

# The Heavenly Herald

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## Epiphany

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:18 (ESV)

A blessed Christmas to you! Though I do not know whether this issue of the *Heavenly Herald* will be reaching you on Dec. 30 or Jan. 6, both are within the Christmas Season, so I am not late in my holiday greeting. (For those of you who do not know, or do not remember, the season of Christmas runs from sundown on the Eve of December 24 through January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany when we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the Holy Family. The old song that continually refers to a partridge in a pear tree got the number of days right, 12.) I pray your gatherings with family and friends have been, or will be, happy ones.

Please allow me to also share this wish with you: Happy New Year! As we close the calendar on 2018 and head into 2019, I look forward to all that the year ahead will bring, and all that our gracious Heavenly Father will do in and through Cheshire Lutheran. This is an exciting time of year, when we think about all the potential of the new year. It's a time to make a fresh start, do something new, and to leave behind the things of the past year that did not go well for us. That is also the thought behind all the "New Year's Resolutions" that people make.

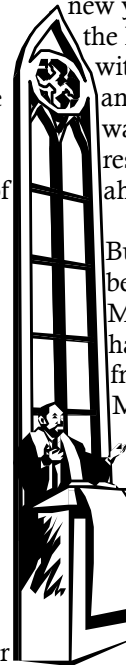
We've all made them at one time or another. We've determined that, in the New Year we will: eat right and exercise; spend less and save more; get the house in order and keep it that way; work less and take more time for family and friends; change careers and get that job we've always wanted; find love and start a family; or whatever it may be. Even if you don't call it a resolution or make it something formal, just about everyone makes plans for the New Year and what they want to accomplish. We even do those things at CLC.

Every year begins with our Annual Corporate Meeting (see President Bill Sherman's article for date/time info), where reports are made recounting what was done over the last year, and plans begin to be made for the year ahead. The schedule for our Voters' Meetings for the year ahead is set and we begin working on the Mission Plan for the new year that was adopted by the Voters at the December meeting. That's the routine with which this congregation begins each and every year, and it's very similar to the way we all make our New Year's resolutions and our plans for the year ahead.

But this year is different from every year before it. This year we have more than a Mission Plan to challenge us; we also have a Ministry Plan as well. With input from the folks who attended the Voters' Meeting, we've put together some additional goals for our congregation, and I would like you to be part of helping us reach them. The goals for the 2019 Ministry Plan are: 1. Increase overall worship attendance by 10%; 2. Increase Sunday School attendance by 10%; 3. Increase Bible Study attendance by 10%; 4. Increase Young Family engagement/participation; 5. Restart our Youth Group; 6. Strengthen our Outreach and Evangelism Activities.

We've already got some ideas for moving forward on these goals, and have identified some resources that we can tap to help us. You'll be hearing more about those in the weeks and months ahead. Still, we need more suggestions, more ideas, and we'd like them to come from you. As the Pastor, I could throw out a bunch of ideas, and I'm sure that people would readily go along with them, but ideas from me alone are not going

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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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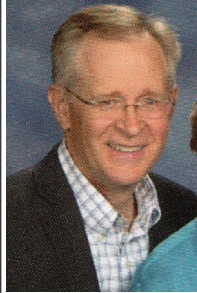
*Bill Sherman-Parish President*

*Beth Soulier-Editor*

**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL*

At our December Church Council meeting, we heard reports from Pastor Rowold, our Officers, and most of our Deacons about their respective ongoing activities and plans for the upcoming weeks.



I reported to our Voters Assembly at our November meeting that the Council had started a process of formal evaluations of our CLC staff, including Pastor Rowold, Martha Medford and Carol Santoro. We concluded that process in December with meetings with each of them, when the evaluation comments were summarized and discussed. Pastor Rowold and I met with Martha and Carol, and our Worship Deacon, David Schrumm, and I met with Pastor Rowold. CLC is indeed blessed to have these individuals to lead and support us.

As I finish another term serving as President of our congregation, I am thankful of our Council members and our Voters who have been diligent in attending and participating in our periodic meetings that help manage our congregation's ministries and responsibilities

In the near term, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, following each of our worship services. In the span of about 10 minutes, we'll review the past year, with the presentation of our "Annual Report". The first regular meeting of our Voters Assembly for 2019 is scheduled for Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am, following our second worship service. Look for the full schedule of our 2019 meetings, including Church Council and Voters Assembly meetings in our annual report.

As I finish another term serving as President of our congregation, I am thankful of our Council members and our Voters who have been diligent in attending and participating in our periodic meetings that help manage our congregation's ministries and responsibilities. Additionally, CLC is also blessed with so many individuals who give of their time and talent to keep our congregation's ministries and responsibilities 'up and running' week after week.

Lastly, in the New Year Resolution department, I'd like to encourage members to reread and embrace the 2019 Ministry Mission Plan that Pastor Rowold has set out before us for 2019 and ask **"How can I help make it happen?"**. And yet another New Year resolution, I'd like to again encourage you to say **"Hello"** and introduce yourself, throughout the year, to others whom you do not yet know, whether in the pews, in our fellowship hall, or in passing in the hallway.

Happy New Year; I hope to see you in church!

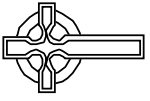
*Bill*

William C. Sherman  
Parish President, CLC

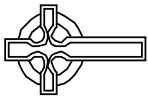
**2019 FLOWER CHART...**



If you would like to place flowers on the altar on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the Flower Chart which is hanging on the Bulletin Board.



# GAEL GALLENDAIR



# January

# January Servants

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to be the answer. When ideas come from you, from the members of the congregation – and I have seen this first hand several times – that’s when people start to really get involved.

Here at CLC the Lord is doing a new thing in this New Year and I want you to be part of it; correction, I need you to be a part of it. Share your thoughts and your ideas with me. Come to Church, to Sunday School, to Bible Study. Make suggestions for topics that we can address or things we can do that would encourage you to be with us more and inspire you to bring other people with you. Help us as we seek to share the love of God in Christ Jesus with the people of Cheshire and the wider world around us.

The Lord is doing a new thing, will you be a part of it?

In Christ,  
Pastor R

*Bless  
your  
Church  
and God's Work*

## CLCW JANUARY THAW PARTY...

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Ladies, this year we plan to hold our January Thaw Party at Church, hoping that it will attract more participants.

It will take place on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a gift for a gift exchange, limit of \$20. The gift exchange will not be the usual Yankee Swap, but the new one we tried last year, the **Switch, Steal, Un-wrap Gift Exchange**. Those of you who attended last year can remember it was very different and fun.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway after Christmas. We just wanted to give everyone a heads-up on the date.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki DePaolo at 203-697-0810 or e-mail me at vpd228@sbcglobal.net.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Thank you to all who participated in the “365 Days of Christmas” Christmas Pageant this year. The children did a fantastic job—See the video that was posted on the CLC Website if you missed it.

The Pageant would not have happened if not for the hard work and dedication of many, especially Martha Medford, Sunday School staff and Parents. Thank You.

Many thanks to the children and youth of the congregation for donating over 40 hats and mittens/gloves to Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury. The items will be distributed to needy children in the area.

REMINDER:

Sunday school and High School Bible Study will resume on Sunday, January 6th, at 9:10 a.m.

In Christ, Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio & Martha Medford



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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
January 2 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 6 - Sunday <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 9 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 13 - Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School—All Students
January 16 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 20 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 23 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 27 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
January 30 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

## Congregational Meeting Reminder:

# Sunday January 13, 2019 following the worship services!



### THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

#### January

January 3, 1521	Martin Luther excommunicated from Catholic Church by Pope Leo X
January 1958	First congregational officers elected, parish constitution adopted, and congregation officially named Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 29, 1961	Opening dedication ceremony of Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 7, 2018	Rev. David Patrick Rowold accepted our Call to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson

## 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.



## NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

On Sunday, February 3rd 160 million Americans will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop a monetary donation and/or a soup donation in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 3rd. CLC's donations will go to Cheshire Community Food Pantry.



### Sharing Gods' Gifts with Others

CLC has many ways that has been done this year as a congregation. This first year as Social Welfare Deacon has made me realize how generous and ready to share we are. Throughout the year we willingly support multiple causes. The list includes:

Cheshire Community Food Pantry - The monthly collection Cheshire Town drive and Thanksgiving (soup/onions)

Souper Bowl of Caring – a national youth led drive

Hope Pregnancy Center – ongoing baby items collection

Blanket Sunday – given in US and Worldwide

Remembering Our Troops – individual packages are assembled in Fairfield CT and delivered to overseas troops

School kits are stocked for Orphan Grain Train to deliver

Thanksgiving Eve offering went to Thrivent fire & hurricane relief

Sharing the Warmth – 3 full car loads of clothes were given to ACTS4 Ministry in Waterbury

Worldwide Ministry – annual financial support from CLC members



I'm sure we will continue to support old and new project with the same love and support  
Thank you and God Bless you

Dotti Dierolf  
Social Welfare Deacon

## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2019...

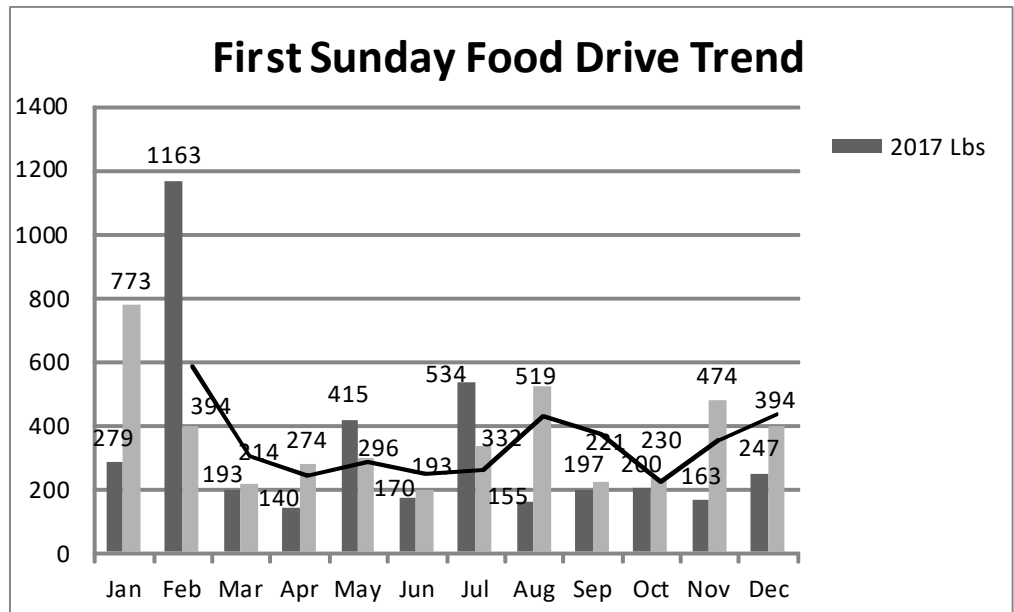
Pledge Sunday for 2019 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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.



## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all who have pledged or requested envelopes for donations. We have had a decent start but we definitely could use more people to make sure they return their pledge packets as soon as possible. If you have not picked up your pledge packet (or you have but have just not had a chance to return it yet), please think about returning your pledge card at your earliest convenience. It is never too late to submit your pledge. If you make regular contributions but do not pledge, if you have not already done so, please make sure to see Carol Santoro, our Church Secretary, to obtain a box of envelopes so that your contributions can be noted. This will be helpful to you for personal tax filings.

As I must regularly do, I would like to take a minute to thank Carol Santoro for all of her hard work over the past couple months. She was invaluable in assisting to get the pledge packets together before taking some much deserved time off. I would also especially like to thank Nancy Schweizer for her tremendous help filling in while Carol is away. Much thanks to both of you for making this a smooth process.

I again thank all of you for your generosity and consideration towards helping to keep CLC strong.

Sincerely,

David Veleber  
Stewardship Deacon




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## 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](http://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](http://www.smile.amazon.com)

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## 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!



## 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...

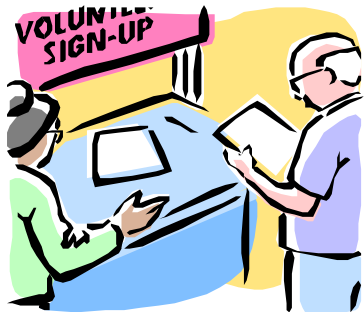
Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.

## 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 2019 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
- † 2019 Usher Schedule
- † 12 Annual Great Hartford Messiah Sing information
- † New Sign for CLC information
- † CLC January Thaw Party information
- † CLCW Women's Retreat information



### *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](mailto: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:

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...



Greetings from Little Cherubs,

December has been a month of preparing for the Birth of Christ. The children have learned the Christmas Story and reenacted by dressing up. They were adorable. We have been opening our Advent Calendar leading us up to Christmas.

The children have had a few Birthday Celebrations with great treats and goodie bags to give to their friends.

In Class we have moved up to number 12 and letter O. Bible has consisted of the Celebration of Jesus' Birth, Jonah and the Big Fish and Daniel in the Lion's Den.

We have been super busy making secret surprises for parents. All the children and teachers have been hard at work.

Stay safe and celebrate with family and friends...

Merry Christmas to All.

Blessings,  
Miss JoAnn, Miss Cindy and Miss Martha



## CLC'S RICH HISTORY—THE CHRISMON TREE...

Advent and Christmas are past. The tree and decorations will be removed as we head into 2019.

This year's beautiful 22 foot tree came from Leavenworth Farm on Coleman Road. The tree was loaded on Ed Schweizer's trailer and brought to the church. A number of years ago the trees came from Durham, CT and was transported to CLC on a flatbed truck belonging to Roger Strollo. What a sight following the truck and tree over the back roads to Cheshire.

Most of the Chrismons are at least 35 to 48 years old and are carefully sorted, individually wrapped and stored. Each Chrismon has a special meaning. A picture of Gerry Mitlehner and our first decorated tree is in our historical scrapbook located in the library. Twenty women started making the Chrismons in October, 1970. A picture of El Smith, Dot Manke, Dot Roth, Gerry Mitlehner, and Judy Juul making some of the Chrismons is also present. A description of the ornaments is also in the scrapbook. A pictorial pamphlet of the ornaments was written a few years ago. Dave Schrumm has followed his father's practice of climbing the ladder and placing the crown and selected ornament on the top of the tree.

The wreaths have a history too. Boy Scout troop 91, organized in 1960, sold thousands of wreaths going door to door to support camping and those attending High Adventure Camp. Bruce Turkelson, George Carson, Al Mitlehner, Al Manke, and Curt Smith were all involved with the troop. The current wreaths are obtained from troop 198. Guy Mason and his sons are current members of 198.

Bill and Debbie Sherman have supplied the white poinsettias at the base of the tree. Priscilla Mulvaney made the tree skirt. The poinsettias on the church altar are gifts of Johnathan Manke of Tower Farms. With many hands, it all comes together.

Curt Smith, Margie and Jim Mertz



## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS DEACON...



Hello everyone,

It's been another busy year for our houses and grounds and I'd like to let you all know what was done in 2018.

January and February saw us complete the renovation on the parsonage with the remodel of the kitchen and carpeting in the family room. We also installed new appliances and fixtures in the kitchen and dining room. After a lot of cleaning, on February 20<sup>th</sup> we handed the keys to a beautiful house over to pastor Rowald and his family. I've said it before and I'll say it again, there were so many people that helped with the parsonage renovation and I am just one of the many that did so much to make this all happen, I can't thank everyone enough.

The spring saw our annual inside and outside clean up for Easter, a big thank you to everyone that helped. Bill Juul picked up some new wireless mic's, so our active pastor can deliver his sermon from anywhere in the church now. The dishwasher washer in the kitchen was fixed and Don Drust was kind enough to replace the lights in the kitchen and fellowship hall with new bright LED lights – thank you Don!

In July we purchased a podium for the lesson readers and after only a few weeks the compliments and comments were clear and made me wonder why it took so long. We also purchased a chair caddy for the folding chairs in the library.



The unusual weather this year really taxed our air conditioning at the church and between May and September we had 4 service calls resulting in over a thousand dollars in unexpected repair bills. We will be keeping an eye on it again this year. The spring storms also brought down tree limbs and branches, but we were lucky to avoid any real damage. Thank you to those that cleaned up the parsonage and church grounds.

This fall we had our annual Fire inspection and changed to a local company here in Cheshire that also saved us some money. We also began looking for new lighting for the sanctuary to brighten up the church. After receiving bids from three vendors we decided to go with Don Drust's vendor due to price and availability. With the new lighting we will also be getting new fans for the ceiling and new electric outlets for our holiday decorations. All in all, a much-needed update to our sanctuary.

December saw our annual nativity scene set up (thanks again to Joe Stark for the new shed) and Christmas tree set-up and decorating. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped get our big beautiful tree up and decorated!

Lastly, we took good care of Little Cherubs throughout the year. In February, Ed Schwiezer and I replaced a toilet, in July Don Drust had the floors cleaned and waxed and in September we replaced the lighting with LED to match the church (again thanks to Don Drust with help from Ed Schweizer and Bill Juul). We continue to caulk around the windows to keep out the driving rain once or twice a year.



Things to look forward to next year, a new sign out front! I have been working with Jon Schrumm since the spring on a new design that would include Little Cherubs and be more visible from the road. In October we got the final approval from the town and building permits. The final design is on the bulletin board for all to see. The new sign should be ready by the beginning of the new year and then it is just a matter of installing it weather permitting.

As you can see it was another full year and I look forward to working with everyone again for the next 3 years as I have volunteered to stay on as your house and grounds deacon for another term. I feel truly blessed to have so much help and support in this role and I look forward to serving you all in the future.

Andy Clark

Have a Merry Christmas!



# The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.

*Caring about our neighbors*

Now that we are in our new building at 175 Sandbank Road and we have lots of refrigeration. We can finally take non-expired perishable items as well as nonperishable goods. We also have a vestibule with a refrigerator so you can drop off donations when it is convenient for you.

Here is our “hot list” however we appreciate any and all non-perishable/non-expired food, cleaning supplies, paper goods and health and beauty items. Your generosity helps us keep our shelves filled and makes life a little easier for our clients:

**Dairy:**

Eggs, Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

**Condiments:**

Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard

**Cooking/Baking Products:**

Salt, Pepper, Cooking Oil, Olive Oil, Spices, Baking Mixes (various)

**Pantry:**

Salad Dressing, Pickles, Juice Boxes/Bottles, Canned Chicken, Applesauce and Canned Fruit, Cereal boxes, Crackers/Cookies, Grape Jelly (and any other flavors!), Coffee (regular and decaf)

**Cleaning Supplies and Paper Items:**

Paper towels, Toilet Paper, Paper Napkins, Laundry Detergent (small sizes are encouraged), Dish Detergent, Sponges, Wipes

**Personal Items:**

Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Razor, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Lotion

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS...

- ✦ **Sunday, December. 30**—*No* Sunday School, Confirmation Class or Adult Bible Study
- ✦ **Sunday, January 6**—Sunday school, High School & Adult Bible Study will resume at 9:10 AM



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

(February 2019 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **January 25<sup>th</sup>** (NOTE: This is a change from previous notifications) 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!



## SHOP AT PATRICK BAKER & SONS...CLC GETS

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](http://www.Churchgoods.com); when checking out, select CLC as your church and place the provided church ID# in the church code box.



# Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Many thanks to the special folk that assembled the December Heavenly Herald!
- ✦ Many thanks to Jonathan Manke for donating the lovely red Poinsettias that adorned our Altar on Christmas Eve. They were beautiful!
- ✦ **Church Decorating – Thank You!**  
Thanks to all the folks that helped out with setting up the Christmas tree, decorating it, and decorating the church. The chosen tree is just beautiful!
- ✦ VERY SPECIAL Thank you to Tim Weiland for ALWAYS being there to take pictures of all of our events! Tim, your hard work and dedication is GREATLY APPRECIATED!
- ✦ Also VERY SPECIAL Thank You to Bill Juul for recording (audio & video) all our events at CLC. Bill also loads them onto our Website so we can enjoy them for many years to come. Thank You Bill.
- ✦ Gracious thanks to Curt and Karen Smith for donating the beautiful wreaths that adorn the Church!
- ✦ Special Thanks to Bill and Debbie Sherman for donating the lovely white Poinsettia plants that are placed beneath the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ Very special Thank You to Martha and her crew for the lovely Christmas Pageant. Your hard work paid off, the Pageant was phenomenal again this year
- ✦ CLC is blessed with many unnamed folk that continuously clean up our beautiful grounds. Thank you for your hard work and we want you to know that it is greatly appreciated. WE ARE BLESSED
- ✦ Thank you to Karen Weiland, the Drust's and the Fellowship Committee for another WONDERFUL Advent dinner. The food and fellowship was outstanding. God Bless
- ✦ Thank you to the folk that came out and set up our Beautiful Crèche. It is such an inspiration every time we drive by
- ✦ Special thank you to Carol Santoro for your hard work running our Church Office. Additionally, we wish to thank Nancy Schweizer for filling in for Carol (when she is on a much needed break). Thanks to you both.



## 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](mailto: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



## 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!

## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019...

**When God Winks at You:** How God Speaks Directly to You through the Power of Coincidence by Squire Rushnell

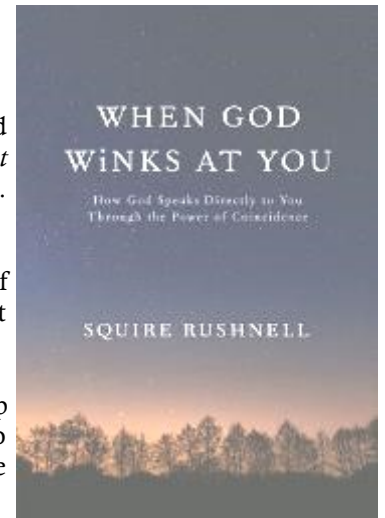
Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment. Could God be showing you that He cares about the details of your life?

Best-selling author Squire Rushnell says these silent little miracles are *godwinks* - messages of assurance that no matter what is happening in your life or how uncertain things may seem at the moment, God is with you and will help you move toward certainty.

Please plan on joining us in May for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign –up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The registration fee including lunch is \$44, payable to CLCW and can be placed in the silver box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the book will be found on the counter near the church office after January 1<sup>st</sup>. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which will be located outside the church office window in January.

Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810



## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...[WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://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.



# CLC December 2018



Advent Jubilee Dinner on December 2, 2018



Setting up the Crèche on December 1, 2018



Little Cherubs Christmas Party on December 14, 2018



Christmas Tree felling on December 14, 2018



# Memories



Setting the Christmas Tree up  
in the Sanctuary  
on December 14, 2018



Christmas Tree & Church decorating  
on December 15, 2018



Christmas Pageant on December 16, 2018





## 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...

Plaques for the Phil Kenney, Art Munter and the Clarks have been placed on the wall in their respective spots. Letters confirming the plaque placement will be sent to the Kenney, Munter and Clark families after Christmas.



We hope you all saw the Timeline Poster and New MG & C picture put up by Margie Mertz and Vicki DePaolo.

The chairs purchased for Columbarium event use have been carefully mounted in the parking lot shed by Buzz Gancarz.

Former DCE Office is now being used as the Columbarium Office. This is so committee members can conduct private and uninterrupted conversations with anyone considering inurnment or plaques.

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

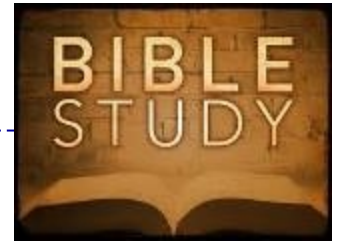
# Bible Studies at CLC

Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in Bible Study.



## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m.; we'll begin a study about Noah and the Flood in January



## WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

You're also welcome to stop by on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as we continue to walk through Luke's Gospel; we're in chapter 5 right now and we'll pick up at verses 17 and following on January 2. Join us in the Library.



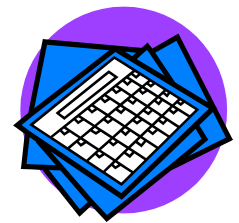
## THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUPS...

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 are invited to come out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. as we look at great women of the Bible
- ✠ Men are encouraged to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.; we'll be finish up our study on facing disaster on January 3 and then will begin another study later in the month.

## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2019...

**2019 Calendars** are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Al-derson/Slater Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.



## 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!



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**January 2019**

- 1st Catherine Barden  
Todd Plantier
- 4th Emily Smith
- 5th Robin Harding  
Michael Carrington
- 8th Karen Neff
- 10th Craig Wilson
- 13th Jean O'Hara  
Carolyn Schmollinger
- 14th Barbara Manthey
- 18th Scott Slauson
- 20th Rebecca Mayer
- 23rd Margie Mertz
- 24th Ned McBain
- 25th Carol Santoro
- 26th John Shepard
- 27th Don Dobbs
- 28th Eleanor Kenney
- 29th Mikayla Pryde
- 30th Todd Peters  
Heidi Schlupp
- 31st Matthew Lynch

6th  
17th

Patrick & Kelley Collins-Pardee  
John & Lynn Balash

7 Years  
44 Years



**ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING  
REMINDER...**

No Voters or Council meeting in January!!!  
The Annual corporate meeting will be held on  
Sunday January 13th after the services!

**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.



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