



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

[The angels said to the women:] "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you,"... And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest...but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. (Luke 24:5a-6a, 8-9, 11 ESV)

The Good News was hard to believe that first Easter morning. When the women arrived at the tomb to find the stone rolled away and Jesus' body gone, their reaction was not joy at the resurrection. No, they were perplexed by what they saw (v. 4). It took two angels explaining what had happened for the women to begin to grasp what they were seeing in front of them.

The Eleven disciples and the rest of Jesus' followers were no better. Even after the women had explained to them what they had seen and heard, they did not believe them and just assumed the women were making up a story (v. 11). Peter was at least curious and went to see Jesus' tomb for himself. Yet, even when he saw the empty tomb with the grave clothes still inside, all he did was marvel at it (v. 12).

Not much has changed in the nearly two thousand years since our Lord Jesus was crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. There are still many people in the world who do not believe the Gospel, and they think that His resurrection is just an idle tale. Skeptics abound, whether they are adherents of other religions or they deny the existence of God entirely. For all of them, the Good News that Jesus rose is just another piece of make believe.

For two thousand years, people have had a hard time believing the Good News; the message that God suffered and died to take away your sins

and then rose again. Countless rulers and thinkers, and even some governments, have denied that it happened and have even denied that Jesus of Nazareth ever existed. They have been doing it for nearly twenty centuries, they are doing it still today, and they will probably keep doing it until the world comes to an end.

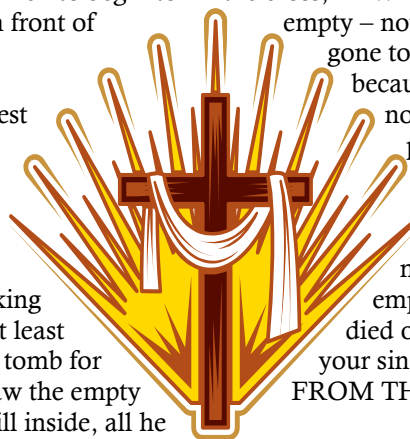
And it doesn't matter.

Their unbelief cannot change the truth of what happened that first Easter morning. When the women arrived at the tomb where Jesus' body had been laid after He died on the cross, IT WAS EMPTY! The tomb was empty – not because the women had gone to the wrong tomb, not because His body had been stolen, not because He had only passed out on the cross and awakened in the cool of the tomb, not because of any other excuse the doubters may try to make. It was empty because Jesus, who had died on Good Friday to pay for your sins, **HAD BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD!**

That is the Gospel, that is the Good News – Jesus paid the price for your sins on the cross and the Father raised Him from the dead as proof that your debt has been paid in full. The empty tomb is the receipt that guarantees you and every believer a seat at the heavenly banquet, at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Jesus died and rose for you, and eternal life is yours in Him – that is the truth of Easter. It is no idle tale or work of fiction; it is the truth and it changes everything.

In Christ Jesus, God is your loving Father, who is near to you and cares deeply for you.

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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

Greetings All,



On Sunday, March 3rd we were excited to welcome six new members who have been worshipping with us for some time now to our congregation. Our second Council meeting of 2019 was conducted on Tuesday, March 5th and we had a very productive meeting! Our next Voters meeting will be Sunday, May 5th, after the 10:30am service.

After a reminder that Heavenly Herald articles were due, I began to ponder what I should write about. Seems like just yesterday I was preparing my March article, then came Ash Wednesday, and Easter is right around the corner. With that in mind, my sinful side began to question why is Easter the most important day of the year, and why does every Sunday revolve around it. After some quick research, here's what I discovered and hope you find it as meaningful and refreshing as I did.

The Bible states that "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

Easter, of course, is the day Jesus rose from the dead. The Bible states that "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross. His suffering and death and the shedding of His innocent blood was the PAYMENT for all our sins. Because Jesus made the payment on our behalf, for our sins, there is nothing more that we need to pay, or can pay. He did it for us.

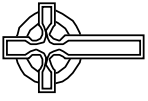
On the third day Jesus rose from the dead. His resurrection was God's way of demonstrating that He had accepted the payment that Jesus made for us. In other words, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is our PROOF OF PURCHASE. Jesus redeemed us from our sin, from death and from the power of the devil. Because of that payment that Jesus made for us, God has now declared us to be "not guilty". We are forgiven, and that means we have the certainty of eternal life through Jesus. "Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

No wonder Easter means so much to us as Christians. It is our day of victory. "Because I (Jesus) live, you (we) also will live" (John 14:19).

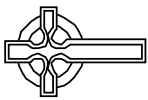
I hope everyone is planning on taking part in our Holy Week services and fellowship. This Easter season may present you with an opportunity to invite a friend, a neighbor or a stranger to a worship service, an education hour, or a fellowship event. May our Easter celebration this year bring renewed joy, celebration and life through our risen and glorified Savior – JESUS CHRIST!

See you in church!

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April

April Servants

He freely forgives you when you turn to Him in repentance. When this mortal life comes to an end, it is really just the beginning of a life that will never end in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father. And it is all because the tomb was empty when the women got there that first Easter morn.

The Good News was hard to believe that first Easter morning, but we know it is true. The Eleven saw the risen Jesus, more than five hundred other followers saw the risen Jesus, even the most vicious persecutor of the early Church saw the risen Jesus (and he became one of the greatest Apostles – St. Paul). It seemed like an idle tale at first, too amazing to believe, but it is true. The tomb is empty, Jesus is risen, and eternal life is yours!

I look forward to seeing you in Church on Easter Sunday as we celebrate again the Good News of the empty tomb.

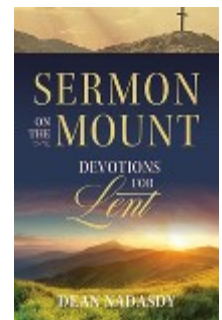
In Christ,

Pastor R



SERMON ON THE MOUNT ADULT LENT DEVOTIONALS...

There's still time to pick up a Lenten devotional if you have not gotten one already. These brief devotions for each day of Lent are aiding 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

The Sunday School students will be singing at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, April 14.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 21. We are looking forward to seeing our Sunday school families at Easter service and at the Easter breakfast in the parish hall between services!

Hosanna to Our Lord in the Highest!!!

Easter Blessings to All!

In 22 days, it will be Easter. About 18 days left to the challenge I presented to you. The challenge was: during the 40 days of Lent think of something to better yourselves or help out at home. Perhaps to help children in need.

BHcare is an organization that works with domestic violence victims. They are looking to collect new or gently used pajamas, night gowns, bathrobes & slippers in all sizes for women & children. This Easter, instead of our Easter offering boxes, I am requesting each Sunday school student to bring a pair of pajamas. We will be collecting them right up until April 28, 2019.

Thank you,
Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio and Martha Medford



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	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
April 4 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
April 7- Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 10 - Wednesday 6th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 11 - Thursday	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 14 - Sunday Palm Sunday	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School & Parish Choir
April 17 - Wednesday	7:15PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 18 - Thursday Maundy Thursday	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Oboe Soloist
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Oboe
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Oboe
April 19 - Friday Good Friday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir & Sax
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Sax
April 21 - Sunday Easter	7:05 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Sax
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School Children
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Sax and Sunday School
April 24 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals!!!		
April 28 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Ensemble Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Ensemble Choir
May 1 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir



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

Our series for Lent this year is taking us through some of Jesus' most familiar teachings from His Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. In the process, we're seeing 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 continue through Wednesday Evening, April 10.

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.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have been in Church lately (This is where you say you have – and if you haven't, you get here!), you may have noticed that our prayer list on Sunday mornings has gotten rather long. When I receive a name for a person in need of prayers, I leave that name on until the person who gave it to me in the first place tells me to remove it. As a result, we are praying for quite a few people.

I would like an update on all these folks. If you have put a name on the prayers, please drop me a note letting me know how the person is doing and if our continued prayers would be helpful. I'm hoping that some of the people are doing well, and I just haven't gotten the message. Beginning with the first Sunday in May, I will be resetting the list from scratch, and will be including only the names of people you tell me should still be there. Please make sure I know if a name should be left on the list. Thank you.

Pastor R



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



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.





LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
5 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday April 3, 2019	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
6 th 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



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.

LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES...

Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. 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 p.m. 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 the Tag Sale. 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.



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:

7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir

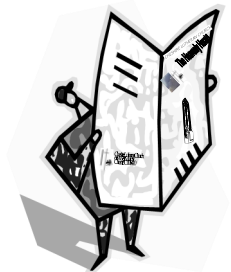
8:00 PM – Parish Choir

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.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (May 2019 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **April 19th** (*this is Good Friday*) 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!



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST...

This Easter the church will again hold its Easter Continental Breakfast on Sunday, April 21st. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity for fellowship that the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals.

Also, please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include: baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, **cooked** quiches and **cooked** egg casseroles.

Please add your names to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

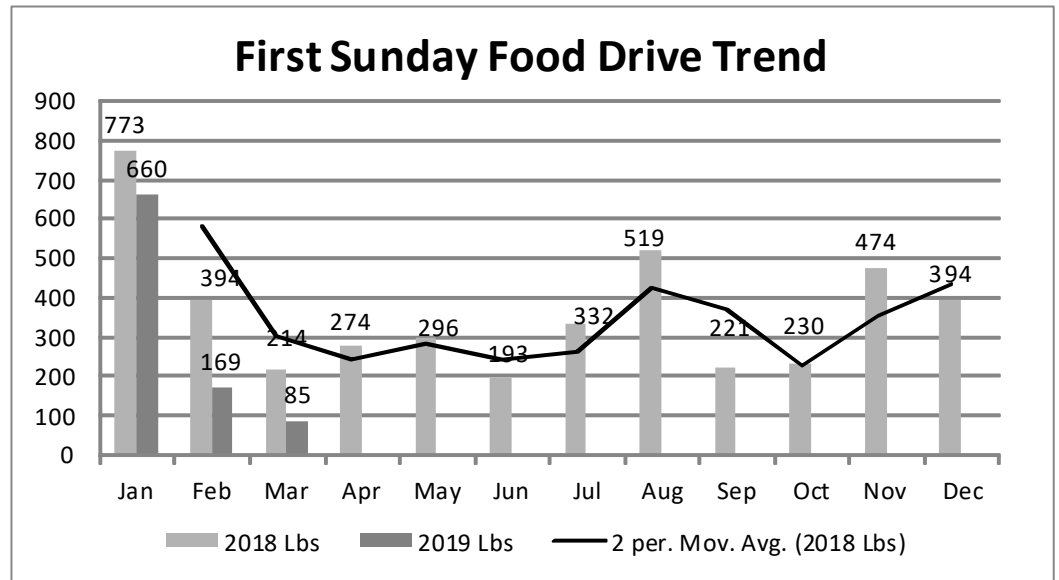
Should you have any questions, please contact Karen Weiland at kweiland3@sbcglobal.net.





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.

As we approach the end of the first quarter of the year, we have a lot to be thankful for as we look forward to the balance of the year with a new pastor. The quarterly statements for the first quarter will be going out shortly (if not out already by the time you read this). Your generosity has been helpful in allowing us to do more with our worldwide ministry and outreach.

I would also like to thank all of you who directed your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CLC. Those funds are very helpful and they are basically free money for the church.

I am so thankful to be part of such a wonderful and caring congregation. I thank all of you for all you contribute in time and talent as well as treasure. The amount of involvement by members of the congregation in all aspects of the ministry has been amazing and it shows the importance of teamwork and community.

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.” — [Steve Goodier](#)



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

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

On the first Sunday in March I started my latest attempt at reading the whole Bible, from beginning to end. Will you 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



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.

Thanks to all who continue to support this ongoing program. As a result of your purchases, an additional \$300 has been donated to CLC to go towards the new exterior sign.

We appreciate your thoughtful participation in making this benevolence so successful.

Contact Persons: Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).

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
- † **Lenten Soup & Salad Supper** Sign-ups

Others looking for help!

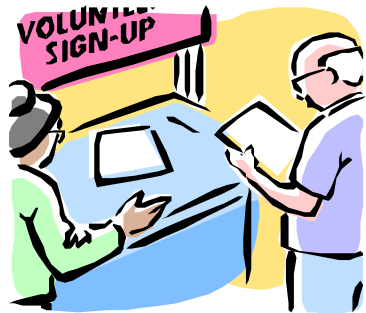
- † **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- † **Helping Hands** - Contact the church office (203-272-5106) or Sally Schrumm (203-710-0753) if you would like to be a member 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...

Happy April to you and we Thank God that Spring has arrived.

The children are participating more and more during Bible Time. When Pastor is in the class and asks what story they are learning about in the Bible, we see more and more hands going up with the answers. God is being implanted into their hearts and minds. So very exciting.

Our children have been learning about Jesus Calms the Storm, Mary & Martha, The Good Samaritan, and Jesus and the Children and The Foolish Man and The Wise Man.



The 3's:

- ✚ Worked on Letter Y and Z and started reviewing Letters A,B,C.
- ✚ Week 1 was all about Community Helpers
- ✚ Week 2 was about Healthy Habits
- ✚ Week 3 was about Nutrition
- ✚ Week 4 was about SPRING!
- ✚ Week 5 was about Space
- ✚ The Children in the 3's brought in a can or piece of fruit and they made a fruit salad. Yummy.

Art:

- ✚ The children made a doctor kit, Mailing Letters, Kind Words, Germs, Fridge filled with healthy food, Friendship Fruit Salad, Spring Flowers and Finger Painting.

Story Time, Miss Cindy Read:

- ✚ "Nick Goes to the Doctor", "Germs are not for Sharing", "Fast Food", "Wake Up! It's Spring", "Postman Pig", "Words are not for Hurting", "What's for Lunch" and "Possum and the Peepers."

The 4's were very busy as well:

- ✚ The children practiced the 23rd Psalm, Jesus Calms the Storm, Mary and Martha, The Good Samaritan, Jesus and the Children, The Foolish Man and the Wise Man.
- ✚ They too worked on Letters Y and Z and reviewed A, B, & C.
- ✚ On March 1st, Miss Martha read the Dr. Seuss Story "Green Eggs and Ham". The children made Green Eggs and Ham with Miss Cindy.
- ✚ The Children made a paper refrigerator and decorated the outside. Inside Miss Martha used a marker to draw sections for each food group. Each week they filled the proper food group with pictures relating to the food group.

Miss Martha read books to them covering each food group. The week of vegetables, the children sampled vegetables and had the option to dip in dressing. When they learned about fruits, the children had a fruit pizza with Watermelon for the crust and fruit on top. For protein, the children had Sauce with Meatballs and one of the parents sent in pasta to go with it.

For Science, they learned all about wind and made kites. They also learned about the life cycle of a peanut and how it grows. The children created a peanut man. They pasted arms and legs to the body which looked like a peanut.

For Art, they made a big ripe strawberry to go along with the book "Red Ripe Strawberry and the Hungry Bear".

Have a Blessed Month,
Miss Joann, Miss Martha and Miss Cindy



HOLY WEEK

Event	Date	Notes
Passion (Palm) Sunday	Sunday April 14, 2019	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist	Thursday April 18, 2019	Service at 7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	Friday April 19, 2019	Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	Sunday April 21, 2019	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—SUMMER 2019...



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at Cheshire Lutheran Church from **June 24 to June 28** this summer beginning at 9:00 a.m. and lasting until 12:00. At “ROAR” VBS, kids will discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences as well as hands-on science/craft fun, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats. Kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that will power them through this wild life.

VBS is free and is open to the public. Roar VBS is for pre-school kids (potty trained) up to those entering grade five. We hope our CLC children will join us at VBS and that they will invite friends, family and neighbors to join the fun.



Volunteers are needed! It takes a whole congregation to run a successful VBS program. Adults are needed before, during and after the program. Check the sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board to find an area where you can help.

Students entering grade six through high school and college are needed to assist the adults and children in the program. If students need documentation of volunteer hours for school, we will gladly supply that.

Registration forms can be found on the counter at church and will be on our CLC website in the near future. If you have any questions, see Judy DiDomizio, Vicki DePaolo, Karen Smith or Pastor Rowold.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLC FAMILY...

On Sunday March 3, 2019 we celebrated together as the following new members joined our congregation:

Lillian Derganc is a retired psychotherapist who likes gardening, reading and knitting in her spare time.

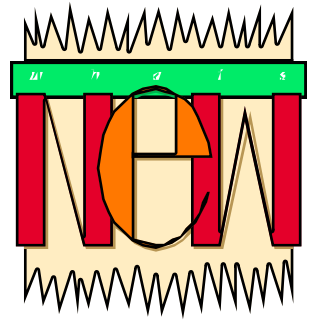
William and Barbara Hillis - William is a retired general surgeon who enjoys reading and walking. Barbara is a retired registered nurse who enjoys baking, gardening, walking and reading. They have recently adopted, and are enjoying, a dog that they are currently training.

Frank Miller is married to one of our current members, Marilyn Miller. In addition to being a sports fan, Frank enjoys golf, reading and walking.

Scott Slauson is married to one of our current members, April Slauson. Scott is a software engineer whose hobbies include coin/stamp collecting, antique restoration and auto restoration.

Christina Webster is an employment specialist who likes to read, knit, crochet, sew, run and watch TV.

We Welcome You all into our Church Family. We are truly Blessed Indeed!



Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday...

Let's celebrate our Mother's on Sunday, May 12th and remember their warmth and kindness by dedicating blankets in their name to the Blankets+ Program. Your special gift of \$5 will enable the Church World Service organization to supply blankets to those who are facing hardship. To dedicate a blanket, please fill out the form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin beginning on Sunday, April 14th. All checks should be made payable to "Cheshire Lutheran Church" and placed in the "Blanket Box" located on the counter outside the church office along with the dedication form. Dedications will be listed in the May 12th bulletin.



Dottie Dierolf, Social Welfare Deacon

NEW CLC ARCHIVIST...



CLC owes a great debt of gratitude to Joe Stark for being our Church Archivist the past few years. Joe has done a phenomenal job documenting with words and pictures, all the events and milestones at CLC over the past few years. You can see Joe's hard work on display in the Library. See the two Scrapbooks Joe completed and relive the wonderful memories of past events.

The time has come for Joe to hand over the reins as Archivist to another. Tim Weiland has kindly accepted the responsibility and will be take over where Joe so lovingly left off.

Thank You Tim. We look forward to seeing your work in the future.

In the meantime, everyone please make an effort to have a look at the scrapbooks Joe created and thank him for his dedication to us.

God Bless Joe and Tim!



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Spring has sprung and we are preparing the way for our Lord. Yes, our annual Spring Cleanup is upon us and I am looking for volunteers to help clean both the inside and outside of our Lord's house. As in years past, we will be breaking this into workable chunks, with inside and outside cleanup on separate weekends. Both cleanups begin at 9:00 a.m. with the inside cleanup on Saturday, April 6th, and the outside the following weekend, April 13th. Volunteer sheets are up on the bulletin board, so please sign up for one or both.

For the inside clean up, we will be sweeping and vacuuming the floors, wiping down the pews and woodwork, cleaning the counters and tables, and straightening everything up. If anyone has silver polish, the communion ware could use a good polishing. We just painted the classrooms and we need help putting them back together. I would encourage folks to bring paper towels, rags, swiffers and cleaning supplies to help supplement what we have at the church. For the outside cleanup, we will be raking up leaves and fallen branches, weeding the outside gardens, trimming bushes, and sweeping the sidewalks and parking lot. As with the inside, I would encourage everyone to bring work gloves, rakes, brooms, wheel barrows or baskets, and trimmers. We will have some gloves and garbage bags at the church, but more is better. If anyone has a gas powered blower, please consider bringing that to help clean the sidewalks and parking lot.

The more people that help, the quicker the clean up goes and the better our house of worship looks. I can tell you that, between the fellowship and pride you will take in a job well done, you will leave feeling better than when you came! I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lastly, if you've been to church the past month, you should have noticed the sanctuary is much brighter with new up lighting and new brighter LED lights. I'd like to thank Don Drust for his work getting all this done, along with Ed Schweizer and Bill Juul for their help in replacing the florescent lights in the library and Little Cherubs.

As I leave you, I would like to let you know with the warm weather coming we will begin work on replacing our sign out front. The new sign will be larger and brighter, and will include Little Cherubs. Look for it in April and May!

House and Grounds Deacon,

Andy Clark



CLC CONGREGANTS VISIT THE HOLY LAND...

CLC former members Jeffrey and Kathie Haferkamp, members, Buzz and Linda Gancarz, John and Lynn Balash, and Vicki DePaolo along with Vicki's sister-in-law Linda Zeccardi and 34 others join Pastor Wismar in a Lenten pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2019.

We hope to hear more about this trip of a lifetime in the coming months. To the right is a picture of the group.



Remembering Jerusalem

You are probably aware that several of our congregants just returned from touring Israel. During a business trip from March 17-23, 2006, several colleagues and I had also had an opportunity to visit many significant cities and regions of Israel that relate to our Christian faith. As we approach Holy Week, I especially reflect on my Jerusalem visit. I was deeply moved by 'walking where Jesus walked' as he carried his cross uphill towards Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre area. This trek, "Via Dolorosa", or Stages of the Cross, inspired me to write the following. I apologize for taking liberty of creating a few words you won't find in the dictionary.

They arrested our Lord in the Grotto of Gethsemane.
 Judas started it with a kiss, he became an enemy.
 Pilate condemned him and commanded he die.
 A purple robe, crown of thorns.....crucified.
 He falls with the cross, Mother Mary he meets.
 Simon the Cyrenian forced to carry the cross, or be beat.
 Veronica wipes the sweat from Jesus' face.
 He falls a second time, he barely keeps pace.
 "Daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me,
 But weep for yourselves and for your children", see?
 Jesus falls a thrice and is stripped of his garments.
 We're at Golgotha or Calvary, he's nailed and laments.
 Our Jesus breathes his last with skies darkening.
 Thunder and lightning and the ground quaking.
 His body is lowered upon the Stone of Anointment.
 Mary wept over him while the myrrh, linen and spicement.
 Into a tomb with a stone our Lord is given.
 Then three days later, he has arisen, yes arisen!



Part of my memories for a lifetime! In fellowship, R. Tim Weiland



CALLING ALL THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS !!...



ACTION TEAM

Over the past few years, there have been many discussions about the Thrivent Action Team program. This program enables you to make a difference within our congregation, as well as the community. With this in mind, it is worthwhile to provide an "in depth" explanation on how the program works, in order to take advantage of the many opportunities it offers.

You first identify a need, decide on a plan of action to help meet that need and pull together a group of volunteers to help. They do not have to be Thrivent members. You then apply on line to lead your team in a one time fund raiser, service activity or educational event. Once your activity is approved, you will receive your Thrivent Action Kit, which will, most importantly, include a \$250 Community Impact Card. This \$250 is to be used as seed money to start the activity - the aim is to use the funds for supplies, tools, food, equipment or seed money for a fund raiser. The funds are not to be treated as a grant. If you are a Thrivent Benefit Member, you qualify to lead 2 Action Teams per calendar year, each valued at \$250. If you are a Thrivent Associate Member, you qualify to lead 1 Action Team per year with a maximum of 3.



A simple on line report is completed at the end of the project. You must complete one Action Team activity before you can apply for another. Also, only one approval and Community Impact Card is given per project.

The Action Team program is an excellent resource for enhancing outreach of our congregation, meeting specific congregational needs or providing funds for community or individual needs. Action Teams can also support neighborhood projects, club projects, school projects, co-workers needs, teen projects, educational sessions, etc.

A partial list of activities when CLC has used Action

Team funds include:

- ✚ VBS
- ✚ Cheshire Community Food Pantry
- ✚ Advent Jubilee Dinner
- ✚ Easter Sunday Brunch
- ✚ Reformation Dinner
- ✚ First Responders Luncheon
- ✚ Souper Bowl Sunday
- ✚ CLC picnic
- ✚ Sunday School Year End Activities
- ✚ Little Cherubs
- ✚ National Youth Gathering
- ✚ Columbarium Planting
- ✚ Quartet Recital

Unfortunately, CLC is only using a small percentage of the Action Team Funds that are available to Thrivent members within our Congregation. Please give thoughtful consideration to making an impact within our community through the Action Team Program. Thrivent has the funds available and is willing to provide them – all you have to do is ask. If you would like to sponsor an event, please indicate your willingness on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Someone will contact you with available activities, put you in touch with the person running the activity and help you through the application process. You may also want to ask one of our Church Council members if there is a specific need within their area. In the meantime, I am available to help in any way possible.

If you have any questions about Action Teams, or Thrivent Financial, please contact Alan Spose (203-623-1650), Dottie Dierolf or our Thrivent Financial Representative Mark Manning (203-241-0858).



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

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!



QUILTS OF VALOR CONTINUES...



Our monthly Quilts of Valor sewing fellowship continues at CLC.

We will be meeting again on April 13 at 9:30 AM—3:00 PM. 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.

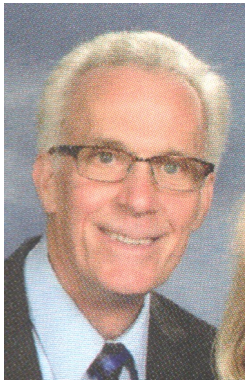
P.S. if you plan to come, please sign up on bulletin board or call me.





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...

CLC offers many opportunities to join fellow members of our congregation in Bible study. What valuable insight this provides! Studying scripture, either individually or within a group, has a profound effect on each one of us, not only spiritually but also physically and mentally. We can sometimes view the Bible as a "manual" which helps us through our daily Christian lives. More importantly, it also provides comfort, healing, joy, hope, confidence against adversity, and strength against temptation. In the end, we find that reading God's Word is as important to us as eating and sleeping ... basically, an essential element for life. Make it a point to get your daily minimum requirement of spiritual nourishment by setting aside some time each day to read the Bible.

Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✠ Thank you to Martha Medford—for the leading us with her music and hard work during Lent. We are truly blessed.
- ✠ Thanks to Pastor R for leading our Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings during Lent
- ✠ Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Lent
- ✠ Thank you as always to Tim Weiland for his beautiful photography that chronicle all the activities that take place at CLC
- ✠ An additional thanks to Bill Juul for doing such a great job with keeping our Website up to date
- ✠ Special thanks to all those that provided soup, salad and yummy deserts on Wednesday evenings during Lent. It was wonderful way to fellowship before the Services
- ✠ A heartfelt Thank You to Joe Stark for being our Congregational Archivist the past few years. Thanks Joe, we are truly blessed...



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

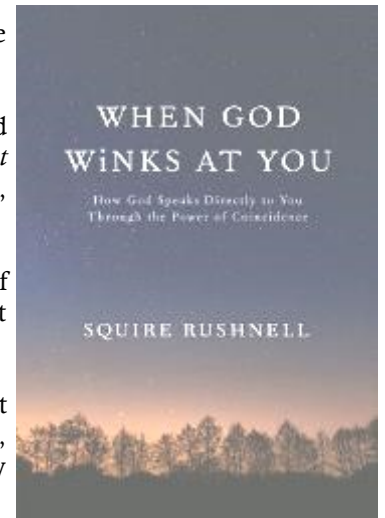
Our 12th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment, could God be showing you that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

Next trip is 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...

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, our Sister in Christ Marilyn Allesandrino, the mother of Amy Kennelly, had her remains placed within our Columbarium wall following a Funeral Service conducted by Pastor Rowold. Don Drust, Tim Weiland and Ed Schweizer from the Columbarium Committee witnessed as the family lovingly placed her remains into their final resting place.

As reminder: if a family does not witness an inurnment, Pastor Rowold and a member of the Columbarium Committee will always witness the event. Once the plaque is ordered and approved by the family, a letter will be sent so indicating, along with notice that the inurnment plaque has been placed on the wall.

The former DCE Office is now being used occasionally by the Columbarium Committee as a place where 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.



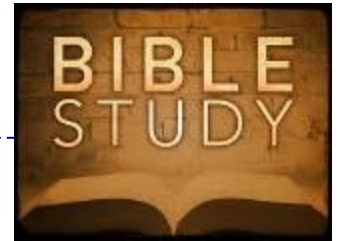
Bible Studies at CLC

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services continues to meet at 9:10 a.m. In March we began a new study, *Christianity and the Competition*; we're looking at the major world religions and learning more about their beliefs, in contrast to our Christian faith. Come join us.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

We also have our Bible Study along with Soup and Salad on Wednesday evenings before our Lenten Midweek services. They tie into this year's mid-weekseries on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. If ~~you're interested in supplying soup one of the evenings, check the bulletin board in the hallway for~~ the sign-up sheet.



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

Weekday Bible Studies are 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 starting on May 1.

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

April 2019



13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	23 Years
14 th	Eric & Maria Johnson	12 Years
24 th	Louis & Gloria Nuechterlein	65 Years
28 th	Ralph & Georgianna Schupp	72 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	59 Years



VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✚ The next *Council Meeting* will be Thursday, *May 2nd*, at 7:00 PM.
- ✚ The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *May 5th* following the second service in our Fellowship Hall.



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