

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

[God] has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear." (Hebrews 13:5b-6a ESV)

It is hard to believe that Summer is almost upon us; it does not feel like it has been a full season since the snows of winter finally ceased. Still, there is no denying it. Memorial Day has come and gone, we have already had our first days where the temperatures entered the 80's, and, by the time you are reading this, children and teachers are counting the number of school days left using single digits.

The Summer brings many changes to people's lives and schedules, and that is just as true for our congregation as it is for our members. June 16 will be the last Sunday with two services for this school year; the following Sunday, June 23, will be our first of the Summer schedule for this year – just one service at 9:00 a.m. with time for fellowship outside after, but no Sunday School or Bible Study. In addition to Sunday classes being cancelled, Summer is also the time when the weekday Bible classes go on hiatus.

In the face of all these changes, one of our "more experienced" members said to me, "When you find out where God's gonna be this Summer, let me know. I'd like to spend some time with Him." Those words, though spoken in a somewhat winsome way, caught me off guard and really made me stop and think. Summertime is typically when people will try to take some time and relax; for those of us whose lives are affected by the school year, it is the time when the pace slows and we try to get away. We go on vacation.

All too often, when we get away from our jobs and our homes on vacation, we also get away from our Lord. Though some people will still attend Church or read their Bibles when they are on vacation, many do not. In my life, I have

listened to many people talk about all the things that they packed to go on vacation, and I do not remember, even once, hearing someone include their Bible on that list (and I know I've never heard someone mention their hymnal). Even pastors have been known to be lax in this regard from time to time.

Between the changes we make to our schedule of services and classes at Church, and the changes we make to our own personal routines during the Summer, it almost begs the question: "Where is God over the Summer? Does He take a vacation too? We go away in the Summer; does He also go away?" Now, I know this may seem a little foolish, but, the way we behave in the Summer and change our schedules, one who did not know better might just wonder those things.

Yet, even though we might take a vacation and go away, God never goes away. He promises as much to you and me through the apostle writing to the Hebrews; He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." God is always with you. He does not - will not - leave you. It doesn't matter if you are in Church on Sunday morning, or if you are in the middle of a thousand-mile trip. It makes no difference if you are sitting in a pew or sitting in a golf cart. God is always with you, wherever you go, to help you and to strengthen you. He will never leave you.

This is also just as true and certain when your life is difficult and you're facing hardship or pain or loss. God does not leave you if you lose your job and cannot give an offering. He does not leave you if you are struggling with serious illness and forget to say your prayers. He does not leave you even if you are so distraught over the death of a loved one that you

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Enjoy your...



Come Worship With Us

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

**Sunday School
&
Adult Bible Classes:**
9:10 am

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 am



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,



The Council met on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and by all accounts, CLC is doing well and operating at, or slightly above our established mission plan. Primary drivers to this are our members who've already met 100% of their pledge through qualified charitable IRA distributions, and the financial health of Little Cherubs Christian School; kudos to Director Joann Holstein and her team. Many thanks to all our faithful pledgers and weekly donors for your steadfast support! Giving consistently within our means is one of the most important ways we can help keep CLC strong and relevant within the Cheshire and worldwide communities.

Our Voters Assembly met on Sunday, May 5th after the late service and, as customary, we heard reports from Pastor Rowold, our officers and our various deacons about the numerous activities of mission here at CLC. Highlights from both meetings are as follows:

A special thank you to all who participated in the Church Tag Sale on Saturday, May 18th! We had gorgeous weather, a great turn out with some exciting negotiating tactics, and raised over \$3,000 in proceeds that will go to the Building Fund and the Women's Group.

- ✦ Voter ratification of our 6 new members Lillian Derganc, William and Barbara Hillis, Frank Miller, Scott Slauson, and Christina Webster, welcomed on March 3rd by the congregation.
- ✦ Our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program anticipates great attendance and already have 7 three-year olds and 101 four-year olds (18 in all) registered for the fall. Please keep that in mind when you think about children who would be enriched by this mission.
- ✦ By member request, Voters commissioned to assess the potential for an increase of communion on a more frequent basis. The Worship team will be reviewing the impacts to all stakeholders (e.g. altar guild, altar assistants, etc.) and present their findings.
- ✦ Joe Stark will step down as church historian and Pat DiDomizio and Tim Weiland will be stepping in. A special thank you to Joe Stark for his contributions over the years!
- ✦ Our upcoming Vacation Bible School program June 24-28; please keep in mind and refer children that could participate in this mission, as its no cost and open to the community.
- ✦ Pursuit of a new projector and portable media (DVD) player for sanctuary and event use.
- ✦ Enhancements to Sunday Service sanctuary microphones and sound, thanks to Bill Juul.
- ✦ Reports on church, parsonage, and Memorial Garden and Columbarium activities.
- ✦ Reports of recent and upcoming fellowship and Sunday School activities.
- ✦ Our generous support of ongoing and special Social Welfare activities.

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The Council will meet on Tuesday, June 4th, which will be the last scheduled meeting before we recess for the summer. Barring the need to call any special meetings, the Council and Voters will not meet until September 5th and 8th respectively. If you have topics that require

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question His very existence. God will never leave you nor forsake you; that is His iron-clad guarantee to you in Christ Jesus.

As you make your plans for this Summer, remember that – and make sure to spend time with Him regularly. Don't have room in the suitcase for your Bible? There's an app for your phone. (And there are small Bibles too!) Going to be out of town over the weekend? Our Synod has a webpage that can help you find a Church near where you will be, or you can speak to me and I will help you find one.



You can also join us here at CLC for Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m., starting on July 17. Even though it is summer, we will continue our journey through the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. This change is a direct result of the question I was asked by that member. We'll only take a short break with the class from mid-June to mid-July, and then we will be right back with our Lord in His Word.

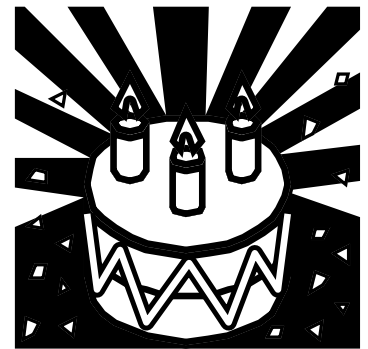
Where is God over the Summer? He's right there with you, wherever you go. He will never leave you.

In Christ Jesus our Lord, who is always with you,

Pastor R

JUNE BIRTHDAY CORNER

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 st Will Lamb, III | 17 th Jeff Mann, Sr. |
| 2 nd Jon Tessler | Joseph Stark |
| Diane Taylor | 19 th Amanda Nowak |
| 4 th Lillian Derganc | 25 th June Shaffer |
| 6 th Claudia Chong | David Mason |
| 9 th Curtis Pryde | Jonathan Mason |
| 10 th Ella Napp | 26 th Bo Hagstrom |
| 11 th Barbara Carson | Joe Nowak |
| 12 th Lauren Hajjar | 27 th Gabriel Mann |
| 14 th Bill Soulier | 30 th Monica Strunk |
| 15 th David Lynch | |
| 16 th Mary Munter | |
| Tim Weiland | |
| Barbara Fiedler | |



Service Reminder!

- 🕒 CLC Church Picnic is Sunday June 16th following the late Service
- 🕒 9:00 AM Services start on Sunday June 23rd through Labor Day
- 🕒 Enjoy the Summer, hope to see you on Sundays at 9:00 AM

Summer

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Council consideration, please notify me or any other Council member prior to our meeting dates.

If you'll be away from our CLC church home this summer on a vacation, try to attend church services while you're away; our freedom to worship Him does not need a vacation.

Happy summer; see you in church!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC
president@cheshirelutheran.org



Don't miss out on the fun!

Come to VBS at CLC !

Bring a friend!

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!

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. until 12:00. VBS is **free** and is open to the public. 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.

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 will invite friends, family and neighbors to join the fun as well.

It takes a whole congregation to run a successful VBS program. Adults and teens are needed before, during and after the program. If students need documentation of volunteer hours for school, we will gladly supply that.

Evangelism Opportunity:

We could use one or more volunteers to serve as "**greeters**" in the morning from 8:45 until 9:30 a.m. Greeters would welcome the families, especially those who are not members of CLC, and help the children find their name tags and their groups. Volunteer greeters would schedule which days they were able to serve in the morning. See Judy DiDomizio.

Registration forms can be found on the counter at church, as well as on our church website: www.cheshirelutheran.org/VBS

CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019...

CLCW's 12th Annual Retreat was held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. 19 ladies attended this special event, at which we discussed Squire Rushnell's book, "WHEN GOD WINKS AT YOU". We shared many of our own "God Wink" experiences that paralleled the book's themes. All of us enjoyed a delicious lunch, the beautiful surroundings of the Guest House & Conference Center and the wonderful fellowship of our CLC sister's and friends.



We are eternally grateful to Vicki DePaolo for continuing to arrange and lead this wonderful event. To those women thinking about joining us next year, You Will Be Glad You Did!

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Activity	Choir
June 2 - Sunday <i>Ascension Sunday</i>	After 8:00 AM Service	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After 10:30 AM Service	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble & Double Quartet
June 5 - Wednesday	<i>No Rehearsals</i>		
June 9 - Sunday	After 8:00 AM Service	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Double Quartet
	10:30 AM	Performance	Double Quartet
	After 10:30 AM Service	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble & Parish Choir Women
June 16 - Sunday <i>Final two Service Sunday</i> <i>Church Picnic Follows Late Service</i> <i>Fathers Day</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir Women
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir Women
June 23 - Sunday	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Men's Ensemble
June 30 - Sunday	9:00 AM	Performance	Men's Ensemble

Summer Services will be an opportunity for solo and ensemble performances.
Please consider enhancing our Summer Services—If interested, and when you know your summer schedule, please see Martha for available times and sign up.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...



Please take time to thank the wonderful folks who have volunteered their time this year to teach Sunday school here at CLC. Whether we have children in the program or not, we should all be thankful that our CLC children are being taught the Word and are participating in the life of the church.

LOWER ELEMENTARY:

Tricia Rowold, Terri Daly & Carlene Myers

UPPER ELEMENTARY:

Lynn Balash, Christina Plantier & Pam Clark

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Paul Emerick, Elizabeth Shick & Judy DiDomizio

HIGH SCHOOL:

Jonathan Schrumm, Erich Strunk & David Schrumm

Education Deacon - Judy DiDomizio
Superintendent - Carlene Myers



FAITH AND FUN SUNDAY...

JUNE 9

The final session of Sunday school before summer break will be on June 9th from 9:10 until 10:10 a.m. There will be games for the children on the lawn, weather permitting. Have the children come dressed for fun! And, we hope that the whole family will join the congregation at our annual picnic following the 10:30 service on June 16th !

Sunday school will resume at CLC on Sunday, September 8, 2019.



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Greetings to All from Little Cherubs,

Where has the year gone? We are having graduation on June 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome to view and take part in the festivities of the day. The school picnic will be on June 12, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. for both the 3's and the 4's.

In the Bible, both classes learned about:

✠ "The Lost Sheep", "Saul and Paul", "Paul Escapes in a Basket", "Paul and Silas", "Angel Frees Peter", "Ascension", "Jesus is always with us"

The 4's:

Made May baskets celebrating Cinco de Mayo and made Mother's Day Cards. We reviewed types of clouds and made our own cloud project with all the types of clouds. We made fish with seaweed swimming in the sea.

All the children planted Marigold plants for their Mothers for Mother's Day.

We learned about Fables/Nursery Rhymes:

✠ Make Way for Ducklings, Blueberries for Sal, Fish is Fish, The Carrot Seed, The Very Hungry Caterpillar

We made postcards for postcard week & we reviewed numbers 14-20 & letters L-Z

Enrichment for the 4's:

We learned about the great art masters and their creative style. The children created their own works of art using the artist's style. We learned about:

✠ Hokusai, Pollock, Seurat, George Richter, Gauguin, Miro

3's (The month of May) - We reviewed letters F-O

Bible Lessons:

✠ Lost Sheep, Jesus Talks to Saul, Saul Escapes in a Basket, Paul and Silas in Prison, Angel Frees Peter

Themes for the month of May:

✠ Recycling Composting, Gardens, We Love Mom!, Farm Animals, Animals, Ocean Animals

Art:

✠ Worm Prints, Recycle Collage, Special Gift for Mom, Flower Basket, Barn, Chickie Egg, Zoo Animals, Peacocks, Whales, Jellyfish

Stories - The Librarian Came In from Cheshire Library:

✠ "Wiggly Worm", "We Recycle", "Is Your Mama a Llama", "Are You My Mother?", "Buttercup Farm", "Around my Farm", "Edward the Emu", "Zoo Keepers Story", "The Pout Pout Fish", "Baby Baluga"

Have a Wonderful Summer,

God Bless to All,

Miss JoAnn, Miss Martha and Miss Cindy



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 2019

4 th	Jim & Elaine Schlupp	31 Years
8 th	Walter & Linda Gancarz	45 Years
14 th	Alan & Kristen Green	33 Years
	Richard & Roberta Hagstrom	67 Years
16 th	Trum & Priscilla Troemel	57 Years
21 st	Craig & Kathy Wilson	39 Years
	Donald & Vicki DePaolo	50 Years
25 th	William & Deborah Sherman	36 Years
27 th	Robert & Julie Lamb	27 Years
27 th	Erich & Monica Strunk	4 Years



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...



This summer we will be donating School Kits to Orphan Grain Train. We can deliver the school kits directly to the Orphan Grain Train branch in Terryville, CT, saving us the shipping costs. Collection of school supplies will begin Sunday, July 7th, and end August 18th. A poster with tags of items needed to complete 50 school kits will be located in the hallway. Members are asked to take a tag or two and place their donations in the bins located under the counter nearest to the library entrance. Monetary donations will be welcomed to purchase items or help with shipping costs for the “kits” final destinations. A red box designated “School Kits” will be located on the hall counter for placing monetary donations.



Items being collected include:

- † Spiral notebooks
- † Rulers
- † Pencils
- † Crayons
- † Glue sticks
- † Blunt scissors
- † Washable Markers

Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

Mother's Day Blanket Sunday UPDATE...



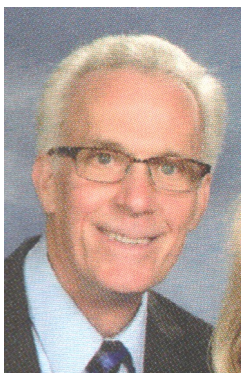
Thanks to everyone who donated to our Mother's Day Blanket Sunday program. Last year over 174,000 blankets and kits were distributed throughout the world, 128,586 of them distributed in the USA and Puerto Rico. These blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. We collected \$915. Dedications appeared in the Sunday Bulletin on May 12th.

Thank you for helping to provide blankets to people in need.

But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. – 2 Corinthians 8:2-4

Dottie Dierolf
Social Welfare Deacon

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



While summer may be the time for vacations and relaxation, be sure to keep God in your life. Remember Him in both times of trouble as well as times of triumph. Also, as friends and family visit during the summer, be sure to offer them the opportunity to join you in attending our weekly worship service.

Please watch the bulletin board and the weekly bulletin for announcements on upcoming opportunities to join forces and reaffirm the Christian presence of CLC within our community!

NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

It has been a busy first half of the year for house and grounds, and I thought I would give you a quick summary of what we have done and what we have planned going forward. In February, we continued our replacement of the fluorescent lights with LED, this time in the library. In April, we had our annual cleaning of both the inside and outside of the church; thank you to everyone that helped, especially on a rainy outside-cleanup Saturday. New up-lighting was installed in the sanctuary (a special thanks to Don Drust who took the lead to get this done), along with new ceiling fans. We also repaired and repainted the classrooms and replaced the chalkboards with magnetic white boards (a big thanks to Ed Schweitzer, Dave Schrumm and Jim Mertz). Bill Juul worked tirelessly on our sound system in the sanctuary to reduce feedback and improve the sound quality. There was electrical work done for the heating system, emergency lighting and the classrooms plugs. A new first aid kit was purchased and is located on top of the AED (defibrillator) next to the library.

In May, I did a walk through of the church with Pastor, Ed Switzer, Dave Schrumm and Pat DiDomizio and we came up with a list of projects, some of which I look to complete this year like:

- ✦ Door sweeps in Little Cherubs and main doors to sanctuary
- ✦ Clean curtains in back of church
- ✦ Repair recessed lights in Little Cherubs
- ✦ Refinish stairs to choir loft
- ✦ Replace flashing on front of church
- ✦ Add new shelf under TV in fellowship hall
- ✦ Purchase new projector
- ✦ Add new rocks in back of church

These are just some of the projects I'm looking to get done at the church this year. At the parsonage, we need to clear out some tree branches that came down over the winter. I also want to work with Pastor to see what we can do with the fireplace in his family room. The flue liner needs to be replaced before he can have a wood fire and we can either replace the liner or install a wood burning stove. I will talk with Pastor to determine the best option.

Lastly, I hope everyone is enjoying our new sign out front. The sign looks beautiful and I want to thank Jon Schrumm for all his work in getting this done; this wouldn't have happened without his leadership. Jon worked with his contacts at All-Tech Sign company to get the sign done for us at cost, we only paid for material. All-Tech not only donated all their time but even helped us install the sign! When all is said and done, they donated over \$4,500 in expense for them and I can't thank them enough. Over June and July, we will complete the installation with a stone garden and new lighting.

House and Grounds Deacon,

Andy Clark



Happy Fathers Day!



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...



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.



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.

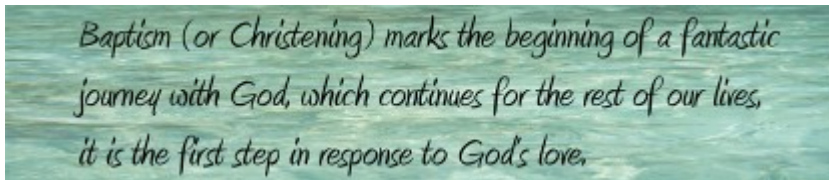
As for volunteering to help with the count, I originally stated I would be counting at night during the week. My schedule has shifted a bit, so I can now do Sunday after church also. Please contact me if you would be willing to help.

Guy Mason—
Financial Secretary



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD'S FAMILY...

We celebrate together as *Clara Lynn Howard* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday May 12, 2019



We rejoice together as *Thomas Anthony Tuscano* was baptized into the Lord's family on Sunday May 26, 2019



We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

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

Read the Bible
In
Two 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.

SUMMER SERVICE "REFRESHMENT" FELLOWSHIP...

We commence this wonderful fellowship on Sunday, June 23rd. We will be serving refreshments after the first 9:00 AM service. We always look forward to this time for weekly fellowship, so please plan on staying after service for a short while.

There is also a sign up sheet for volunteers to serve (there is very little work involved and it is a great way to stay in touch with everyone in our congregation) on the bulletin board.

Please be sure to check it out and volunteer to be an integral part of this weekly event.

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 offered.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



Jumping For Joy!!!

It is June!!!

There is much to celebrate in June. Graduations, the last day of school, Confirmation on Pentacost Sunday (which is June 9, 2019). Confirmation: an act or process of confirming, such as a Christian rite conferring the gift of the Holy Spirit and full church membership. This is something to be very proud of. The first step (I feel the most important one) of many in your young teen lives. Congrats to all CLC's Confirmands.

Looking ahead, while the Comfirmands get ready on June 9th to be confirmed, the rest of the Sunday school will be finishing up lessons on June 2, & then on June 9 celebrating the year ended with a continental breakfast, games, awards, & perhaps a short movie, a few other surprizes? Sooo please join us in wrapping up a good year of Christian growth & education that just may come in handy down the road for all of you.

Last but not least, I would like to report on CLC's Sunday school collection of pajamas, bathrobes, etc. for BHcare to help children in need. I am proud, extatically happy to announce that we collected 31 pairs of pajamas & 15 washed and sanitized stuffed animals. Well done good & faithful servants!!!

Thank you, Carlene Myers

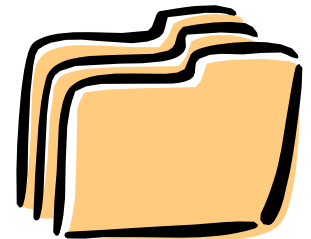
Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks also to Martha Medford for leading our children in song & praise this Sunday School year!
- † Many thanks to all musicians in Bell Choir, Youth Choir, and Parish Choirs, as well as instrumentalists, who have contributed to this church year. Your music has contributed greatly to our worship at Cheshire Lutheran Church. Martha Medford
- † Special and most grateful thanks to all those (lead by Jim and Margie Mertz) working so hard to keep Gancarz Creek and other gardens so beautiful ALL YEAR ROUND. We are truly blessed. Thank You.
- † Thank You, again, to Vicki DePaolo for continuing to organize and lead our Women's Retreat. It is a wonderful event filled with lively discussion and awesome eats. Thanks so much Vicki.
- † Heartfelt Thank You to the Fellowship Committee lead by Karen Weiland for arranging and conducting the many, many fellowship events throughout the year. We truly appreciate your hard work.
- † Gracious thanks to the many folk that helped out with planning and executing the Tag Sale in May. And praise God for the great weather...
- † Thanks to all that contributed time, funds & expertise with the new lighting, sound systems and fans in the Sanctuary. The upgrades are greatly appreciated and beautiful. 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.



CLC HELPING HANDS...

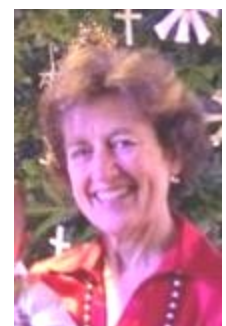
“Helping Hands” of CLC is designed to match members talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping “behind the scenes” from women 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.

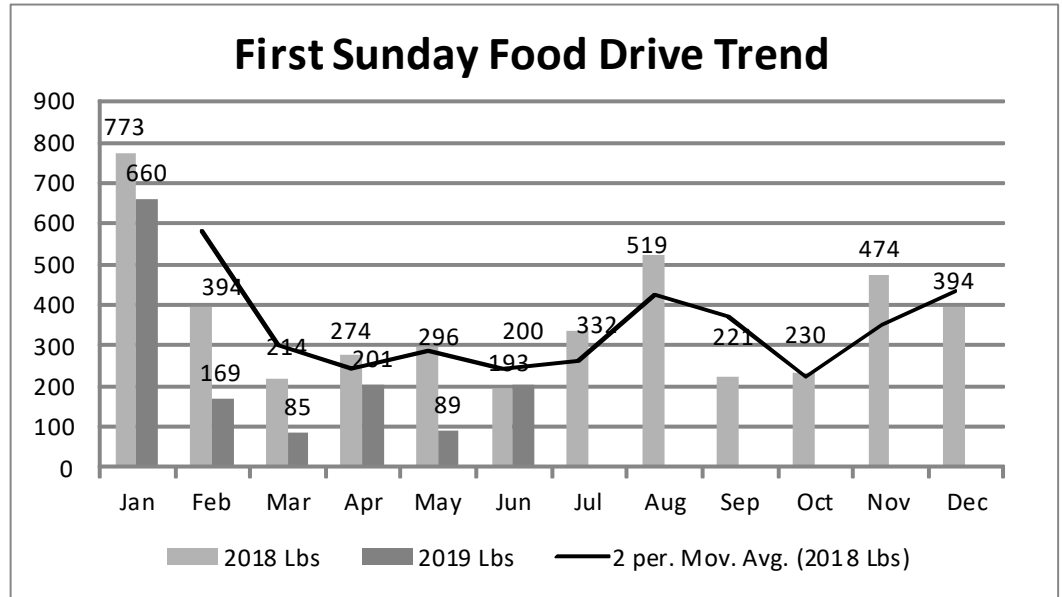
Sally Schrumm, Chairman





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.



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All our choirs are taking a break for the Summer; however, Martha has some wonderful music and special performances lined up for our Summer Services. If you are interested in performing for one service, let Martha know. She will work with you to decide what to do and when.

Also, consider joining the Bell or Parish Choir this Fall. You will be glad you did. We especially would love to re-start the Children's Choir so, if you have a young child (up through 6th Grade) that loves to sing, reach out to Martha. All Choirs start up again in September.

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 and Carolyn Bammann.



THE CLC TAG SALE THAT WAS...

A couple of months ago, Ed Schweizer approached me and suggested it was time for another tag sale at CLC. After agreeing that neither Ed nor I had any applicable experience in conducting a tag sale, we decided to jump in and gave ourselves the title--Co-Chairs!!! Ed felt any profits could supplement our building fund.

We conferred with Pastor Rowold for advice and the selection of a date that would not disrupt approaching events at CLC. It was decided that Saturday, May 18th, would be best. Then Ed and I set out to find volunteers with experience dealing with the preparation, ins and outs, ups and downs, and pitfalls of previous TAG SALES at CLC.

In a moment of serendipity, it was discovered that Karen Weiland was hopeful of planning an event at CLC, sort of a boutique that would offer jewelry, scarves and related accessories. The funds would go to CLC Women's charities. We decided to join forces, and conduct the boutique in our library, with all other items set up in our fellowship hall and, if the weather cooperated, items would be placed outside.

The following is a list of the volunteers who made our tag sale a success:
Nancy Schweizer, Karen and Tim Weiland, Anne and Dave McBain, Carol Santoro, Judy DiDomizio, Terri Daly, Holly Flugrath, Marilyn Miller, Barbara and Bill Hillis, Larry and Paul Fiedler, Pastor and Tricia Rowold, John Casberg, Karen Bailey, Martha Henderson, Steve Feero, Margie and Jim Mertz, John Balash, Bill Soulier, Guy Mason, Andy Clark, Vicki DePaolo, Nancy Engelhardt, and Trish Greenhalgh.

Special thanks also to the many congregants who donated items for us to sell, resulting in a profit of over \$3000.

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Thank you to the entire congregation for all of its support in all aspects of stewardship. I am glad to see more people getting involved in contributing their time, talent, and treasure. Keep it up. Plus, we can always use more involvement. Each member is important in terms of being involved with upkeep and maintenance of the church, being an ambassador, and helping the church to fulfill its missions.

I appreciate all that you do for CLC as we continue to keep CLC to be a place people want to come and find fellowship.

Have a terrific summer and keep up the great work.

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.

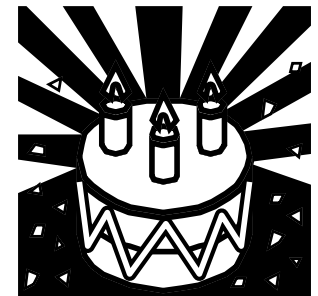
Here is a sample of the screen that you will see after completing a purchase:



You Shop. Amazon Gives

JULY BIRTHDAY CORNER

4th Paula Ongley	17th Peter Mayer	28th Eric Johnson
5th Diane Drust	18th Ian Carrington	30th Karen Hays
6th Julia Plantier	20th Lisa Tyler	31st Pastor Rowold
9th Elizabeth Blair	21st Brian Sherman	
10th Karen Weiland	22nd Lucas Donewald	
11th Wilfred Demers	24th CP Troemel	
13th Elizabeth Shick	25th Anne McBain	
14th Linda Gancarz	26th Carlene Myers	
15th Dorothy Dierolf	27th Paul Greenhalgh	
16th Max Muller	28th Alfred Mayer	
17th Debra Hajjar	29th John Sherman	
	30th Robert Becker	



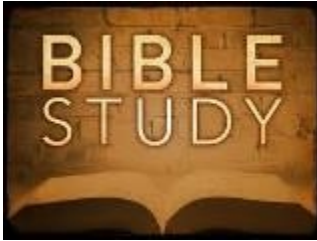
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - JULY 2019

10 th Tim & Karen Weiland	37 Years
12 th David & Meredith Natzel	4 Year
15 th John & Peggy Tessler	38 Years
18 th James & Cynthia Metz	2 Years
	10 Years



Bible Studies at CLC

BIBLE STUDY THE SUMMER...



With Summer approaching, many of our Bible studies are preparing to take a hiatus. The Sunday morning Bible study will meet on June 2 and 9, and then not again until September 8. The Men's Bible study will meet on June 6 to wrap up our current series, *Running the Race*, which looks at how our love of sports can help sharpen the focus for our daily race in this life. The Ladies' study will meet on June 13 as we continue to look at *Great Women of the Bible*, and we will be talking about Hannah (the mother of the prophet Samuel). Both the Ladies' and the Men's Thursday afternoon Bible studies will then be on break until after Labor Day.

Our Wednesday afternoon Bible study that is walking through the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke will **NOT be stopping** for the Summer. It **WILL take a brief pause** after our session on June 12 and will **RESUME on July 17**. There will be **NO** Wednesday study on June 19 & 26 and July 3 & 10 to allow time for VBS, Pastor's week off, and other events at the Church. As always, anyone and everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Library for our in-depth look at the God News recorded by St. Luke.

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:

- † Give Your Old Car A Good Home **Good News Garage** information
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **Hope Center** 2019 volunteer sign-ups
- † **Little Cherubs** enrollment information
- † **Helping Hands** Committee volunteer sign-up
- † **Summer Fellowship** volunteer Sign-Ups
- † **Sunday Morning Greeters** Volunteer Sign-Ups
- † 2019 Usher Schedule
- † VBS Volunteers and Participant 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
- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Judy DiDomizio.

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 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.

THIS SUMMER IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

June	
June 12, 1960	Ground broken for new Church and Parish Hall
June 19, 1960	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein installed as pastor
June 27, 1960	Congregation officially received into membership in the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
June 3, 2007	Ground broken for Little Cherub, expanded Sunday School rooms, kitchen & office, and Library construction
June 8, 2008	Dedication service for new Little Cherub building, expanded Sunday School rooms & office, remodeled kitchen, and library
July	
July 1979	Church Fellowship Hall & original Sunday School rooms construction completed
July 2, 1961	First 8 a.m. service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
July 2, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson's first service at Cheshire Lutheran Church
August	
June 10, 1979	Pastor Charles Gustafson ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ



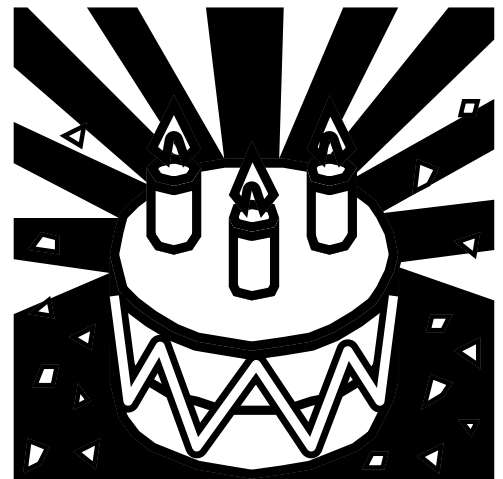
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 8, 2019 with Rally Day! Have a GREAT Summer!



AUGUST BIRTHDAY CORNER

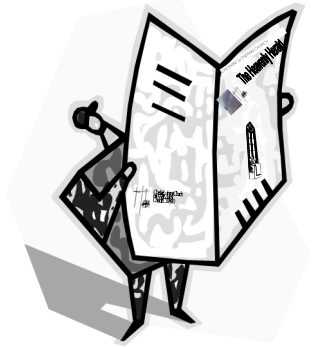
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| Paul Emerick | 22 nd Alan Green |
| 6 th Tim Slocum | Maggie Strunk |
| 7 th Kurt Lenz | 23 rd Janice Matson |
| 8 th Daniella Wilde | 25 th Christine Smith |
| 9 th Eleanor Verner | Alex Wilde |
| 11 th Donald Drust, Sr. | 26 th Karen Smith |
| Julie Lamb | 27 th Laura Richter |
| 12 th Andrew Clark | Matthew Emerick |
| 14 th Hanna Mayer | 28 th James Matson |
| Thea Mayer | 30 th Patricia Greenhalgh |
| 15 th Georgianna Schupp | 31 st Robert DeLaubell |
| Christina Webster | |
| 17 th Douglas Henderson | |



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

The Heavenly Herald is taking a few months off. The next issue will be September 2019. We will need your contributions in August. Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by August 23rd or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed in the HH in Beth's lateral file fold on the hallway table.

Thank You!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - AUGUST 2019



5 th	Rob & Terri Daly	30 Years
	Jeffrey & Debra Hajjar	25 Years
6 th	James & Margie Mertz	53 Years
7 th	Allen & Catherine Barden	3 Years
12 th	Paul & Wendy Emerick	19 Years
20 th	Alex & Daniella Wilde	14 Years
22 nd	William & Sandra Gayda	55 Years
23 rd	Steve & Nancy Feero	23 Years
28 th	Kurt & Kelly Lenz	37 Years
31 st	James & Janice Matson	51 Years



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.



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

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



HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

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



Job Description:

Lead **enthusiastic children in songs**, Crafts, games, Bible stories

Qualifications:

A desire to serve God and bring children to faith & fun

Work Schedule:

Sunday Mornings, 9:10 to 10:10 (except Summer Months)

Compensation:

Spiritual enrichment, Christian fellowship & the affection of happy children

How to apply:

Speak to Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio or Pastor



SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Please join us for 9:00 AM services starting June 23rd through September 1st. Also, remember to join us after the 9:00 AM services for our Lemonade Fellowship.

COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

- † **Council** meeting will be held Tuesday **June 4th** & Thursday **September 5th** at **7:00 PM**
- † September **Voters'** meeting will be held, Sunday **September 8th** after the **Late Service**



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