

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

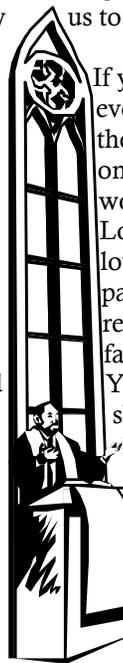
"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1 (ESV)

The air is cool and crisp, the leaves are turning bright colors, and the sky is dark earlier and earlier. The fliers that come in the newspaper are filled with advertisements for costumes and for candy. All of that can only mean one thing – Thanksgiving is near! Yes, Thanksgiving. I am intentionally overlooking Halloween for two reasons (and neither is religious): first, time seems to fly by so quickly of late and seasons rush from one to another before you know it; second, by the time this issue of the Heavenly Herald is in your hands, Halloween will undoubtedly be past and I will be encouraging people to come to Church on Thanksgiving Eve.

Now is the time of year when our thoughts and conversations turn to all the things for which we are grateful, everything that causes us to give thanks. As much as the turkey dinner and the football games are a holiday pastime, so too is the intentional act of expressing gratitude. We do it gathered around the table; we encourage our youth and our children to participate. You even hear newscasters and politicians engaging in the activity (though, perhaps, that should give us pause with the way society is going of late). And the truth is, we all have reason to give thanks.

I, for one, have so much for which to be thankful. I have my faith, my health, my family, my friends, and I have you, my parishioners. Last Thanksgiving, for me, was spent doing a great deal of praying because I had met with one congregation that was looking for a pastor and had just been contacted by a second. Out of those conversations, the Lord blessed me with the Call to serve you all here are CLC. This year I will be giving thanks most especially for how good the Lord was to Call me here.

But what about you? For what are you thankful? Maybe a more important question is, are you feeling thankful this year? Giving thanks can be hard for us when life is not going well and problems are persistent. It might be the recent passing of a loved one, or a medical diagnosis for yourself or someone dear to you. It could be a difficult financial situation or problems at work. Perhaps it's trouble at school or unkind things said on social media. It may be strained relationships with family or friends. There are many things that can happen to a person that cause us to not feel very thankful.



If you happen to be feeling that way, or even if you're just not too excited about the Thanksgiving holiday that will be upon us before we know it, keep in mind the words of Psalm 136 "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." And there are two parts in particular that I hope you will remember – "He is good" and "His steadfast love endures forever." The Lord, Your God, is good and He desires to share all good things with you, His beloved child. Yes, there are times when the devil, the world, or our sinful nature make life difficult for you, and pain and problems may arise; yet even in those times, the Lord is at work to bless You, to do good to and for you. It is His very nature, and He will do no other.

Just as important, if not perhaps even more important is the Good News that "His steadfast love endures forever." God's love for you is rock solid, is completely and totally unshakable. Nothing that you say or do will cause God to love you any less, not now or ever. God's love for you is certain and sure, and it will never end. Though sun and moon

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**COME
WORSHIP
WITH US**

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 a.m.)

**Sunday School
&
Adult Bible Classes:**
9:10 a.m.

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 a.m.
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL



Do you recall the song lyrics "...these are a few of my favorite things"? For me, an apple pie is on my list of favorite things, so 'Thank You' to the CLC Apple Pie Workshop team for another special treat.

At our October Council meeting, we heard reports from our Officers and Deacons about their respective activities and plans during the upcoming weeks. Watch for announcements for our coat drive, our Thanksgiving Eve offerings and for a tag sale in the spring of 2019. A few property-related items that are in progress include improvements to the lighting in our church nave, a new sign for the front lawn near the road and a brochure of our columbarium and memorial garden.

If you are interested in becoming a Voter, please contact one of our officers, deacons or Pastor Rowold.

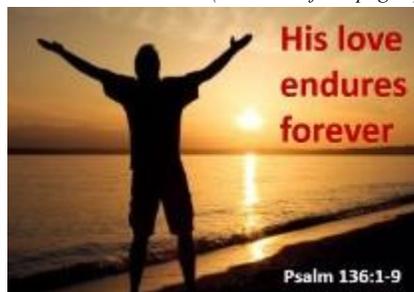
At our next Voters Assembly meeting (on Monday November 12th at 7:00pm) our agenda will include our Mission Plan for 2019 and elections of officers and deacon(s) for 2019. As a reminder, under our CLC Bylaws, any confirmed member of CLC who is at least 18 years of age, and who has attended 1 regular meeting of the Voters' Assembly in the preceding 12 months, and who has read the CLC Constitution and Bylaws shall be eligible for admission into the Voters' Assembly. If you are interested in becoming a Voter, please contact one of our officers, deacons or Pastor Rowold. Remember that a congregation member who is not a "Voter" is welcome to attend as an observer to a Voters' Assembly meeting.

Now it's time for a cup of hot tea with a slice of apple pie. I hope to see you in church!

Bill

William C. Sherman
CLC Parish President

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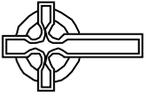


and stars pass away, God's love for you will not pass away. Though the heavens and the earth may cease, God's love for you will never cease. Christ Jesus has given His life for you, has called and chosen you to be His; His love for you lasts to eternity.

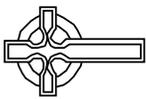
We all have reasons to give thanks this year. For some of us, those reasons are obvious and we are keenly aware of them. For others, it's harder to see the reasons to be thankful – yet they are there. The fact that you are reading this newsletter provides ample reasons: you are alive, you can see, you can read, you are able to hold this newsletter (or operate the device on which you are reading it), you were able to get to church to receive it (or have an internet connection to access it), and you have a connection to all the wonderful people who are Cheshire Lutheran Church. Most important of all, you have Jesus Christ, and in Him you have forgiveness of sins and everlasting life.

In Christ Jesus we all have a reason to give thanks to the Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor R



GAEL GALLENDAIR



November

November Servants

CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00p.m. on Friday 12/14/18 to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **1:00 PM** on Saturday 12/15/18 to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

PLEASE NOTE: Time change for tree decorating this year. We will meet at 1:00 PM to allow time for the Christmas Pageant rehearsal, which will be in the morning at church that day. The decorating of the church and tree will be after the Christmas Pageant rehearsal.

THANK YOU AND A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL!

Steve Feero
CLC Vice President



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Treasures in Heaven - Matthew 6:19-21 New International Version (NIV)

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Celebrating All Saints Day and giving thanks for all we have! I am extremely thankful for Sunday school students steady attendance this past 8 weeks! Although we are coming in to the busy holiday season, we need to start preparing to celebrate Christ's birth!

Martha Medford has once again prepared **The 365 Days of Christmas** to be presented on December 16 at the 10:30 service!

Requesting all Sunday school students to participate! In order to have a successful Pageant, please try to attend Sunday school as much as possible during the next 7 weeks.

Also mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- ✠ December 9, 2018 - 9:10 AM. Pageant run-through.
- ✠ Saturday, December 15, 2018 – 10:00 AM dress Rehearsal!
- ✠ December 16, 2018 - 9:30 AM dress & prepared for pageant!

Thank You!

In Christ: Carlene Myers
Judy DiDomizio
Martha Medford



THURSDAY LADIES...

Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship on Thursday, November 29 from 12:00 to 1:30. There is a Women's Bible Study starting at 1:30 for anyone who is interested and would like to attend.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 4 - Sunday <i>All Saints Day</i>	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
November 7 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 11 - Sunday <i>Veterans Day</i>	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
November 14 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 18 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 21 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell and Parish Choirs
November 25 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
November 28 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 2 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



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.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR 2018



"365 Days of Christmas"



Angels and students guide us through the seasons of the year to keep the Spirit.



- ✝ Speaking Parts available for Sunday School Students Grades 4 - 8
- ✝ Speaking parts will be assigned in November
- ✝ Practices are Sunday Mornings – 9:10 AM
- ✝ Singing Carols for all Sunday School Students
- ✝ Practices will take place on Sunday Mornings



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



- ✝ Run Through - December 9, Sunday – 9:10 AM
- ✝ Dress Rehearsal – Saturday December 15, – 10:00 AM
- ✝ **Pageant - December 16 - 10:30 AM**



Sign Up Now!!!!



Sign up using form that will be in the Sunday Bulletins and on the Sunday School Bulletin Board. Return completed form to the envelope on Sunday School bulletin Board - Keep the top Part!



Parents of SS are asked to bring desserts and/or snack for the refreshment table for after the Service



2018 USHER SCHEDULE ...

Below please find the 2018 Usher schedule. 2019 schedule is currently a work in progress. Kindly periodically review this schedule and mark your calendars for the dates you are assigned to work a particular service. If you cannot make a service, please try to arrange a replacement and notify the head usher.

November - 8:00 AM Service	
Buzz Gancarz *	203-272-4995
Kurt Lenz	203-271-1085

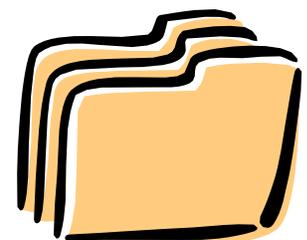
November - 10:30 AM Service	
Larry Fiedler *	203-527-9625
Paul Fiedler	203-250-8213
Brad Shick	201-753-8420

December - 8:00 AM Service	
Cliff Ongley	860-863-5960
John Shepard	203-271-1721
Frank Miller	860-621-4619

December - 10:30 AM Service	
Joe Stark	203-272-3488
Tim Weiland*	203-250-1574

NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

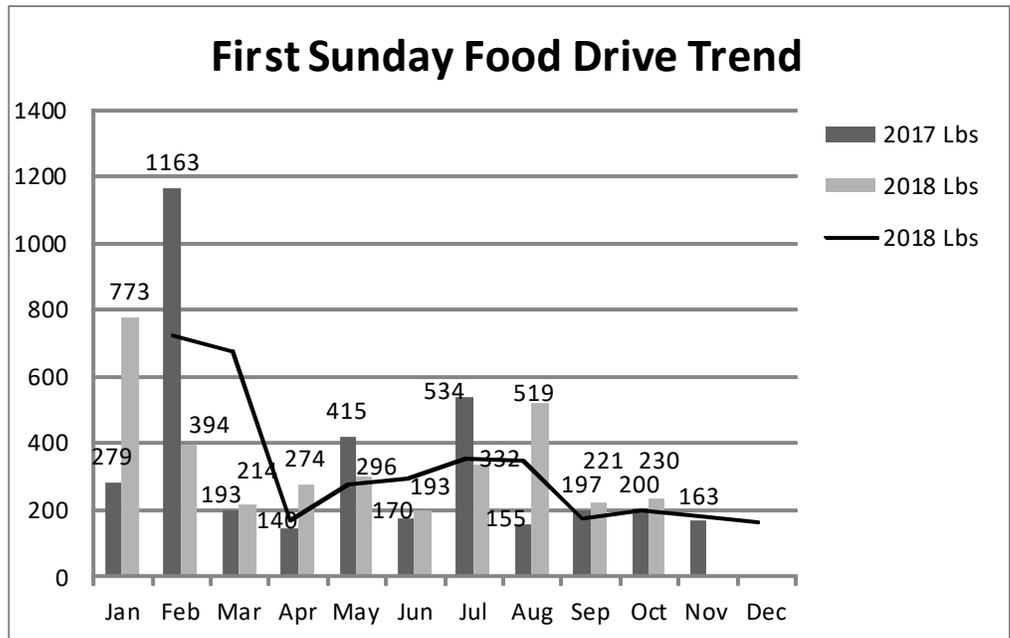
Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to 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



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6PM. Commitment include a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact April Duquette for more information. aduquette@cheshirefoodpantry.org or 203.699.9226.

“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. Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. until noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to ensure the food we are sending is not out of date. Also, please remember that we cannot accept opened packages. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.



Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Many thanks to the “Office Staff and Friends” for assembling the October Heavenly Herald! We can't do it without your support, you are the BEST.
- † Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events and celebrations. We are blessed.
- † Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish, Youth and Bell Choirs for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- † Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I cannot believe that it is November already. The leaves are falling and soon it will be time for raking and Thanksgiving. But, as we look forward to the holiday season, we also need to continue to focus on finishing this year with a strong push to meet the goals of the Mission Plan.

I would like to emphasize how happy and excited I have been this year to see to level of involvement from all corners of the congregation to keep CLC a vibrant and exceptional church. At this time last year we were dealing with the unfortunate news that Pastor Boerger was not accepting our call but we have since then been blessed with the presence of Pastor Rowold. I have faith that we will continue to be a blessed congregation.

As for the current year, the third quarter (which includes the summer months) was a slow time and we have fallen a bit behind on the Mission Plan as we did this time last year. That being said, I am optimistic that we can end the year with a strong finish. As always, I want to thank everyone for all of the contributions they make in time, talent, and treasure. We appreciate all that you do to help the church stay an institution of fellowship and faith.

Looking forward to next year, it is never too early to start thinking about pledging for next year. The pledge presentation will be on November 18th and I ask all of you to start thinking about your plans for next year. Pledging helps the Church have a more consistent expectation of revenue over the course of the year to help maintain our Mission Plan. You will be hearing more about the Mission Plan for 2019 over the next month or so.

Also, as I have mentioned before, good stewardship is not just about money and pledging. It is also about growth and sharing God's Word with others. This is the time of year that people really start to think about the blessings they have in their life and how fortunate they truly are. As blessed as many people are, many forget that true blessings come from God. As a member of the Church, think about inviting friends to join us here at CLC. It is always fun and exciting to see new faces and to see the Church grow. Help a friend, or even a stranger, find a spiritual home. Invite them to make CLC that home.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

If you happen to be an Amazon™ on-line shopper, Cheshire Lutheran Church is now a registered non-profit organization under the "Amazon Smile"™ program. So, whenever you shop on Amazon, instead go to www.smile.amazon.com, then log in, using your same username and password as you normally would on the traditional Amazon site. You will be asked to select a charity, by browsing the list of registered organizations and selecting Cheshire Lutheran Church. Amazon Smile will donate .5% (that is .005) of the amount you purchase to CLC.

Here is a sample of the screen that you will see after completing a purchase:



You Shop. Amazon Gives

Again, the Amazon Smile website is www.smile.amazon.com

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



A variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal and miscellaneous choices.

After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display.

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).



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.

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:

- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** Sign-Up
- † **Hope Center** 2018 volunteer sign-ups and information
- † **Altar Flower** Sunday sign up
- † **Greeters Needed**—See Signup on the Bulletin Board
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** information
- † **Thrivent Action Committee** information and sign-up
- † **Gift Cards for Lutheran Home of Southbury** information—Lutheran Home looking for Walmart Gift Card donations—to give as gifts to residents
- † **Lutheran Home of Southbury Shopping Spree** information
- † **2018 Usher Schedule**



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 (203-272-5106) or Sally Schrumm (203-710-0753) if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee or if you are in need.
- † **All Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:
 - 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 - 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
 - 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Now is the time to sign up to join the Parish Choir for Adults or the Youth Choir for Children. Previous singing in Choirs is not required, only a love of music and a desire to contribute to our worship on Sundays. Speak to Martha Medford or any current member of the choirs for Questions.

- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Judy DiDomizio.



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Welcome to Fall!

The older group explored the trail in the back of the woods and around the outside exploring things that remind them of fall. The deer are finally back. We love watching them, counting them, etc.

For Art and Stories:

Leaf Roller – Story “Leaves, Leaves”, Campfire- “Clifford the Firehouse Dog” and “Fire Drill”. Paint and Press Leaves “A Leave Blew In”, we took a nature walk, “Clifford’s First Autumn”. Apple Magic Print – Finding the star inside. “Owl Babies”, Made their own Owl Babies and put on paper to retell the story and made an Owl Puppet. They read the story of “Johnny Appleseed” – they put story in order. It was Pizza Day we made mini Pizza’s and created their own out of paper. They practice cutting by cutting Pizza into 6 slices. The children learned about Columbus and made an art project with the 3 boats sailing the seas. Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria.

Something very special happened with both classes – Fire Man Craig Henderson came into the class and taught the children about fire safety, brought them out to the fire truck and let them go inside. It was too cold to splash the water. We also had a Fire Drill.

Rick Ciaburri Studio– Photographer – came to the school to take individual pictures and class pictures. He was great and inexpensive. I would highly recommend him for family photos for the holidays or any special occasion.

We have a new science area – it features all things Fall. The children in both classes carved pumpkins, they felt the squishy inside, cooked the seeds and just plain learn about pumpkins. They enjoyed the science experiment about whether a pumpkin will sink or float in water and Pumpkin sorting was fun as well. We are getting ready for Thanksgiving – The children had their hand traced to put their feathers on the body of the turkey.

Friday, October 26th was Teddy Bear Day and Pajama Day. The Children brought in their favorite stuffed bear of animal and told a story about it. We worked on Letter E, F, G, H, I and Numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Bible Study:

Noah, Joseph’s Coat, Baby Moses, Moses and the Burning Bush and Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea.

We ask that you continue to pass the word about our Amazing School. We have openings in the 3’s and are taking a waiting list for the 4’s.

We wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

God Bless,
Miss Martha, Miss JoAnn and Miss Cindy



SHOP AT PATRICK BAKER & SONS...CLC GETS 10%...

Patrick Baker & Son’s, 1650 West Street, Southington, has initiated a program that can earn cash rebates for CLC. 10% of purchases will be deposited in the church’s account. Simply give them Cheshire Lutheran’s name when shopping in the store. If purchasing through the web, visit www.Churchgoods.com; when checking out, select CLC as your church and place the provided church ID# in the church code box.





HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone at (203) 800-5495.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacon are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Monday, November 12th at 7:00pm:

- ✝ President
- ✝ Vice-President
- ✝ Recording Secretary
- ✝ Financial Secretary
- ✝ Treasurer
- ✝ House and Grounds Deacon

CLC members are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in filling an elected position, or if you would like to propose a candidate for election.

Our Nominating Committee members this year are:

- ✝ Judith DiDomizio
- ✝ Rob DeLaubell
- ✝ David Schrumm.



SHARE THE WARMTH...



The cold weather starts in the month of November. Warm clothing is needed for those less fortunate than us. We ask that you consider donating gently used or new warm clothes. We will give these items to **ACTS 4 MINISTRY** in Waterbury. The items in most need are:

- ✝ Men's Items:
 - ⇒ Winter jackets, long sleeve tops, hoodies, jeans, sweat pants, pajamas, belts, underwear, undershirts, socks, slippers, sneakers, and boots
- ✝ Women's Items:
 - ⇒ Winter jackets, sweaters, long sleeve tops, sweat pants, pajamas, leggings, jeans, belts, bras, underwear, undershirts, socks, slippers, sneakers, and boots
- ✝ Children's Items:
 - ⇒ Boys and girls winter jackets, snow suits, onesies, long sleeve tops, sweaters, hoodies, sweatpants, pajamas, leggings, jeans, underwear, undershirts, socks, slippers, and boots



Donations can be left in and around the box decorated with Christmas wrap in the hallway. We will be collecting donations at Church starting Sunday, November 4, through Sunday, November 25.

You can also leave a monetary donation to ACTS 4 by leaving your check or cash in the Snowman collection box located on the hallway table outside the office.

For more information or questions contact Dotti Dierolf at (203) 393-3582 or visit ACTS 4 website at: <http://acts4.org/>





2018 - 45 Years of Giving

The Cheshire Food Drive

First Saturday & Sunday in November

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center



WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

WHAT WE DO

- ↳ Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the *Cheshire Food Pantry* located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- ↳ Financially support the *Food Voucher Program* administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

Canned meat	Boxed snacks	Powdered Milk	Tomato sauces
Peanut Butter	Pasta and Rice	Tuna Fish	Granola bars
Vegetables	Soups and Stews	Juices/Juice boxes	Cereal

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :

CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926



**CHESHIRE
FOOD
DRIVE** INC.

First full weekend in November
Congregational Church Green

Shopping List

- Cash for vouchers
- Shelf-stable milk
- Granola bars/snacks
- Canned chicken/meat
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Tuna fish
- Salt/pepper/spices
- Rice/grains
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Pasta & sauce
- Soups/stews
- Canned/dried beans
- Canned tomatoes
- Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Nut butters

Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels

Apple Pie Workshop Memories



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION?...

I know there's no way to have Thanksgiving Dinner with every member of CLC, as much as the idea might appeal to some. We don't have the space to prepare enough food to feed everyone, and we don't have enough space for everyone to sit down to eat at the same time. On top of that, even though I know we love each other in Christ, I'm also sure many people would prefer to spend Thanksgiving at home with their families. But what if I told you there was a way that you could, in a small way, share your Thanksgiving table with the whole congregation? Well there is.

This year we're going to have a loaf exchange at our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Everyone is invited to bring a loaf of bread with them to the service; it can be bought at the grocery store or the bakery, or made at home if you'd like. (Please remember to wrap it if you make it at home – and please, no loaves of white sandwich bread that are so airy you “wonder” if it's really bread.) We'll all place our loaves in a basket at the beginning of the service, and then everyone is invited to take a different loaf of bread home with them when the service is over. By including these loaves of bread on our Thanksgiving tables we can, in a symbolic way, share the meal with our wider family of faith.



NEW ON OUR WEBSITE... WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists, Choirs and Sunday School
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Pictures from special events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



2018 PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEYS TO ISREAL, GERMANY, OBERAMMERGAU AND SCOTLAND IN 2019, 2020 AND 2021...

Presenting upcoming "Pastors Pilgrims" trips will be Pastor Greg Wismar and Ben Cross, from GLOBUS travel.

Planned journeys are to Israel in Lent of 2019, to Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020 and to Scotland and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2021.

See the Bulletin Board for more information.



SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

Are you serving as an acolyte, an altar assistant, an usher, a reader, or a choir member? All of these folks help to make our services happen on Sunday morning; it's because of their involvement and participation that our services are as rich, and full, and well run as they are. If you are not serving in one of these ways, please do. We are currently looking for readers, ushers, and choir members (youth and adult and handbell).



If you can sing, please join the youth or adult choir. If you can't sing, then please be a reader. If you can't read in front of people, then be an usher. If you can't walk up and down the aisles to collect the offering, please join the bell choir. We have ways that just about every member of our family of faith can help – all we need is you. To join one of the choirs, speak to Martha Medford. To be a reader or an usher, speak to David Schrumm.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (December 2018 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **November 23rd** (NOTE: This is the day after Thanksgiving) 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!



CLC MUSICAL OFFERING...

Music performed during Sunday morning services is sometimes recorded and then emailed to a number of people. Most computers will recognize the mp3 music file and play it back. It is especially appreciated by those who are not able to be with us on a given Sunday.

If you are interested in receiving an occasional musical offering, please send an email to: juul@cox.net with "CLC Music" in the subject line. Recipient addresses will not appear in the music email. We would be happy to include you.

Most music offerings can also be found on our CLC Website.

Judy & Bill Juul



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers are be needed to prepare, serve and clean up for the between service Coffee Hour. 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!



SMART STEWARDSHIP - DONATING IRA FUNDS TO CHARITIES, INCLUDING CLC...

Generally, distributions from traditional Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) are included in taxable income in the year they are received. One exception from such distributions being taxable is for individuals who are at least age 70½, who may directly transfer otherwise taxable traditional IRA distributions to certain tax-exempt charities. These distributions are referred to as qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). As individuals age 70½ are subject to IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) rules, a QCD can count as a distribution for purposes of the RMD rules.



For income tax purposes, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) are excluded from federal gross income, thereby saving federal and Connecticut income taxes. And because QCDs are not included in the donor's income, QCDs also lower the odds that one will be affected by various other unfavorable income-based tax provisions, such as the amount of Social Security benefits subject to income tax, and a lower gross income can reduce certain individual's obligation to pay a greater monthly Medicare premium in a following year.

A few related rules are: the maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000 per person and no charitable itemized deduction is allowed for QCDs.

Please refer to IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements for additional information, or consult with your personal tax advisor. If you are interested in arranging for a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) as an offering to Cheshire Lutheran Church, please contact our church office, our Financial Secretary, or our Treasurer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ADVENT LUNCH...

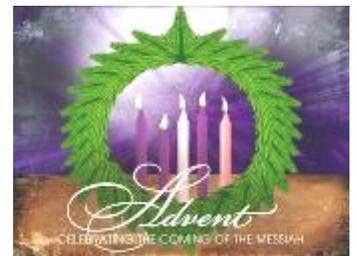
Tis the season to celebrate
And be thankful for the past year
You are invited to our
JUBILEE ADVENT LUNCH

DECEMBER 2ND AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE

**MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR
(LUKE 1:47)**

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**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
SEASON OF ADVENT**



Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board



CLC HELPING HANDS...

“Helping Hands” of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping “behind the scenes” from women and men in the congregation who see a need and respond to it. It is likely there are others who have needs and those who would be inclined to help but are unaware of the needs. Helping Hands is organized to meet the needs of both groups, men and women, singles and families.

Please consider requesting assistance such as meals, transportation, occasional errands, minor household repairs, and visitors.

Those able to offer occasional time and your talents, please sign up on the bulletin board, indicating your “offering”.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please contact the church office (203-272-5106) or me (203-710-0753) to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all Information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman



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.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE...

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee has been busy lately. Several Memorial Plaques have been ordered and installed, several Inurnment Subscriptions have been secured and our first two inurnments have been placed within the wall.

The Committee has created a Memorial Garden and Columbarium informational pamphlet that summarizes the purpose of the site, as well as answering some frequently asked questions. Look for the pamphlet on the hallway counter.

Pastor plans to have a lovely memorial service on All Saints Day this year that will remember our dear loved ones that have gone before us. This service will include the significance of our Columbarium wall in that celebration.

For more information grab a pamphlet and/or contact any member of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee .



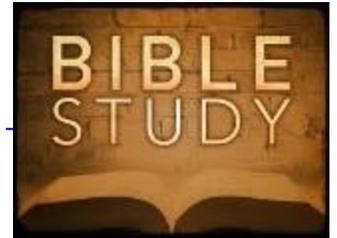
Bible Studies at CLC

Come on out and join us for the following Bible studies offered during the week:



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday morning Bible study continues on Sundays between our services at 9:10 a.m. in the Library.



WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

Wednesday afternoon's at 1:30 p.m. we will continue with "Walkthrough Wednesdays" where we pick a book of the Bible and work our way through it. Join us in the Library.

We are walking through the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke; we're currently in chapter two, so read through it briefly and stop on by.



THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUPS...

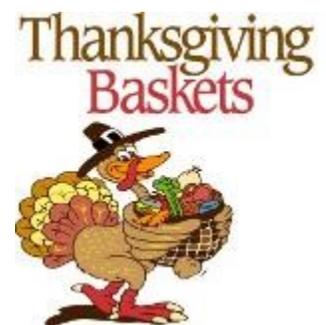
We will continue with Men's and Ladies' Bible studies; both of these will meet twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as follows:

- ✝ Ladies meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays
- ✝ Men meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS...

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is preparing 140 Thanksgiving Baskets for people in need in our community. All the Houses of Worship in town are helping out, with each of us collecting two specific items. Here at CLC we're providing cans of cream of mushroom soup and containers of fried onions. If you'd like to donate, please purchase both of the items (one of each) and bring them to Church no later than Thursday, November 8. Financial contributions may be placed in the red and white striped box marked with a fried onion label located on the hallway counter.

If you'd like to help out in a slightly more active way, volunteers are welcome to help assemble the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. That will be happening at the Cheshire Community Food Pantry (175 Sandbank Road) on Sunday, November 11, at 4:00 p.m. With lots of volunteers it usually takes about 1 to 1.5 hours. Come on out and help if you can.



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:

- 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
- 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
- 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2018



- 1st Evan Napp
- 3rd Griffin Natzel
- 10th Lynn Balash
Andrea Schrumm
- 11th Julian Muller
Alexis Veleber
Edith Wnuck
- 13th Pamela Clark
- 14th Natalie Veleber
- 15th David Veleber
- 17th Bill Sherman
Christina Plantier
- 18th Jonathan Schrumm
- 19th Ralph Schupp
Alyssa DeLaubell
- 20th Clifford Ongley
Steve Behnfeldt
- 21st Joanne Casberg
- 22nd Bruce Emerick
Brad Shick
- 26th John Casberg
Debbie Sherman
- 29th Ruth Veleber

- 6th Joseph & Rita Stark 64 Years
- 7th Jonathan & Sherri Richter 9 Years
- 10th David & Melissa Veleber 15 Years
- 12th Don & Diane Drust 46 Years
- 16th Alan & Carol Santoro 33 Years
- 20th Patrick & Judith DiDomizio 53 Years
- 21st Raymond & Eleanor Verner 59 Years
- 23rd John & Priscilla Mulvaney 33 Years
Paul & Christine Smith 27 Years
- 24th Tim & Cindy Baker 17 Years
- 27th Edward & Nancy Schweizer 36 Years
- 28th John & Joanne Casberg 59 Years
Blair & Kristen Donewald 37 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Voters will meet Tuesday November 12th at 7:00 pm . We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



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