

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!” Psalm 130:1-2 (ESV)

Life can be difficult.... We'd like to think that it will always be easy and that it will always be good, but that's not true. The poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow expressed that truth when he penned the line “Into each life some rain must fall” in his poem *The Rainy Day* and Ella Fitzgerald later sang a song using that same line as the title. Sooner or later, everyone faces adversity. In my own admittedly short life, I don't think I have ever met a single person who has had a life free of problems or difficulties. (If you are one of the rare few, please don't tell me – I'd be worried your good streak would end after informing me.)

The expectation for us Christians is that we will simply take these situations in stride – we'll pray about it, read some relevant Bible verses, entrust the matter to God, and then promptly move on. The reality is often far from that simple. Problems rarely go away quickly, doubt or anxiety often lingers, and sometimes God's answer to our prayers is “No.” When problems persist and difficulties do not go away, we're tempted to think that God is not listening, that He does not care, or even that He has abandoned us. The Psalms are replete with the cries of God's people as they call out to Him in their need and desperation.

Even when nothing seems to be going right, the troubles have no end, and you think you are all alone, God is still with you. I know that it may not feel that way when you are facing setback after setback, but He **IS** with you. By water and the Word you were joined together with Christ Jesus in Holy Baptism, united with Him in death

and in life. God's promise to you is certain and sure; Christ Himself said, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20) and the Apostle reminds us of the word God spoke to you and me, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Heb. 13:5).

Of course, it's easy to speak those promises in the abstract, to point to them when you are not going through the difficulty yourself, when the suffering is another person's. For the one enduring the hardship, actions often speak louder than words. So, let's look at the actions: look at Christ's life, lived for you; look at Christ's passion, endured for you; look at Christ's death, suffered for you. Jesus's life, suffering, death, and resurrection were all for you. The God who loved you so much that He lived and died all for you, will certainly not abandon you now – no matter what you are facing.

Sometimes we forget all that Jesus endured for us; that's why we have the season of Lent. It's a time when we can fix our eyes again on Jesus and see Him – really see Him – not just as the man who works miracles, but as the God who suffers all, even death and Hell itself, so that you will be with Him forever. Join me this Lenten season as we fix our eyes on Jesus, see His suffering and passion, and rejoice that God loves you so much that He will give anything, even His own life, all for you.

In Christ Jesus, who went down to the depths of woe to lift you up to the joys of Heaven,

Pastor R

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 8, 2020.**
 Move your clocks *ahead* 1 hour so you are not late for Church!

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 first Voters meeting of 2020 was conducted on Sunday, February 9th, following the late service and was well attended and productive. We easily met the quorum requirement – thank you to all for making such a great effort to attend this meeting!

During our Voter’s meeting, we announced the selection of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Naugatuck as the local church in need of support as a recipient within our 2020 Mission Plan.

With our Christian Growth Fund in a relatively strong position, the Voter’s approved a one-time \$5,000 gift to the New England District, since we were unable to consistently meet our contribution goals over the past ten years, and for the NED being extremely helpful during our recent pastoral vacancy. Thanks to Bill Sherman for suggesting this.

A noteworthy milestone on Tuesday, February 25th earmarks Pastor Rowold’s two year anniversary with us. We thank him, his wife Tricia and daughter Sarah for all that they do here at Cheshire Lutheran Church

Based on feedback from several members, a committee has been formed to develop standards and design roadside event signs to aesthetically complement our church sign.

A noteworthy milestone on Tuesday, February 25th marks Pastor Rowold’s two year anniversary with us. We thank him, his wife Tricia and daughter Sarah for all that they do here at Cheshire Lutheran Church. We’re extremely blessed to have them as part of our CLC family and look forward to the continued bright future our congregation has with Pastor Rowold leading us in our ministry with Christ!

The meeting schedule for the near term is as follows:

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| Council | Monday, March 9 th , at 7:00 p.m. |
| Voters | Sunday, May 3 rd , after the late service |

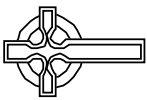
I look forward to getting to know many of you better, and if we have not formally met, please take a moment to introduce yourself. If you have ideas or concerns, please reach to any council member, deacon or myself. I can best be reached on my cell at (203) 213-7753 or email at president@cheshirelutheran.org

Yours in Christ!

Steve Feero
Parish President, CLC



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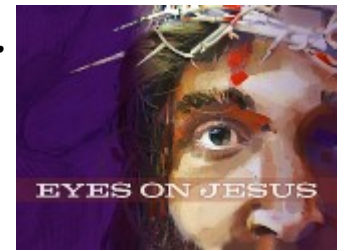


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March Servants

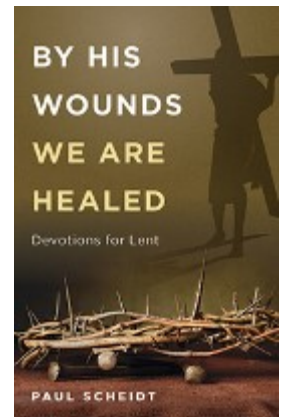
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES *EYES ON JESUS...*

"Fix your eyes on Jesus." When the people in the Passion narrative looked at Jesus, what did they see? *Eyes on Jesus* asks us to look at Jesus through various Biblical character's viewpoints, learning how they saw Jesus. Did they misunderstand Him? Did they recognize Him as the Son of God? Using Scripture passages from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, challenge yourself to consider what you see when you look at Jesus.



BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED ADULT LENT DEVOTIONALS...

The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In these daily devotions for Lent by Paul Scheidt, we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him "the iniquity of us all." Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and "by his wounds we are healed."



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

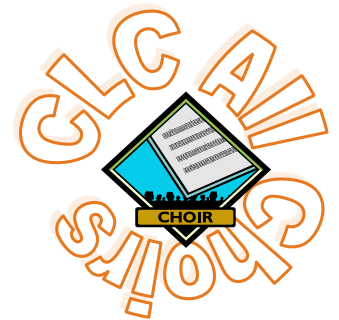
A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.



CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs meet for Wednesday Evening Rehearsals except during Lent. Please refer to calendar/choirs' schedule.

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 can is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
March 1 - Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 4 - Wednesday 2nd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 5 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 8 - Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School—All Students
March 11 - Wednesday 3rd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 12 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 15 - Sunday 3rd Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 18 - Wednesday 4th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 19 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 22 - Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent	8:00 AM	Service	Congregational Hymn
	10:30 AM	Service	Congregational Hymn
March 25 - Wednesday 5th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 26 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 29 - Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 1 - Wednesday 6th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 2 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

March

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

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Greetings All,

I would like to provide an update on 2020 pledge activity. So far, there have been 67 pledges which have been received. For those that have chosen to make a pledge, thank you! For those that have not pledged, it is not too late to do so. Please let Carol Santoro or I know if you need another pledge packet. Pledging helps the Church have a more consistent expectation of revenue over the course of the year to help maintain our Mission Plan.

Also, thank you for those that returned the Time and Talent card. I am referring to the pink sheet which was included in your pledge packet, where you were asked to check off areas where you would like to get involved (or already are involved). These are being shared with Officers and Deacons, who can then reach out and contact you.

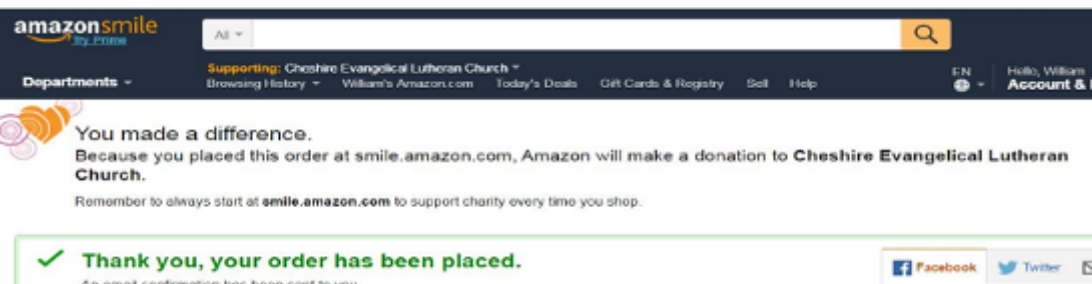
Sincerely,
Rob DeLaubell



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

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your offering envelopes, please call the church office. Thank you!



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.

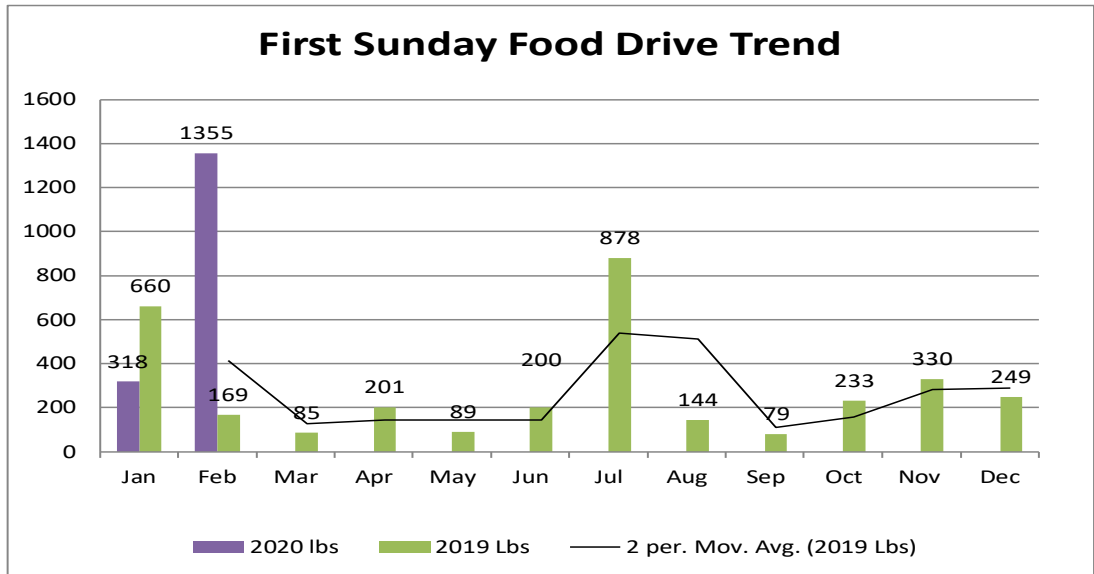
Stay warm!





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



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.

“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 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!

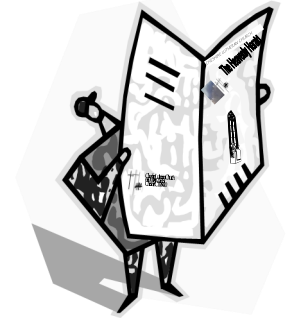
NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

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.



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (April 2020 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **March 20th**, 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!



PASTOR'S PILGRIMS JOURNEYS TO THE BALKANS AND TRANSYLVANIA IN 2020...



You are invited to join the Pastor's Pilgrims travelers as Pastor Wismar hosts "The Treasurers of the Balkans and Transylvania" August 18-30 2020. Brochures are available on the counter near the library or by contacting Pastor W. at 203 405-1135. You may also speak to Vicki DePaolo about this trip.



NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

On Sunday, Feb 2nd, 160 million Americans tuned into the Super Bowl. There were mountains of food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same, time there were people worried about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Join young people around the US as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbor through the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

Thank you for caring for others by donating soup and money. All donations were delivered to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl support. The pantry won with 87 plus soup cans and \$165. The addition of Thrivent Action Team grant the final score was 251 lbs hunger zero! The Cheshire Community Food Pantry was so grateful for our sharing of our blessings.

Don't forget you can use your Thrivent Choicer Dollars for any organization that you want to support. March 31, 2020 is this year's deadline.

Social Welfare Deacon
Dotti Dierolf



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: Paula Ongley

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

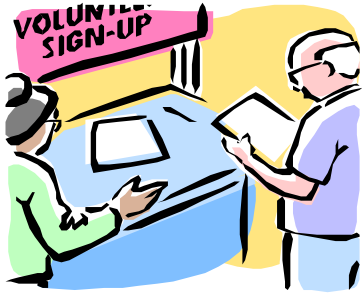
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † Cheshire Housing Authority information regarding Section 8 Elderly Housing
- † The Waterbury Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Youth Choir Festival information
- † Connecticut March for Life information
- † Volunteers Needed for Hospice information
- † 2020 Usher Schedule
- † Memory Café at St Peter's Episcopal Church information
- † Hope Pregnancy Center Job Opening for Executive Director position
- † On With Life (OWL) bereavement group information
- † Pastors Pilgrims BALKANS AND TRANSYLVANIA IN 2020 trip information
- † 2020 Annual Women's Retreat information and Sign-Up
- † Lenten Soup & Salad Sign-ups
- † Sunday Morning Greeters Volunteer Sign-Ups
- † Quilts of Valor Sign Up—Next Meeting at CLC is in April
- † Thrivent Action Team Sign Up
- † Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Sign Up
- † Hope Pregnancy Center 2020 volunteer sign-ups
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † 2020 Flower Chart Sign-up

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 weekly during Lent - please see choirs' schedule.
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.



THRIVENT MEMBER UPDATE...

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who directed Choice Dollars to Cheshire Lutheran Church during 2019. Thrivent Financial and their members have once again shown that a difference can be made by working together. Just a reminder to all Thrivent members that even though we are in a new calendar year, there is still time to allocate any remaining 2019 Thrivent Choice Dollars that you may have available to you. Please check to see if you have Choice Dollars to allocate by either signing in to your account online or by calling Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836. You have until **March 31, 2020** to allocate any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars available to you.

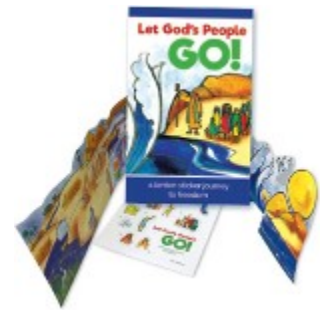


Designate Choice Dollars by:

If you have any questions on Thrivent or the Choice Dollar Program, please contact either Alan Spose at 203-623-1650 or Mark Manning at 203-241-0858.

KIDS' LENTEN STICKER JOURNEY...

If you have a kid who loves stickers and can't wait until Easter, then we have something for you this Lent. Grab a copy of *Let My People Go! A Lenten Sticker Journey To Freedom*. Through God's chosen helper Moses, God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them to freedom. On this Lenten sticker journey, children discover that through the saving grace of God's Son, Jesus, we are led from slavery to sin and death into freedom and life everlasting. The colorful cut-out centerpiece is used as a "map" that is marked along the way with the stickers in this Lenten "guidebook."



ARE YOU STILL TRYING TO READ THE WHOLE BIBLE IN 2 YEARS?...

Last March, I invited you to join me in reading the whole Bible in 2 years and provided a reading plan for anyone who was interested. For everyone who took up my challenge, how have you been doing? I know that some of you are ahead of the plan in your reading; God bless you for your dedication. I also know (because I am one of them) that some folks are behind the plan and have some catching up to do; there is still a year to get back on track. For anyone who lost their reading plan, or didn't take up the challenge last year and wants to start now, 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 in reading through the whole of God's Word in the Bible over two years.



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.

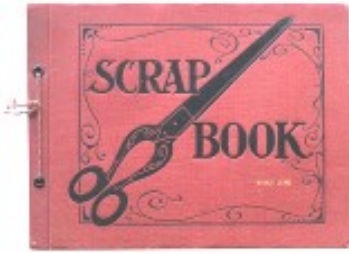


Our Sincere Appreciation

- † Many thanks to the many unsung and dedicated heroes that donate their time and talents to "make things happen" here at CLC. Your love for us is felt and your hard work is appreciated
- † Special thanks to those that contributed to our *Banner Month* contributions to the Cheshire Food Bank. Food count for February is 1,355 lbs and \$165. This includes contributions received through Super Bowl of Caring.



SCRAP BOOK & LIBRARY PROJECT NEWS...



On Wednesday, February 18, Phase One of our Library renovation was completed. Committee members Karen and Tim Weiland, Vicki DePaolo, Ed Schweizer and Pat DiDomizio, under the guidance of Pastor Rowold, cleared bookcase shelves to place volumes of LUTHER'S WORKS, create a standalone section of BIBLES and arrange various category sections.

Our library resources are there for the lending to CLC church goes on the honor system. Please treat them as the treasures they are and return them as you found them. Also, on our hallway counter, there are books, newspapers, magazines, resource articles, etc. Please feel free to review the items and take them as your own.

All CLC scrap books are, for the present time, located on a table in our Fellowship Hall. Committee members continue to strive to digitize the material. Please take the time to relive wonderful moments in CLC's history.

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



We invite all to join us for soup and salad suppers during the Lenten season. The meals are followed by a short Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service.

Please take the time for fellowship and worship during this season of Lenten meditation and discipline. There is a sign-up sheet for those who wish to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Weiland at kweiland3@sbglobal.net

CLC ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2020...

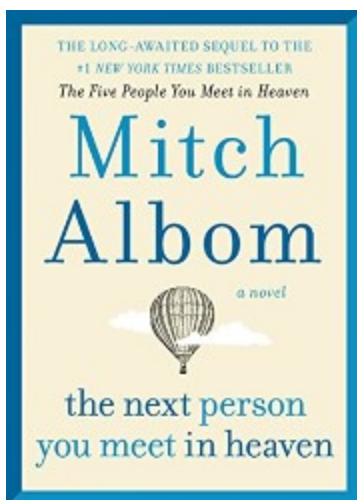
Our 13th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is:

"the next person you meet in heaven" by Mitch Albom. In this enchanting sequel to the number one bestseller *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom tells the story of Eddie's heavenly reunion with Annie—the little girl he saved on earth—in an unforgettable novel of how our lives and losses intersect.

It's not necessary to have read "Five People" in order to understand "the Next ..." It definitely would make your reading experience richer to have read both books. If you don't have access to the first and would be interested, I can arrange to have a viewing of the movie here at church prior to the retreat! Even if you have read "Five People" it may be a good refresher and a fun get-together.

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 \$46, payable to CLCW and can be placed in the RED box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by April 12th.

Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

- ✚ If you have Pledge envelopes PLEASE use them, having to lookup members envelope numbers can lead to human error.
- ✚ Please remember to mark on the outside of your offering envelopes with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
- ✚ If you've been absent for some time and want to bring your offerings up to date, kindly use ONE rather than MANY envelopes - since the fewer envelopes our financial assistants must handle, the lighter their workload.
- ✚ PLEASE do not post-date checks.
- ✚ PLEASE use black or blue ink for your checks. Our friendly bank tellers thank you.



The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after Sunday services or Monday night, based on volunteer preference. If you are available 1 or 2 months per year for approximately one hour a week, please contact Guy Mason, our Financial Secretary.

The Financial Secretary has a new church e-mail address if you wish to volunteer or have a question email me at: finsec@cheshirelutheran.org

UPDATE: CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE KIDS...

Many thanks to all the congregants who donated “goodies” and school supplies, as well as postage money, so that we could remind our CLC students away from home that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

We filled and sent twelve care boxes to the following students:

Dianna Cabrera Bart	Benjamin DeLaubell	Lisette Donewald
Hayley Fiedler	Timothy Fiedler	Aliza Kennelly
Owen Kennelly	Christian Kjeldsen	Aimee Shepard
Erich Strunk	Aliza Taylor	Sydney Tayler



I humbly appreciate your participation in this outreach, and I am certain that the students will appreciate your thoughtfulness as well.

Judy DiDomizio



QUILTS OF VALOR NEWS...

Cheshire Lutheran will host the next Sew Day on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 9:30 AM. If you have questions, you can speak with Marilyn Miller.

Quilts of Valor 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/>



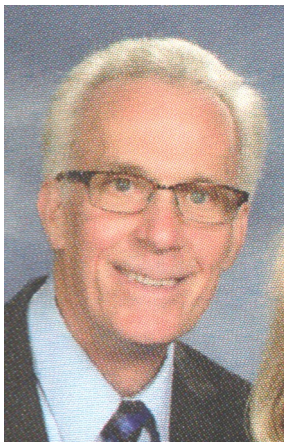
L to R Scott, Marc, Francis, Joseph, Vernon & Garland



LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday February 26, 2020	Join us for Service (with disposition of Ashes) at 7:30 PM
2nd Wednesday in Lent	Wednesday March 4, 2020	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
3rd Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 11, 2020	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
4th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 18, 2020	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
5th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday March 25, 2020	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
6th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday April 1, 2020	Soup, Salad & Bible Study at 6:00 PM Service at 7:30 PM
Palm Sunday	Sunday April 5, 2020	Join us for Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



Rather than becoming overwhelmed by the many challenges in our lives, we all should turn to the power of prayer. Prayer is so very personal since it reflects our relationship with God. Through prayer, we should approach God as we would any other friend, without fear of being judged. Prayer can be so much easier when viewed as a heart to heart conversation with God. Yes, we all memorized prayers many years ago, but don't be afraid to open up to God and connect personally with him by speaking to Him as you would speak to a friend...honestly and openly. Open your heart to the One you trust the most.

As we enter the season of Lent, let us all continue to pray to our most faithful friend and obtain the strength we need to overcome any obstacle. "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything." Philippians 4:6

Alan Spose
Evangelism Deacon

NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

You are cordially invited to be a:

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

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).

Thank you in advance!
R Tim Weiland, your CLC Worship Deacon



Usher Schedule for March and April 2020:

March - 8:00 AM Service	
John Balash*	
Norman Benedict	

March - 10:30 AM Service	
David Schrumm*	
Alan Santoro	
Dave Veleber	

April - 8:00 AM Service	
Paul Greenhalgh *	
Steve Behnfeldt	
John Greenhalgh	

April - 10:30 AM Service	
Paul Smith	
Todd Plantier*	

* Head Usher



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...





ALL ABOARD! GET READY FOR *ROCKY RAILROAD VBS* AT

ALL ABOARD! Get ready for *Rocky Railway VBS* at CLC this summer!

When: June 22 to June 26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Cheshire Lutheran Church

Who: Kids, invite your friends to join you on this exciting trip.

Adults and youth, you can get onboard by volunteering your help.

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids will discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. The program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences, hands-on fun science experiments and crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats.

Watch for sign-up sheets and registration forms in the church hallway.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



Thank You to all the Sunday school children that sang "This Little Light of Mine" on February 9th.

Looking ahead, the Sunday School children will be singing "Lenten Prayer" on March 8 at the 10:30 service!!!

Ash Wednesday is February 26, which marks the beginning of Lent. I am requesting all Sunday school children to think of people in need. Instead of giving up something, give your time, your talents, to helping your family, friends. Do it with a Joyful Heart!!!

"I will see you again & your Hearts will Rejoice, and no one will take your Joy from you."
John 16: 22

Carlene Myers
Judy DiDomizio
Martha Medford

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INITIAL GROUND BREAKING...

*****Need Help with Gathering Appropriate Photos and Posters*****

This June the Church will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the ground-breaking for initial construction of our building, followed by its dedication in January 2021. **I am asking if anyone has seen this poster/placard exhibiting colored photos taken late 1960.** It was displayed during the 50th (2006) and the 60th (2016) anniversaries of the establishment of our Church. Please let me know if you are aware of its current location.

Similarly, if you have pictures/slides in your/your relative's albums of ground-breaking Sunday (June 19) or subsequent construction of the Church in 1960, and/or of the dedication of the Church on January 29, 1961 could they be shared with me?

Get ready to party!

R Tim Weiland, Archivist





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.



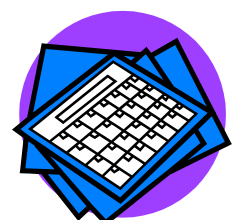
CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class continues 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.



CHURCH OFFICE...

Please remember that the church office is closed on Fridays. In an emergency, please contact Pastor Rowold through his cell phone number, listed in the church directory



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

February has been a busy month!

The 3's:

- ✦ We continued the alphabet, with letters S, T, U, and V.
- ✦ In the Bible, we went over parables "Jesus Heals the little Girl", "John the Baptist", "Jesus Heals the little Boy", and "Jesus feeds the 5000"
- ✦ We had a great visit from the Dentist and her Hygienist on February 13th. The children learned about good food to eat and bad foods to eat. They learned to brush their teeth for 2 minutes, 2 times a day and go to the dentist 2 times a year. They learned how to clean their teeth. They read fun and exciting books about the dentist "Clifford Goes to the Dentist" and "Trip to the Dentist". In Art, they made Clean Teeth and Smiles.
- ✦ The children decorated Valentine bags and shared Valentine cards and gifts with each other. They also made a valentine for: Who We Love. Some of the stories read were "The Frilly Valentine" and "Franklin's Valentines"
- ✦ The children continued their curriculum Weather Fun and made fluffy snow and read "What Will the Weather Be?"
- ✦ During the last week, the children learned about transportation and made school buses and trains. The stories were "Going Places" and "Little Engine That Could"



The 4's:

- ✦ The children learned about their Senses:
- ✦ Sight: The children made a braille project – Split Pea Initials
- ✦ Hearing: The children read a story "Sounds Around Us" and played sound bingo. They also learned about the parts of an ear. They loved that.
- ✦ Touch: The children made a Sense of Touch project in which they covered a word with various textures, and they had a feely box with different objects and they tried to guess what they were.
- ✦ Taste: The children made pancakes to eat.
- ✦ Smell: The children participated in a tasting experiment.
- ✦ Miss Cindy conducted an experiment with an Egg to show them that, if dropped off a block wall, it would break.
- ✦ They learned the story of Humpty Dumpty using a felt board.
- ✦ They had an experiment with Ice Cubes and what would happen if they left them out. They put a matching paper together to show the order of the Ice Cube when Left Out.
- ✦ The Dentist came to visit them as well on February 7th and did the same thing with them that they did with the 3's. All the children got a bag with goodies in it to bring home.
- ✦ They celebrated Valentine's Day by decorating their bags and sharing cards and gifts with each other and had a little party.
- ✦ February 24th was Pancake Day and they made pancakes which touched on Taste.
- ✦ There was a review of the letters S, T, U, V, and Number Review.
- ✦ Bible consisted of "Jesus Heals the Little Girl", "John the Baptist", "Jesus Heals the Little Boy", and "Jesus Feeds the 5000".
- ✦ They Learned about the 1st President, George Washington, and the 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, and made a silhouette and penny rubbings. For Washington they made a Washington Hat.



They continued their Enrichment Class on Travel:

- ✦ When we last connected, they were in Norway. On February 10th they took a Ferry Boat to Denmark. They ate Danish Puff Pastry and listened to the Hans Christian Anderson Story

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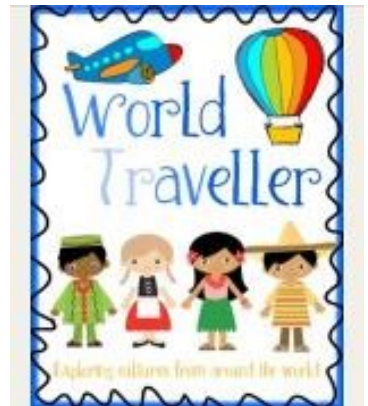
“The Five Peas”. He also wrote many other stories including “The Little Mermaid”. Their project was making a Little Mermaid. They rested in Denmark for a few days and, on February 25th, they took a train to Germany.

We had a few days off for February vacation.

Pastor came in to both classes and went over the Bible stories along with the curriculum they were working on.

We look forward to sharing with you what we did in March.

God Bless,
Cindy, Martha and JoAnn



WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers are needed to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We 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.



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER LOOKING FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION...

Hope Pregnancy Center in Cheshire is seeking an Executive Director with strong leadership skills who would be responsible for implementing the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors and for supervising the day-to-day operations of the Center.

Hope Pregnancy Center is a faith-based not for profit organization which seeks to meet the emotional, spiritual, and material needs of women who are expecting unexpectedly, as well as the men and children in their lives.

Our goal is to come along side moms-to-be- with the love, support, and help they need making it possible for them to choose to carry their babies to term.

This position would be 18-24 hours and if you're interested, please email Maggie at hopepcc@gmail.com or call Hope Pregnancy Center at 203-271-2703.





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

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...

Cheshire Lutheran Church



On Thursday, February 6th, a First Aid, CPR and AED training session was held at CLC. The session was conducted by staff from Cheshire High School. Eight CLC participants attended the training. Seven received a two year certification in all phases, one just in the first aid category. The cost per attendee was \$20 for the approximately two hour session.

Our W&S Committee would be happy to arrange another training session. If you are interested, please advise Pastor Rowold or Pat DiDomizio.

Thus far, our committee has had meetings or contacts with a number of medical, law enforcement and emergency response professionals. An upcoming session is planned to review steps in case of fire or other emergencies requiring the need to evacuate our church building.

We remind everyone who comes to CLC for services, meetings, Sunday School, Bible study, pre-school activities, as well as our staff, altar guild and choir volunteers, ushers and greeters to be aware of their surroundings. Please be sure to know the exact address of CLC, 660 West Main Street, when calling police, fire or any help agency. Saying--I am at Cheshire Lutheran Church--will not suffice.

Many eyes and ears will continue to make CLC the welcoming, safe and secure sanctuary it has been for 60 years.

Bible Studies at CLC

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



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services continues to meet at 9:10 a.m. Come join us.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

We’ll also be having Bible Study along with Soup on Wednesday evenings before our Lenten Mid-week services. It will tie into our Lenten series this year. If you’re interested in supplying soup one of the evenings, there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway.



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

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

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

You’re welcome to join us any time. See you in Bible Study.

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 2020

19 th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	37 Years
20 th	Joe & Joann Holstein	26 Years
21 st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	39 Years
22 nd	William & Barbara Hillis	46 Years



COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, Council will meet on **Monday March 9** at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS MEETING REMINDER:

Mark your calendars, next Voters Assembly will meet on **Sunday, May 3**, at after worship service.



CHURCH SERVICES

Please join us for worship on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during Lent.



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