

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE - "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
 Genesis 3:19 (ESV)

We all know these words; they are spoken every year as, one by one, Christians have ashes applied to their foreheads in the shape of a cross at the beginning of the season of Lent. It has been going on for centuries and it continues to this day in Churches across the globe. The very first time they were spoken, it was by God the Father Himself, as He finished passing judgement on Adam and Eve after they committed the first sin; now they are spoken to us, as we begin our observance of the season where we contemplate our own sins and turn to God in repentance.

Of course, there were no ashes put on the foreheads of Adam and Eve when they heard these words. No. The modern practice of applying ashes in the shape of a cross to the head of a repentant Christian only goes back roughly 1,000 years, or perhaps a little bit longer. In contrast to the approximately 6,000 years ago when God first spoke these words, it's a relatively new practice. Yet the act of wearing ashes as a sign of repentance actually goes back long before the time of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The earliest reference in the Bible to wearing dust and ashes as a sign of repentance is found in the Book of Job, which records events that probably took place around the year 2000 BC (roughly the time of Abraham). In it, Job sees and hears God with his own eyes and ear after having doubted God and he laments his sin, saying "I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:6 ESV). This practice of wearing dust and ashes, usually accompanied by donning clothing made of sackcloth (a rough fabric like old fashioned potato sacks), is seen

throughout the Old Testament and into the New Testament.

The wearing of ashes is designed to be an outward sign of our inward repentance, and a reminder of the reality of our own mortality. The words that are spoken with them on Ash Wednesday bring that reality home with stark clarity, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Yet we at CLC are reminded that we are but dust and ashes much more often than once a year; that truth is brought home every time we enter or leave our Church property, every time we look out the front doors of the Church – or at least it should be.



The truth that we are dust and ashes, and will return to them, is proclaimed loudly and clearly by the Memorial Garden and Columbarium that grace our Church property. While some Churches hide their dead in cemeteries out in the back, we proudly commemorate our saints in the Columbarium in the front. There we see plainly the truth of God's Word spoken to Adam and Eve, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." And yet, "to dust you shall return" is not the final word.

Four verses earlier in Genesis 3 (in verse 15 to be precise), God gives the first promise of a Savior – one who will "bruise the head of the serpent". With those words, God reassured Adam and Eve, and each of us, that He would send someone to save us from sin, death, and the devil. That some was, of

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 10, 2019.**
 Move your clocks *ahead* 1 hour so you are not late for Church!

***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

Greetings All,



The first Voters meeting of 2019 was conducted on Sunday, Feb 10th following the late service and was well attended and productive. We easily met the quorum requirement – thank you to all for making such a great effort to attend this meeting! We were also pleased to welcome a few members who expressed interest in becoming future voters.

LCMS Presidential Elections will occur during the month of June, and motions were made authorizing Pastor Rowold to cast votes for David Maier, of Brighton, MI, as President, and Timothy Klinkenburg, of Orange, CA, as Vice President in the upcoming election. These candidates were chosen with insight from Pastor Nuechterlein and Pastor Rowold, as individuals that are best fit for the roles. In addition, I was named and will cast votes as the lay delegate in the Presidential Election for these candidates.

we were honored to celebrate Pastor Rowold’s one year anniversary, and to especially extend a warm welcome to his wife Tricia and daughter Sarah for all that they do.

Special thanks to all members who joined us for the Youth Ministry Seminar presented by Nik Locker from 516 Missions on February 2nd. The primary message centered around creating connections and building relationships being of utmost importance for building youth ministry. Many ideas surfaced from the session and we look forward to building on the momentum and excitement we all experienced.

For those members who enjoy winter, we’re excited for you. However; we’re even more excited to see our snow removal expenses under budget. Let’s pray this trend continues.

In late February we were honored to celebrate Pastor Rowold’s one year anniversary, and to especially extend a warm welcome to his wife Tricia and daughter Sarah for all that they do. We’re extremely blessed to have them as part of our CLC family and look forward to the bright future our congregation has with Pastor Rowold leading us in our ministry with Christ!

One of our 2019 goals is to enhance our social media presence for external prospective members as well as internal congregation communications. If you have an interest in joining our social media team to help develop our strategy, please let Pastor or I know.

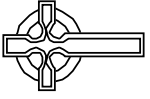
Yours in Christ!

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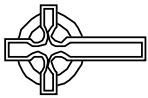
2019 FLOWER CHART...



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.



GAELIC GALILENDAR



March

March Servants

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course, Jesus Christ, who defeated that unholy trinity by His sinless life and by His innocent suffering and death. Now, each of us who has faith in Him will be raised from the dust of death to enjoy everlasting life with God in heaven.

As we wear those ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday we are reminded of our own mortality and we confess our own sinfulness, but it's much more than that. We don't simply wear dust and ashes dumped on our heads; no, they are applied to our heads in the shape of the cross – much in the same way the sign of the cross was made on our foreheads in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, to mark us as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified. We wear those ashes in the shape of a cross to confess to the world that here is a sinner who is redeemed by Christ Jesus; here is a sinner who is now dust and ashes, but who will one day be raised to eternal life with Christ and all the saints.



Will you come and wear ashes with me?

Will you come and wear ashes with me?

In Christ,

Pastor R

UPDATE: CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE KIDS...

Many thanks to all the folks who contributed goodies and those who gave money so that we could send Care Packages to our CLC college students away from home! Packages were sent to the following students:

Amanda Nowak
 Cadet Benjamin DeLaubell
 Alyssa DeLaubell
 Kiley Soulier
 Timothy Fiedler
 Hayley Fiedler

Erich Strunk
 Alyssa Hajjar
 Lisette Donewald
 Julia Schaff
 Owen Kennelly
 Ben Harney



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

We are fast approaching the first day of SPRING!!! To be exact, 17 days and counting.

The beginning of LENT is March 6—Ash Wednesday. The question now is what will you give up during these 40 days of Lent? Perhaps a better question should be, "What can I give to help someone or in some way better myself during these 40 days of Lent?" I am sending out a challenge to all Sunday school children to think of something to better your selves or help out at home in some way during this season of Lent. It does not have to be any thing big. Perhaps after 40 days it will become routine; which will be a very good thing!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens ME!"
 Philippians 4:13

ThankYou!

In Christ, Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio & Martha Medford



March 6th is Ash Wednesday!

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
March 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 6 - Wednesday Ash Wednesday <i>Midweek Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 7 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 10 - Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School—All Students
March 13 - Wednesday 2nd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 14 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 17 - Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 20 - Wednesday 3rd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:30 PM	Service	Organ
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 21 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 24 - Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Service	Organ
	10:30 AM	Service	Organ
March 27 - Wednesday 4th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 28 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 31 - Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 3 - Wednesday 5th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES ON JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT...

Our series for Lent this year takes us through some of Jesus' most familiar teachings from His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. In the process, we'll come to see how the cross of Calvary itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season. Services are Wednesday evenings and will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 6.

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.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

March

March 30, 1958	Congregation chartered on Palm Sunday, with 71 communicants received as charter members
March 1960	The Rev. Darrel Geitz released to accept call to Our Savior and Messiah Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana
March 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms construction commenced



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Greetings,

A few points to make the Financial Secretary job easier for me and the volunteers.

If you have envelopes please use them, it is an important check and balance to keep track of your donations.

Put the amount on the envelope.

From the friendly tellers at the bank, please use black or blue ink only the check reader can't read red, green, etc.

As for volunteering to help with the count, I originally stated I would be counting at night during the week. My schedule has shifted a bit so I can now do Sunday after church also. Please contact me at gmason94@gmail.com or (203)470-4576 if you would be willing to help.

Guy Mason—gmason94@gmail.com
Financial Secretary



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?

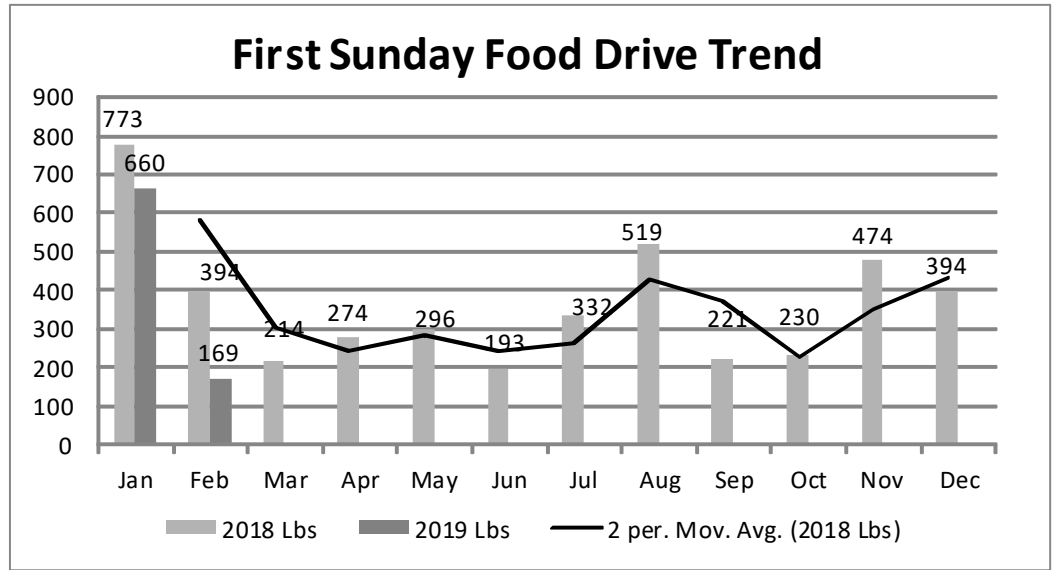
Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others, and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way 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 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes 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, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is 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.



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.

Thank you again for getting the Mission Plan off to a good start this year. Now it is that time again – Thrivent Choice Dollar allocation. This is another potential source of revenue for CLC. This one is essentially **free money**.

I am talking about **Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Many of you have accounts with Thrivent Financial. If you do, you should be eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars. This is a program run by Thrivent whereby Thrivent members can direct where Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. Cheshire Lutheran Church is an eligible organization to receive these funds. But CLC needs you to make sure you contact Thrivent and direct them to dedicate your 2018 Choice Dollars to CLC no later than March 31st.

Regardless of whether you got a reminder in the mail/email or not, I ask you to please contact Thrivent and direct your dollars to be contributed to CLC. This program provides a couple thousand dollars to the Church, but it could mean even more because only a percentage of members actually direct their funds. A significant percentage of members of CLC, who are also Thrivent members, never direct the funds at all (even to other organizations). Without the direction, your Choice Dollars will expire and not be distributed to any organization.

REMEMBER: You have to make a specific direction each year. They do not assume that your past directions are your current directions.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars[®] have until **March 31, 2018**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity [to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to](#) Cheshire Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Notwithstanding the deadline of March 31st, please contact Thrivent by mail, online, or phone call by March 17th in order to ensure your dedication is processed by March 31st. Please take a few minutes to contact Thrivent and direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CLC. Thank you.

If you have any questions, you can also contact your Thrivent representative, Mark Manning, at 203-241-0858.

Sincerely,

David Veleber
Stewardship Deacon



WILL YOU JOIN PASTOR IN TRYING TO READ THE WHOLE BIBLE IN 2 YEARS?...

In my Heavenly Herald article for February, I shared that I will be trying again to read the whole Bible from beginning to end. I'll be starting on the first Sunday in March, and I'm inviting you... no, challenging you...to join me. There are copies of a Two-Year Bible reading plan on the table in the narthex and the counter outside the office. Grab yourself a copy, if you don't have one, and join me over the next two years as we read through the whole of God's Word in the Bible.

Read the Bible
In
Two Years



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! Rehearsal times vary during Lent and church holidays. See Martha with questions.



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...

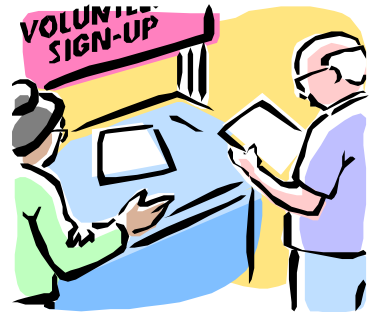
Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.

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 Sign-up on the Bulletin Board
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Lutheran Church Extension Fund information
- † 2019 Usher Schedule
- † New Sign for CLC 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
- † **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 congregation's children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Judy DiDomizio.
- † Our **Financial Secretary Guy Mason** is looking for volunteers to help with counting the money. Please contact Guy at church or email him at gmason94@gmail.com

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

February Happenings at Little Cherubs...

- ✦ We continue to get inquiries and signups for the Fall.
- ✦ **In terms of letters:** We worked on U, V, W, X
- ✦ **In terms of Numbers:** We worked on #9,10,11,&12
- ✦ **Bible Time:** Jesus Heals a Little Girl, Jesus Feeds 5000, Jesus Calms the Storm, and Zacchaeus. Pastor continues to visit us. The children love when he comes to class
- ✦ **Library Time:** "Snowman at Night", "The Frilly Valentine", "Mouses 1st Valentine", "Up, Up & Away" "What will the Weather Be?", "Going Places", "The Little Engine That Could", "The Tooth Book", and a lesson about Washington and Lincoln
- ✦ **Art:** Fluffy Snow, Valentines bags decorated, Hot Air Balloons, Blow Paint, Paint with eye droppers, Making School Buses, for Letter U the children made Umbrella Birds, Lincolns Penny, a Project for Washington and Trains
- ✦ **Enrichment:** The children have travelled to Norway and made Spritz cookies to have on the plane. They made suns for Soldag Day. Next, they travelled to China and watched a movie in flight. They ate ChowMein noodles. They made a Chinese Lantern and read the story of "Ping on the Yangtze River. They also ate hot LoMein noodles with chop sticks, ate a fortune cookie and used rubber stamps. After China they travelled to Australia. They were quite busy in Australia. They made Kangaroos with baby Joey and ate Peanut Butter and Jelly pita pockets. They painted pictures about Australia, made a mini book and ate Fairy Bread. After Australia they flew to Ireland. They had an inflight movie and ate homemade Irish soda bread. They painted stones to remind them of the Blarney Stone. They made a shamrock with finger print on the stone. The children this time took a Ferry from Ireland to Scotland. They made sheep. After Scotland they took a train to England



It was **Ground Hog Day**, so the children learned about what Ground Hog Day represents and made an art project for Ground Hog Day. They also learned about shadows and how they are made.

We have been doing our **5 senses** with the 4- year- old group. The children learned what Braille is and they created the letters of their first and last names using the braille alphabet. They learned about the ear and the parts of the ear. They learned about sign language and how to sign a few words. With touch, they traced their hands, cut them out and pasted on paper to represent that we use our hands for touch.

The Dentist came to visit on February 6th and February 28th. A visual lesson was taught on the proper way to take care of their teeth and the right foods to eat for healthy teeth. Dr. Amy Vincent came with her dental hygienist. Mrs. Vincent is our Dental Consultant.

We had a Valentines Day Party as well. One of the games the children enjoy playing is Sound Bingo. We have several different versions, we switch it up.

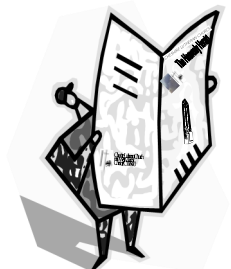
Happy Spring to you all! Hooray

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(March 2019 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **March 22nd** 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!





LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday March 6, 2019	Join us for Service (with disposition of Ashes) at 7:30 PM
2nd Wednesday in Lent	Wednesday March 13, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
3rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 20, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
4th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 27, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
5th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday April 3, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
6th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday April 10, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
Palm Sunday	Sunday April 14, 2019	Join us for Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY IS BACK...

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm during Lent, which runs from March 13th through April 10th, we will be having a Soup & Salad Supper followed by a short 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 a short 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.

There is a sign-up sheet for those who wish 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, please contact Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574

CLC TAG SALE THIS MAY....WE NEED YOU AND YOUR STUFF...

There will be a tag sale held here at CLC on Saturday May 18, 2019. Items may be delivered to the designated area of our church after Easter Sunday. Additional information will follow.

A small Tag Sale Committee has been formed, but we still need volunteers with experience in conducting Tag Sales. Please see Ed Schweizer or Pat DiDomizio if you can help!



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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

LEARN ALL ABOUT EXOTIC FRUITS...



Friday, March 29, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. at CLC



Are you wondering how to use all the unfamiliar fruits that are now being sold at your local market? Marisa McCoy, the Dietician at Shoprite, will be giving a talk on Exotic Fruits. Marisa will be bringing free samples to share!

Open to everyone here at CLC --bring a friend.

Any questions, please email Karen Weiland at kweiland3@sbcglobal.net



THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!...

Thrivent Financial believes that all we have is a gift from God and generosity is an expression of faith. Thrivent offers members many opportunities to “Live Generously” including the Choice Dollar Program.



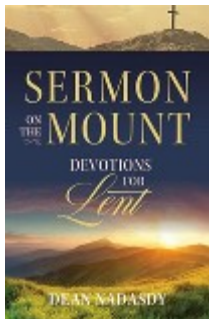
HOW TO DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Through the Thrivent **Choice Dollar Program**, eligible Thrivent members are designated charitable grant funds which they can direct among thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations. During the 2018 calendar year, \$3,376.00 in Choice Dollars was directed to Cheshire Lutheran Church from 17 Thrivent members. As always, a tremendous thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who generously directed their Choice Dollars to our congregation.

Designate Choice Dollars by:
\$ March 31, 2019

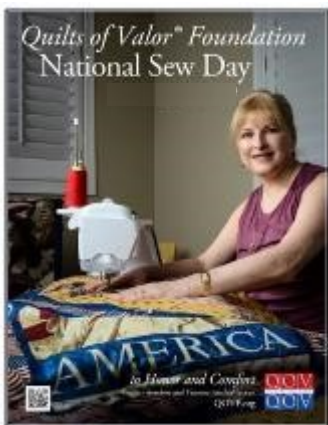
Thrivent members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2019** to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars to support organizations. After this date, any undirected 2018 Choice Dollars will expire. To direct Choice Dollars, or to find out if you have Choice Dollars to direct, call 1-800-THRIVENT (1-800-847-4836) and state “Thrivent Choice” when prompted and follow the instructions. You can also log on to the Thrivent website at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and select “Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.” At this point, you can sign in to your account, or register for access, and proceed with your Choice Dollar allocation. In either case, it is recommended that Choice Dollars be directed by mid-March to avoid missing the deadline.

Once again, thank you to all Thrivent members who participate in the Choice Dollar program. If anyone has any questions, or if anyone would like to find out how to become a Thrivent member, please contact either Alan Spose (203-623-1650) or Mark Manning (203-241-0858).



SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT LENT DEVOTIONALS...

These brief devotions for each day of Lent will aid us on our journey through some of the most familiar teaching of Jesus from His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. Written by well-known preacher Rev. Dean Nadasdy, PhD (formerly Professor of Homiletics [Preaching] at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis), they show how Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount relate to the events surrounding His life, death, and resurrection. Copies are on the table in the Narthex and the counter outside the office.



UPDATE: QUILTS OF VALOR...

February 16 was a wonderful day at CLC. GOD blessed us with 25 enthusiastic volunteers who showed their appreciation of veterans by involving themselves in making Quilts.

Everyone had a good time and we all worked together for the same goal. I want to thank all that came and hope you come back.

We will be meeting again on March 16 at 10:00am. We hope that you will join us. Our goal is to make as many quilts as we can to honor our veterans. If you can not sew and would like to get involved, we would appreciate donations of 100% cotton fabric or, if you choose, a monetary donation to buy fabric.

Thank you,
 Marilyn Miller (860) 621-4619.

P.S. if you plan to come in March, please sign up on bulletin board or call me.



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

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:



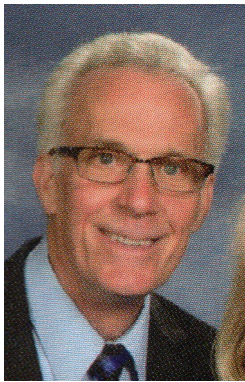
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Again, the Amazon Smile website is www.smile.amazon.com



KIDS' LENT CALENDAR/DEVOTION WITH STICKERS...

If you have a kid who loves stickers and can't wait until Easter, then we have something for you this Lent. Grab a copy of the *Jerusalem Journey* booklet and poster, and follow Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem this Lent as He journeys toward the cross. Each step of our Savior's Passion story is marked with a colorful sticker that is added to the easy-to-assemble poster that can be put on the wall or used as a centerpiece. There's a short devotion and Bible passage for each of the 40 days of Lent that can be read by the child, or an adult, as we journey with Jesus toward the cross and the empty tomb. Copies are on the table in the Narthex and the counter outside the office.



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

As we enter into the season of Lent, one cannot help but reflect upon the redeeming power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have received forgiveness from sin through his death and resurrection. We all should keep this in mind and share it with others, especially those who seem to need reassurance and comfort for whatever reason. I encourage everyone to attend Lenten services, bible studies and fellowship events with our CLC family ... and perhaps bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker or maybe even a member who has drifted away from our family.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7



MARCH 6TH IS ..ASH WEDNESDAY!

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday March 6th. We will have a service at 7:30 PM to begin this penitential season. Once again ashes will be 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, March 13th. 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.



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

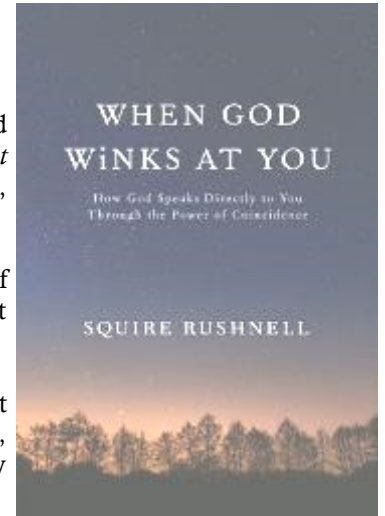
Our 12th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment, could God be showing you that 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 14th.

A copy of the book will be found on the counter near the church office after January 1st. 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

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 and 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 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 Columbarium Committee has drafted, and is getting ready to send out, a letter to the Kenney and Munter families. The letter and enclosures are confirming that Phil Kenney’s and Art Munter’s remains have been lovingly placed within the Columbarium at CLC.

The 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.

A reminder that if a family does not witness an inurnment--Pastor Rowold and Pat will witness the event and a letter to the family will so indicate--along with notice that the inurnment plaque has been placed on the wall.

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

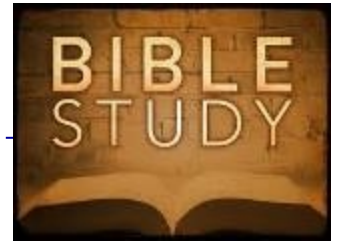
Bible Studies at CLC

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services continues to meet at 9:10 a.m. We'll be finishing our look at Noah and the Flood in the first Sundays of March, and then moving on to our next topic. Come join us to see what that will be.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

We'll also be having Bible Study along with Soup on Wednesday evenings before our Lenten Mid-week services. It will tie into this year's series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. If you're interested in supplying soup one of the evenings, watch the bulletin board in the hallway for the sign-up sheet.



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

Weekday Bible Studies be going on hiatus during the season of Lent. Our Wednesday afternoon walk-through of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke and the Thursday afternoon Ladies' and Men's Bible studies will resume after Easter Sunday.

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 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

March 2019

19 th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	36 Years
20 th	Joe & Joann Holstein	25 Years
21 st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	38 Years
22 nd	William & Barbara Hillis	45 Years



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- Ray Verner
- Melissa Veleber
- Eva Schrumm
- Hannah Kjeldsen
- Conner DeLaubell
- Noah Wilde
- Martha Medford
- John McBain
- Ethel Daly
- Phil Giampietro
- Julia Schaff
- John Taylor
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- Mary Lou Aston
- Emily Shick
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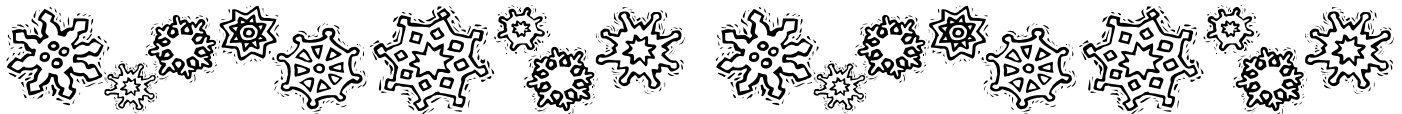
Please join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during Lent.

COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, Council will meet on *Tuesday March 5* at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, next Voters Assembly will meet on *Sunday, May 5*, at after worship service.



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