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#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Our Father who art in heaven..." Many people vider and protector at least in Luther's eves. I know these words to be the beginning of the Lord's Prayer. It was our Lord Jesus who taught his disciples and us this very familiar prayer so that we might learn how to pray. In this month's message I would like to concentrate upon the words "Our Father."

In his meaning to the introduction of the Lord's Prayer Luther teaches us the following. He writes, "God would by these words tenderly invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are his true children, so that we may with all holiness and confidence ask him as dear children ask their dear father." I wonder how many people think of God as a "true Father?" My guess is that most people who believe in God see God as a being beyond their grasp. Many people see God as the almighty One who oversees our world and its operation. But do people view God as a father figure?

In the Lord's Prayer it would seem that Jesus would want us to see God as a father in the very best sense of that word. Luther says, "True father." I think that what Luther is getting at is that God fulfills the role of a father in the most genuine and loving manner. I believe, going back to Luther's meaning to the first article of the Apostles' Creed, that he views a Father as one who not only takes part in the birth process, that is in the creating of a child, but especially as one who is also the provider. This is a major role of a Father, to provide for his family. God does that for all of us father he has instituted. And he is all ours! in giving us our "clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, spouse and children, fields, cattle and all our goods richly and daily providing us with all that we need to support this body and life."

I believe that Luther also views the father as one who is to protect the family. Again, relying on his words from his meaning to the First Article, "He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil." A father is pro-

believe that this image is one still hoped for in our world today although issues anchored in a sense of equality might cause one to question whether such roles should be attributed to the male parent alone.

Why would God act so wonderfully toward us? He does so because he is merciful and good. I believe he does so because he loves us so much. And we get to approach him like little children would approach their Father

calling him dad. Can you imagine calling the creator of the heavens and the earth "Daddy? Mind boggling, but that is how the Lord Jesus has taught us to address him for that is what the word used in its original language means...It is not a formal address, although it seems so as we use it in church. It is really an endearing term so that we would know just how close God is to us and we to him.

> Our earthy fathers are to model themselves after our and their heavenly father. This for so many has not been done. In fact, there may even be some who take offense at calling God "father" because the earthy father image has been too horrific in their experience. Sin has a way at messing up God's intent for the family structure. Indeed, sin and the evil one are having a field day with the

structure and purpose of family in our society today. Yet, God is true to the blessed office of He is our father, looking out for all of us, blessing us according to his love and mercy toward us.

My hope is always that believers in God would follow his will and example. My hope is that in the month when we are to celebrate our fathers men would look to God and seek to follow his lead. Fathers are to provide for their families. They are to protect their fami-(Continued on page 2)



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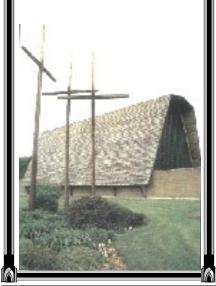
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Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 am & 10:30 am ( Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am )

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

Summer Worship Service: 9:00 am ( F athers Day to Labor Day )



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#### **News From The President**

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL Greetings All,



The Council met on Tuesday May 17, 2016 and by all accounts, CLC is doing well and operating at or near our established mission plan. Many thanks to all of our faithful pledgers and weekly donors for your steadfast support! Giving consistently within our means is one of the most important "behind the scenes" ways each one of us can help keep CLC strong and relevant within the Cheshire and worldwide communities.

fully funding a plaque to be placed on our soon to be constructed Me-

morial Wall. Pastor and Gloria would like to express their thanks and

appreciation to the CLC congregation for this lasting tribute.

I am pleased to inform you that at the recent Council meeting, the Council unanimously voted to honor the many years of service Pastor Nuechterlein and Gloria have given – and continue to give to CLC, by

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Kudos to JoAnnKudos to JoAnn Holstein, Martha Henderson and all the staff and vol-<br/>unteers for the amazing progress they continue to make with our Little<br/>Cherubs Christian School!! Enrollment is on the rise and the future of<br/>this important ministry looks bright. This success is the result of a sus-<br/>tained effort by our dedicated staff and the unfailing support of Pastor,<br/>and the Council & Voters that continued to support the program when<br/>times were tough. Great work!!!

On a personal note, my family was blessed with the Baptism of Cooper Elliot Case (our 5<sup>th</sup> Grandchild) on Mother's Day. Thank you Pastor for another beautiful service!

2016 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CLC! Please see Karen Weiland if you would like to serve on this important milestone celebration planning committee.

Our next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This is the last scheduled meeting before we recess for the summer. Barring the need to call any special meetings, the Council and Voters will not meet again until September 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively. If you have any suggestions or items that may need Council discussion/consideration, please notify me or any other member of the Council prior to our upcoming June meeting.

Jeffrey A. Mann Parish President, CLC

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lies, but most of all they are to love their families and express that love through word and deed. When that happens within the structure of the human family communities are blessed and our society is a better place indeed. When fathers fulfill their call, their "job description," little children can sense it, wives can find loving companionship and homes are happy places in which to live. And when this is the situation fathers are to be remembered, thanked and honored for when we observe such a relationship we are truly reveling in the grace and blessing of the one we are fortunate to address as dad, our heavenly Father.

May all fathers have a blessed and happy father's Day.

Pastor Gustafson

This edition printed on May 26, 2016

# 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.

Lynn Balash Christina Plantier Erich Strunk Paul Emerick Diane Taylor I Judy DiDomizio Jonathan Schrumm Wendy Emerick S Todd Peters, teacher assistant

Martha Henderson Carolyn Carrington Todd Plantier Steve Feero

Superintendents - Carlene Myers & Andy Schaefer







$1_{st}$	Will Lamb, III
$2_{nd}$	Jon Tessler
$5_{\rm th}$	Jonathan Richter
<b>6</b> th	Claudia Chong
$9_{\rm th}$	Curtis Pryde
$10_{\rm th}$	Ella Napp
$11_{\text{th}}$	Barbara Carson
$12_{th}$	Lauren Hajjar
$14_{\text{th}}$	Bill Soulier
15th	David Lynch
16th	Mary Munter
	Tim Weiland
	Barbara Fiedler
$17_{\text{th}}$	Jeff Mann, Sr.
	Joseph Stark
$19_{\text{th}}$	Amanda Nowak
$25_{\rm th}$	June Shaffer

David Mason Jonathan Mason 26th Bo Hagstrom Joey Nowak 29th Chris Ball 30th Monica Strunk





- June 12, 2016 Last Sunday for two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM), we will also have the Church Picnic after the late service.
- June 19, 2015 9:00 AM Services Begin (Fathers Day)
- September 11, 2016 Resume two Services (8:00 and 10:30 AM) & Sunday School begins with Rally Day

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# Youth and family Ministry Summer 2016



If you have any questions regarding these events please contact Andy at <u>dce@cheshirelutheran.org</u>. Other youth activities may also be scheduled during the summer. Enjoy your summer!





## SUMMER SERVICE "REFRESHMENT" FELLOWSHIP...

Once we switch over to our summer schedule of only one service at 9:00 am on June 19, 2016, we will be serving refreshments after the service. We always look forward to this time for week-ly 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.

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2016



John & Joy McHugh Walter & Linda Gancarz Alan & Kristen Green Richard & Roberta Hagstrom Trum & Priscilla Troemel Craig & Kathy Wilson Donald & Vicki DePaolo William & Deborah Sherman Robert & Julie Lamb Richard & Judy Giamarco 59 Years 42 Years 30 Years 64 Years 54 Years 36 Years 47 Years 33 Years 24 Years 22 Years





#### 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.

#### NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs is winding down for the year...

Our last day will be June 10<sup>th</sup>.



On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Moving Up Ceremony at 11:00 in the church followed by a Moving Up cake and a picnic outside. The families have been invited to bring friends, and family to see their little ones graduating to the next level whether that be returning in the fall for another year of Cherubs or starting their journey in kindergarten.

All are invited from the church to attend our special day.

We look forward to connecting with all of you again in the fall when Martha and I return.

Have a fantastic summer!

Joann and Martha

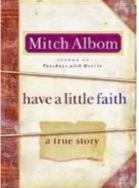
# Our Sincere Appreciation

- ★ 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
- + Gracious thank you to Ed Schweizer and Tim Weiland for seeing to it that our lawn at CLC stays beautiful. We are blessed that you saw to it that it was properly fed

## 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!

## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2016.... UPDATE



On Saturday April 30th 18 CLC women and friends attended a women's retreat at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT where we discussed Mitch Albom's book "Have a Little Faith".

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.

For the 9th year in a row, the ladies shared a wonderful day together full of laughter, deep discussion, good food, fellowship and fun. Consider joining us next year. *You will be happy you did.* 

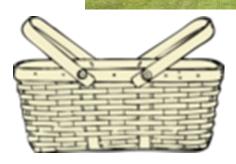
# CLC ANNUAL PICNIC...

Mark your calendars, and start planning now to come to our annual Church Picnic June 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service. See sign up sheets on the bulletin board. This is always a fun family fellow-ship event. Bring the entire family for some great fun and a few surprises!

#### Karen Weiland

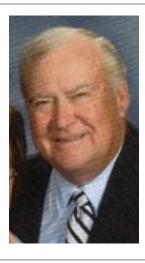












#### NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

It will soon be summer time and a good time to invite others to our church. Our summer picnic on June 12th can be one of the events to encourage people to attend a church service and have a hot dog or hamburger afterward. If you have children in your neighborhood let them know about our Vacation Bible School in June. The Fall Festival is another opportunity to meet people in our community. We will have a booth for Cheshire Lutheran and our preschool program. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help or if you have any ideas to promote our church. We are looking into having a health fair in the fall. It is important to let people know that we care about them and their concerns.

John Balash, Evangelism Deacon

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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
June 1 - Wednesday	5:30 PM	Set-Up For Picnic	
All Choirs Picnic	6:30 PM	All Choirs Picnic at CLC	
	After Dinner	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
June 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal Parish Choir	
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
June 12 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal Soloist	
Church Picnic	10:30 AM	Performance Soloist	
June 19 - Sunday	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
Fathers Day	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
June 26 - Sunday	8:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist

Cheshire Lutheran Church members and their choir director give many thanks for the time and talent of each member of the Bell, Parish and Youth Choirs!

Enjoy Summer Music consisting of Solos and Ensembles!



#### **SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS** NEEDED...

Sunday morning coffee hour will be taking a break over the Summer in lieu of Summer Lemonade, Iced Tea and snacks. Volunteers will still be needed once the Summer is over! 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!

#### 2016 CLC SPIRIT SOFTBALL SEASON OPENS...

The very exciting 2016 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 5<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> at Doolittle School

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> No Games—Fathers Day!

Mt. Carmel vs.CLC

CLC vs. Spring Glen

Sunday June 26th Rain Date—Makeup!

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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "CAVE QUEST"...

This year's VBS has been set for June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup>. 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 every-day 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.







## COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS...



If you 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.

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.

Don Drust, Chair	Buzz Gancarz	Priscilla Mulvaney
Vicki DePaolo	Linda Gancarz Randy Raddatz	
Judy DiDomizio	Margie Mertz	Beth Soulier
Pat DiDomizio	John Mulvaney	Tim Weiland

Procedures:

You will find a box containing blue folders on a stand in the hallway. One folder contains inurnment procedures and the other contains memorial plaque procedures. Both folders also include fee schedules and the CLC bylaws concerning the columbarium wall. Please take whichever folder interest you and review it carefully.

If you have any questions or when you feel prepared to commit to the project, please contact Pat DiDomizio.



#### 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
- + Give Your Old Car A Good Home Good News Garage information
- **†** Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- **+** Hope Center 2016 volunteer sign-ups
- **t** 2016 Usher Schedule
- **†** Little Cherubs enrollment information
- **† Team Spirit** Information
- **†** Summer Lemonade/Iced Team Fellowship volunteer sign-up
- + CLC Annual Picnic sign-up

#### 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 Contact the church office if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee.
- **†** 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.



Summer 2016





Great Tet visits in My Xa, Nam Dinh

## MEET OUR MISSIONARIES...

Technology, and then at the Peoples' Aid

Coordinating Committee.

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 <u>LCMS Vietnam's Facebook page</u>. Learn more about the work being done in <u>Vietnam</u> and in <u>the Asia Pacific region</u>.

#### **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:**

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- Pray daily for J.P. and Aimee and how you can support and tell others about their ministry. Visit Icms.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





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



Urban development in Vietnam

#### 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		
School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library   July   July 1979   Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction		Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library		
		July		
		Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed		
	July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church		
	July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church		
	August			
	June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ		

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2016



$10^{\text{th}}$	Tim & Karen Weiland
	David & Meredith Natzel
$12^{th}$	John & Peggy Tessler
$18^{\text{th}}$	Matthew & Emily Napp
$20^{\text{th}}$	Christopher & Carol Miller
$25^{\text{th}}$	Christopher & Emese Ball
$27^{\text{th}}$	David & Judi Norton

34 Years 1 Year 35 Years 7 Years 3 Year 18 Years 48 Years



# 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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	Jordan Neff		Anne McBain	
	Elsie Neuffer	24th	Carlene Myers	
6th	Elizabeth Blair	25th	Paul Greenhalgh	
8th	Carol Miller	26th	Alfred Mayer	
9th	Karen Weiland	27th	John Sherman	
10th	Wilfred Demers		Robert Becker	
13th	Linda Gancarz	28th	Eric Johnson	
	Dorothy Dierolf	30th	Karen Hays	
	Joseph Sinatra	31st	Will Caron	
14th	Max Muller			
15th	Debra Hajjar			
	Peter Mayer			
16th	Owen Kennelly			
17th	Ian Carrington			

Lisa Tyler

# SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

18th

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 it's 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 Cheshire Regional Rehab Center 745 Highland Avenue Cheshire, CT 06410

Paula Ongley

4th

John Luchene c/o Cheshire Regional Rehab 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.



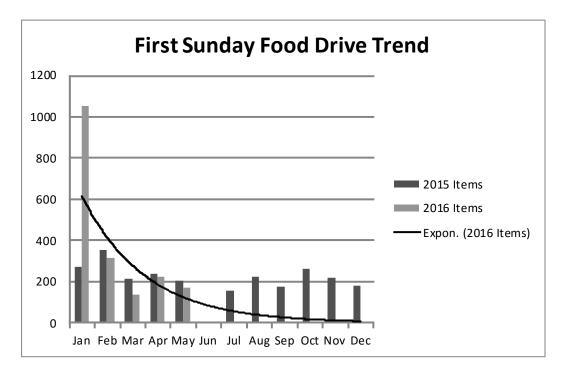






#### DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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



# "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.

## **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).



#### PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (September 2016 Articles are Due!)

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2016. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 26th 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.

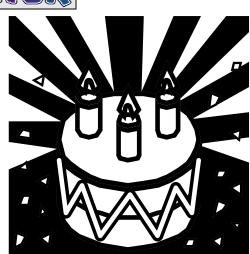
We have re-directed the donated baby items which are collected in the bassinet outside the church office. For years we have been donating them to "Baskets of Love" where women of the Waterbury Church of Christ used them to make baskets which are distributed to new mothers in Waterbury Hospital, Bristol 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.



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#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2016



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	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	
	James & Janice Matson	





#### **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...

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

#### Summer 2016

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# SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will be taking a break during the Summer. The last Bible Study will be June 5th. We will start up again after Labor Day. Enjoy the Summer.

**Bible Studies at CL** 

## 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...

Will meet on June 19 and then will take a break in July and August. Have a GREAT Summer!

# THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

**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.

Bible Class will determine if they will continue throughout the summer.

All are welcome!

# 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.

# PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S FAMILY...

We celebrate together as *Cooper Elliot Case* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday May 8, 2016

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.









#### HELP WANTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Job Description:	Lead <b>enthusiastic children in songs,</b> 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 REMIMDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 11, 2016 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!

## SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...

We will begin our Summer Church Service Schedule on Sunday June 19th Please join us for 9:00 AM services through September 4th . Also, remember to join us after the 9:00 AM services for our Lemonade Fellowship.

# COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars, *Council* meetings will be held **June 14th & September 6th at 7:00 PM** September *Voters*' meeting will be held, Monday **September 12th at 7:00 PM** 

