

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

What are you celebrating during the month of May? It is a good question as so many events happen in this particular month. Most people will probably affirm the fact that they will be celebrating Mothers' Day. It is an important day to consider because a mother's job is such an important calling in our world and culture.

Mothers are usually seen as the nurturers; the people little ones and older ones go to for the daily necessities of life. This is not to say fathers are not important but let's face it when concern strikes for little ones the first word out of their mouths is often the word, "Mom!"

Moms have historically been the resident doctor, nurse, cook, dish washer, launderer, counselor, shopper, fashion consultant and sage. Moms are best friends while still being adult leaders and program directors. Simply put in today's verbiage "Moms Rock." So, yes, this day set aside for them is important and necessary to celebrate, just make sure you let mom celebrate with you by giving her the day off and going out to a restaurant.

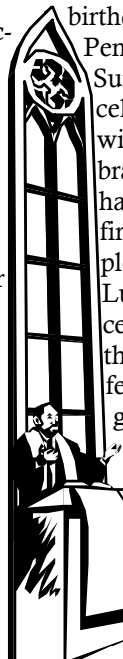
At the end of the month of May comes another important date. In fact we are told it is to be a day of remembrance. It is a "Memorial Day." I remember vaguely that as a child my dad would go downstairs to our basement where the American flag was stored. He would bring it up on the pole it was attached to and proudly display it from the one column of our front porch. It would hang beautifully as would the many flags that adorned our part of Brooklyn, New York. It was displayed to remind the community and those who came through it that our nation is a special place and that it cost the lives of many in order that she might remain special. My father, a veteran of the US Navy, knew he once served the nation and was alive to talk about it, but there were others who were not as fortunate. The red, of the red, white and blue reminds us of the cost rendered by others for us. So, we are to celebrate the day with a sense of thankful remembrance.

Of course there are the birthdays of some who are born in this most beautiful month of the year. As with each edition of the "Heavenly Herald" they are listed so that you may extend a kind greeting if you would remember to do so. Yours truly will turn 63.

Now, while I am writing about birthdays there is one really special birthday all of us are a part of. Do you know what that birthday is?

When I was a young boy the teachers of my Sunday School taught that Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. This year the day of Pentecost falls in May. In fact it falls on Sunday, May 15th. I will not be here to celebrate the day with you. However, I will be in Stamford, New York to celebrate that day with a congregation that has special meaning for me. It was my first church located in a town of 1300 people. The name of the church is Trinity Lutheran Church. The congregation is celebrating its own birthday turning 50 this year and I was invited to join in the festivity of the day. It is a very small congregation in a very rural part of New York State, a place I fondly refer to as "Nowhere New York."

The church is 'hanging in there' offering ministry to those who come weekly for spiritual food and for Christian community. The deacon that serves the congregation faithfully comes all the way from Albany, New York, about an hour and fifteen minutes away on a clear and sunny day. Still they are a part of the greater church, the One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church that confesses one baptism, one faith and one Lord. It is that church upon which, so long ago, the Holy Spirit descended in tongues as of fire and ignited those gathered for ministry that continues this day all around our globe, from places like Cheshire, CT to Los Angeles, California, to Hanoi Viet Nam to St. Petersburg, Russia, to Rio



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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)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,



Thank you to all the Voters that turned out for another well-attended meeting on April 18th. We were able to quickly establish a quorum and accomplish everything on the agenda. A motion to approve expenditures from the columbarium fund for construction of the columbarium wall and memorial garden passed unanimously. Priscilla Mulvaney presented information concerning the proposed columbarium at a public hearing in the Cheshire Town Hall on April 25th, which should clear the way for construction to begin.

Once again, Voter participation is open to any member of CLC that would like to get more involved in the governance of the church. Meetings are generally conducted four times per year and last about an hour (+/-) depending on the number of agenda items to be discussed. Membership is granted upon attendance at your second meeting. The next Voters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 in the CLC library.

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Thanks to all who came out to assist with the outside cleanup! Also, thanks to all that contributed items to be sold at the upcoming tag sale youth fundraiser May 7th – they are closing in on their ultimate goal of funding their trip to the National Youth Gathering. If you are having any second thoughts about giving up your donated items, feel free buy them back and donate twice!!

Our next Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00pm.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff



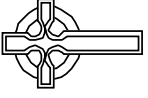
The Discretionary Fund...Helping others in and beyond our community!

There are many ways to assist in the ministry of Cheshire Lutheran Church. One of the ways comes through the Discretionary Fund which is used to help people in need of assistance for various reasons. Many times those in need are members of the congregation. At other times, those in need simply come off the street seeking help for their family. However, in order to help others who wish to remain anonymous funding is needed. If you would like to help you can find special envelopes for contributions in the wall rack outside the church office. All donations are welcome no matter how small or large.

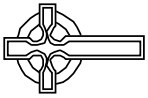
On the other hand, if you are ever in need of some immediate assistance the fund is there for you. You simply need to contact Pastor so that he can determine how you can be assisted in your time of crisis.

Take time to consider your blessings and then consider the possibility of being a blessing to others through a gift to the discretionary fund.

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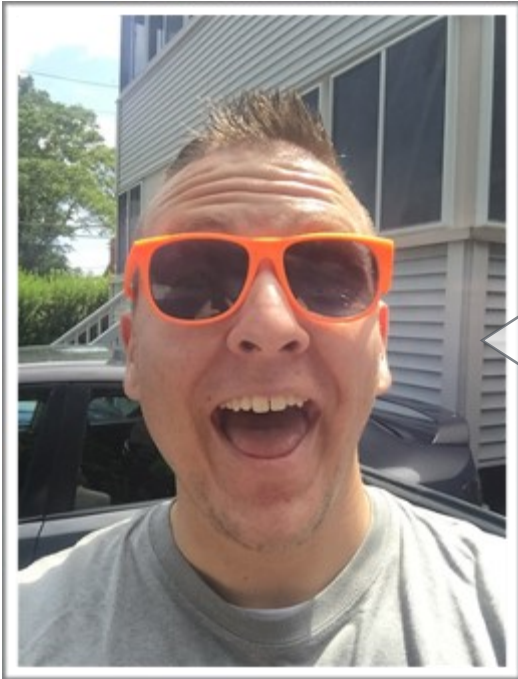


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May

May Servants



Come to youth group! Listed below are all of the important youth group dates from now until the summer time. Mark these down on your calendar so you won't forget and if you ever have questions feel free to ask!

Peanut Butter and Jelly Service Projects

(always the first Sunday of the month after the late service!)

**May 1st
June 5th**



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CrossRoads (Senior High)

May: 21st NYG ONLY @ 9am to 3pm NYG meeting in Moodus, CT
22nd @ 12pm to 1:30pm
June: 18th @ 4pm to 6pm (BBQ/ Potluck)
Please bring a side dish for this event as burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

High Impact (Junior High)

May: 11th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
21st @ NYG ONLY @ 9am to 3pm NYG meeting in Moodus, CT
25th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
June: 18th @ 4pm to 6pm (BBQ/ Potluck)
Please bring a side dish for this event as burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Dates and times are subject to change. Additional dates may also be added.



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De Janeiro, Brazil to Stamford, NY. This is our church and so it is our birthday and we should remember it with joy and thanksgiving; that although the Church may be getting old, its message is as fresh and new as each day for its message is one of new life. We, empowered by God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, celebrate by sharing the life we have in Jesus with our world. The day for special remembrance falls in the month of May this year, but the celebration of its life is an everyday event. Let us pray to God that he would work in us the desire and ability to seek to keep it an everyday celebration.

So, what are you celebrating this month??? We have a lot to choose from. Maybe we will do them all.

Peace of the Lord be with you!!
Pastor G



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

I would like to thank John and Joanne Casberg, Todd Peters, and Marilyn Miller for attending the Evangelism committee meeting on April 21. There were many good ideas expressed. We are looking to sponsor a health fair at our church this fall. Anyone who would like to help with this event can contact me. This can be a way of inviting the residents of Cheshire into our church. We are also looking to have a luncheon for the Cheshire Police Dept. to show our appreciation for the job they do to serve our community. We feel that it is important to get involved in our town and to let people know that we care about them.

John Balash Evangelism Deacon



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All our choirs are planning their last performances before they take a break for the Summer. They are also planning their year end All Choirs Picnic. This year the Picnic will be held at Church on Wednesday June 1st at 6:30. All Choir members are invited to bring their families and also a food item to share. See Martha for Sign-Up sheets in the coming weeks.

Look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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.

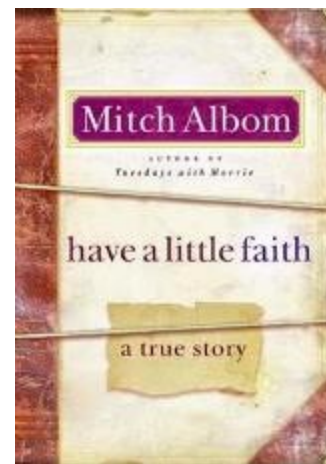
Contact Persons; Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).



Our 9th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday April 30th at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom. What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together. In *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds--two men, two faiths, two communities--that will inspire readers everywhere. Please plan on joining us in April for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign -up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The registration fee including lunch is \$37, payable to CLCW and can be placed in the silver box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by April 10th.

A copy of the book can be found on the counter near the church office. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which is located outside the church office window. Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810

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CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.



THE DISCRETIONARY FUND...

This is a vehicle through which member can help those who are in need and by which member in need can find help. For assistance or to make a donation, please see Pastor G. All transactions are kept *confidential*.



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday May 8th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Tools of Hope Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin beginning on Sunday April 10th. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office along with the dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 8th bulletin.

Vicki DePaolo, 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.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
May 1 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 4 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 8 - Sunday <i>Mothers Day</i>	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir & Sunday School
May 11 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 15 - Sunday <i>Pentecost</i>	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 18 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 22 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
May 25 - Wednesday	No Rehearsals		
May 28 - Saturday	TBD	Rehearsal	Ensemble
May 29 - Sunday <i>Memorial Day</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Ensemble
	8:00 AM	Performance	Ensemble
	10:30 AM	Performance	Ensemble



2016 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The 2016 Softball season is upon us, consider joining the team or help cheer on CLC's own "Spirit" at the 6 pm Sunday afternoon games. We will play on at various fields in Cheshire and Hamden during the end of April thru June (except Mother's Day and Memorial Day).

The first game is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 1st.

The schedule has yet to be determined, look for more information on the bulletin board later in April.

If you are 15 years or older and interested or need more information contact CLC Team Captain Dave Veleber (203) 271-3111 or dveleber@cox.net.



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.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

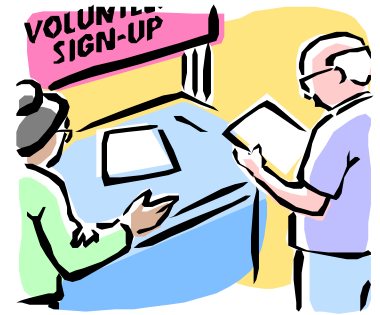
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Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Israel Trip 2016
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Sunday Morning Readers signup
- † Hope Center 2016 volunteer sign-up
- † Sunday Morning Coffee Hour signup



Others looking for help!

- † Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- † Helping Hands - Needs Chairperson and volunteers. Contact the Church Office if you can help.
- † Sunday School Teachers Needed—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Andy.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Sunday morning coffee hour volunteers needed! In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers. Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!



CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands committee is looking for a new Chairperson and others to help coordinate. Kindly consider this wonderful opportunity. Contact the church office if you are interested.

If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call the church office and arrangements will be made for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee.

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.

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



COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN MOVE FORWARD...



The Columbarium Committee is happy to report that the Columbarium ministry of Cheshire Lutheran Church is very close to being fully implemented. The Bylaws were approved by the Voters, and the application forms were approved by the Council. The Council also appointed the members of the Columbarium Committee and named Don Drust as its chair. Building the columbarium wall requires a permit from the Town of Cheshire, and that application has been filed and is slated for review in April.

Committee members have been approached throughout the columbarium planning and design process by parishioners who are interested in reserving a niche, purchasing a memorial plaque, or making a donation to beautify and maintain the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. Now is the time to speak to any member of the Columbarium Committee to confirm your interest in supporting and participating in this ministry. The Committee is now accepting applications for niches and memorial plaques. Monetary donations will be thankfully accepted toward landscaping and "hardscaping" the Memorial Garden.

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden will be a place to memorialize and to lay to rest the ashes of our loved ones. It will also be a beautiful, peaceful space for quiet reflection and remembrance. The garden will be landscaped with greenery and flowers, benches will be installed, and an attractive walkway will guide visitors to the Columbarium wall.

Please feel free to contact any Committee member below to request more information or to obtain an application. The Committee thanks the members and leaders of Cheshire Lutheran Church for their vision and support of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden. It is time to move forward to the next phase!

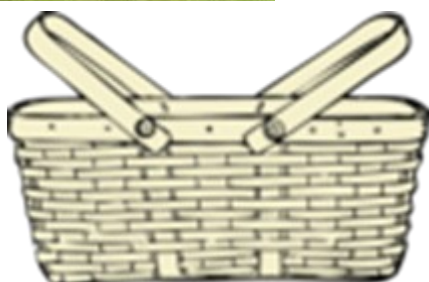
Don Drust, Chair	Buzz Gancarz	Priscilla Mulvaney
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Judy DiDomizio	Margie Mertz	Beth Soulier
Pat DiDomizio	John Mulvaney	Tim Weiland



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC...

Mark your calendars, and start planning now to come to our annual Church Picnic June 12th 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!

Karen Weiland



Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Very special and loving thanks to the Thursday Afternoon Ladies for assembling the April Heavenly Herald. BIG HUGS!
- † Many thanks to all who came to help clean the outside of the Church in April.



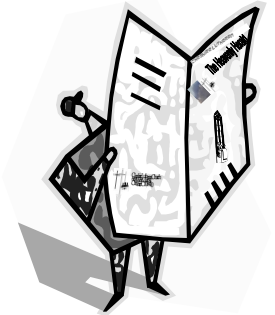
PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(Summer 2016 Articles are Due!)

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 27th** 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!



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.



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

When you get a chance, visit our new website. Thanks to Steve Ferro's hard work our new Website was launched last month. It has a sleeker look and much easier to find what you are looking for. You can find the latest news and information, see the great pictures our Church photographer takes regularly and even view the Heavenly Herald in full color.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “CAVE QUEST” ...



This year's VBS has been set for June 27th to July 1st from 9:00am to 11:30am. If you are interested in volunteering please see Andy as volunteers are always welcome whether you can help 1 day or every day. All NYG attendees are asked to help out!

This year's theme is *Cave Quest; Following Jesus, The Light of the World*.

Each day, kids participate in small groups, called Cave Crews, and discover practical ways to follow Jesus, the light of the world! Not only will they experience exciting Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His light shines for us to see it daily!

Cave Quest is filled with unforgettable Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real stories of real kids who are shining God's light in everyday life! Plus, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats keep everyone on the move.

If you would like to register your child for VBS please go to the CLC website and click on the VBS link. From there you will find the Participant Registration tab and can go from there.

If you have questions regarding VBS this summer please see Andy.

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Martha and I had a very busy month with the children. We were able to get all we wanted to accomplish done even with an April Vacation. Science was a very big focus for us this month since it is Spring. We spoke about plants needing sunlight, water and soil to grow. As an experiment we took three stalks of celery; one was put in a cup with water and placed in the closet; the second piece of celery was placed in the sunlight without water; and the third piece of celery was put in colored water and placed in the sunlight. The children are still in the process of seeing what happens to all three pieces of celery. So far we have seen that the celery that was placed in colored water turned the stalk RED. The one without the water in the sunlight is now wilted and the one in the closet without the sunlight but with water is still looking alive.

We talked about April Shower Brings May Flowers. Earth Day was explained and they made Earth Men. They also took a coffee filter and put blue and green stamps on it which were then sprayed with water to blend. Their hands were traced and placed so they are holding the Earth and the saying above was "He has the whole World in His Hands". For Liter Day they made trash bags out of lunch bags and decorated them. We talked about Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse.

A New song was taught about the Pussy Willow and they made their own pussy willow arrangement using Puffed Rice. I can not forget the Cherry Blossom. I brought in frosting and we colored it pink. We baked Sugar Cookies. They spread the pink on the cookies and put Marshmallows on top to symbolize the Cherry Blossom.

Mother's Day is coming up so the children planted Marigold Seeds.

Bible time for the month had to do with Easter and we had the pleasure of Pastor and Andy coming into the Classroom.

All were kept very busy.

Happy May to All,

Joann and Martha



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MAY 2016...

May 1: Lydia is Converted

Many adults question their ability to share the gospel. Some worry about the reaction they may receive—and the impact that reaction may have on their ability to relate to neighbors, friends, or co-workers. Others feel inadequate to communicate the gospel message effectively. Yet Jesus' message is clear: We are to preach the gospel wherever we go, wherever we are. How can your class members overcome these obstacles and build confidence to tell others about Christ?

Bible Point: Be prepared to tell others about Jesus.

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 4:2



May 8: Paul's Jailer Believes in Jesus

Salvation is a tricky subject for many adults. Those who were raised in a church or home where "doing the right thing" ruled supreme might mistakenly believe that their salvation is something to be attained by works. A performance-based societal tendency doesn't help to change this belief. Adults who had little or no church background may simply be confused by the concept of salvation—"Why would anyone want to save me?" they might wonder.

Bible Point: Jesus saves us.

Key Verse: Acts 16:31



May 15: Paul Describes Living by God's Spirit

In our materialistic and technological world today, it's easy for adults to think they're self-sufficient and don't need God in their lives. However, nothing could be further from the truth.

Bible Point: When we live by God's Spirit, God changes us.

Key Verse: Galatians 5:22-23



May 22: Paul Describes Genuine Love

We all need love. This truth shouldn't be surprising, since God is love—and he created us! But the word love today has little meaning to many of us. One person says, "I love you." Another person says, "I love the color of your sweater." A third person says, "I love the snow." All around us, the word love is used in sexually oriented ways and to sell products. But the Bible is clear about what love is. Paul wrote about it in 1 Corinthians 13—the "love chapter."

Bible Point: God teaches us how to love.

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

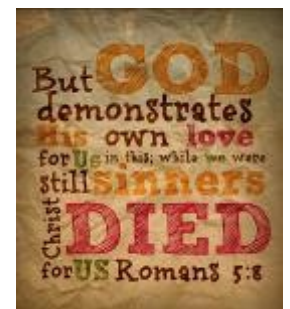
Love is [patient]. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not [proud]. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5. It is not easily ANGERED. It [keeps no record] of wrongs. ChristianProfile.com

May 29: Jesus Tried and Crucified

People who wrestle with the question of what Jesus did for us land in one of two camps. In the first camp, people claim, "I'm not a bad person; Jesus didn't have to die for me." In the other, people cry, "I'm so much of a sinner—I don't deserve this gift!" Both responses illustrate an incomplete understanding of what Jesus did on the cross. Hopefully, this lesson will help to clarify what Jesus did for us...and why it's so important to accept his great gift.

Bible Point: Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

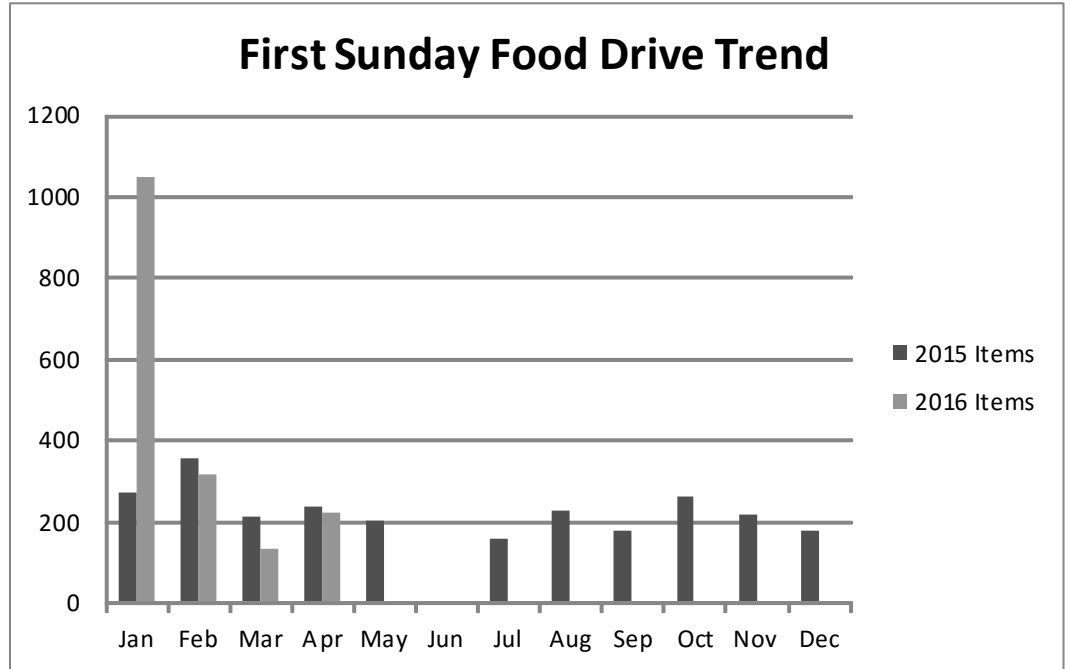
Key Verse: Romans 5:8





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



“Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 21:15b

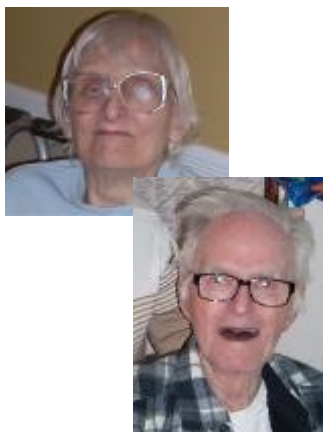
LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals. We are in need of volunteers for 2015. 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.

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 Cheshire Regional Rehab Center
745 Highland Avenue
Cheshire, CT 06410

John Luchene
c/o Cheshire Regional Rehab Center
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Church Grounds Clean-Up Memories





Fantastic Tet visits at Hanoi University of Science and Technology, and then at the Peoples Aid Coordinating Committee.



Great Tet visits in My Xa, Nam Dinh



J.P. and Aimee Cima and their children Serving the Lord in Vietnam

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

J.P. and Aimee serve in northern Vietnam, where the LCMS has carried out human care and education projects for over 20 years. J.P. and Aimee work with local partners in developing and implementing community development projects in rural areas. They have also established a social enterprise to reach out to young families in the city. Moreover, J.P. and Aimee facilitate and oversee GEO personnel who teach EFL in universities in and around Hanoi, as well as short-term service teams from the United States and Asia.

J.P. was born and raised in Richmond, Va., received his undergraduate degree in theology from Lenoir-Rhyne College in North Carolina and received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., after serving in Vietnam for two years as a vicar. Aimee (Crawford) was born in Tulsa, Okla., and raised in Richmond, Va. She has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in dietetics from James Madison University in Virginia. J.P. and Aimee have two daughters — Celeste, born in March 2007, and Isabella, born in August 2009.

Prayers

J.P. and Aimee ask for prayers that their family would humbly follow God as He develops them in their roles and uses them to be a blessing to the people of Vietnam. The Cimas ask, "Pray for the Vietnamese people — that they would be well served by the various humanitarian assistance and English education projects carried out by the LCMS in Vietnam. Pray that they ask why we do this for them — we would love to tell them!"

Learn more

Visit the Cima family's [website](#).
Read more about the work the LCMS is doing in Vietnam on [LCMS Vietnam's Facebook page](#).
Learn more about the work being done in [Vietnam](#) and in [the Asia Pacific region](#).

Special Dates

- J.P. Birthday - April 1
- Aimee Birthday - Oct. 14
- Celeste Birthday - March 8
- Isabella Birthday - Aug. 26
- Wedding Anniversary - May 29

Home District:

Southeastern



Urban development in Vietnam.

- Pray daily for J.P. and Aimee — and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit lcms.org/cima
- Learn about LCMS international work at lcms.org/international
- Support and adopt an international worker. Call 888-930-4438.

LEARN • PRAY • GIVE • TELL • SEND • GO • CELEBRATE



Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will continue each Sunday Morning during the Sunday School hour, 9:10 to 10:10 each week.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

The Tuesday evening Bible Study has started up again. Join us each week on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM again after Easter.

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 normally meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month. **This month we will meet 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16.** Plan on joining us!



THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

Our Thursday morning 8:30AM Adult Study Group will conclude our spring course "Christianity from the Time of the Apostles to the Time of the 16th Century Reformation" on May 5th and 12th. On May 19th and 26th we'll be viewing a two-part DVD entitled "First Freedom – The Fight for Religious Liberty" here in our USA. Everyone whose schedule allows is cordially invited to join us here in our church library. Pastor Nuechterlein



Thank you.
Pastor Nuechterlein

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!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

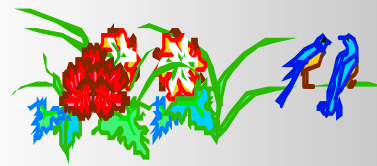
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- Ernest Josephson
- Cynthia Pryde
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- Allyssa Hajjar
- Vanessa Nowak
- Nancy Feero
- Richard Hagstrom
- Katelyn Lynch
- Nancy Cirno
- Megan Smith
- Donna Quast
- Kyle Fiedler
- Julianna Tyler



1 st	Glenn & Carlene Myers	33 Years
2 nd	Garett & Karen Neff	24 Years
13 th	David & Mary Beth Blair	10 Years
18 th	Larry & Barbara Fiedler	48 Years
22 nd	Ray & Nancy Cirno	40 Years
25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	24 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	17 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	57 Years



THANKS TO OUR
VETERANS AND
SOLDIERS

IN MEMORY OF
MANY, IN HONOR
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VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, May *Council* meeting will be held, Tuesday May 10th at 7:00 pm



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