



# The Heavenly Herald

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him..." These are the beginning words of Luther's meaning to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed as found in the Small Catechism. The words carry with them great meaning and perhaps controversy for some when it comes to the understanding of faith.

Faith is a wonderful gift. It is something everyone seems to talk about but about which not everyone agrees. Many people still use the slogan today to "keep the faith!" I am not sure what faith or faith in what they are talking about when the words are spoken. The faith Luther is writing about is faith in Jesus Christ, faith in his gospel and the good news about salvation which Jesus by his death and resurrection has won for all people.

We come to own such a faith because God has been gracious to us and has caused the Holy Spirit to shine his light upon us to see and believe God's word to be true. The Gospel calls out to us telling us about God's love for us as displayed by the Savior of the world. Yet beyond the Gospel, the Holy Spirit has given us gifts to enlighten us about our life with God, a life we get to know and understand through our faith. Sometimes it may seem that we are putting things together on our own when it comes to our understanding of God's word and our way that we react to the world around us. But the truth of the matter is that the Holy Spirit is always with us helping us to understand God's word and guiding us to react to our world according to that word. It is not our human reasoning that does this, but it is God's power proclaimed through us that enables all of this to take place.

I am pointing this out in this column this month because this is the month of Pentecost. Pentecost, the all but forgotten holiday for many people, will be celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. . It is a day remembered because on the first Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples so that they could do the miraculous. They spoke the Gospel and every one from the various lands gathered in Jerusalem that day could understand that Gospel. On that day Three Thousand people became followers of Christ.

It is also the day on which the members of the confirmation class affirm the faith each one was baptized into. It is one faith, brought about by one baptism, affirmed through the power of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to each member participating in the public affirmation of the faith on that day.

The Holy Spirit has brought you to faith. He has given you gifts. It is my hope that we would not think that there is only one time to affirm this faith and the gifts associated with it. It is my hope that daily we would not hinder the Spirit, but would give voice to his presence in our lives. When that happens, well, we are not only living our baptisms, but we are affirming the faith daily. It is truly what confirmation is all about.

Remember Pentecost. Celebrate the day. Listen to the voice of the Spirit and work to affirm the gift he has given to you.

Peace,  
Pastor G



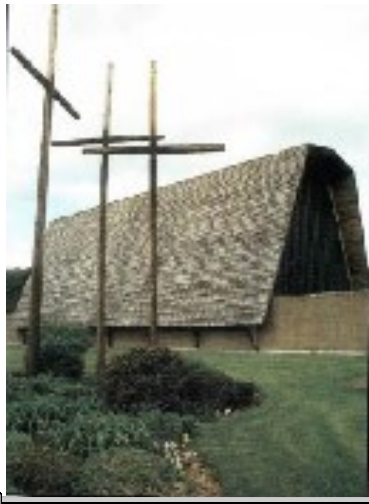
# Happy Fathers Day!

**COME WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday Worship Services:**  
8:00 am & 10:30 am  
( Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am )

**Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes:**  
9:10 am

**Summer Worship Service:**  
9:00 am  
( Fathers Day to Labor Day )



**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

Our Voters Assembly met on May 12<sup>th</sup> and, as customary, we heard reports from Pastor Gustafson, DCE Andy Schaefer and our various deacons about the worship, education and stewardship activities here at CLC. A few of the topics that evoked the most discussion were:

- ✦ Our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program and activities alternatives for the fall 2014-spring 2015 term; decisions about the actual programs will likely be announced by the end of June.
- ✦ Some near-term and long-term improvements around our church and parsonage; the Voters approved a transfer of \$20,000 from our Christian Growth Fund to pay for some of these items that were not in our annual financial Mission Plan and authorized the expenditure to repair and renovate if necessary, our exterior bell and its electro-mechanical ringer system.

Our Church Council will meet again in June and September and our next Voters meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>.

I always enjoy reading our members' birthday and anniversary lists in each issue of The Heavenly Herald. This month, we will recognize one anniversary that is not listed there - Pastor Gustafson marks 35 years since his Ordination in 1979, after receiving a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in May, 1979. To help us recognize this milestone, Rev. Timothy Yeadon will be joining our worship services on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Yeadon served as Pastor of St Paul's church in New Hartford, CT and has served as our New England District President since June 2012. June 15<sup>th</sup> also is designated as Father's Day and is also the date of our Parish picnic following the later service. I hope you'll plan to join both the worship and fellowship of this occasion!

As the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" (according to Mr. Cole) approach, we'll have the opportunity to meet and greet one another in our one 9:00am worship service, beginning on June 22d. If you are able to travel away from home this summer on vacation, try to attend church services while you're away; our freedom to worship Him never needs a vacation.

Happy summer; see you in church!



*Bill*

William C. Sherman  
Parish President, CLC

**CLC ANNUAL PICNIC...**

Mark your calendars, and start planning now to come to our annual Church Picnic June 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. See sign up sheets on the bulletin board. This is always a fun family fellowship event. Bring the entire family for some great fun and a few surprises!

Steve Minicozzi



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*Carol Santoro-Office Manager*

*Martha Medford-Organist & Choir Director*

*Andrew Schaefer - Director of Christian Education*

*Bill Sherman-Parish President*

*Beth Soulier-Editor*

## MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

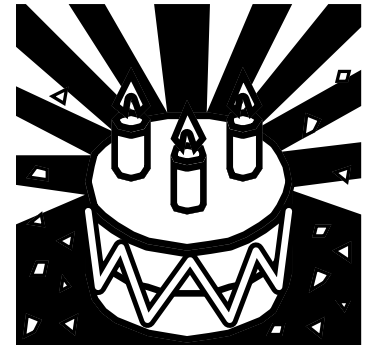
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Steve Minicozzi	Erich Strunk	Jonathan Schrumm
Todd Peters, teacher assistant		



Superintendents - Carlene Myers & Andy Schaefer

## JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Will Lamb, III	19 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Nowak
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Santoro	21 <sup>st</sup>	Kyle Johnson
	Jon Tessler	25 <sup>th</sup>	June Shaffer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Johnson		David Mason
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Richter		Jonathan Mason
6 <sup>th</sup>	Claudia Chong	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bo Hagstrom
9 <sup>th</sup>	Curtis Pryde		Joey Nowak
11 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Carson	29 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Ball
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lauren Hajjar	30 <sup>th</sup>	Monica Kjeldsen
13 <sup>th</sup>	Alfred Mitlehner		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Soulier		
15 <sup>th</sup>	David Lynch		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Munter		
	Tim Weiland		
	Barbara Fiedler		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Mann, Sr.		
	Joseph Stark		



# Service Reminder!

- ⊙ June 15, 2014 - Last Sunday for two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM), we will also have the Church Picnic after the late service.
- ⊙ June 22, 2014 - 9:00 AM Services Begin
- ⊙ September 7, 2014 - Resume two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM) & Sunday School begins with Rally Day

# June Servants

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2014



1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Joy McHugh	57 Years
8 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Linda Gancarz	41 Years
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alan & Kristen Green	28 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	62 Years
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	52 Years
21 <sup>st</sup>	Craig & Kathy Wilson	24 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	45 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	William & Deborah Sherman	31 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Julie Lamb	22 Years
	Michael & Bethany Hayes	6 Years
30 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Judy Giamarco	20 Years



## Summer 2014

### Senior High Youth Group:

Through June, July, and August we will be taking a step back for the summer months. Please refer to email or Facebook for future updates regarding youth happenings around Cheshire Lutheran as we enjoy our summer!

Important Dates for the Senior High Youth:

✠ **June 30 to July 4** Vacation Bible School – Come help out with this year’s Weird Animal’s VBS! See Andy for details.

### Junior High Youth Group:

✠ Look for things to happen during the summer via email.

### Vacation Bible School



**What:** Cheshire Lutheran’s VBS Weird Animal’s

**Where:** Cheshire Lutheran Church

**When:** June 30 to July 4

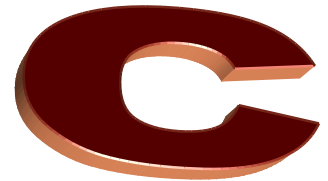
**Who:** Graduated Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as, Pre-K/K  
Come enjoy a week of fun and learning about Jesus’ one-of-a-kind love!

Volunteers are what make this program successful.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please see Andy for more details or email him at [dce@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dce@cheshirelutheran.org).

**Registration for VBS this year will be found online.** The registration for both participants and volunteers are found on the website listed below. The open dates for registration are **May 15 to June 20**. Please register in advance so that we can properly plan ahead for this wonderful week of fun and learning.

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cheshirelutheran>





## SUMMER SERVICE "REFRESHMENT" FELLOWSHIP...

Once we switch over to our summer schedule of only one service at 9:00 am on June 22, 2014, we will be serving refreshments after the service. We always look forward to this time for weekly fellowship, so please plan on staying after service for a short while.

There is also a sign up sheet for volunteers to serve (there is very little work involved and it is a great way to stay in touch with everyone in our congregation) on the bulletin board.

Please be sure to check it out and volunteer to be an integral part of this weekly event.



## PASTOR GUSTAFSON CELEBRATES 35 YEARS...

On June 10, 2014 Pastor Gustafson will celebrate the 35th Anniversary of his ordination. In his honor Rev. Timothy Yeadon will be joining our worship services on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Yeadon served as Pastor of St Paul's church in New Hartford, CT and has served as our New England District President since June 2012.



## CHARIOTS OF HOPE ...

Chariots of Hope is an organization that collects, repairs and distributes manual wheelchairs to needy individuals and will be nearby at the State Police barracks on Jun 7th 10:00-2:00. For more info, please call 860-242-4373 or visit [www.chariotsofhope.org](http://www.chariotsofhope.org).

If you have used manual wheelchairs please consider donating.

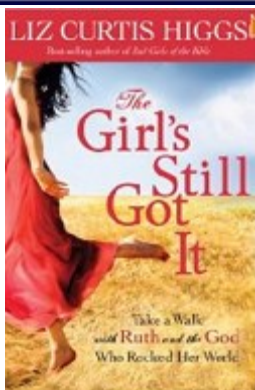


## CLCWOMEN'S RETREAT 2014...

The women of CLC will gather for their 7th annual retreat on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. They are returning to the Guest House & Conference Center in Chester CT for a day of reflection, relaxation and socialization as we discuss "The Girl's Still Got it" by Liz Curtis Higgs.

The program is about the old testament biblical character Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future. The women look forward to Liz Curtis Higgs who will make this familiar story come alive in a fresh and enlightening way.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki DePaolo 203-697-0810.



# Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the May Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- † Many thanks also to Martha Medford for leading our children in song & praise this Sunday School year!
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford.



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



## THRIVENT FINANCIAL – UPDATE ON CHARITABLE OUTREACH FUNDS...

Submitted by Bill Sherman

In late May, Social Welfare Deacon Vicki DePaolo and I met with our Thrivent representative, Mark Manning, to review some of the ways Thrivent distributes its charitable outreach funds.

As a brief background, Thrivent Financial was officially formed on January 1, 2002, with the merger of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) and Lutheran Brotherhood (LB), which had been established in 1902 and 1917 respectively. The merger formed the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States. As a member-owned fraternal benefit society, it operates on a not-for-profit basis, under a local chapter system, serving approximately 2.5 million members. Thrivent Financial is a "Fortune 500" financial services organization that offers financial products and services including life insurance, annuities, mutual funds, disability income insurance, bank products, financial planning and other services.

As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent has to give away money that it would otherwise pay as income taxes and that it does not otherwise need, based upon its business and actuarially determined requirements. At CLC, we have primarily come to know two of the ways Thrivent "gives back": the Thrivent Choice® program and the Care Abounds in Communities® program. According to Thrivent, \$50 million of Thrivent Choice® grant funds were disbursed in 2013 to 16,654 congregations – which included CLC. CLC has also participated in the Care Abounds in Communities® program which has been managed through the local Thrivent chapter (chaired by Alan Spose) to provide "matching funds" for various outreach ministry activities and projects that we have participated in. According to representative Manning, over next year, Thrivent will be winding down the Care Abounds in Communities® program and replacing it with a program called Thrivent Action Team with the intent to bring people together to take action and help others. Manning will address our Council at its June meeting and more details of this program will be provided in the coming months.

As always, Thrivent members, or those interested in learning more about Thrivent, can contact Mark Manning at:

Cell phone: 203-241-0858

Office phone: 860-828-8890; ext: 104

Email: [Mark.Manning@Thrivent.com](mailto:Mark.Manning@Thrivent.com)

Mail: 953 Farmington Ave, Berlin, CT 06037-2218





## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

I would like to encourage everyone to invite someone to the summer picnic on Sunday June 15TH. This can be an excellent opportunity to have people get to know us in an informal and social atmosphere. Everyone likes hamburgers and hot dogs. We would love to see them at the church service that morning, but if they can only make the picnic that's fine. The key is to get people to meet our congregation and to have some fun. Social events like our picnic can show people that we like to relax and get to know each other in a casual setting. I think we can use the picnic to make new friends in the community.

John Balash Evangelism Deacon

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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
June 1 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell and Parish Choirs
June 4 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir (Anthem & Flute)
	6:45 PM	Picnic	All Choirs, Family and Friends
June 8 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir and Flute
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir and Flute
June 15 - Sunday <i>Fathers Day</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Women
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Women

**Thank You for all your time and effort. There has been beautiful music all year and many members of the congregation have told me how much they appreciate your contribution to worship here at CLC.**

**Enjoy Summer Music consisting of Solos and Ensembles!**

**Beginning June 22, musicians are asked to volunteer for special music for the summer services. Please call Martha Medford at 203 - 481-6952 or email: frank.vasi@comcast.net.**

## CLC ALL CHOIR NEWS...

All the CLC Choirs (Parish, Children and Bell) are planning their year end picnic. This year Martha planned a wonderful Pot Luck Picnic for us in the Fellowship Hall.

All Choirs and their families are invited to join us on Wednesday June 4 at 6:45 PM. See Martha to sign-up for what you will bring and share.

Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

See You There....





## NO LONGER ACCEPTING RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS...

Please be advised that we can no longer accept empty cans and bottles. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past (that includes those that have brought them the return station!

Thanks



## 2014 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The very exciting 2014 Softball season has begun. Join the team (must be 15 or over) or consider helping to cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games:

**First team listed is HOME team**

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> at Cheshire High School  
 Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School  
 Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School  
 Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at TBD  
 Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> at Hamden Middle School

Spring Glen vs. CLC  
 First Cong'l Church vs. CLC  
 Mt. Carmel vs. CLC  
 CLC vs. BYE  
 CLC vs. Ignite



If you are interested or need more information contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber, 271-3111.

## USE HIS MONEY WISELY....

When the master gave his servants money to keep in his absence, he expected them to use it wisely. One wise use of the money the Lord gives us is to invest it with Church Extension Fund. Not only will it grow through interest, it will also be used to help congregations grow as they build, improve, and expand worship and educational facilities. Through LCEF, you can use the Master's gifts wisely. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) for more information.



## THE LUTHERAN HOME OF SOUTHBURY HOLD THEIR ANNUAL JUNE GUILD FAIR...

Lutheran Home of Southbury's Guild will hold the annual Lutheran Home of Southbury Guild Fair to raise funds which will be used to enhance the lives of LHS residents.



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On Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>, the dedicated volunteers of the Lutheran Home of Southbury's Guild will invite visitors to come out for food and shopping. Residents will be able to purchase donated items and treated to live music. There will also be silent auction tables featuring valuable items donated by many local merchants and businesses.

Please consider helping to make this event extra special for the residents by donating items such as books, DVDs, plants, new & slightly used jewelry and giftware, and table cloths and placemats.

Speak to Gloria Nuechterlein if you have questions.



Thank you

## CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...



Michael and Carol Weinschel and Susan Spivack continue to support troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2005, they have touched close to 20,000 soldiers. Since the project began, they took on 101st CAB, the 82<sup>nd</sup> CAB, and now for the second time, they are supporting the 159<sup>th</sup> and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Cab's. We will be collecting the items to support this project at Church in May. You can chose any or all of the following items:

- |                                                    |                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ✦ Band-Aids                                        | ✦ <b>Money for Postage</b>                                        |
| ✦ Batteries                                        | ✦ Mouthwash                                                       |
| ✦ Beef Jerky                                       | ✦ Pens (ball point)                                               |
| ✦ Chap-stick                                       | ✦ Phone Cards (International)                                     |
| ✦ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate                         | ✦ Powdered drink mixes                                            |
| ✦ Cotton balls                                     | ✦ Power Bars                                                      |
| ✦ Cough Drops                                      | ✦ Q-tips                                                          |
| ✦ Crossword Puzzles                                | ✦ Shampoo                                                         |
| ✦ Dental Floss                                     | ✦ Shaving Cream/Razors                                            |
| ✦ Dried Fruit                                      | ✦ Snacks (individual size pretzels, peanuts, chips, granola bars) |
| ✦ Eye Drops                                        | ✦ Soap/body powder/foot powder                                    |
| ✦ Eyeglass wipes                                   | ✦ Toothbrushes & toothpaste                                       |
| ✦ Frisbees (small size)                            | ✦ Trail Mix                                                       |
| ✦ Greeting Cards (birthday, get well, anniversary) | ✦ Wet Ones (individually-wrapped)                                 |
| ✦ Gum                                              | ✦ Word Searches                                                   |
| ✦ Mechanical pencils                               |                                                                   |



A reminder note to us all from Carol Weinschel:

“I must tell you that on 17 December of 2013, there was a Black Hawk helicopter crash in Afghanistan where 5 of our solders from the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade were killed as well as one from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Germany. Lest we ever forget that these soldiers whom we are supporting are sacrificing on a daily basis, whether by being separated from their families or for making the ultimate sacrifice. I felt compelled to share with you...you who have made our job easy by helping us send the message that we care and appreciate them”.

“I ask that you keep these soldiers' families in your hearts and prayers and remember them; Chief Warrant Office 2 Randy Billings, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Joshua Silverman, Sgt. 1st Class Omar Forde, Sgt. Peter Bohler and Spc. Terry Gordon”.

For additional information contact Holly Flugrath or Dorothy Dierolf.

## CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...



**Sunrise December 12, 1921 ~ Sunset May 9, 2014**

Our beloved sister, Marguerite “Poggy” Wilson was called home to our Lord on May 9, 2014. Services and interment in Millersville Mennonite Cemetery in Pennsylvania were private.

We thank God for Poggy’s ministry and service among us and for the opportunity to share in a common witness to the faith. The time has come to offer words of hope and comfort as we remember the promises of our Lord and faithful God.

May the words of our Savior Jesus Christ, “I am the Resurrection and the life” afford us great consolation as we remember the life once shared on earth with our sister, Marguerite Wilson.

May God's peace and consolation bring comfort to Wilson Family.

Well done, good and faithful servant(s); .... enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

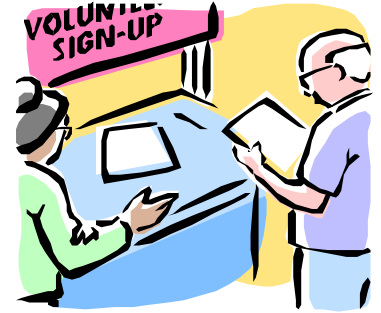
*Matthew 25:21*

**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:***

- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Summer Refreshments sign-ups
- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Hope Center 2014 volunteer sign-ups
- † CLC Spirit Softball schedule
- † CLC Annual Picnic sign-ups
- † Community News and Happenings



***Others looking for help!***

- † **Helping Hands** - Contact Christine Smith if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
- † **Martha** is looking for a few more musicians/vocalists to perform one Sunday during the summer. Please contact Martha at 203 - 481-6952 or email: [frank.vasi@comcast.net](mailto:frank.vasi@comcast.net) if you are interested

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

We celebrate together as *Grace Bridgette Wirkus* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday May 25, 2014.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.



## THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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



June	
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
August	
August, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2014



10 <sup>th</sup>	Tim & Karen Weiland	32 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	John & Peggy Tessler	33 Years
13 <sup>th</sup>	Dick & Ethel Daly	51 Years
18 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew & Emily Napp	5 Years
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Carol Miller	1 Year
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christopher & Emese Ball	16 Years
27 <sup>th</sup>	David & Judi Norton	46 Years



## VBS AT CLC IN JULY...



**What:** Cheshire Lutheran's VBS Weird Animal's

**Where:** Cheshire Lutheran Church

**When:** June 30 to July 4

**Who:** Graduated Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as, Pre-K/K  
Come enjoy a week of fun and learning about Jesus' one-of-a-kind love!

Volunteers are what make this program successful.

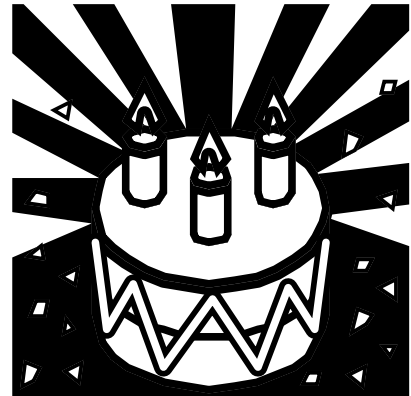
If you would like to volunteer for this event, please see Andy for more details or email him at [dce@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:dce@cheshirelutheran.org).

**Registration for VBS this year will be found online.** The registration for both participants and volunteers are found on the website listed below. The open dates for registration are **May 15 to June 20**. Please register in advance so that we can properly plan ahead for this wonderful week of fun and learning.

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/cheshirelutheran>

# JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th	Paula Ongley	16th	Owen Kennelly
	Brain Giampietro	17th	Ian Carrington
	Diane Drust	18th	Lisa Tyler
5th	Julia Plantier	20th	Brian Sherman
	Elsie Neuffer	22nd	CP Troemel
6th	Elizabeth Blair		Anne McBain
8th	Jennifer Green	24th	Carlene Myers
	Carol Miller	25th	Paul Greenhalgh
9th	Karen Weiland		Amanda Holstein
10th	Wilfred Demers	26th	Alfred Mayer
13th	Linda Gancarz	27th	John Sherman
	Joseph Sinatra		Robert Becker
	Dorothy Dierolf	28th	Eric Johnson
14th	Max Muller	30th	Karen Hays
15th	Debra Hajjar	31st	Will Caron
	Peter Mayer		



## 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.



## REMEMBER OUR CHERISHED CONGREGANTS!...

There are members of our congregation who are unable to attend weekly worship. You can help them to know they are a part of our fellowship by stopping by, sending a card or making a phone call.

Edith Wnuck  
 c/o Highland Health Center  
 745 Highland Avenue  
 Cheshire, CT 06410

John Luchene  
 c/o Highland Health Center  
 745 Highland Avenue  
 Cheshire, CT 06410



## 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.

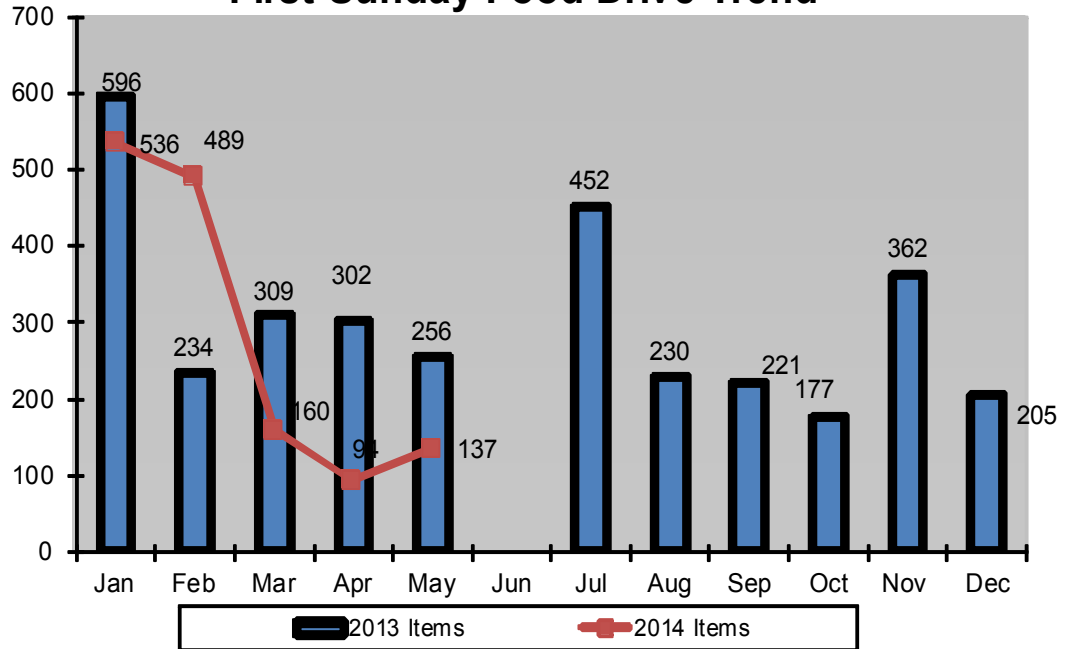




**DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!**

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 to First Sunday Food Drive

**First Sunday Food Drive Trend**



“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. We are in need of volunteers for 2013. Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 am until noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to insure the food we are sending is not out of date. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.



**GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!**

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



New cards continue to be added to the display case. All cards sell for \$1.00 and monies can be left in the yellow box attached to the rack.

Rita Stark and the Thursday Ladies presented a \$200 check(proceeds from card sales) to the Southbury Lutheran Home. The ladies thank the congregation for their generous support and hope to continue their record of giving to various church ministries.

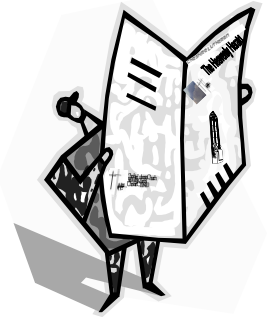
We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

Contact Persons; Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).

## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(September 2014 Articles are Due!)

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2014. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 22nd or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth's lateral file fold on the hallway table.



Thank You!

## HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We have re-directed the donated baby items which are collected in the bassinet outside the church office. For years we have been donating them to "Baskets of Love" where women of the Waterbury Church of Christ used them to make baskets which are distributed to new mothers in Waterbury Hospital, Bristol Hospital and New Beginnings in Waterbury. We would like to now donate these items to the **local** organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

The Preschool is now registering children for classes starting in the fall of this year. If you have a child turning 3 by January 1, 2015 or know of someone who does, and would like information on our program, please either call the Director, Joann Holstein, 272-1150 or the church office. An informational packet may also be picked up from the hallway counter.

The 3 year old class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The 4 year old program has extended class time. They will continue to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The extended hour will be 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Each session will include lunch time and a periodic enrichment program.

If you have children, grandchildren or know of children of this age, please visit our school and see what a wonderful program is offered.



4 year olds mix vinegar and milk to make casein, as they learn about polymers in a Science Enrichment class

Joann Holstein  
Little Cherubs Christian Preschool Director

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2014



1 <sup>st</sup>	Daniel & Vanessa Nowak	22 Years
5 <sup>th</sup>	Rob & Terri Daly	25 Years
	Paul & Farrah Fiedler	13 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	20 Years
6 <sup>th</sup>	James & Margie Mertz	48 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	Paul & Wendy Emerick	14 Years
22 <sup>nd</sup>	William & Sandra Gayda	50 Years
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve & Nancy Feero	18 Years
28 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor Charles & Kathryn Gustafson	38 Years
	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	32 Years
31 <sup>st</sup>	James & Janice Matson	46 Years



## TEACHERS NEEDED!...



In order for our CLC Sunday school to continue to operate in an effective manner, we are always looking for folks to step up and do their part. We **team-teach** at CLC which means that each person is only obligated to prepare **13 lessons** during the school year. Schedules are flexible among the members of each team. We have thorough teacher guides that take you through each lesson step-by-step. It is not necessary to have a child currently in Sunday school as demonstrated by several of our current teachers.

There are many blessings attached to being an active part of the Sunday school. You become a good Christian role-model to your children. You get to know the young people at CLC much better. And finally, it can be spiritually enriching for you personally as you revisit many of the Bible stories of your own youth.

**HELP!** Please prayerfully consider volunteering some of your time for this important mission of Cheshire Lutheran Church. Talk to Andy or Carlene Myers if you would like to volunteer or if you'd like to learn more about the program. We could also use folks that are willing to be on a Substitute List.

## CLC HELPING HANDS...



If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call Christine Smith (203) 250-7323 and she will arrange for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee. You can also email her at [christinels@hotmail.com](mailto:christinels@hotmail.com)

Whether this need is the result of a hospital stay, a new baby arrival, or a recent loss of a loved one, we want to support you during your critical time.

If you would like to volunteer as a member of the helping hands committee by making a meal for someone who is in need, please call Christine Smith so that we may call upon you when the need for your assistance arises.

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. -- Galatians 6:10*



# Bible Studies at CLC

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be taking a break during the Summer. The last Bible Study will be June 8th. We will start up again after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer.



## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be taking a break during the Summer. We will start up again after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer.

## CALLING ALL MEN...

Have you been searching for an opportunity to deepen your faith in God and strengthen your relationship with fellow Christians? Join us for an hour of Bible study, fellowship and prayer once a month. We meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month.



## BIBLE SCHOLARS...

Our CLC Bible Scholars (so-called!) continue to meet every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday) from 8:30AM to 9:30AM here in our CLC church library.

Here is what we will be discussing this Month:

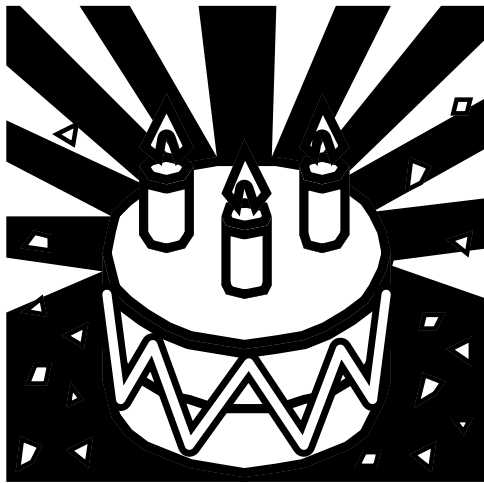
Date	Lecture
June 5	7- The Meaning of the Sacraments
June 12	8- The Indulgence Controversy
June 26	9- The Reformation Goes Public
July 3	10- The Captivity of the Sacraments
July 10	11- Reformation in Wittenberg
July 17	12- The Work of the Reformer
July 24	13- Against the Spirit of Rebellion
July 31	14- Controversy over the Lord's Supper
Aug 7	15- Controversy over Infant Baptism
Aug 14	16- Grace and Justification
Aug 21	17- Luther and the Bible
Aug 28	18- Luther and Erasmus



All are welcome!

# Summer Vacation

# AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER



1 <sup>st</sup>	Caroline Veleber	17 <sup>th</sup>	Douglas Henderson
	Paul Emerick	18 <sup>th</sup>	Connor Mulvaney
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Bernhardt	20 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Ball
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Slocum	21 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Schellinger
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Murphy	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Green
9 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor Verner		Maggie Strunk
10 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Cirimo	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Matson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Donald Drust, Sr.	24 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Harding
	Steven Minicozzi	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Smith
	Julie Lamb	26 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Smith
12 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Clark	27 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Richter
14 <sup>th</sup>	Hanna Mayer		Matthew Emerick
	Thea Mayer	28 <sup>th</sup>	James Matson
15 <sup>th</sup>	Georgianna Schupp	30 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Greenhalgh
16 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Blem	31 <sup>st</sup>	Robert DeLaubell



## CHARLES SCHULZ PHILOSOPHY

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read the e-mail straight through, and you'll get the point:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia".

Charles Schulz





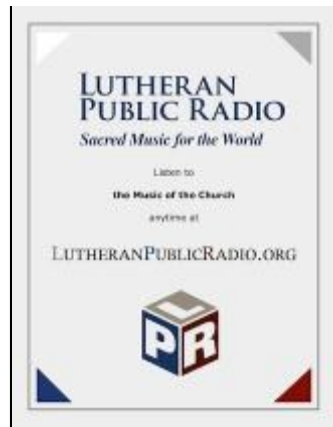
Tune into the Lutheran Hour In Connecticut on Sundays at 7:00pm on station WIHS 104.9 FM out of Middletown, CT.

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The renditions of "When I survey the wondrous cross" and "Beautiful Savior" (Vol I), "Go, my children, with my blessing" and "Amazing Grace" (Vol II), and "O praise ye the Lord" and "It is well with my soul" (Vol III) are in themselves worth the price of each CD. And F Y I, each is priced at \$16.98 plus shipping.



## **HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Job Description:** Lead **enthusiastic children in songs, Crafts, games, Bible stories**
- Qualifications:** A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun
- Work Schedule:** Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10
- Compensation:** Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children
- How to apply:** Speak to Carlene Myers



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...**

Sunday School will resume on September 7, 2014 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!

## **SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...**

We will begin our Summer Church Service Schedule on Sunday June 22nd. Please join us for 9:00 AM services through August 31, 2014 . Also, remember to join us after the 9:00 AM services for our Lemonade Fellowship.

## **COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...**

Mark your calendars, *Council* meeting will be held **June 17th & September 4th at 7:00 PM**  
September *Voters'* meeting will be held, Monday **September 8th at 7:00**



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*660 West Main St*  
*Cheshire CT 06410*