, may we respond with open hearts - giving generously, living faithfully, and reflecting Christ's love in all we do.

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!

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ We extend our heartfelt thanks to Martha Medford for so beautifully coordinating the rehearsals and music offerings throughout our Lenten season. Your dedication and leadership enriched both our Wednesday evening and Sunday services in meaningful ways.
- ✦ Our gratitude also goes to the Media Committee for the stunning redesign of our church website. Your hard work and creativity shine through, what a blessing to our congregation.
- ✦ A special thank-you, as always, to Tim Weiland for his gifted photography, faithfully capturing the many moments and ministries that make life at CLC so vibrant.



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

NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Lenten Soup/Salad/Bible Study Fellowship Update:

Our mid-week Lenten Soup, Salad, and Bible Study has gone well. The Drusts have again been very generous in supplying us with salad, salad fixings, soup, bottled water, desserts, and juice.

We had many attendees help with the set up, clean up, and bringing their favorite homemade soup. Many thanks also to Pastor Rowold for his insightful Bible study each week.

Easter Celebration Breakfast:

Please join us. Easter breakfast will be served immediately following the 8 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 5th. French Toast Sticks, quiche, yogurt, and sausage will be provided and we ask for side dishes and desserts to supplement the meal.

We will set up on Saturday the 4th at 9 AM. Many hands certainly lighten the load and it is also a time for fellowship in a very casual way.

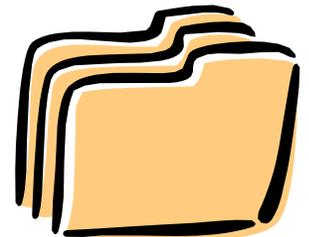
Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend, help set up, clean up and/or bring a side dish.

Thom Zeppieri
Fellowship Deacon



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 OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Hopefully by the time you read this the buds will be sprouting, suns rays a bit stronger and spring time warmth will help us forget the snowy cold winter we just had.

Annual Spring Clean Up:

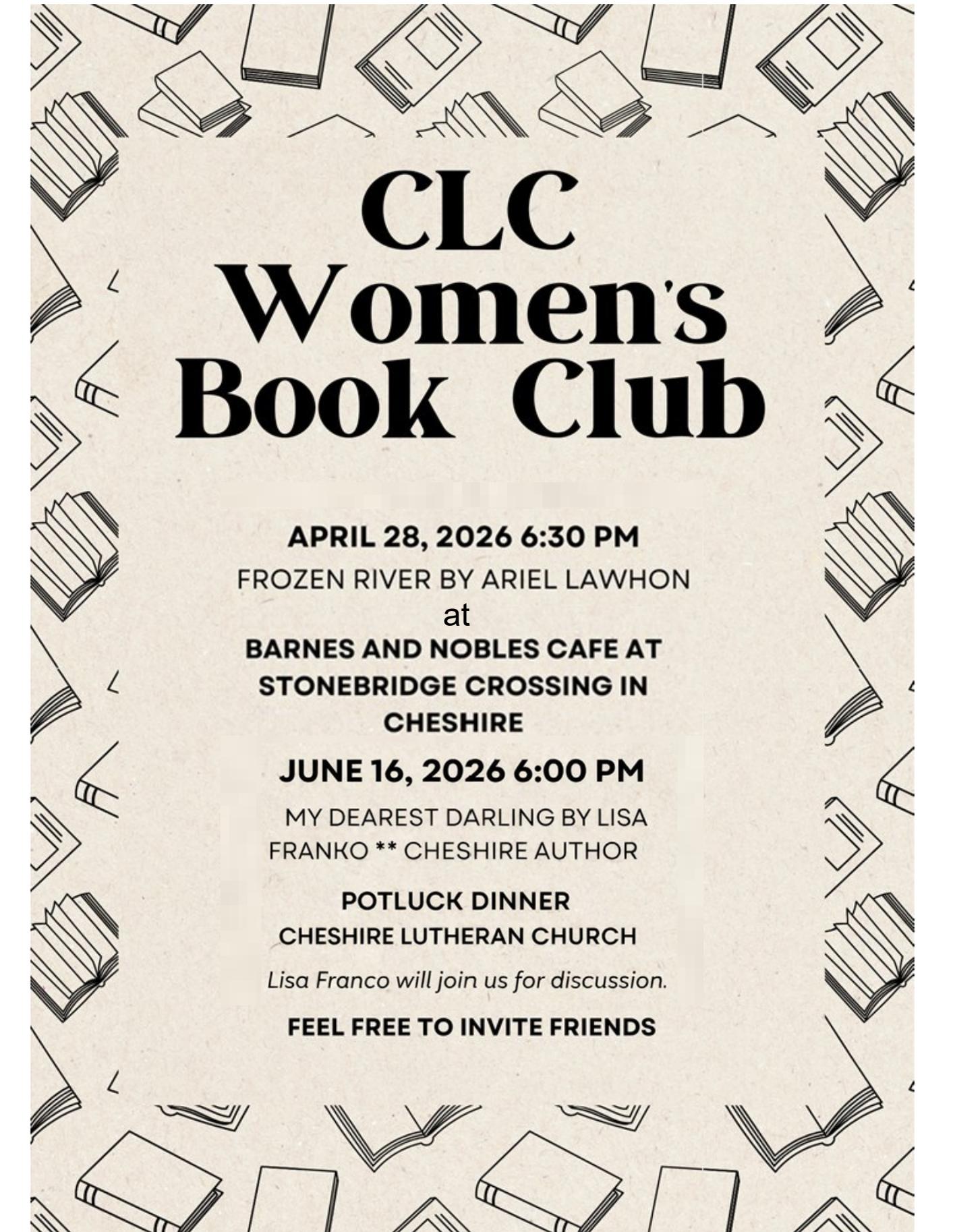
With spring, we would like to put together a spring clean-up, inside and out, on April 18th starting at 8 a.m. Always a satisfying effort in going after the areas of our interior and grounds that can use some extra attention since last year's clean up. Please bring the usual ...gloves, rakes, brooms, buckets, etc. and we will make our church home glisten! Coffee and refreshments will be served.

House and Grounds Committee Update:

House and Grounds committee, made up of Karen Raddatz, Ed Schweizer and I will be gathering ideas for the Finance Committee's capital plan purposes and prioritizing. If you are aware of anything that needs to be addressed, or would like to see changed, please let one of us know.

Jonathan Schrumm
House and Grounds Deacon





CLC Women's Book Club

APRIL 28, 2026 6:30 PM

FROZEN RIVER BY ARIEL LAWHON

at

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

JUNE 16, 2026 6:00 PM

MY DEAREST DARLING BY LISA
FRANKO ** CHESHIRE AUTHOR

**POTLUCK DINNER
CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Lisa Franco will join us for discussion.

FEEL FREE TO INVITE FRIENDS

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our next outreach event will be our community-wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th, at 10:00 AM. Thank you to everyone who helped stuff eggs—we appreciate your support!



Mommy-Son Game Night Update:

Thank you all for helping make our Mommy-Son Game Night such a wonderful event for our community! We had about 45 people attend, enjoy pizza and cupcakes, and rotate through four fun Lego activity and game stations. I'm so grateful for your generous donations of Legos and your time—it truly made the night special.



CLC Website Refresh Update:

Lastly, we are in the final stages of our website refresh. Please take a few moments to check it out. A special thank you to Steve Feero for all his hard work in bringing it to completion. Larry Logan, who served on this committee before his passing, was passionate about creating a welcoming experience for first-time visitors. In that spirit, if you see someone new at church, please take a moment to greet them, help them feel included, and warmly invite them back.

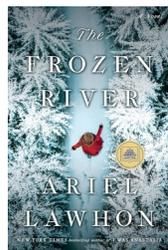


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Women's Book Club Update:

CLC Women's Book Club will meet on April 28th at 6:30 PM at Stonebridge Crossing Barnes & Noble in Cheshire to discuss *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.



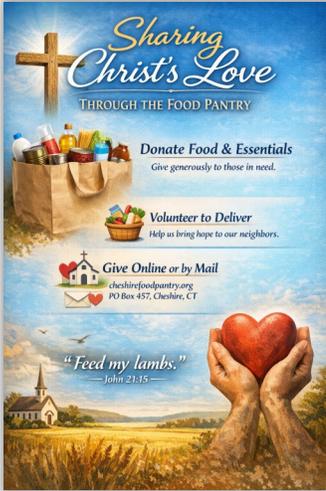
Women's CLC Book Club will have its final meeting for the season on June 16th at 6:00 PM at Cheshire Lutheran Church. We will be discussing "My Dearest Darling" by Lisa Franco and having a potluck dinner. She is a local Cheshire author and will be joining us for discussion! Please share with your book loving friends!

Blessings,

Erica Bencivenga
Evangelism Deacon

SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY...

An Invitation to Give, Serve, and Bless Our Neighbors



One of the simplest and most meaningful ways we share Christ’s love with our community is through our support of the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. Every can of soup, every box of pasta, every bottle of shampoo becomes a quiet act of mercy, a reminder that no one in our town should feel forgotten.

Over the past few months, our donations have continued to bless many families. Thank you to everyone who faithfully brings items for our First Sunday Food Drive. Your generosity truly matters.

A Gentle Request: We Need Delivery Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers too deliver collected items to the Food Pantry. Delivering to the Pantry is a **quick, easy, and very rewarding job**, usually just a short drop-off during their open hours. If you’ve been looking for a simple way to serve, this is a beautiful opportunity.

The sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Even one month of help makes a difference.



Ways You Can Support the Pantry

Here are a few simple ways to help:

- ✦ **Pick up a “buy one, get one free” item** and donate the free one.
- ✦ **Bring non-food essentials** like toothpaste, shampoo, detergent, and paper goods.
- ✦ **Check expiration dates** so we send only fresh, usable items.
- ✦ **Drop off items directly** at the Pantry if that’s easier for you.
- ✦ **Send a monetary gift** so the Pantry can purchase what they need most.

As Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15b)

Every contribution — large or small — helps us live out that call.

Where to Deliver or Send Support:

Cheshire Community Food Pantry:	Mailing Address for Checks:	Online donations:
175 Sandbank Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410	Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO Box 457, Cheshire, CT 06410	cheshirefoodpantry.org
Phone: 203-699-9226		



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.

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

March at Little Cherubs has been filled with laughs and fun.

During our Bible time, the children have been learning about Jesus and his ministry. We told the children about the lost Sheep, when Jesus fed the 5000, and when he calmed the storm. We are beginning to tell the Easter story this week, sharing that Jesus died and rose again because he loves them. Please pray for the children and families at Little Cherubs to receive the message of salvation this Easter season.

Our theme this month started with Dr Seuss fun. We had silly sock day, wacky Wednesday and we made green eggs and ham. The children made “the Cat in the Hat” art projects, wacky hair projects and created silly socks. We also celebrated St Patrick’s Day by wearing green and sharing a shamrock cookie. The children learned the history of St Patrick and danced an Irish Jig. The art we are planning for the remainder of the month will be related to the Easter theme.

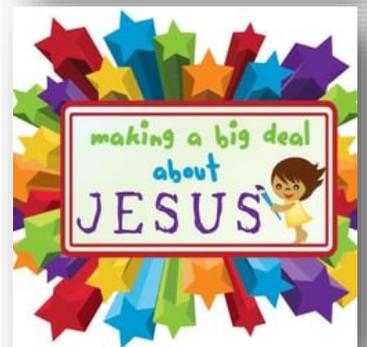
Academically the children are all growing and learning. We review a letter of the week, the calendar, move our bodies and listen to a story in each morning circle. The four year old class has started to learn our ‘good morning song’ in French most recently. We sing a lot of songs in preschool about most things we do. Some children are trying to sound out words and write more words than their name.

The teachers and I are excited to share the gospel message this Easter with the children. This is one of our greatest joys of working here in a Christian environment. We all love Jesus and enjoy sharing about him with the children. Happy Easter to you all, may He bless you richly.

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 me — Tracy Lennon by contacting the Church Office.



EASTER BREAKFAST AT CLC...

This Easter the church will again hold its Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5th, between the 8 & 10:30 AM Services. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity for fellowship that the time offers.

Also, please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include: baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, **cooked** quiches and **cooked** egg casseroles.

Please add your names to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Thom Zeppieri.



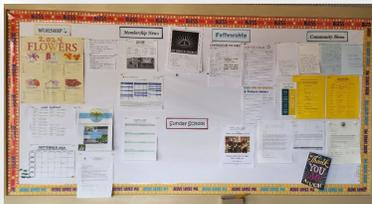
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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:

- ✚ 2026 Flower Chart Sign-up
- ✚ CLC Usher Schedule
- ✚ Live Stream Camera & Operator sign-up
- ✚ Names of those serving on our CLC Council and Deacons
- ✚ CLC Council Member Names and Role list
- ✚ CLC Council and Voters Meeting Dates
- ✚ Sunday Coffee Hour sign-up
- ✚ Easter Sunday Breakfast Sign-Up
- ✚ Sunday School Schedule information
- ✚ News and Updates regarding some of our members
- ✚ Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- ✚ Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✚ Lutheran Church Extension Fund information
- ✚ Information on CLC family members called home to be with Jesus
- ✚ New Phone number for Gloria Nuechterlein



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.

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



The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Thanks to the Media Committee, our website has been transformed. Check it out!!!
- ✚ 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...

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



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

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

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

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

Kelley Collins-Pardee
Christian Education Deacon



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...

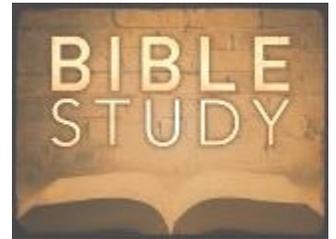
The Sunday morning Adult Study between the services starts at approximately 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. We are nearing the end of our study about the “End Times” from *The Lutheran Difference* Bible study series. Please come and join us. Here’s a little about our topic:

“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.”

Our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study resumes in April, following our hiatus for Lent and Pastor’s time off. It will return on April 15, and we will be starting a new book of the Bible. Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM.

Our Adult Bible studies are meeting in the Church Library on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. 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.



DO YOU KNOW THE DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM?...

Well, do you? Do you know the date that you were Baptized? If you do, we’d like to know it in the Church office too. We already keep track of birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including them in the monthly newsletters and the Sunday morning prayers. We are now going to add “Baptismal Birthdays” to that list too. Please contact the Church office to share the date of their Baptism. As we get more information we will add it to the list of those special days included in the *Heavenly Herald*.

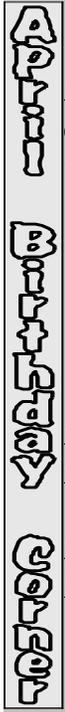


WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

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| ✠ April 2—Ethel Daly | ✠ April 23—Jameson Kingsley |
| ✠ April 3—Connor Collins | ✠ April 23—Hannah Mayer |
| ✠ April 17—Todd Plantier | ✠ April 23—Myles Mayer |
| ✠ April 18—Leslie Donewald | ✠ April 30—Patrick DiDomizio |

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





- 1st Rob Daly
- 2nd Fred Neuffer
- 6th John Balash
- 7th Tricia Rowold
- 11th Kyong Mann
- Pat DiDomizio
- Karen Raddatz
- 12th Hayley Fiedler
- April Slauson
- 18th Helen Mayer
- 22nd Erich F. Strunk
- 24th Peggy Tessler
- Donna Spose
- 26th JoAnn Holstein
- 28th Arta Dobbs



13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	30 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	66 Years



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2026

UPCOMING COUNCIL & VOTER MEETINGS REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

The next *Council* meeting will be held on *Tuesday April 21, 2026* at 7:00 PM at CLC.

The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *Sunday May 17, 2026* after the late worship service at CLC.



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.



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