



The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.” (Luke 2:15-18 ESV)

We all know the Christmas story: The pregnant Mary and her husband Joseph travel to Bethlehem because of the Roman census. On arriving, they find that there is no place for them to stay because of the crowds. As a result, they end up in the stable where Mary gives birth to the Christ-child and lays Him in the manger that she has converted into a crib. Meanwhile, angels visit some shepherds who are working in the fields near Bethlehem and tell them the Good News that the Savior God promised to send has been born in Bethlehem.

Often that’s where the story ends – with Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in the stable and the shepherds out in the fields; however, there is more to it. As Saint Luke records, after the shepherds heard the message of the angels, they responded by going into the town of Bethlehem to see for themselves what God had done. Then the shepherds went out and shared the news with the people that they met, becoming the first evangelists.

The Word of God proclaimed by the angels created faith in their hearts. The shepherds then put that faith into action, going to see the Christ-child, and sharing their faith with the people around them. That’s what the Gospel

does: it changes people. It changed the shepherds and it changes you and me too.

Every year the message of the angels is proclaimed again in the Christmas Eve Gospel, and you and I are the ones who get to hear it. Just like the shepherds, we respond by going to see for ourselves what God has done. Instead of going to a stable to see Christ in the manger, however, we go to the altar to receive Christ where He comes in His body and Blood in Holy Communion.

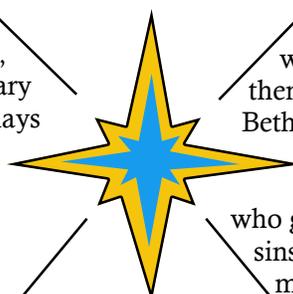
As the shepherds did all those years ago, we too go out and share that Good News with the people we meet in our lives. We tell them not just of the baby born in Bethlehem, but of what that baby later did as the Savior

who gave Himself to take away our sins. That’s the true gift of Christmas, not the baby lying in the manger, but the Son of God who goes to the cross to forgive your sins.

This Christmas, come to CLC and again be a part of the story. Join with the shepherds out in the fields. Hear the message of the angels. Witness the Christ-child in the manger. Receive Him in the Sacrament. Then go out and share Him with your family and friends, and all the other people in your life. Give them the true gift of Christmas – Jesus their Savior.

I look forward to seeing you at either the 7:00 PM or 10:00 PM service on Christmas Eve.

In Christ,
 Pastor R



***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,

As we approach year end and I contemplate thoughts for this last 2019 article, our first snow is falling and reminding me of the upcoming season of Advent. Exciting events are ahead, such as spending time with family and friends, watching our Children’s Christmas pageant, tree felling and Sanctuary decorating, singing of Silent Night on Christmas Eve, and, most importantly, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Reminders we all have so much to be thankful for!



In regard to church business, our Voters Meeting in November was held as scheduled and each Council member provided productive updates. A few key highlights were that the 2020 Mission Plan was accepted, and all nominated Council members were voted in. We still have one open Education Deacon position that we are looking to fill. If God is calling you to this role and you’re simply not sure, please reach out to one of our Nominating Committee members Rob DeLaubell, Alan Santoro or Alan Spose to learn more about this exciting opportunity to serve.

Please take the time to thank David Veleber and David Schrumm for their six years of service as Stewardship Deacon and Worship Deacon, respectively. The Council welcomes Rob DeLaubell as Stewardship Deacon and Tim Weiland as Worship Deacon. I would like to also say a big thank you to Carol Santoro and Martha Medford for their hard work and dedication to CLC. They continue to be instrumental in making sure every detail of our weekly services are properly planned, verified and coordinated. Last but not least, thank you Beth Soulier for being so patient in waiting on my monthly Heavenly Herald article submissions! Beth works so hard to ensure that our Heavenly Herald is relevant, interesting, and ready for publication at the start of each month – THANK YOU!

Pledge packets were recently provided to all congregation members. They help the Church have a more consistent expectation of revenue over the course of the year to help maintain our Mission Plan aimed at local and global commitments. We encourage you to repledge if you have in the past or consider the importance of pledging if it’s your first time.

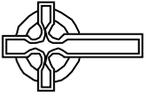
This Advent and upcoming Christmas seasons may provide opportunities for you to tell a friend or a neighbor a bit about CLC and invite that person to join you for a worship service or Bible study.

As always, please contact me or any member of our Church Council if you have any suggestions or questions.

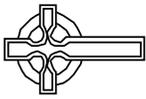
See you in church and God Bless!

Steve Feero
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GAO Galendars



December

December Servants

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.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class has resumed for the 8th and 9th Grade students. Class meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. during the school year and the Rite of Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.



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 IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

December

December 9, 1956	Inaugural service at Cheshire Grange Hall; Rev. Darrell Geitz giving the 1st sermon
December 24, 1967	Bell first rung
December 9, 2006	New garden crosses imbedded
December 3, 2011	Lawn Crèche first displayed
December 17, 2017	Call extended to Rev. David Patrick Rowold to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson

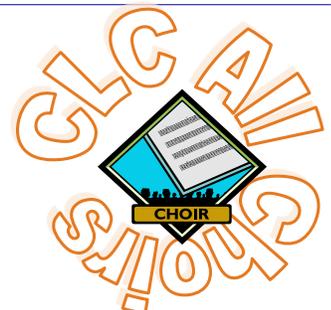


CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs continue with Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:

- 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
- 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
- 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did!



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.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
December 1 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	9: 10 AM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 4 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 8 - Sunday <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> Advent Brunch after late service	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	9:10 AM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
December 11 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 14 - Saturday	3:30 PM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
December 15 - Sunday <i>Christmas Pageant</i> <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	9:45 AM	Costumes	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Christmas Pageant	Sunday School—All Students
	11:30 AM	Refreshments	Everyone
December 18 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 22 - Sunday <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 24th - Monday <i>Christmas Eve - 2 Services</i>	6:15 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	9:20 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:00 PM	Performance	Bell, Parish Choirs & Soloists
December 25 - Christmas	Merry Christmas—NO CHOIR REHEARSALS		
December 29 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	10:30 AM	Performance	Soloist
January 1- Wednesday	New Years Day—NO CHOIR REHEARSALS		
January 5 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



CLC PARTICIPATES IN CHESHIRE LIGHTS OF HOPE...

Cheshire Lutheran Church participated in this year’s Cheshire’s “Lights of Hope” on Saturday, November 9th. Luminaries were set up and lit by confirmand Julianna Tyler.

Over the years, “Lights of Hope” has evolved into an annual event that now benefits several Cheshire non-profits like the food pantry and Cheshire Youth and Social Services. Proceeds also go towards student scholarships and to The Petit Family Foundation.

Cheshire's “Lights of Hope” unites the community by lighting up the town and creating a brighter world while benefiting local charities and promoting volunteerism.



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everyone a joyous and merry Christmas.

If you have not taken and/or returned your pledge packets, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you have not pledged in the past but would like to do so now, you can ask our Church Secretary, Carol Santoro, for a packet. I again thank all of you for your past generosity and look forward to a very successful 2020.

As I have done every year, I continue to ask that members please always think about inviting friends to join us here at CLC, especially for Christmas services. It is always fun and exciting to see new faces and to see the Church grow. Many people are looking for a spiritual home. Why not invite them to make CLC that home?

This will be my last article as Stewardship Deacon. My term is ending. It has been my privilege and honor to have served the congregation for the past 5+ years in this role. Rob DeLaubell will be taking over as Stewardship Deacon and I know he will do a great job.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

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:



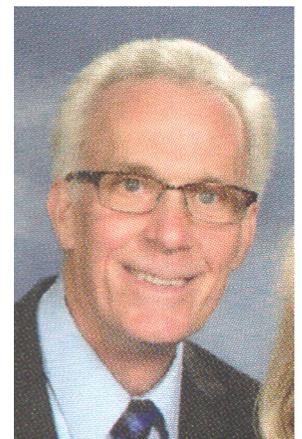
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NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

As we joyfully enter the preparation season of Advent, we are reminded of God’s unending love and the coming of our Savior. For many, it has become a hectic season clouded by shopping, decorating and traveling. Let us all take the time to truly appreciate the beauty of the season as we pray for the light of Christ to fill us with hope, joy, faith and love. For many, this season may be difficult due to illness, financial difficulties, family problems or the death of a loved one. If you know of such a person, extend an invitation to attend one of our Sunday services or one of our Christmas Eve services. The light of Christ can fill the darkness he or she may be experiencing.

May the love, light and hope that is Christmas be with us all this Advent season.

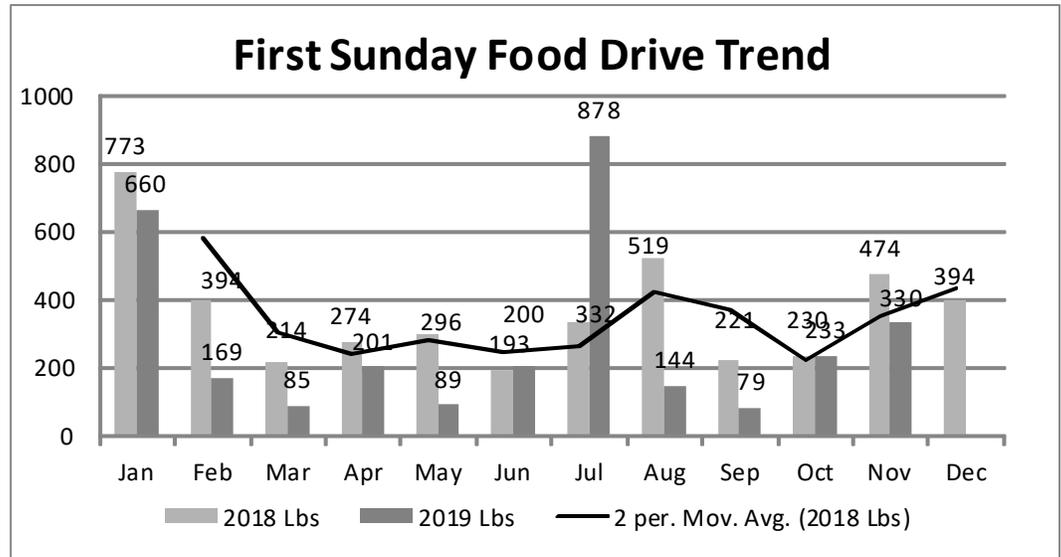
Alan Spose
Evangelism Deacon





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.

OUR BEAUTIFUL THANKSGIVING CORNUPOPIA...

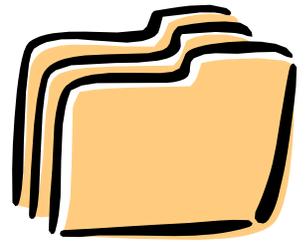
The Beautiful Cornucopia that adorned our Altar for the service on Thanksgiving was lovingly made by Martha Henderson again this year. It not only served to celebrate Thanksgiving, but it also serves to remind us how blessed we are by the abundance our Lord has chosen to give us.

During this time of Thanks and into the Christmas Season, let us all remember those gifts and blessings, and give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. There are many ways to give; we ALL have time, talent and financial gifts to choose from. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your family this Christmas Season.



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.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

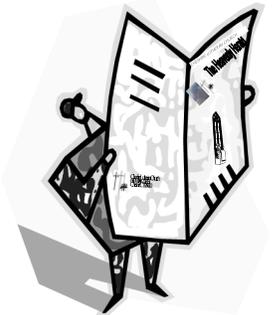
Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is held between services during Adult Bible Study. In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers. Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to 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!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(January 2020 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **December 27th** 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!



Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks to the special folk that assembled the November Heavenly Herald! We can't do it without your support, you are the BEST!
- † Many thanks to Martha Henderson for the LOVELY Cornucopia that adorned the Altar for our Thanksgiving Service. It is just beautiful!
- † Many Thanks to Karen Weiland and her committee for hosting the wonderful Apple Pie Workshop. Also thanks to the Drusts. The event was a huge success and the pies were wonderful
- † Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and Chair Karen Weiland for the Advent Brunch. We are so blessed that we have so many dedicated congregants to organize these events.
- † Thank you to the dedicated folk for being such loving stewards of our Church grounds. We are so blessed for your service to our Church Family.
- † Very special thanks again to the crew for displaying the Christmas Crèche on our front lawn. The Crèche will speak volumes to passerby's that need to be reminded of the TRUE Meaning of the Season!
- † Blessed Thank You to the Drusts for ALL you do for us!
- † Thank you to Bill Juul for continuing to update our Website with pictures, videos etc. Please check it out. We are Blessed.



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, \$100 was donated to replenish the kitchen supply of pitchers. 8 ceramic (cream/milk) and 4 large plastic (Juice/iced tea) pitcher were purchased and will be used for fellowship activities.

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:

- † 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
- † **Sunday Morning Greeters** Volunteer Sign-Ups
- † **2019 Usher Schedule**
- † **Help with Odd Jobs**—See Erik Galuska flyer on the Bulletin Board
- † **Thrivent Action Team** Sign Up
- † **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour** Sign Up
- † **Quilts of Valor** Sign Up
- † **Volunteers Needed for Hospice & Palliative Care** information
- † **Pastors Pilgrims Trip to Scotland** 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
- † **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.
- † **All Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:
 - 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 - 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.



SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...

A new committee is forming to review our many documents containing CLC History and to address enhancements to our Library. Contact Pat DiDomizio if you have questions and/or wish to join the committee.

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

2019 is almost over and we have continued to share with others in following ways:

- ✦ The October collection for Lutheran Disaster Response was \$306
- ✦ The monthly food collection was 333 lbs
- ✦ The Thanksgiving donation of 140 gravy jars was also giving to the Cheshire food pantry.
- ✦ Acts 4 had said that they would appreciate Christmas decoration. Thank you to those who brought in their items.

The month of November has been a month that joy, love and thanks. Consider donating to a cause that has meaning to you and/or choosing a new one next year.



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!



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2020...

Pledge Sunday for 2020 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



QUILTS OF VALOR UPDATE...

On Saturday, November 24, 2019, "Quilts of Valor" wrapped 4 veterans and 1 military, still serving, in quilts made especially for them. This event was to thank them for their service. It was quite a special occasion. One in particular was 101 years old and whose beloved wife was a very famous quilter herself.

The veterans who received the quilts were:

Joseph Hudson Sr	Domenic M	Joseph F
Frank S	Dwight Floyd	

We would also like to thank:

- The sewers
- Those that gave money to us which helped purchase supplies

This is a totally volunteer organization and depends on donations from the public to make these quilts happen.

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

For more information please visit their website at <https://www.qovf.org/>



GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY—THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR 2019



GOOD NEWS, GREAT JOY!!!
JESUS IS BORN!!!



PARENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



- ✦ Dress Rehearsal – Saturday, December 14, – 3:30 PM
- ✦ Pageant - December 15 - During the 10:30 AM Service



ATTENTION PARENTS & CHILDREN



- ✦ Assure your child is present at every rehearsal. Especially students with speaking parts!
- ✦ This year Advent offering will go to the Cheshire Food Pantry. Please try to fill your boxes for our neighbors in need. There will be first, second & third place prizes awarded to whoever can donate the most. So, please remember to put your name on your advent coin box!
- ✦ A reception will be held after the service in the fellowship hall.
- ✦ The Pageant is directed by Tricia Rowold with music accompaniment by Martha Medford.



JOIN US:

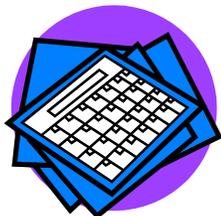


Join in singing many of your favorite Christmas hymns and carols with the children and youth of our congregation.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio, Martha Medford & Tricia Rowold



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2020...

2020 Calendars are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Slater Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS...

- ✦ Sunday, Dec. 8 at 9:10 will be a **run-through** of the pageant in the sanctuary
- ✦ Saturday, Dec. 14 will be a **dress rehearsal** at 3:30 PM.
- ✦ Sunday, Dec. 15 please come to church at 9:45 to get prepared for the Christmas Pageant at the 10:30 service.

(We ask each family to kindly bring a dish of cookies or bars for the fellowship after the pageant.)

Please Note:

There will be no Sunday School, Confirmation Class or Adult Bible Study on Sunday, Dec. 29th.

God bless you all.



NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

You are cordially invited to be a:

- ✚ **Reader**
- ✚ **Usher**
- ✚ **Greeter**
- ✚ **Singer or Ringer**
- ✚ **Altar Guild**

When: *Sunday Mornings (for the most part)*

Where: *660 West Main Street, Cheshire CT*

RSVP 272-5106

Our weekly services don't just happen. For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 "periods of service" when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir's musical offerings that make our worship special).

When you attend service, you witness these "periods of service" and you benefit from them. Will you assent the invitation to help in some way?

Will you answer like Isaiah?....."Here I am Lord. Send me."

Please contact the church office or David Schrumm, Worship Deacon, for more information on how you can serve.



NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Pictures from special events over the Summer
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday 12/20/19 to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **9:00 AM ish** on Saturday 12/21/19 to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

THANK YOU, AND A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL!

Vicki DePaolo
CLC Vice President



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Can you believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone?

We had Picture Day for the children in both the 3 and 4 year old classes. They turned out so beautiful. We used Nightingale Family Photography.



This Past Month for the 3 Year Olds:

- ✦ We talked with the children about hibernation and what animals do to prepare for winter.
- ✦ We talked about harvesting and how the cornucopia was used to collect the produce they picked.
- ✦ And, of course, we ended the month with Thanksgiving. We discussed what it means to be thankful for things that God has provided for us such as Mommy, Daddy, Sister, Brother, Aunt and Uncles, clothes, our homes, food and being thankful for God.
- ✦ Bible Time—We learned Manna in the Dessert, Joshua and Jericho, David and Goliath, Being Thankful.
- ✦ Numbers 1-11—Letters J-M
- ✦ Art time—Bear in a Cave, Ladybug Logs, Cornucopia, Little Turkey, Cranberry Bush and cooking corn muffins.
- ✦ Stories we read: “Don’t Wake the Bear”, “Who Hibernates”, “One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims”, “Turkey Troubles”, “My First Thanksgiving”, “Indian Corn”, and “My Thankful Heart”.



This Past Month for the 4 Year Olds:

- ✦ We started off the month discussing Fall and Harvest. We went over what a Cornucopia is and how it is used to harvest the foods from the gardens. We worked on what we could do to have fall fun like raking leaves and jumping in the piles, cutting open their pumpkins and making pumpkin seeds.
- ✦ We have been having fun learning about voting. Miss Martha and Miss Cindy thought of great things for the children to vote on like color of the walls they would like to have. It has been ongoing.
- ✦ School was open for Veteran’s Day. The children learned what Veteran’s Day stands for and made a Badge in Red, White and Blue.
- ✦ For Art the children made spider webs, Raking leaves Project, Turkey Feathers, Cooked Corn Bread, Puppet Turkey, and what they were thankful for. Manna in the Desert, and the Mayflower.
- ✦ Bible Time We Learned —Moses Parts the Red Sea, Manna in the Desert, Joshua and the Wall, Jonah and the Big Fish.
- ✦ Numbers 9-11

Pastor continues to come in on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Librarian visited for the first time this year. She was wonderful.

God’s Blessings to all,
JoAnn, Martha and Cindy



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Guy Mason (203) 250-7708 and/or gmason94@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CLC MEMBERS...

If you would like to send a Christmas card to all of us here at CLC (instead of to each of us) you can do so by posting it on our bulletin board over the green felt Christmas tree.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE...

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee has been busy lately.

- ✠ We celebrated All Saints' Day on November 3rd with a brief Commemoration of the Faithful Departed who are inurned in our Columbarium lead by Pastor Rowold in between services.
- ✠ The Columbarium was again decorated with our Nations flags in celebration of and dedication to our Military Veterans on Veterans' Day, November 11. The Flags were visible on the Wall from Saturday through Monday, November 10-11.

The Committee has created a Memorial Garden and Columbarium informational pamphlet that summarizes the purpose of the site, as well as answering some frequently asked questions. Look for the pamphlet on the hallway counter.



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ADVENT LUNCH...

'Tis the season to celebrate
And be thankful for the past year.
You are invited to our

ADVENT JUBILEE LUNCH

DECEMBER 8th AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE

MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR

(LUKE 1:47)

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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
SEASON OF ADVENT.



Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Apple Pie Workshop Memories



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HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

HAVE A SAFE & BLESSED CHRISTMAS



Our CLC Wellness and Safety Committee has been meeting monthly using the following instructional guides: creating a safe church, being prepared and aware and providing emergency medical care. We offer the following tips to help make your Christmas safe and secure.:



- ▲ If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it and remove it from your home when it is dry.
- ▲ A dried-out tree can catch fire faster than one that has been properly watered. Check the water level every other day to ensure proper hydration.
- ▲ If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's labeled "fire resistant." Fire-resistant trees are less susceptible to catching fire.
- ▲ Replace any lights with frayed wires, broken sockets, and loose connections.
- ▲ Turn off all lights when you go to bed and before leaving the house to avoid a short that could start an electrical fire.
- ▲ Keep candles on a sturdy base to prevent tipping. Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- ▲ Keep potentially poisonous plants – poinsettias, mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis – away from children.
- ▲ Keep your driveway and walkways clear of ice and snow, especially if you're expecting guests. Roughly 16,500 Americans head to the hospital each year due to injuries that happen while shoveling or removing ice and snow. Wear proper boots with enough traction, point feet slightly outward to keep your center of balance under you, and take small, slow steps.
- ▲ Keep yourself and your family safe from food-related illness. Wash hands and surfaces often. Avoid cross-contamination by keeping raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs (including their juices) away from ready-to-eat foods and eating surfaces. Cook foods to the proper temperature. Refrigerate promptly. Do not leave perishable foods out for more than two hours.

Don't let the holiday madness take a toll on your mental and emotional health. Take some time off to relax and unwind. In addition, get adequate sleep.



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 that 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.



Council Meeting Reminder: Tuesday December 3rd at 7:00 PM

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GREATER HARTFORD HANDEL'S MESSIAH COMMUNITY SING/CONCERT...

(Christmas portion)

Both singers and audience are welcome to join together for this popular and festive annual event, held in the historic Center Church Meeting House with its large 4 manual pipe organ.

When: Sunday, January 5, 4:00 PM

Where: Center Church Meeting House, corner of Main and Gold Streets in downtown Hartford
The First Church of Christ in Hartford "Center Church"
675 Main St – At 60 Gold Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Parking: Free downtown street parking and free parking in the Traveler's Garage one block east from Church on Prospect Street. (Next to Hartford Club)

This Messiah Community Sing brings together as many as 100 singers from the region to sing this timeless masterpiece with outstanding area soloists singing the arias and recitatives. We hope you will join us!

Please note: Singers arrive at 3:00pm and seated by 3:30pm.

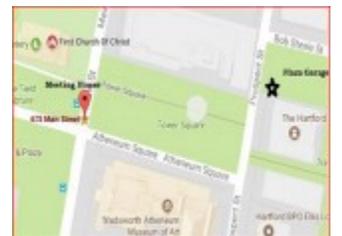
Suggested Attire: Women: Holiday colors - Men: White Shirt, tie, dark pants, or "Come as you are"!

Scores: We encourage singers to bring their own score. Extra copies will be available to borrow.

Optional rehearsal: Saturday, January 5 at 9 AM in the Church House at 60 Gold Street.

Messiah singers encouraged to participate!

For more information go to: <https://centerchurchhartford.org/> you can also speak with Beth Soulier (860) 338-5970 or email at soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net





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



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.



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 other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...

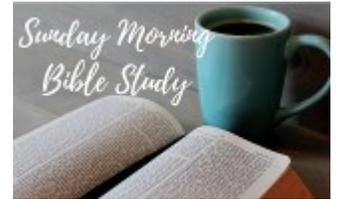
Bible Studies at CLC

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Sunday morning Bible study continues in the Library at 9:10 a.m.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

On Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. we're walking through the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke; we're in chapter Fourteen, so stop on by.

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

Our 1:30 p.m. Thursday Bible study alternates, with Ladies meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and the men meeting 1st and 3rd.

You're welcome to join us any time, even if it's your first time, and even if it will be the only time. I look forward to seeing you.



Come on out and join us for Bible study during the week.!

For Unto Us a Child is Born



Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 2019

12th Jeff and Kyong Mann 39 Years



Christmas Eve Service Reminder!

Tuesday December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:
7:00 PM & 10:00 PM



GOD BLESS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please say a special thank you to your children's Sunday School teachers. They serve in a very important mission of our church, our children! A simple and sincere "we appreciated your help to us and our children" will mean so much to them.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2nd Tim Baker
- 4th Judith DiDomizio
Emily Napp
Steve Feero
- 5th Carolyn Carrington
- 6th Sydney Taylor
- 10th Paul Fiedler
- 12th Martha Henderson
Ali Tyler
- 14th John Mulvaney
- 16th David McBain
Christian Kjeldsen
- 17th Alwin Manke
- 21st Blair Donewald
- 22nd Judith Juul
- 25th Curt Smith
- 27th Paul Smith
- 29th Samantha Nowak
- 30th Alan Santoro
David Blair

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy...Luke 2:10



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