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PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

[Jesus said:] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8 ESV)

The season of Easter is finally upon us; the darkness and the somberness of Lent are gone and the Church rings with joyful shouts of "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!" Spring is also finally in full swing and the light continues to grow as the days get longer. Before we know it, Pentecost will have come, and Summer will be fast upon us. Before we get there, however, we still need to journey through the Easter season and there's one more Holy Day tucked in there – Ascension Day.

We're all familiar with Ascension Day – the 40th day after Easter when Jesus ascended from earth to heaven and was seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Before He went up into heaven, there to rule and reign over all creation, He had some parting words for His disciples who were with Him. The words recorded in the last chapter of the Gospel recorded by Matthew are commonly called the "Great Commission;" those are the ones where Jesus tells them to go and make disciples by baptizing and teaching. Yet those aren't the only words Jesus spoke to His followers on the mountain top.

He also promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave them a responsibility that went along with that gift. What He said is recorded in the first chapter of Acts and written at the beginning of this missive. Jesus said to His disciples, both the ones standing on the mountain with Him and to you and me, "You will be my witnesses." We have the calling to be witnesses to Jesus – that means we get to tell other people about Jesus. It's part of our responsibility and part of our identity as Christians, "little Christ's," people who bear the name of Christ by water

and the Word.

Now, I know there are times when we don't feel up to the task and there may even be people who feel they aren't even equipped for the calling. You, yourself, may even say something like, "Well, that's all well and fine for the disciples; they got the power of the Holy Spirit, which you saw in the way they suddenly spoke foreign languages they had never studied and were able to perform miracles, but we didn't" If any of those sentiments happen to resonate with you, I have something to say that you may find quite shocking – You are up to the task, you are fully equipped for the calling, and you have received the power of the Holy Spirit!

I know that you are up to the task and equipped for the calling because You are a baptized child of God. By water and the Word God joined you together with Christ Jesus, brought you into His family, and gave you the gift of the Holy Spirit. Because of your baptism, you have all the gifts and talents and abilities to be one of Jesus' witnesses. As for the power of the Spirit, well, you may not realize it, but you experience His power every day.

If you have faith in Jesus, that's the power of the Spirit in you. Have you remained in the faith over a span of years (or even your whole life)? The power of the Spirit is at work in you. Do you come to Church on Sundays? That's the Spirit's power working. Read your Bible lately, wished someone a happy (or blessed) Easter, given an Easter card? The Spirit's power. Taught the faith to someone else, either at home or at Church, served as an officer, usher, acolyte, choir member? The power of the Spirit again. Have you ever talked about

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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)



On the subject of Spring, many thanks to all the youth and adult volunteers who helped with indoor and outdoor cleaning activities on two separate Saturdays in April.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

Our Church Council last met on March 5th and we heard reports from Pastor, our officers and deacons of their recent winter activities and of various upcoming spring and summer plans. We had a full agenda with the following topics:

- ✠ Sanctuary Lighting & Sound; other technology needs
- ✠ Wellness, Safety & Security
- ✠ NED Ministry Conference; Circuit District meeting
- ✠ Office credit card with limited user and use limits
- ✠ Sunday School room painting
- ✠ Time & Talent member submissions
- ✠ Youth, Music and choir activities
- ✠ Lenten and Holy Week services, soup & salad dinners, and Easter breakfast
- ✠ Vacation Bible School plans
- ✠ Upcoming church and parsonage maintenance and improvements items
- ✠ Financial reports through February

On the subject of Spring, many thanks to all the youth and adult volunteers who helped with indoor and outdoor cleaning activities on two separate Saturdays in April. We had dusters, sweepers, organizers, rakers, pruners, and many other roles all hard at work. Because of all the helping hands, our church was exceptionally presentable for Palm and Easter Sunday services.

Our next Council meeting is Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm. Our next Voters meeting will be held after the second service on Sunday, May 5th. Voter participation is open to any member of CLC that would like to get more involved in the governance of the church. Meetings are generally conducted four times per year and last about an hour depending on the number of agenda items. Membership is granted upon attendance at your second meeting.

Hopefully you were all able to join in Holy week services starting with Palm Sunday for the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Continued on Maundy Thursday with the retelling of the Last Supper, and Jesus' betrayal by a disciple. On Good Friday to remember Jesus' death on the cross. And most importantly on Easter Sunday when we proclaimed the Resurrection, and celebrated the assurance that not even death could separate us from God's grace. I don't know about you, but the hymns we sang, and bells and choir we heard gave me goosebumps, just reinforcing how blessed we are as a church body to be able to gather in numbers to confess our faith in God, bringing renewed joy, celebration and life through our risen and glorified Savior – JESUS CHRIST!

Yours in Christ!

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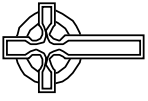
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Pastor*

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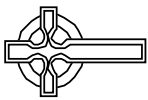
*Martha Medford-Organist &
Choir Director*

Steve Feero-Parish President

Beth Soulier-Editor



GAEL GALLENDAIR



May

May Servants

your faith to someone who is not a member of CLC, or maybe not a Christian at all? The power of the Spirit is at work in you.

Your faith itself, and all the things that you do as an outgrowth of it are examples of the power of the Holy Spirit at work in you. You have all you need to tell other people about Jesus; you have the ability, the equipping, and the power to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ARE His witnesses each and every day; in fact, it's true whether we want to or not. Everything that we say and do confesses the Jesus who saved you from sin, death and the devil – the Jesus who's name you bear as a Christian, a "Little Christ." In Holy Baptism the power of the Holy Spirit came upon you, and you are His witnesses in Cheshire and in Connecticut and all the United States and to the end of the earth.



In Christ who has called and equipped us to be His witnesses,

Pastor R

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

There will be a Tag Sale held here at CLC in May. Mark your calendars:

✠ DATES & TIMES:

- ✠ Congregants Deliver Goods for Sale—Saturday May 4th & Saturday May 11th from 9am to 1pm
- ✠ Tag Sale—Saturday May 18, 2019, 9am to 2pm.



Additional information to follow regarding designated area at CLC to deliver your items to be sold at the Tag Sale...

Reach out to Ed Schweizer or Pat DiDomizio if you can help and/or if you have questions!

LADIES' GROUP TAG SALE BOUTIQUE...

The CLCW will be setting up a boutique selling jewelry, scarves and handbags during the May 18th tag sale. The boutique will be set up in the library and proceeds from sales will benefit the CLCW.

I am seeking donations of above-mentioned costume jewelry, scarves and handbags. Donations can be put in a bin labeled *CLCW Tag Sale Donations* which can be found in Andy's old office. If anyone has suggestions for other items that we can sell, I would love to hear from you. I am seeking volunteers to help during the tag sale. I am also seeking volunteers to help set up and price items for display before the sale.



If you are interested, please email me at kweiland3@sbcglobal.net

THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

May, 1959	Building Fund Campaign begun with 3-year pledges totaling \$23,000.
May, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein accepts call as Pastor
May 7, 2017	Pastor Gustafson leads his last Service and Retires from CLC



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Activity	Choir
May 1 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
May 8 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 12 - Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i>	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School
May 15 - Wednesday	*****NO REHEARSALS*****		
May 19 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
May 22 - Wednesday	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 26 - Sunday <i>Memorial Day</i>	7:30 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
May 29 - Wednesday	6:00 PM	Annual Picnic	ALL Choirs



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

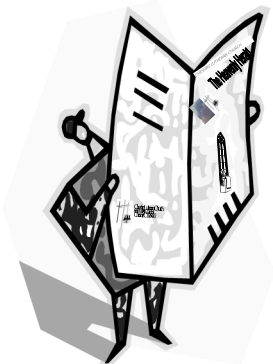
All our choirs are planning their last performances before they take a break for the Summer. They are also planning their year end All Choirs Picnic. This year the Picnic will be held at Church on Wednesday May, 29th, at 6:00 PM. All Choir members are invited to bring their families and also a food item to share. See Martha for Sign-Up sheets.

Look forward to seeing you there.



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.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(Summer 2019 Articles are Due!)

Time to plan for the summer!! The next issue of the Heavenly Herald will represent our Summer edition. That's **June, July and August** news and events to consider.

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **May 24th** 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!

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...

When you were in Church on Easter Sunday (You were at CLC on Easter Sunday, right?), you may have noticed that the list of people named in our Sunday morning prayers has gotten rather long. So that you all are aware, when I receive a name for a person in need of prayers, I leave that name on until the person who gave me the name 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, the list is being reset from scratch and I will include only the names of people I have been told 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
- ✦ Indicate the amount enclosed on the outside of 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 if you would be willing to help.

Guy Mason
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.



Palm Sunday & Easter 2019 Memories



Palm Sunday 2019



Easter Sunday 2019



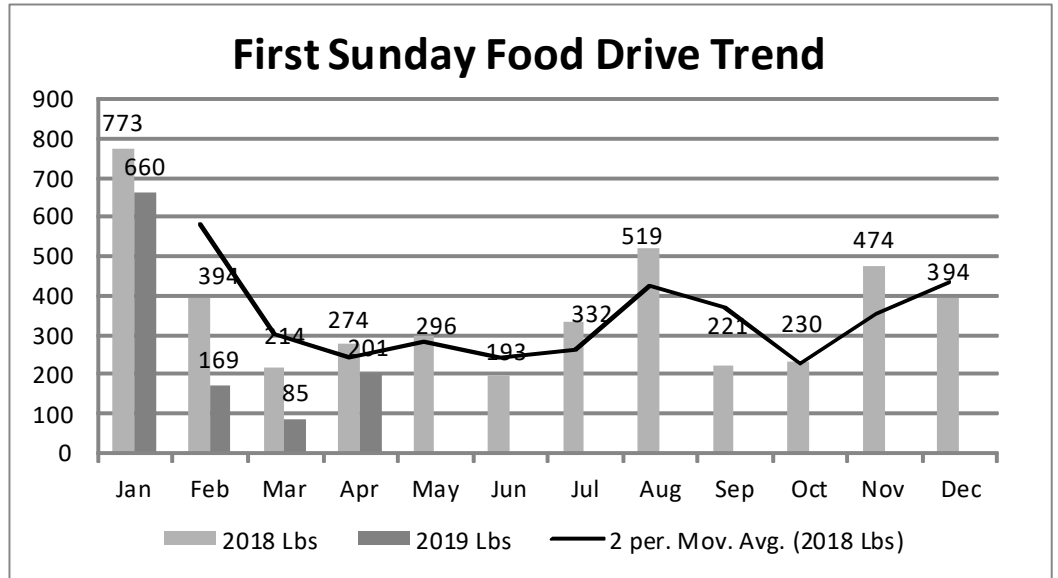
Spring 2019 Clean Up Memories





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.

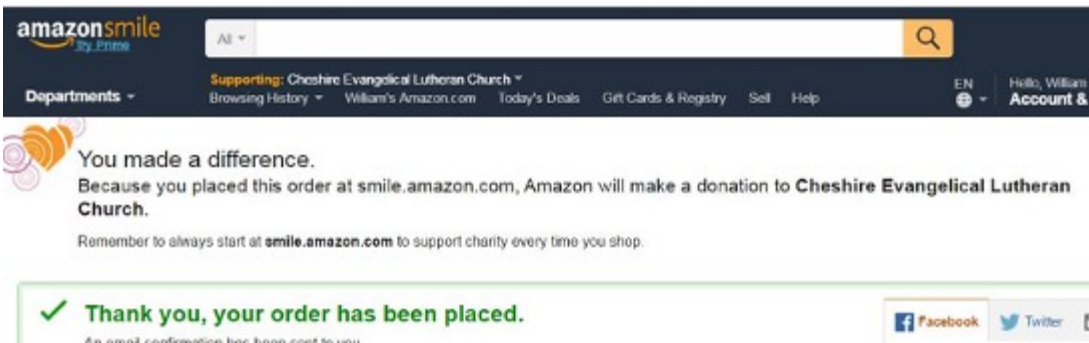
This month, our CLC Finance Committee would like to remind you of a way to help CLC financially of which you may not be aware. You can utilize your desire to shop online to expand your individual stewardship efforts.

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

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.



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:

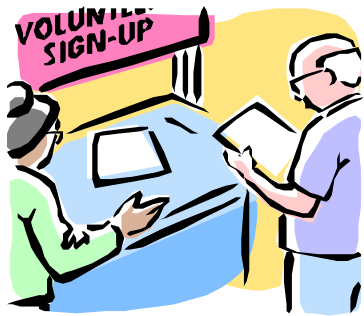
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

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

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.
- † **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...

The 3's

- ✠ We worked on letters B, C, D, E, F, G.
- ✠ We did a unit on space, planets, seeds and worms, recycling and composting.
- ✠ We colored eggs, had an egg hunt and made stained glass crosses.
- ✠ We reviewed numbers 1 through 10 and worked on positional words.

The 4's

- ✠ We reviewed letters G, H, I.
- ✠ We worked on rhyming words and sequencing.
- ✠ We continued our wind books and made pinwheels.
- ✠ We finished the food groups. For the grain segment, we made pancakes with maple syrup and learned how we get maple syrup.
- ✠ We colored eggs and had an egg hunt.
- ✠ We made a jelly bean graph and read Peter Rabbit and the Country Bunny.
- ✠ After vacation we will plant seeds for Mother's Day and celebrate Earth Day.

During Bible time, we learned about the wise man and the foolish man. We also learned about Palm Sunday and the Easter Story.

After vacation we will learn about Doubting Thomas.

During Enrichment, we learned about the great art masters and their creative style; the children then created their own work using the artist's style. The artists studied up until now are Van Gough, Monet, Picasso, Matisse, Michael Angelo and Kandinsky. Take a look at their artwork which is hanging on the Little Cherubs bulletin board in between the fellowship hall doors.

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



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✠ Many thanks to all who came to help clean the inside and outside of the Church in time to make our Easter Services EXTRA Special. We are so Blessed. Thank You
- ✠ Special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for organizing the Easter Breakfast. We also thank Don and Diane Drust for all they contribute so that the food never runs out and the décor enhances the Easter atmosphere. The Fellowship was wonderful and the volunteers are greatly appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who baked, set up, cleaned up, decorated. It was a joyous Easter Morning!
- ✠ Many thanks to Jon Manke for his very generous contribution of the beautiful Easter Lilies that adorned our Altar and the flowers that were given to the Sunday School children on Easter Morning!
- ✠ Thanks to all who participated in the music ministry, both volunteer and professional during Easter services.
- ✠ 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 Steve Feero and Bill Juul for doing such a great job with keeping our Website up to date.



CLC ANNUAL PICNIC - MARK YOUR CALENDARS— JUNE 16, 2019...

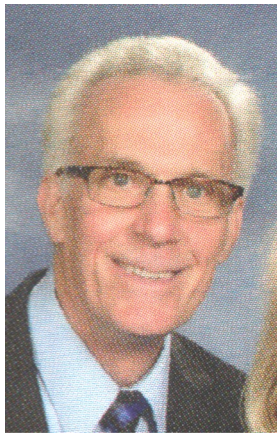


Please join us for fellowship and fun at the church picnic, which will be held after the 10:30 service on June 16th. There will be drinks, grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes (both hot and cold) and desserts on offer.

For further details, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Also needed, that same day, are people to help set up the tables and chairs in the tents on the lawn beforehand and to clean up afterwards.

All are welcome to sign-up to have a great time with your fellow church members. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Karen Weiland
Fellowship Committee



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Friendship is a gift not to be taken lightly as it is one we both give and receive. The Bible has many references to the importance of friendship. In Proverbs 18:24, we read “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Friends enter into our lives at various times, providing support, comfort, advice and sometimes the wake-up call we need. Since we were made for companionship, be sure to thank God for the friends He has directed to enter our lives. “Two are better than one, for they have good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!” (Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10). Pray that you are able to be the friend God wants you to be ... providing love, support, happiness and encouragement to others.

Alan Spose

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.

MAY IS TROOP MONTH—CARE PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS...

Once again, we will collect items to be sent to Carol Weinschel in Fairfield CT. She has been doing this for 13 years. Last year she mailed 250 cartons ensuring that 2100 soldiers received the items. The troops are in Iraq and Afghanistan. She has also been named “Godmother” by a special operations group for which she is very proud to hold the title.

Carol Weinschel of Fairfield has supported over 35,000 soldiers from her house, primarily with Combat Aviation Brigades (CABs). These soldiers have been deployed numerous times with the 159th, 82nd, 101st, 16th and 1st CAB.



We will be collecting the items to support this project at Church starting May 5th through June 2nd. You can chose any or all of the following items:

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|--|---|
| ✦ Band-Aids | ✦ Money for Postage |
| ✦ Batteries | ✦ Mouthwash |
| ✦ Beef Jerky | ✦ Pens (ball point) |
| ✦ Chap-stick | ✦ Phone Cards (International) |
| ✦ Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate | ✦ Powdered drink mixes |
| ✦ Cotton balls | ✦ Power Bars |
| ✦ Cough Drops | ✦ Q-tips |
| ✦ Crossword Puzzles | ✦ Shampoo |
| ✦ Dental Floss | ✦ Shaving Cream/Razors |
| ✦ Dried Fruit | ✦ Snacks (individual size pretzels, peanuts, chips, granola bars) |
| ✦ Eye Drops | ✦ Soap/body powder/foot powder |
| ✦ Eyeglass wipes | ✦ Toothbrushes & toothpaste |
| ✦ Frisbees (small size) | ✦ Trail Mix |
| ✦ Greeting Cards (birthday, get well, anniversary) | ✦ Wet Ones (individually-wrapped) |
| ✦ Gum | ✦ Word Searches |
| ✦ Mechanical pencils | |



For additional information, contact Holly Flugrath or Dorothy Dierolf.

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



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



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 OBERAMMERGAU AND SCOTLAND IN 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 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019...

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

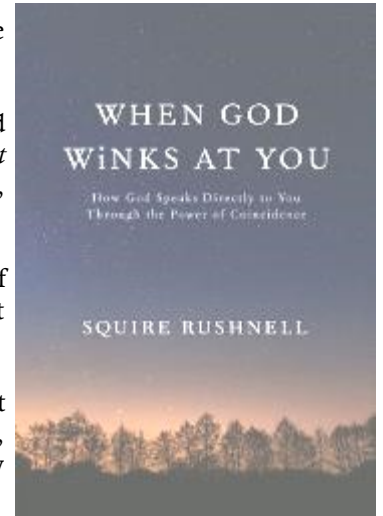
Our 12th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment, could God be showing you that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



UPDATE: CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019...

Our twelfth annual Women's Retreat is just about here. I am pleased that so many of you are able to join in this experience. I hope you will find it rewarding and renewing. Below are a few details regarding our day together:

Retreat Preparation & Information:

- ✠ Bring a Bible and the book *When God Winks at You*, if you have it
- ✠ Bring a snack to share with the ladies such as baked goods, nuts, fruit or juice.
 - ✠ **Just a little something for us to snack on during breaks**
- ✠ Lunch is being provided
- ✠ Coffee, hot tea, iced tea, lemonade and ice water are available in the dining room all day
- ✠ For your convenience, **you may want to bring along a travel mug and/or water bottle**
- ✠ If you are interested in carpooling, we will meet at church at 7:30 AM and will depart no later than 7:45 AM. We will probably need 3 or 4 drivers.
- ✠ If you are planning on driving yourself please plan to meet us at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT at 8:30 AM



Please let me know if you are willing to drive or if you are planning to go there by yourself.

Vicki DePaolo





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 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 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.



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| Vicki DePaolo | Linda Gancarz | Randy Raddatz |
| Pat DiDomizio | Margie Mertz | Beth Soulier |
| Judy DiDomizio | Priscilla Mulvaney | Tim Weiland |

Bible Studies at CLC

Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in one of our Bible Studies



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services continues to meet at 9:10 a.m. In May we continue our 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...

Now that Easter has come, our weekday afternoon Bible Studies will resume starting on May 1. The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study is continuing our walkthrough of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. Be with us every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.



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

Thursday afternoon Men's and Ladies' Bible studies are also starting back up. Ladies are invited to come out on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. as we look at great women of the Bible. Men are encouraged to join us on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.; we'll be finishing up our study of Saint Joseph, the Guardian of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

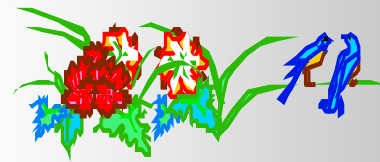
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25 th	Rob & Janet DeLaubell	27 Years
26 th	Pastor & Tricia Rowold	18 Years
29 th	Todd & Christina Plantier	20 Years
30 th	Frank & Marilyn Miller	60 Years



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COUNCIL & VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- ✦ **Council** meeting - Thursday May 2nd at 7:00 PM in the CLC Library
- ✦ **Voters** meeting - Sunday May 5th after the late Service in the Fellowship Hall



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