



The Heavenly Herald

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A LOVING ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE HEAVENLY HERALD...

For many years, the Heavenly Herald has been a treasured part of our life together at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Since 1995, this familiar format has helped us share the Good News of Christ's work among us and stay connected as a family of faith. It has been my honor and joy to serve as your editor since 1995.

Because Microsoft Publisher will be discontinued on **October 1, 2026**, the September issue will be the **final Heavenly Herald in its traditional format**. While this brings the end of a long chapter, we also see it as a **God Wink**, a gentle nudge to embrace new tools that many churches now use.

Beginning in **October 2026**, the Heavenly Herald will be available **only on the CLC website**. Below, please find a **QR code** that brings you directly to the site. We encourage everyone to begin exploring the layout and the section where past Heavenly Heralds are stored.

How to Access the Heavenly Herald Going Forward

✠ If you have a smartphone with internet access:

- ⇒ Open your phone's camera
- ⇒ Point it at the QR code
- ⇒ Tap the link that appears This will take you straight to the website

✠ **Computer users:** Stay tuned, we plan to email the website link automatically each month.

✠ **No phone or computer:** The Church Office will continue printing a small number of copies. These will be simpler in appearance but will contain all the same information.

The **Sunday Bulletin** will soon include a QR code linking to the website, and once the October issue is published, a second QR code will take you directly to the new Heavenly Herald page. Those who wish to print at home will also be able to download a printable version, and we can provide instructions if needed.

This transition is not an ending, it is a new beginning. A fresh opportunity to share our ministries, our stories, and our faith in a way that reaches more people and carries us forward with confidence and hope.

We ask for your **patience and prayers** as we learn this new technology and discover the best ways to share the Good News of our CLC family with both our congregation and all who visit our website.

A Personal Word of Thanks

It has been one of the great honors of my life to create and present the Heavenly Herald to you each month in this format. What began in 1995 as a simple newsletter grew into a true ministry, one that allowed me to serve Christ and this congregation in a way that has blessed me beyond measure.

Thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your love throughout these many years. I look forward to continuing this ministry with you in its new home on our church website.

In Christ's love, Beth Soulier Editor, Cheshire Lutheran Church Heavenly Herald Since 1995



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his path." Micah 4:2 (ESV)

It is once again September. School in Cheshire is starting later than usual this year because the town has two new elementary schools under construction, but the surrounding communities will be back in session by the first of the month. The Christian Education year here at CLC will also begin later in the month than often happens, as Labor Day (which precedes the return to the two-service schedule) falls on September 7 this year. Once the programs get underway, we'll have Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Adult Bible studies on Sundays happening during the week. As we switch back to two services and all our education opportunities resume, the Lord calls out "Come."

Come back from your summer vacations. Come back from your weekend getaways. Come back from your Sunday brunches and lazy summer mornings and plans that have kept you away for the last three months. Come to the Lord's house. Come and be strengthened by the Word of God for your Christian walk and life.

Come, be fed and nourished by the Sacraments, where God puts faith into your heart and forgives all your sins. Wherever you are in life, whatever you have been doing, the Lord calls to you through the voice of the prophet Micah (and the prophet Isaiah), "Come!"

Yet as you respond to the Lord's invitation, don't come alone. The Lord's call and the

prophet's invitation is not singular, it is plural – it is not just for one, it is for many! The prophet says, "Come, let us go up...that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk." As you come back to the Lord this fall, bring people with you. Bring your family with you to the Lord – your mother, father, sister, brother, son, or daughter. Bring your friends with you to the Lord – the ones you have known for years or the ones you have made recently. Bring your neighbors with you to the Lord – whether next door, or across the street, or behind your back fence.

The Lord calls to all of us to come to Him, to come to His house, to come to His Word and Sacraments, and to come together before Him. The Lord waits for all of us, ready to give His gifts to you and me, and to equip us to live our lives as His called and redeemed people. There is a place with the Lord for everyone, so let's go to Him together and invite all the people in our lives to join us.

Summer is ending. Autumn is about to begin. School is starting, and the Lord God is calling out to you and me and everyone, "Come!"

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his path." Micah 4:2 (ESV)

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold

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 in Christ, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that each of you enjoyed a refreshing summer and are doing well as we look forward to the blessings of the autumn season.



Our regular worship schedule of **8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** services resumes on **September 13**, so please mark your calendars. Our choirs will begin rehearsals on **September 9**, with their first musical offerings on **September 20**. They are joyfully seeking additional singers and bell ringers, if you feel called to share your musical gifts, they would warmly welcome you.

Sunday School also begins on **September 13** with Rally Day. We are in need of teachers and substitutes to support this important ministry. If you are willing to help, please reach out to **Kelley Collins-Pardee** or **Tricia Rowold**.

Our first Council meeting after the summer break will be held on **September 8**, followed by a Voters' Meeting on **September 13**. At the September Council meeting, **Randy Raddatz** will present the first draft of the **2027 Mission Plan** for review. This draft will then be shared with the Voters at their meeting, with the final version brought forward for approval in November after any necessary adjustments.

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Another important matter for both meetings will be the formation of our **Nominating Committee**, which, according to our Constitution and Bylaws—consists of two Deacons and one Voter. We are currently seeking a **Voter** willing to serve on this committee. If you feel led to assist, please contact either **Randy Raddatz** or myself. Your service would be greatly appreciated, as we anticipate several vacancies to be addressed at the Council meeting.

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Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

✠ **Council:** September 8, October 20 and December 8

✠ **Voters:** September 13 and November 8

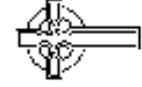
"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

We also look forward to participating in the **Cheshire Fall Festival** on **September 19**, where CLC will host a booth. **Volunteers are needed** to help staff the booth. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway, or you may contact me directly.

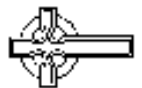
Thank you all for your continued faithfulness, service, and support of our congregation and its ministries.

Yours in Christ,

Bill Soulier
Parish President



GAO Church September 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:00 Holy Communion	7 Labor Day	8 FIRST DAY OF LITTLE CHERUBS 7:00 Council Meeting	9 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	10	11	12
13 8:00 Worship 9:00 Rally Day! 10:30 Worship 11:30 Voters Meeting	14	15	16 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	17	18	19 Cheshire Fall Festival @ Bartlem Park
20 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 Sunday School & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion	21	22	23 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	24	25	26 Quilts of Valor
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Welcome Back!

We are eager to start our Sunday School year! We have been making some improvements to our spaces and are excited for you to see them.

This year is the last year in our 3-year series of Sunday School materials and all of our lessons will come from the New Testament.

We will start the year with the announcement of Jesus' birth and end the year with Jesus' description of his Second coming.

Please join us at 9:00 a.m., September 13, 2026, for Rally Day. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a brief time of food and conversations. Then at 9:20 we will have music, prayers and activities. There will also be teacher introductions and a chance to find your name on a Sunday School room door.

Come join us for a fun filled Rally Day and an amazing Sunday School year.

VBS—Thank you!

This year was amazing thanks to all of the volunteers and support from the congregation and community. We had a team of 35 individuals; made up of teens and adults; who made and or put up decorations. Some took kits home and returned finished flowers or cut out leaves. Others came in and made decorations here at church or helped us put the decorations up all around the church. The week of VBS we had a team of 36 teen and adult volunteers who helped ensure our students were safe, having fun and learning about God's love for them. We even had some volunteers (who are family of current members) coming from as far away as Pennsylvania and Iowa.



And we can't forget the hero of the week Diane Drust. Even though she was traveling during the week of VBS she still made sure the snacks were generously provided so we didn't have any hungry children to contend with!

The 75 students that attended explored the nature of God. They learned that God created the world, God knows everything, God is our safe place, God is Love, and God is forever. On the first day in rooted Bible adventures the students got to "make" a sky by working in groups of 4-6 to hold up a blue sheet, then they got to have some fun and make it move as though it were windy. There were more activities that followed to help them learn about the events of creation and, at the end of the lesson, they got to relax on their crew blankets too help them remember that on the 7th day God rested.



On Thursday, they learned God is love. Through out the week the students and their families got to share that love by helping provide kid friendly foods for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. The donations that came in were amazing! The Monday after VBS, Sarah and I delivered the donations to the food pantry. There was a total of 255 pounds of food for the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. 255 pounds collected in one week! Thank you to all the generous families who contributed. The staff at the food pantry were very grateful for the donations.

It was an amazing week learning about the Nature of God. God created the world, God knows everything, God is our safe place, God is Love, and God is forever! Wow God!

Can't wait to see everyone next year! We will announce a theme and dates by the January newsletter.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs will resume rehearsals in September. Please note:

- ♪ Rehearsals begin on September 9th
- ♪ Parish Choir will perform on September 20th
- ♪ No Choirs on September 13
- ♪ Bell Choir performs on September 27th

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
September 9 - Wednesday <i>All Choirs Rehearsal Resumes!</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 13 - Sunday <i>Sunday School Rally Day</i>	No Choirs		
September 16 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 20 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
September 23 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 27 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
September 30 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 4 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Beginning **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, we will be returning to our School-year schedule of two services on Sunday morning at 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

The 8 AM service will continue to be streamed out live via YouTube for anyone who is unable to join us in person for the service. It will also be available for viewing on the Church's YouTube channel after the end of the service.



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

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information for the October 2026 Heavenly Herald to Beth Soulier by Friday **September 25, 2026** or earlier! Use email listed in our PRINTED directory.



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.

The Nursery Committee, formed per the CLC Bylaws, met three times over the summer. As you may recall, the impetus for this committee comes from the CLC Long Term Plan currently being developed and worked by the Church Council. Four members (Karen Raddatz, Erica Bencivenga, Tricia Rowald, Dora Jacobson Green) volunteered to serve on the committee and a number of other members have assisted and consulted, including Pastor and Sarah Rowold, Jon Schrumm and Randy Raddatz from House and Grounds, and Steve Feero from the Multi-Media Team.

The Nursery Committee did an assessment of the church facility to determine the best potential space for use as the nursery. The current nursery has served its purpose for many years, but the consensus of the committee is that this space is compromised because it is not permanent (must be regularly torn down and then repopulated when the Parish Hall is being used), has no natural light, and has become dated. The goal of the new nursery space is to be lighter and brighter, less claustrophobic, warm and welcoming for young families, and usable not just during worship services but also for parents with younger children during Sunday School.

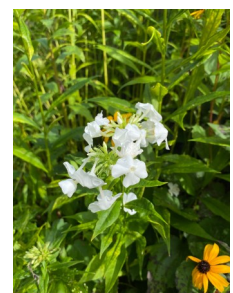
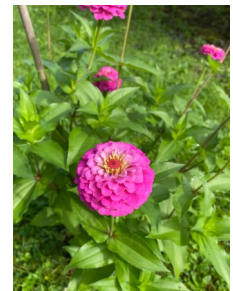
The Nursery Committee has identified a preferred space appropriate for ages 0 up to 5 years and is developing a list of compliant upgrades for the identified space in order to properly reconfigure the room. This list includes new painting and carpeting, signage, lighting, some Christian artwork, a few new furniture pieces, a bookshelf, a changing table, a shelf with bins, and a new, modern “wireless system” capable of transmitting the worship service to the room, displayed on a screen or large tablet. Steve Feero has identified excellent candidates for this new “wireless system”.

Cost estimates for the new furnishings are being generated. It’s believed that the cost of the space’s upgrades and furnishings can be covered with existing budget, as identified by the Finance Committee. We will develop a recommendation, including capital expenditures, and then I will present the recommendation as Worship Deacon to the Church Council for thoughtful consideration in the September 8th Council Meeting. If approved, the recommendation could be brought before the congregation in the September 13th Voters Meeting. Tentatively, it is thought that the upgrades would likely be accomplished by November 2026.

A sincere thank you to the Nursery Committee and all the members who have worked diligently to get us to where we are on this important project. Our congregation is blessed to have so many talented and dedicated members willing to work for the betterment of our congregation and facility.

Please reach out to Steve Behnfeldt to learn more or to affirm your willingness to serve in any of the ways mentioned above. Thank you and the Lord bless you!

Steve Behnfeldt
Worship Deacon



NEWS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DEACON...



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we get back into our routines this fall, it's time again to refocus our efforts. I ran across this stewardship prayer that captures why we do what we do to serve our Lord and further our mission.

Kurt Lenz
Stewardship Deacon





OUR WAY OF LIFE

A Stewardship Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have blessed us far beyond what we deserve.

You have given us your Son as a ransom for our sinful souls,
And sent the Holy Spirit to guide us back to you.

Now as we pause to meditate on who you are and what
you have given, we desire to show you our gratitude.

We realize it is not the size of our gift but the heart behind
it that gives pleasure to you.

Help us to discern how we may joyfully bless you, our
church family, and our community with gifts of our time,
our talents, and our treasure.

In giving may we grow in our most precious gift, our faith,
And may we find new ways to serve and bless others in the
holy name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Stewardship Council 2014

Stewardship—it's not just about giving money.
It's about giving **everything**.

And serve each other according to the gift
each person has received, as good managers
of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB



NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED...



On **Sunday, June 14**, Cheshire Lutheran publicly welcomed 3 of the 4 households that formally joined our congregation from Fall 2025 to Spring 2026.

The families able to attend included: the Godiksen Family; the Lynch Family; and Krista Rescsanski; Bill (William) Blois was not able to join us that morning.

Their becoming part of our family of faith was acknowledged during the 10:30 service and was celebrated with a cake at our annual Church Picnic that same day.

We give thanks to God for guiding these dear brothers and sisters to our church family, and we joyfully welcome them into the fellowship of Christ here at CLC.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

Thank you for your continued donations to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry. We donated over **300 pounds** of food this summer which included over 100 cans of coffee.

Staff at the pantry are very thankful for our donations and they have a positive impact on our community.

Upcoming social welfare activities include:

1. Boxes to Boots where we will collect items for active military members currently serving overseas. This collection may include an opportunity to help pack boxes. Information will be coming soon
2. A giving tree to provide Christmas gift to local needy families.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

Your generosity makes a significant impact on those in need.

- **Adopt a Shelf - Liquid Dish Soap & Salad Dressing:** We're continuing our "Adopt a Shelf" program, focusing on **liquid dish soap**.
- **Wish List Items:** Want to make a bigger impact with our food donations? Each week, the pantry director releases a Wishlist detailing real-time needs. Please check the Heavenly Herald and bulletin updates for the latest list.
- **Delivery Sign-Up:** When signing up to deliver items to the food pantry, please aim for the **third week of the month**. This helps us accurately record our food totals for the **Heavenly Herald**.

Our continuous collection for the Cheshire Food Pantry remains active with bins located under the counter near the church office doors. Please consider signing up to deliver the items to the food pantry.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Terri Daly
Social Welfare 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 submitted a name to the Prayer list, please remember to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list.

We take great joy when we can take a name off the list for good reasons.





NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Hope your summer was a pleasant one. We have had a productive summer at CLC tackling a few projects on our list.

The north wall of our church recently received reinforcement to its concrete footing, and several areas of the block masonry had their mortar refreshed. This work is an important first step and will ultimately allow us to address the needed repairs on the front wall as well.

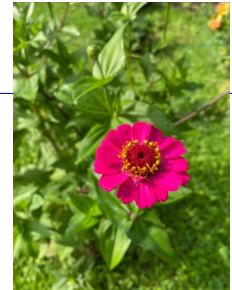
Inside, some older unused furniture was removed or repurposed in our classrooms. Sunday school supplies were carefully reorganized and floors polished in the parish hall and preschool. Light fixtures have been replaced and updated.

The parsonage received an planned overhaul of it's fireplace chimney. The bricks were carefully removed down to the smoke shelf and reconstructed in a safe, attractive manor.

The House and Grounds Committee, Karen Raddatz, Ed Schweizer and I welcome your thoughts on ideas for improvements to our properties and look forward to sharing additional information with you as our efforts continue to evolve.

Thank you to our church members for the help and support in these ongoing endeavors.

Jonathan Schrumm
House and Grounds Deacon



CLC HELPING HANDS...



Look closely! Do you see your hands? No? Would you like to add them ? Let me tell you how !

1. Drive someone to church
2. Make and deliver a meal
3. Call or visit someone who is homebound.

Thank you to all who continue to provide assistance to our helping hands mission! I invite anyone who would like to join us and help on occasion. Please text or email me and we can discuss how best you can help.

God bless you all!

Sally Schrumm

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

Helping Hands Committee



COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

✦ **Council** meetings:

✦ **Tuesday, September 8th, at 7:00 PM in Person**

✦ **Voters** meetings:

✦ **Sunday, September 13th, after the late service in Person (approx. 11:45)**



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer. As we look to the months of the Fall season, we look forward to cool, crisp temperatures; beautiful foliage; and many outdoor activities, including football and soccer games. I hope you enjoy the beauty that is the Fall.

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).

Nancy Schweizer
Financial Secretary



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!



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:

✝	September 9	Katelyn Lynch	✝	September 14	Matthew Emerick
✝	September 10	Lisa Tyler	✝	September 16	Karen Weiland
✝	September 13	Brian Sherman	✝	September 24	John Sherman
✝	September 13	Judy Watson	✝	September 26	Nancy Engelhardt

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



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.



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.

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 FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

I hope everyone had a delightful summer! With fall just around the corner, the Fellowship Committee is trying to get a couple of fun events scheduled.

In October, we're planning to have an afternoon concert of jazz standards with The John Brighenti Trio. A reception will follow this event. We are working to set a date for this, which will probably be a Saturday

The 65th anniversary of the dedication of our pipe organ will be this November. To celebrate this event, we are hoping to have an organ recital with a guest organist and a reception to follow. The date for this will be announced soon.

On Sunday, December 6, we will celebrate the 70th anniversary of our church and have our annual Advent Jubilee. This will occur following our 10:30 church service.

I hope you keep these events in mind. The dates for the concerts will be announced soon!

Thom Zeppieri
Fellowship Deacon



HELP WANTED—SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUBS...

Sunday School Rally Day is September 13, and we are looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School or serve as Substitutes. The materials we use come from our Synod's Concordia Publishing House. Samples of the materials are available for anyone who would like to look at them. Whether you have taught before or this would be your first time, please prayerfully consider joining us.



WELLNESS & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

With the start of the new School Year upon us and Cold & Flu season just around the corner, now is the time to prepare for the sniffles the inevitably seem to come in the Fall.

- ✚ Be sure to check the dates on any cough and cold medicine that you have. If it's expired, dispose of it; if you are all out of your preferred brand of "over the counter" medicines, consider picking some up now. The stores are better stocked right now than they will be when Cold & Flu seasons kicks into high gear
- ✚ It's also not too early to be in touch with your doctor about scheduling your annual flu shot
- ✚ It's always smart to practice good hygiene, so remember to wash your hands, cough into your elbow, and take proper care of yourself if you feel unwell.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 13, 2026 with Rally Day!

Hope you had a GREAT Summer!





LOOKING FOR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT...

At the end of this School year, I plan on stepping down as Sunday School Superintendent.

The council will appoint a new superintendent for the 2027-2028 School year. If you are interested in being considered for this position please see me, Kelley Collins-Pardee, or Pastor Rowold. You are also invited to help out this year and be a part of our exciting Sunday School program.

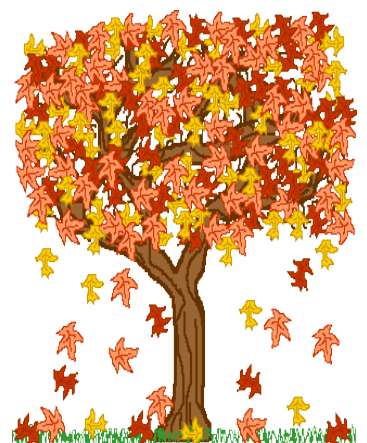
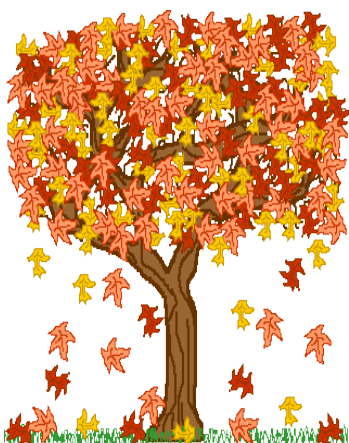
Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Thom Zeppieri our Fellowship Deacon, wishes to thank all the volunteers who enhanced our Summer Sunday worship with Lemonade/Iced Tea and snacks. All the credit and gratitude goes out to the many hands that made our picnic go so smoothly- Don & Diane, for the hamburgers and hot dogs, the condiments and beverage jugs and so much guidance. To so many more people that, together, makes our family at Cheshire Lutheran Church.
- † Many, many thanks to Martha Medford for working so hard this summer arranging and rehearsing for all our Summer musical performances. And thanks to all those that enhanced our services with their beautiful voices and musical talents!
- † Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that made VBS this summer such a huge success!
- † Special thanks to all that help to keep CLC grounds so lovely throughout the year. This summer saw lots of beautiful changes on our grounds for which we are eternally grateful. Special Thanks to Tim Weiland, Margie Mertz, Ed and Nancy Schweizer, Don & Diane Drust and Randy & Karen Raddatz. We are BLESSED!
- † We all thank Tim Weiland and Bill Juul for their photo and video contributions to us all. We greatly appreciate you always being there in the right time and at the right place to help us relive the memories made with our Church family. Thank you!
- † Thank you for your continued support of our adopt a shelf and other food items

Service Reminder!

Beginning Sunday, September 13, 2026, we will be returning to our School-year schedule of two services on Sunday morning at 8 AM and 10:30 AM. The 8 AM service will continue to be streamed out live via YouTube for anyone who is unable to join in in person for the service. It will also be available for viewing on the Church's YouTube channel after the end of the service.



Welcome to the 38th Cheshire Fall Festival

Friday September 18th 2026 – Food Trucks
Saturday September 19th 2026 – Fall Festival

Be a Light at the Cheshire Fall Festival!

Welcome back, church family! As we step into a new season, we're excited to once again take part in the **Cheshire Fall Festival**, a joyful community event where we have the opportunity to share the love of Christ beyond our church walls.

Saturday, September 19 (Rain date: Sunday, September 20) - **Booth A6**—see Festival map on the Bulletin Board.

This isn't just a booth, it's a chance to be a living witness. Whether you're greeting

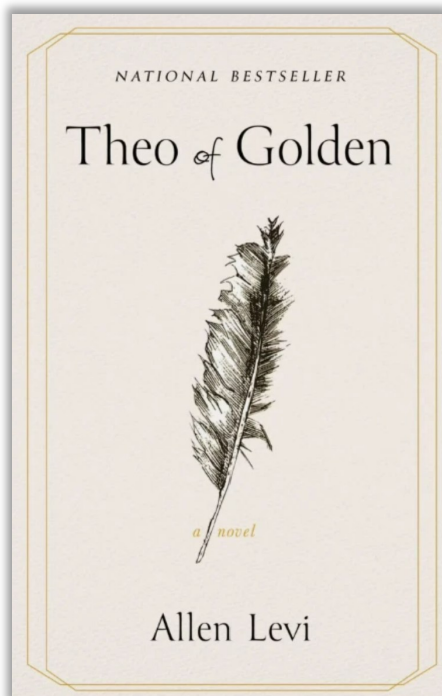
neighbors, sharing information about our ministries, or simply offering a warm smile, your presence helps plant seeds of faith and connection.

We're looking for volunteers to help represent our church throughout the day. Even an hour makes a difference! Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin board, and we'd love to see a variety of faces, young, seasoned, and in between.

Let's show Cheshire what it means to be a church that welcomes, serves, and shines with the light of Christ.

Thank you for being part of this mission!

Erica Bencivenga
Evangelism Deacon



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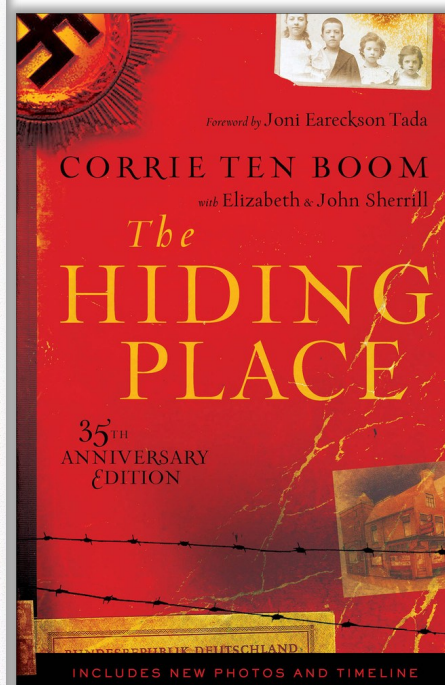
CLC
Women's
BOOK CLUB

Sept 22 | *Theo of Golden*
by Allen Levi.

Oct 27 | *the Hiding Place*
by Corrie Ten Boom.

These meetings will be at
Barnes and Nobles at Stonebridge Crossing
in Cheshire at 6:30 PM.

We will meet for our
1st Christmas Book Exchange
on Dec 1st at 6:30 at Eva's House.
Please message the office for address.
**BRING 1 NEW BOOK TO EXCHANGE
AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!**



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:

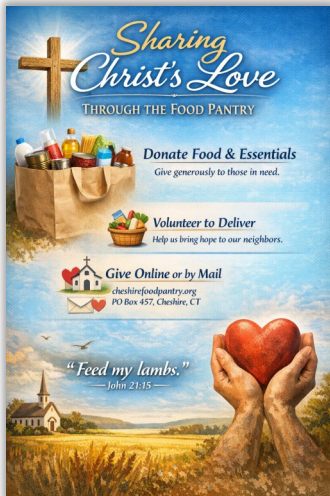
- ✦ **Pick up a "buy one, get one free" item** and donate the free one.
- ✦ **Bring non-food essentials** like toothpaste, shampoo, detergent, and paper goods.
- ✦ **Check expiration dates** so we send only fresh, usable items.
- ✦ **Drop off items directly** at the Pantry if that's easier for you.
-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

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

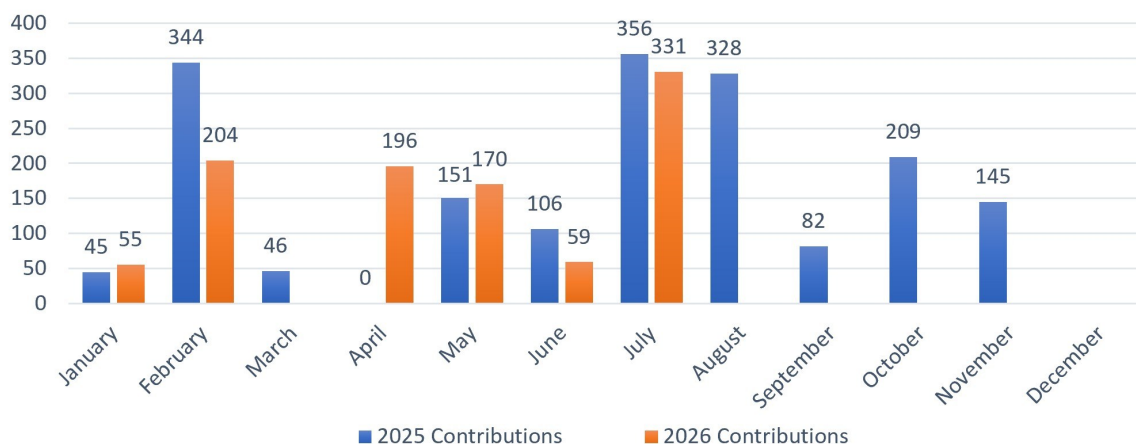
Every contribution — large or small — helps us live out that call.

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		



Cheshire Community Food Pantry Donation Trend



Summer 2026



Thank You for the Wonderful Summer Singing



Wonderful food and fellowship at our Annual Picnic on June 8, 2025

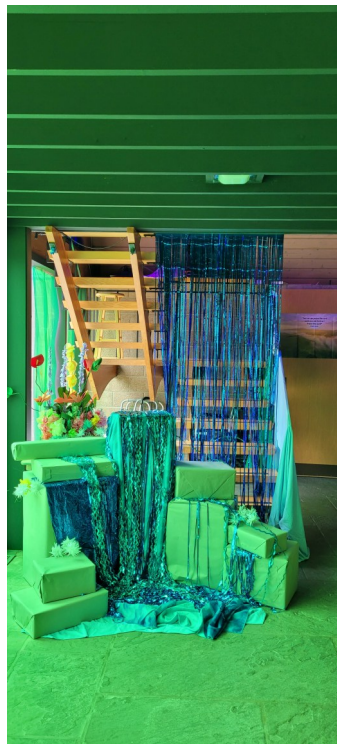


Memories

Lemonade on the Lawn



VBS Memories



We Welcome Our New Members

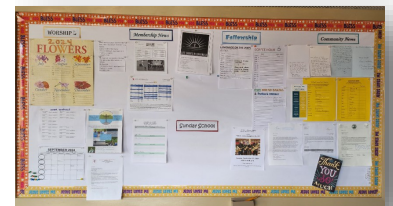
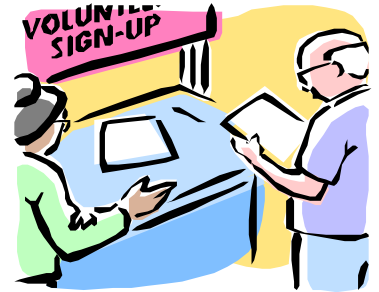


ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

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 Council and Voters Meeting Dates
- ✚ CLC Usher Schedule
- ✚ Live Stream Camera & Operator sign-up
- ✚ Large Metal Cabinets Available for Free—See Tricia Rowold or Jon Schrumm
- ✚ Women's Book Club June gathering information
- ✚ Lutheran Church Extension Fund information
- ✚ Cheshire Fall Festival sign-up and information
- ✚ Sunday Coffee Hour 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
- ✚ Information on CLC family members called home to be with Jesus



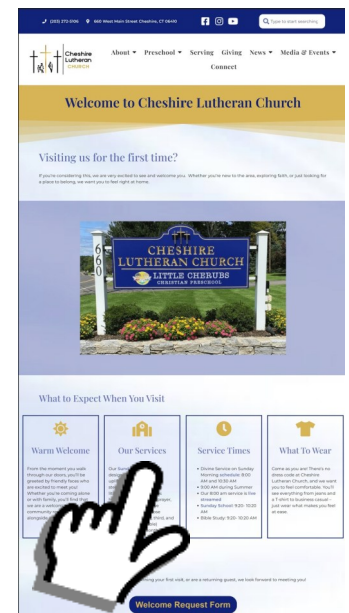
Others looking for help!

- ✚ **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:

- ✚ Heavenly Herald Newsletter (Blog)
- ✚ 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...

Columbarium & Memorial Gardens Update:



Our Columbarium and Memorial Gardens continue to be a place of peace, remembrance, and quiet beauty for all who visit. We are grateful for the faithful hands that care for these sacred spaces and ensure they reflect the love and hope we have in Christ.

We give thanks for everyone who serves in this ministry of care. Your work blesses our congregation and honors the memory of those who rest in Christ.

Blessings and gratitude to all who help tend these sacred grounds.

The MG&C Video Reminder:

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	23	1 Pending
Subscriptions (Pre-Need)	33	1 Pending
Niches in Use or Subscribed	56	63% of total niches
Open Niches	32	37% available
Memorial Plaques (Purchased/Installed)	30	1 Pending



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 ways are wonderful, and we greatly appreciate them, but we need YOU to join their ranks.

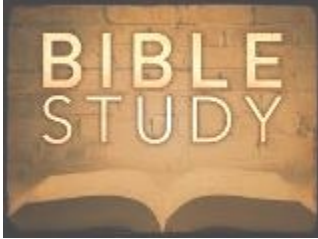
For more information on how you can help please speak to Steve Behnfeldt, our Worship Deacon, or call Pastor at the Church office.

We look forward to serving the Lord together.



Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...



Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in Bible Study.

Sunday morning Bible study will resume for the Fall on Sunday, September 20 at 9:10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for Rally Day during the Education Hour the Sunday before, September 13, where we'll enjoy some food, some fellowship, and some Bible-based fun.

In addition to Sunday morning Bible, our midweek Bible study will also be resuming on Wednesday, September 16, at 1:30 p.m. We will be starting a new book of the Bible this Fall, so come on out and join us.

Everyone is welcome to join us any time, even if it's your first time, and even if it will be the only time. I look forward to seeing

CLC Website



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Visit Our Website

CLC Website
Heavenly Herald Page



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



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

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

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

Kelley Collins-Pardee
Christian Education Deacon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 2026

1st Judy Watson
 4th Christine Mason
 Joe Holstein
 5th Michel Duchesne
 9th Terri Daly
 11th Sally Schrumm
 12th Allison Smith Johnson
 14th Alan Spose
 Lisette Donewald
 Wendy Emerick
 Ken Finger
 15th Leigh Giampietro
 16th Joy McHugh
 18th Alex Muller
 Frank Miller
 22nd Nancy Schweizer
 23rd Aliza Taylor
 Sean Horton
 26th Nancy Engelhardt
 27th Erich Strunk, Sr.
 28th Craig Henderson
 Wendy Milton
 29th Lisa Muller
 30th Bill Juul

8 th	David and Sally Schrumm	53 Years
11 th	Jonah and Lisa Tyler	27 Years
12 th	Thom and Dale Zeppieri	39 Years
21 st	Julian and Lisa Muller	30 Years
	Peter and Rebecca Mayer	24 Years
25 th	Clifford and Paula Ongley	55 Years

COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING
REMINDER...

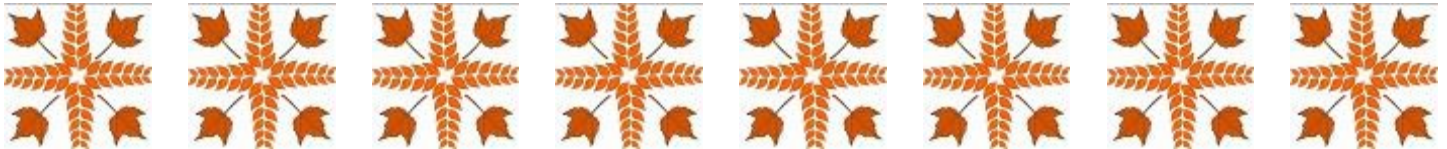
Council/Voters will resume their meeting
 schedule in September as follows:

Council meetings:

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

Voters meetings:

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



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