

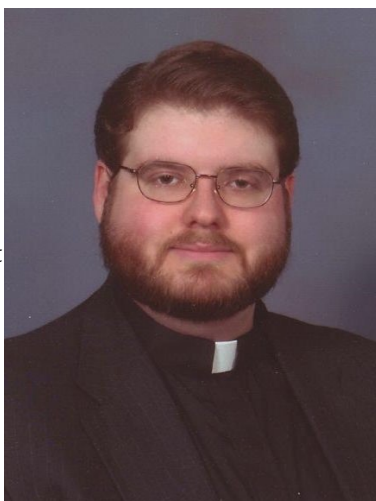


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PASTOR ROWOLD'S MESSAGE

When Beth Soulier reached out to me to write my first article for the *Heavenly Herald*, she asked that it be an Introductory article featuring me and my family. Two things immediately came to mind as I read her request. The first is a quote most often attributed to Will Rogers, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression." The second is a song (made famous by Julie Andrews) from the 1951 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *The King and I*, titled "Getting to Know You." Although writing about myself is probably my least favorite newsletter topic (I was always taught the focus should be on Jesus, not on me.), since I have not had the chance to meet many of you yet, I am happy to take this opportunity to tell you all a little about myself. In hopes of putting my best foot forward, I will start with the two best things about me – my wife and my daughter.



I met my wife, Tricia, in the Choir back when we were students at Hamden High School, and this year will mark 25 years since we first started dating. She is a graduate of Concordia College in Bronxville, NY and currently works as a Paraprofessional in the Bloomfield Public School System. She is an active member of the Demarest Elementary School Home and School Association (PTA), having held a number of different offices. Although she hasn't had much free time of late, Tricia enjoys singing, baking, and various craft projects. At Church, Tricia has been involved in various aspects of congregational life, from Sunday School to Fellowship, and is excited about finding her place at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

avid reader who enjoys learning (but not doing homework). She takes classes in dance and Tang Soo Do (Korean Karate). In her free time, Sarah likes to bake and is interested in fashion and design. She wants to learn how to take her clothing ideas from drawings to actual pieces she can wear. As we move to Cheshire, Sarah is looking forward to making new friends and being able to spend time with her cousins who live in Connecticut.

I am the second of four children (2 boys, a girl, a boy – in that order); my Father, Rev. Michael Rowold, was a Lutheran pastor and my mother, Patricia, is a Paraprofessional in the North Haven Public School System. I was born in Brooklyn, NY, where my father served Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and our family moved to Hamden, CT when he was called to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd on Whitney Avenue. After my graduation from Hamden High School, I attended the Honors College at Southern Connecticut State University for two years, and then transferred to Concordia College in Bronxville, NY to study for the ministry; I graduated Concordia with a Bachelor of Arts degree (*cum laude*) in Religious Studies. My seminary education took place at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, from which I received the Master of Divinity degree. During Seminary, I completed a one-year Vicarage (Internship) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville (Long Island), NY under the Rev. Wayne Puls.

My daughter, Sarah, is 12 years old; she's an

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February 14th is Ash Wednesday!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Worship Services:
9:00 am

(Nursery Care Available)

Sunday School
10:10 am

Adult Bible Classes:
After Service

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



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My first Call out of Seminary was to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bloomfield, NJ, where I have served since my Ordination and Installation in June of 2003. During my time at Saint John's I have continued my education, studying at Drew University in Madison, NJ, earning the degree Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Liturgical Studies. Outside of the congregation, I served as Alumni Advisor to the Concordia College Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi (a National Lutheran Fraternity) and I have had numerous responsibilities within the New Jersey District LCMS, including Circuit Counselor/Visitor, District Archivist, District Liaison to the LCMS Commission on Worship, Clergy-At-Large Member of the District Board of Directors, Instructor in the District Leaders & Learners Lay Training Program, and Vacancy Pastor for Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clifton, NJ.

My responsibilities in recent years have not allowed me much in the way of free time, but, when I have it, I have a variety of interests. I enjoy listening to music from a wide variety of styles and genres, and I appreciate a good television show or movie. I like to sing, and have done so for most of my life, both personally and in numerous choirs. I have an interest in photography, though my camera has spent more time collecting dust than taking pictures lately, and I like to cook and to bake.

As my family and I prepare to join all of you at Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church, I am most looking forward to being a parish pastor, to being your Pastor. I have been asked to serve the Lord and His Church in a number of different ways, and have done so gladly and willingly, but what I love best is being with God's people. Leading the Divine Service and receiving together the gifts that the Lord gives, exploring the Scriptures together in Bible Class, visiting in Coffee Hour and in peoples homes – being able to do these things with all of you is what excites me the most. In Cheshire Lutheran Church, I see a family of faith that loves the Lord and each other, and that puts that love into action. It is lived out, both within the congregation and in the way the congregation reaches out to and helps the community.

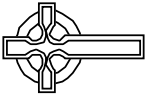
I am honored to have been Called to be your next Pastor and I look forward to the day soon when we will join you. Please make it a point to come to Church and introduce yourself to me. If you can, join us for the Installation service, but, most importantly, join us on Sunday mornings for the Divine Service. Be with us as we receive Christ Jesus in Word and in Sacrament; be with us as our gracious God forgives our sins and heals our brokenness.

God bless and keep you all, and we will see you soon.

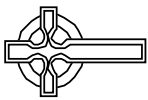
In Christ,
Pastor Rowold

The Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, PhD
Pastor-Elect

Welcome
to Our Church



GAEL GALLENDAIR



February

February Servants

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

This "lite" version of the Heavenly Herald is being mailed to all Cheshire Lutheran Church members so everyone will have the latest information (as I write this on January 27th) about Pastor Rowald's arrival and related events. Although numerous elements of preparation and planning in advance of his arrival are underway, here is an outline of the key planned dates and events:

- ✠ Wednesday, January 31st Planning group meeting with Rev. Beinke
- ✠ Saturday, February 10th Parsonage renovations should be finished
- ✠ Tuesday, February 20th Rev. Rowold and his family arrive in Cheshire; our Helping Hands group will be providing some kitchen basics and meals this week
- ✠ Sunday, February 25th Rev. Rowold's installation service at CLC sometime in mid to late afternoon, followed by a reception
- ✠ Sunday, March 4th Rev. Rowold's first Sunday service at CLC (9:00 AM)



As more or updated information becomes available, we'll provide it primarily through announcements at Sunday services and by email.

On Sunday, January 14th, outgoing President Jeff Mann led our annual corporate meeting of the congregation after our worship service. If you were not in attendance, you may obtain a copy of the annual report and financial statement in the church office, or ask one of the officers, deacons or ushers to obtain a copy for you.

Our first Church Council and Voters meetings of 2018 are just around the corner. They are scheduled as follows:

- ✠ Church Council Tuesday, February 6th; 7:00pm; CLC library
- ✠ Voters Assembly Sunday, February 11th; 10:15AM; CLC parish hall

I hope to see you in church! Yours, in Christ's service,

Bill

William C. Sherman
Parish President, CLC

VALENTINES DAY IS..ASH WEDNESDAY!

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday February 14th. We will have a service at 7:30 PM to begin this penitential season. Once again ashes were offered to all who would like to receive them as part of their Lenten discipline.

Throughout the season of Lent we will continue to offer worship services on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM until Holy Week.

We will also gather at 6 PM each Wednesday for soup, salad, fellowship and Bible study beginning Wednesday February 21st. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend our evening fellowship with you. Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us in fellowship during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline.



A MESSAGE TO ALL OF YOU FROM PASTOR NUECHTERLEIN...

Permit me this written opportunity, prior to the arrival of our new pastor, to shout PRAISE THE LORD! for all of you who have shown yourselves to be spiritually alive and active in our midst during the past nine months when we've been without the leadership of a full-time pastor. It's been a delight for me to observe how faithful so many of you have continued to be – faithful in participating in weekly Sunday morning worship – and in seeing to it in so many other ways that ours has remained a vibrant Christian congregation. (And I know you are as grateful as I am for the wonderful guest pastors who have been serving us on Sunday mornings from last May until now.) Also, I've been thrilled to hear each week how helpful so many of you have been in renovating the parsonage for our new pastor and his family, giving of your time (literally, hundreds of hours!) and immeasurable talents to make it look like new again

Permit me also to address a pastoral word to those of you who have been absent from our congregational company in recent months (or years!). In as winsome a manner as I can muster via the printed page, let me issue a special invitation to you to let God's Holy Spirit prompt you to make a new beginning by rejoining us for our 9AM Worship Hour, beginning next Sunday and continuing each Sunday thereafter. We've missed having you with us (we really have!) – and would dearly love to have you back again - for Christ's sake, for our sakes, and, last but not least, for your own sakes. Together let's demonstrate to almighty God and to one another that we're not a mere collection of names in a Parish Register, but a live body-and-soul group of baptized Christians who delight regularly to join one another in praying, praising, and giving thanks to our triune God - in His House here at 660 West Main Street.

May the prayer of all of us at this special time in our congregation's history be the words of stanzas 1, 3, and 4 of our CLC 50th Anniversary Hymn:-

God's redeemed, beloved and holy, cleansed by water with the Word.
We are nourished through the Scripture, by its sacred Truth matured.
We have tasted God's rich mercy, feasted at His meal divine;
Kingly banquet of Christ's Body and His Blood with bread and wine.

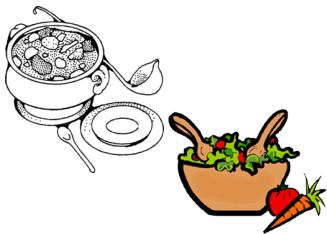
Gospel heralds of salvation, called from darkness into light,
We are sent to tell of Jesus, how God brought us out of night.
We are salt, the Spirit-seasoned, meant to halt the world's decay;
We are light, a shining city guiding all to Christ, the Way.

We are charged to feed the hungry, clothe the poor in every place,
Tend the lonely, sick, imprisoned; there we see the Savior's face;
Ever in our ears the echo of His words of mystery:
"As you do for these My brothers, you have also done for Me."

Grace – peace – faith – hope – and, above all, love – in Christ, Pastor Nuechterlein

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, SOUP AND SALAD...**

On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm through March 21st, please attend our soup, salad, and Bible study. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend these evening gatherings. The meals are followed by Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.



Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those who want to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season.

If you have any questions contact Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO A CHERISHED FRIEND...

Sunrise February 08, 1929 ~ Sunset January 21, 2018

Our beloved brother, Art Munter, was called home to our Lord on January 21, 2018. A celebration of Art's life took place at 11 am on Saturday January 27 at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We thank God for Art'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 God's peace and consolation bring comfort to the Munter family.

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

Matthew 25:21

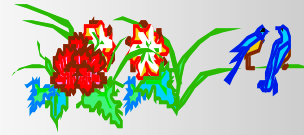


LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
Ash Wednesday—1st Wednesday in Lent	Wednesday February 14, 2018	Service at 7:30 PM
2 nd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday February 21, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
3 rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday February 28, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
4 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 7, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
5 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 14, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
6 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 21, 2018	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 2018



- 1 Larry Fiedler
- 7 Meredith Natzel
- Aimee Shepard
- 8 Carissa Howard
- 10 Christopher Sheppard
- Judi-Lynn Reidinger
- 11 Grace Carson
- Kiley Soulier
- 13 Regina Lynch
- Logan Euen
- 15 Debra Caron
- Aliza Kennelly
- Ava Euen
- 16 Jim Mertz
- Priscilla Mulvaney
- 19 Quinn Hays
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 23 Norma Baker
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
- Connor Collins
- 25 Janice Schaff
- Gloria Nuechterlein
- 28 Vicki DePaolo

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WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year! To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, check TV channels, WTNH channel 8 or MyTV 9, WFSB channel 3 and on the radio, WTIC 1080 AM. All these stations have websites that list weather closings too! A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail please let the church office know.

Stay warm!



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