

# The Heavenly Herald

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

“Return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey His voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul.” Deuteronomy 30:2 (ESV)

As August turns to September, the yearly cycle changes once again. Summer vacation with its family trips, slower pace, and times of rest and refreshment come to an end. In its place, a new academic year begins, with teachers and students alike going back to school. The focus on play and fun stops, and attention is turned, once again, to the tasks of learning and growth. In countless communities across our nation, people are returning to the normal routines, places, and activities that give structure to so much of our everyday lives.

Even in the Church, this is a time to return. Summer worship times are ending and houses of worship are going back to their “normal” schedules. Christian education programs are resuming, with Sunday school classes, Bible studies, and Youth programs. The pace of activities and events begins to pick up as people return to patterns of attendance and participation that mark the majority of the year.

It's not just the calendar of the School Year or the scheduling of events at Church that calls us to return, however. Almighty God is calling out to us today; He's beckoning to all those, near and far, with a message that is as simple as it is challenging. God's Word and His will for you and for me is clear, return!

In the waters of Holy Baptism, God the Father brought you near to Himself by the power of His Word, grafting you to the vine that is Christ Jesus. Since then, we have spent our lives pulling away from God. We do it physically when we willingly choose to be somewhere other than His house on Sunday morning, deciding that there is another location we would rather be than the place where His Word is

proclaimed and His Sacraments are administered.

We pull away from God mentally when we let our minds wander during worship or prayer or study of the Scriptures, or when we intentionally set our thoughts on other things and neglect our relationship with Him. We pull away from God spiritually as we chase after our own personal wants and dreams and desires, instead of seeking His will for our lives; we forsake the true God who loves us, in order to pursue the false gods that spring from our own selfish desires and from the fallen world in which we live.

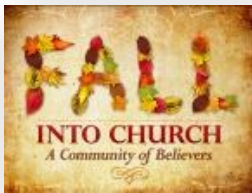
And every time that we pull ourselves away from God, leaving Him behind to go in search of our own sinful ends, He calls out to you and me the message from Deuteronomy 30, Return! Return to the Lord your God. Whether you have been away physically this summer, or mentally, or spiritually, God invites you to return.

Return to His house, where God's love in Christ Jesus is given freely in His Word, shared during Sunday School and Bible study and the Divine Service. Return to His table, where forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are poured out on the faithful, as the very body and blood of Christ are put into your hand and into your mouth in Holy Communion.

Return to His body, the Church, where your brothers and sisters in Christ stand ready to walk with you throughout this earthly life, sharing in your joys and your struggles, and offering you the comfort, strength, and consolation that God gives through His people.

There is nothing stopping you from answering the call, from responding to the invitation. Return to Him. In the very cross of Christ, God conquered forever all that

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***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  
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL*

Greetings All,



Hard to believe that summer is over, schools are back in session and CLC is back to our two-service format, but here we are. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! Although it is nice to have two Sunday service options, it is always good to see the church a little fuller and to get to know members that normally attend the “other” service.

Soon our Sunday School classes will be starting up – kickoff rally September 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a terrific opportunity for members of every age group to gather for a bit of fellowship, while increasing their knowledge of the Lord and Scripture. Please consider attending. Many thanks to those dedicated volunteers that lead this important instruction! CLC is blessed to have so many members always willing to jump in and get things done – Thank You!

With our summer recess coming to an end, the Council will be going back into session with a meeting on September 3rd. Among the numerous agenda items will be the annual formation of our Nominating Committee. Although it looks like the majority of the current Council is eligible to continue, it is the job of this committee to approach the officers to reaffirm their intentions to serve. It will also be their responsibility to identify candidates to fill any potential openings.

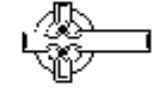
As we return to our two-service format, our Choir and Bell Choir will also return to service and begin their rehearsal and performance schedules. If you have an interest in joining one or our choirs, please contact Music Director Martha Medford for more information and rehearsal schedules. A big thank you to all those soloists, musicians and ensembles that performed during the Offertory throughout the summer months! We are blessed to have so many talented and willing members within our congregation.

Many thanks to all those that volunteered to participate in our summer lemonade on the lawn program. This is always a wonderful time for fellowship and provides a nice, relaxed environment to get to know each other better rather than racing out the door after Sunday service. Please watch the bulletin board in the hallway for other opportunities to serve throughout the year.

Looking for an opportunity to help out and make a difference? Please consider joining the live stream team. This service is normally provided during the 9:00 a.m. service and special occasions but may be needed during the 10:30 a.m. service in the event of technical difficulties. This important service requires minimal training, and you can sign up for livestream duty on the bulletin board calendar.

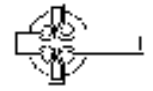
Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd. Please reach out to me or any other member of the Council if you have any concerns or topics you would like us to address. The next meeting of the Voter Assembly will be Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in Christ,  
Jeff Mann  
CLC Parish President



# CLC Calendar

## September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Holy Communion	2 <b>Labor Day</b>	3 1st Day Little Cherubs Christian Preschool! 7:00 Council Meeting	4 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	5	6	7
8 8:00 Worship 9:10 Christian Education Rally Day 10:30 Worship 11:30 Voters' Meeting	9	10	11 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	12	13	14 Visit CLC's booth at Cheshire Fall Festival
15 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion 3:00 THIMBLE ISLANDS CONCERT	16	17	18 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	19	20	21
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could ever stand in your way. Sin, death, and the devil have been defeated, and now your Heavenly Father stands ready and waiting, with arms spread wide open and inviting you, return!

Return to the Lord your God this September, you and your children and your grandchildren, your sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, your friends and acquaintances. The invitation is there for you and for everyone in your life. Return to the Lord; He's waiting for you.

In Christ,  
Pastor David Rowold



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDER...

Sunday School will resume on September 8, 2024 with Rally Day! Join us at 9:10 AM. Hope you had a GREAT Summer!



## THANK YOU—FROM SARAH ROWOLD...

Dear Cheshire Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee and CLC Congregation,

Thank you very much for your support of my college education through the CLC Scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and has assisted in paying the tuition costs to attend Dean.

Your support in my college journey has been amazing, and has really helped as far back as when I was still deciding which school to go to; it will continue to help as I move forward into my freshman year of college.

At Dean, I will be perusing a Bachelor of Arts in Theater Design and Production, with the hope of being able to work in many aspects of the technical side of theater. Someday I'd like to start a costume design business of my own to do costume design and production, along with costuming for local schools, theaters, dance studios, and churches.

While I don't know exactly where the road will take me in the future, I know that my faith will remain a strong and integral part of my path forward. Due to Dean being all the way in Franklin Massachusetts, I won't necessarily be able to make it home every Sunday, but I will be watching the live streams while off at college and will be back in the pews and the choir loft during my breaks.

CLC has been a cantral part of my journey in faith and life through Sunday Worship, Church Choir, Sunday School, Youth Group, and attending the National Youth Gathering back in 2022. Thank you all for your support back at the time of NYG, and now that I am headed off to college.

My current plan is to try to keep you all in the loop as I'm at college, and I can't wait to see where the path will lead as I go off to college.

Thank you again for all of your support, and for choosing me to be a recipient of the CLC scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Rowold



# Service Reminder!

- ✚ We will resume our 2 Service Sunday Schedule on *Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>*.
- ✚ **Sunday Worship Services** are at 8:00 and 10:30 AM
- ✚ **Sunday School** will be held at 9:10 AM in their respective classrooms starting September 8
- ✚ **Adult Sunday School/Bible Study** at 9:10 AM in the Library starting September 8
- ✚ **Fellowship/Coffee Hour** between Services in the Fellowship Hall starting September 8

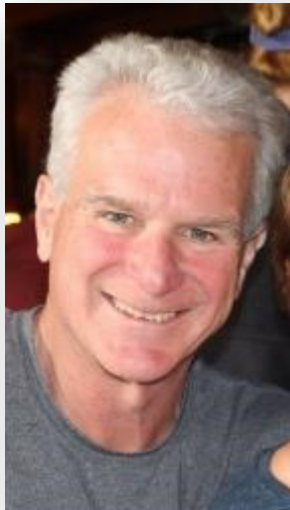
## WELLNESS & SAFETY COMMITTEE NEWS...



With the start of the new School Year and Cold & Flu season fast approaching, now is the time to prepare for the sniffles that inevitably come in the Fall. Here are some reminders:

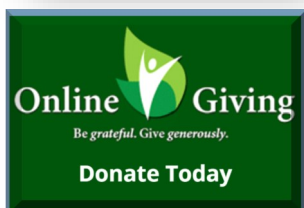
- ◆ Be sure to check the dates on any cough and cold medicine that you have. If it's expired, dispose of it; if you are all out of your preferred brand of "over the counter" medicines, consider picking some up now. The stores are better stocked today than they will be when Cold & Flu seasons kicks into high gear
- ◆ It's not too early to be in touch with your doctor about scheduling your annual flu shot
- ◆ With the Summer colds that have been floating around and the bump in Covid cases that also took place, it's always smart to practice good hygiene; remember to wash your hands, cough into your elbow, and take proper care of yourself if you feel unwell.

## 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.
- ✚ PLEASE do not post-date checks.
- ✚ PLEASE use black or blue ink for your checks.
- ✚ You can submit donations to the church via *online transactions* through the Church's website.
  - ◆ Additional Information:
    - \* No transaction fees when contributing directly from a bank account. If contributing via credit or debit card, the donor has the option of adding 3% to help offset processing fees
    - \* Contributions may be made to the "General Fund" or "Other Fund" (e.g. in memory of, music, youth, etc.)
    - \* Contributions can be recurring or one time only
    - \* The ability to create an account or make donations as a guest.



Any questions please email the Financial Secretary at [finsec@cheshirelutheran.org](mailto:finsec@cheshirelutheran.org) or contact Alan Santoro directly.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE...

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped made VBS possible!

This year, the VBS theme was Scuba “Diving into Friendship with God” and the kids learn about what an amazing friend God is to each of us. The dates were July 8-12, 2024 and each day ran from 9 AM to Noon. We had 22 teen volunteers, and more than 18 adult volunteers help the students “Dive into Friendship with God” with this fun under water themed VBS.



The lessons started with Elijah, then we met Jonah and the people of Ninevah, saw Jesus calm a storm, learned how Christ died and came back to life, and learned about Lydia. We had 75 registered students, with 51 in grades K to 6 and 24 in the Preschool area. In addition to several returning volunteers, we also had some new volunteers.

Our teen volunteers were an amazing group of youth who were not only from CLC, but from the community as well. Some had a connection to VBS as students in the past and have been returning as helpers for a few years now, while others were friends of volunteers that came out to help us; they had no previous connection to the program.

Overall, it was one amazing week where we got to “Dive into Friendship with God.” When it was all over, the teen volunteers received letters through the mail with their service hours listed in them. We even got to help another Church “Dive into Friendship with God,” as they were able to use some of our decorations for their VBS.



Thank you, everyone who helped!

Watch for next year’s VBS dates and theme coming soon.

Tricia Rowold  
Sunday School Superintendent

## 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 it’s proper storage place for use at another time.



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

### 2024—2025 Registration

Little Cherubs is still taking registration for the 2024—2025 school year. If you, or someone you know, have a child who is preschool eligible, please call the Church or Preschool office for more information. A registration packet may also be picked up from the counter outside the Church Office!



God Bless to All,  
JoAnn

## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



Thank you to all who so kindly volunteered to serve the lemonade and iced tea during the summer months. The opportunity for refreshments and fellowship was enjoyed by many. I am grateful to all who served and attended!

**Apple Picking and Hayride** will be held Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Blue Hills Orchard at 1:00. The 1-hour hayride is first come, first served so when you arrive, be prepared to wait for all attendees so we can get on the same wagon. Following the hayride, you can pick apples at your own pace. A wagon will bring you to the fields and comes back around often to collect you and your delicious apples. The apples are \$2.25 per pound. There is not a tremendous amount of walking, no hills, and the apples are easy to reach. Now, we just need the weather to cooperate! Please join us for this family friendly day of fellowship!

### **CLC Potluck and Sourdough**

I always look forward to the smell of Autumn. The air is crisp and cool and I am ready to bake! Oh wait. It is also a busy time of year; back to school activities are in full swing, including football, band, soccer, and piano lessons. There are committee meetings and reports to be done. Not to worry! Susan Harris has a quick and easy sourdough bread recipe that fits into your hectic schedule. The bread is a rustic loaf, crunchy on the outside and moist and tender on the inside. The best part is, it takes 5-10 minutes to prepare before letting it sit and rise and then finally bake.

Join us on Saturday, October 5th, 6 PM for a Potluck dinner followed by a very short lesson in creating this delicious sourdough bread. We will mix the 3 ingredients in the kitchen at CLC, take the dough home and bake it before or after church services Sunday morning. Bring a 12 cup plastic bowl with a tight fitting lid, rubber spatula or wooden spoon, 2 measuring cups (one for flour and one for liquid) and 1 and 1/2 measuring teaspoons. Ingredients will be supplied. See the bulletin board to sign up.

Pam Clark  
Fellowship Deacon

Cheshire Lutheran Church  
660 West Main Street, Cheshire, CT

Presents

Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet



## THIMBLE ISLANDS SAXOPHONE QUARTET CONCERT...

**The Thimble Islands Saxophone Quartet** will present a concert on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

The quartet members are Frank Vasi, Tim Moran, Michael Schuster, and Chris Herbert. They will be playing a wide variety of music by Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton, Bernstein, and Billy Joel.

Sunday, September 15, 2024  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Featuring music by Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin, Jelly Roll Morton, Bernstein, and Billy Joel.

Please invite friends, family and our community to enjoy this wonderful event.—Admission is free.



## HELP WANTED – SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS..

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help teach Sunday School. Each classroom already has one teacher, but we would like each class to have two volunteers who share the teaching duties. This allows greater flexibility in the teachers' schedules, shares the responsibilities, and helps to support & encourage the teaching staff. Whether you have taught before or this would be your first time, please prayerfully consider joining us.



## NEW PICTORIAL CLC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMING SOON...

We're excited to announce that an updated pictorial member directory is in the works!

### What you need to know:

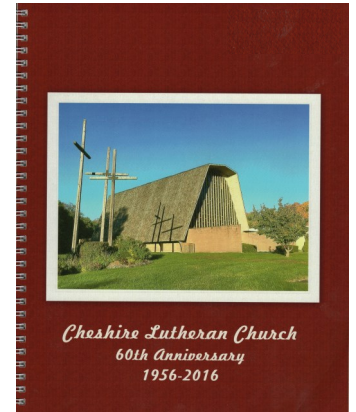
- ✚ The directory will feature updated pictures of our CLC family.
- ✚ It's designed to help congregants "put a name to a face" during Sunday services and other gatherings.
- ✚ April Slauson has volunteered to lead this effort, starting in September.
- ✚ We're praying for 100% participation.
- ✚ Picture sessions will take place at the church, beginning Sunday, September 15 through October (if needed).
- ✚ Photos will be taken in the Fellowship Hall in 15-minute intervals after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services each Sunday.
- ✚ Sign-up sheets for time slots will be available on the bulletin board.
- ✚ If you prefer not to include your picture, please confirm your accurate contact details using the pre-printed sheets available outside the Church office.

### What you need to do:

- ✚ Sign up for a 15-minute time slot that works for you.
- ✚ Mark your calendars and arrive at Church at your designated time, dressed appropriately and ready to smile!
- ✚ For members opting out of the directory, we ask that you confirm/update your contact information.

Feel free to reach out to April Slauson via email at [jagger1943@aol.com](mailto:jagger1943@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Submitted by April Slauson



## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please try to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list. We take great joy when we are able to take a name off the list for good reasons.



## NEW TABLES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES: TAKE THE OLD TABLES HOME!...

Dear Congregation,

We have exciting news to share! Our fellowship hall has recently undergone an upgrade, and all the old, heavy tables have been replaced with newer, lighter ones.

### What does this mean for you?

You now have the opportunity to take home one of these cherished old tables! Whether you need an extra table for family gatherings, a study desk, or a unique piece of history, these tables are available for you.

### How to claim your table:

1. **Visit the fellowship hall:** Tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Swing by during service hours to choose your favorite.
2. **Express your interest:** Let our staff know which table you'd like to take home. They'll guide you through the process.

Remember, these tables hold memories and blessings. May they continue to serve you well in your homes.





### CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs will resume rehearsals in September. Please note:

- ♫ Rehearsals begin on September 4<sup>th</sup>
- ♫ Parish Choir will perform on September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>

### CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
September 10 - Sunday	9:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
September 4 - Wednesday <i>All Choirs Rehearsal Resumes!</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 8 - Sunday <i>Sunday School Rally Day</i>	No Choirs		
September 11 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 15 - Sunday <i>Thimble Island Saxophone Quartet Concert</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
	3:00 PM	Performance	Thimble Island Saxophone Quartet
September 18 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 22 - Sunday	No Choirs		
September 25 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
September 29 - Sunday	No Choirs		
October 1 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
October 6 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

### THANK YOU FROM MAX MULLER



Dear Pastor Rowald, Mr. DiDomizio and the CLC Congregation,

I can not thank you enough for the scholarship that was provided to me. I remember Mrs. Judy from Sunday school and I am honored to receive this gift in her name. Thank you again,

Max



### 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 listed in our church directory.

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

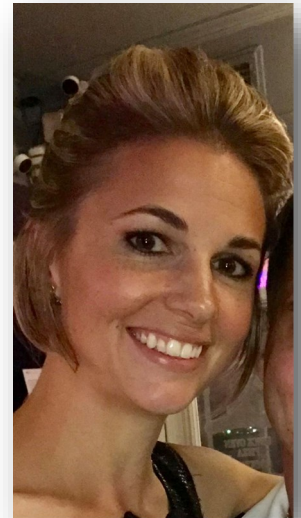
I hope you all had a blessed and wonderful summer. I am excited for the year to start. Cheshire Fall Festival is on September 14th and the rain date is September 15th. I am still looking for volunteers to help staff our church booth at the Fall Festival. Sign ups are on the bulletin board.

Marilyn Miller has orchestrated many Quilts of Valor events and passed out numerous quilts to our veterans.

The Media Committee is working hard to revamp our website and digital content.

I am planning on a few community events this year, too. I am looking for more people to join our Evangelism Committee. Please let me know if you are interested!

Erica Bencivenga



## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

### School Kit Update:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2024 Orphan Grain Train School Kit project. The Congregation donated supplies for 50 back to school kits and 2 boxes of extra supplies. Our Thrivent Grant was able to purchase 20 back to School kit's and 30 backpacks. The backpacks were requested by the Orphan Grain Train.

#### **Totals/Results:**

- ✦ 70 back to school kits
- ✦ 2 boxes of extra supplies
- ✦ 30 backpacks
- ✦ Cash donation of \$120.00



Your response to this project was overwhelming!



### Cheshire Food Pantry—Adopt a Shelf

Your generosity makes a significant impact on those in need.

- **Adopt a Shelf - Liquid Dish Soap:** We're continuing our "Adopt a Shelf" program, focusing on liquid dish soap.
- **Delivery Sign-Up:** When signing up to deliver items to the food pantry, please aim for the **third week of the month**. This helps us accurately record our food totals for the **Heavenly Herald**.
- **Summer Contribution and Delivery Recap:** During the summer, our wonderful community contributed **249 pounds** of essential items.

Nancy Engelhart  
Social Welfare Deacon

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Welcome Back! We have some exciting news about Sunday School this year.



We are encouraging kids to have a **brief** snack with their families at the start of Coffee Hour, because Sunday School will start at 9:20 **sharp** each Sunday. We will gather in the area across from the kitchen for our Opening, where we will take attendance, acknowledge birthdays, sing, pray, recite the Creed and the 10 Commandments, and listen to the Bible lesson for the day. Then at 9:50, we will split into classrooms for activities.

When the students go to the classrooms, they will be divided into 4 groups: Toddler and Parent; Pre-K to Kindergarten; Grade 1-3; and Grades 4-6. Grades 7-12 will be with Mr. Andy Clark for Youth Bible Study. At 10:20, Sunday School will end and the students will rejoin their families.

We will be using Enduring Faith materials from Concordia Publishing House for the lessons this year. Every lesson has a take home page with a brief summary, main point and an activity that can be done as a family to reinforce the lesson.



We are also going to try having “Fun Sundays” in Sunday School this year. These will take place on the Sundays when the public schools are closed on the following Monday. On “Fun Sundays,” we will gather and stay together as a group the whole time; instead of a normal lesson on those days, we will have a variety of Bible-based fun. We might play a game, watch a video, or have some kind of group activity. Join us for “Fun Sundays” and see what happens.



We will have Sunday School most Sundays during the School Year, but there will be a total of 4 Sundays off. This year, the Sundays off will be December 1 (Thanksgiving weekend), December 22 & 29 (Christmas break), and April 20 (Easter Sunday). The rest of the school year we will have Sunday School every Sunday, either a regular lesson or a “Fun Sunday” when the schools are closed the next day.

The Sunday School Bulletin Board outside the Church office will have information about the current week in Sunday School and the next, so you can know what the current and next lessons are at a quick glance.



Save the dates! We will have the Annual Christmas Program on December 8, 2024, during the 10:30 service. The Script will be sent home in October and rehearsals will begin on November 10, 2024, during the Sunday School hour.

Every Sunday School family will receive a welcome letter and the name of the teacher in their child(ren)’s classroom(s). There will also be information about how we are handling the Sunday School offering this year. We want to teach Stewardship in a way that the kids can grasp and understand. We will be taking a slightly different approach to Sunday School offering envelopes this year and will say more about that in a letter to the parents as well.

We are still looking for a few more teachers to help this year; we would like to have a team of teachers for each class. The full list of Sunday School staff will be posted in the October Heavenly Herald. I know this is later than usual, but the list will not be complete in time for the September newsletter deadline.

Thank you all for your support and involvement in our Sunday School program.

Tricia Rowold  
Sunday School Superintendent

## NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

I hope that everyone in the CLC Family had a wonderful summer! It is that time of year where the mornings started getting cooler. The dew is settling on the grass in the mornings with a light fog lifting with the sunrise. The deer start coming into the yard to eat the ripe apples that have fallen from my tree. My kids are back at college and the grandkids are getting ready for their new year.

House & Grounds did a few things since our last Heavenly Herald writing. The new tables had finally all arrived, with the first shipment having been damaged, a second shipment or replacements have arrived. During the VBS and Little Cherubs summer programs, the Preschool’s microwave decided to go out in a blaze of glory. Actually, it was more like a little pop but it needed to be replaced, so that was done. In addition, the annual stripping and waxing of the preschool floor was completed. As usual, the team of volunteers have been keeping our outside looking pristine. Ed and Tim put new sand in the sandbox and power washed the tables and toys for Little Cherubs.

Onto the fall season from here, we can look forward to the leaves changing and the marching of time to the holidays.

As always, thank you to all who offer their time, talents and treasure to keeping our CLC House & Grounds and our Congregation so vibrant.

Todd Plantier  
House and Grounds Deacon



## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

September	
September 1959	First parsonage completed at 265 Peck Lane
September 10, 1995	Pastor Charles Gustafson installation at Cheshire Lutheran Church
September 26, 1957	6-acre site of current West Main property purchased for \$15,000
September 20, 1953	Pastor Louis Nuechterlein ordination into the Holy Ministry for Christ
September 2, 2007	Joe Ferwerda DCE installation
September 22, 2013	Andy Schaefer DCE installation



## NEW ON OUR WEBSITE... [WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG)

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services during COVID-19 restrictions
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles this Summer
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



# Summer 2024



Sunday School and Summer Children's Sermons



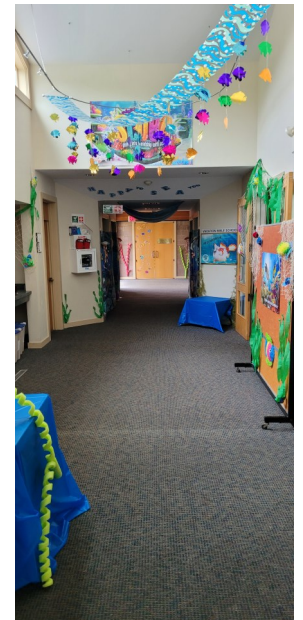
Lemonade on the Lawn



We Welcomed New Members into CLC and into God's Family through Baptism



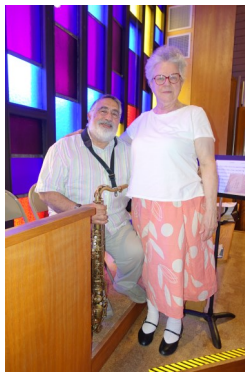
VBS Memories



# Memories



Wonderful food and fellowship at our Annual Picnic on June 9, 2024



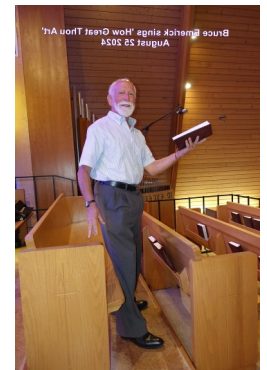
Lots of wonderful Summer Singing

## Assembling & Delivering School Kits in August



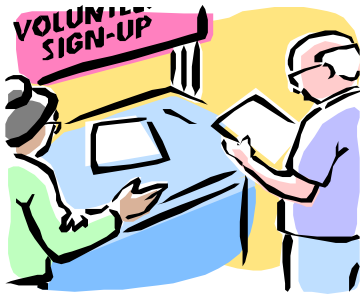
Congregants from Cheshire Lutheran Church in Cheshire Connecticut, donated the following:  
Totals:

- 70 back to school kits
- 2 boxes of extra supplies
- 30 backpacks
- Cash donation of \$120.00



**ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:**

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

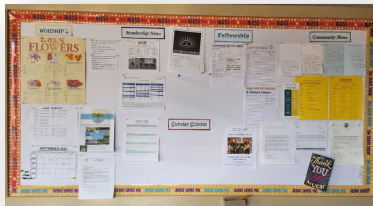


***This month on the Bulletin Board:***

- † CLC Usher Schedule
- † **Live Stream Camera & Operator** sign-up
- † Updated Address information for Pastor N & Gloria and Bo Hagstrom at Elim Park
- † Names of those serving on our CLC Council and Deacons
- † **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** information
- † **Cheshire Fall Festival** sign-up
- † **Life Shines in Darkness LFL Regional Conference**—Northeast in October information
- † **Thimble Island Saxophone Quartet** concert information
- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** sign-up
- † **Easy Bread Baking & Potluck Dinner** sign-up
- † Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- † **Hope Pregnancy Center** volunteer sign-ups
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **2024 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- † Monthly CLC Members Birthday and Anniversaries

***Others looking for help!***

- † **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Pam Clark if you can help in any capacity.
- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Pastor Rowold, Tricia Rowold or Craig Wilson.
- † **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer.

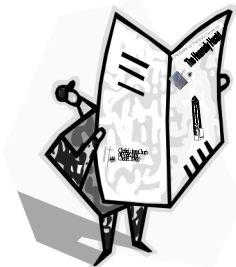


**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!**

**(October 2024 Articles are Due!)**

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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!



**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS PRESCHOOL AGE?...**

If so, please suggest to their parents that they look into our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program. Little Cherubs was the recipient of the 2023 Cheshire award for BEST PRESCHOOL. We are: a state licensed facility, our curriculum supports State of CT Benchmarks, focus is on kindergarten readiness, there is a low student to teacher ratio and we have enrichment programs available!

Little Cherubs Preschool offers a sound Christian curriculum and quality learning opportunities that nurture a child's spiritual, intellectual, social, physical & emotional growth and development.

For detailed information about our Little Cherubs program please visit our church's website: [www.cheshirelutheran.org/little-cherubs-christian-preschool/](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/little-cherubs-christian-preschool/)

Kelley Collins-Pardee  
Christian Education Deacon





# WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LORD’S FAMILY...

This summer we celebrated together as the following new members joined CLC or were baptized:

✠ On Sunday June 9, 2024 the following adults were publicly received as members of CLC—Paul Balash, Karen Harris Radatz, Sandra Pavano, Jonathan Rowold

Baptisms:

✠ On Sunday, June 23, 2024 *Dustin and Rodney Howard* were baptized into the Lord’s Family

✠ On Sunday, July 7, 2024 *Jacob Paul Swayner* was baptized into the Lord’s Family

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



## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...

*You are cordially invited to be a:*

- ✠ **Reader**
- ✠ **Usher**
- ✠ **Greeter**
- ✠ **Singer or Ringer**
- ✠ **Altar Guild**
- ✠ **Live Stream Camera Operator**



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).

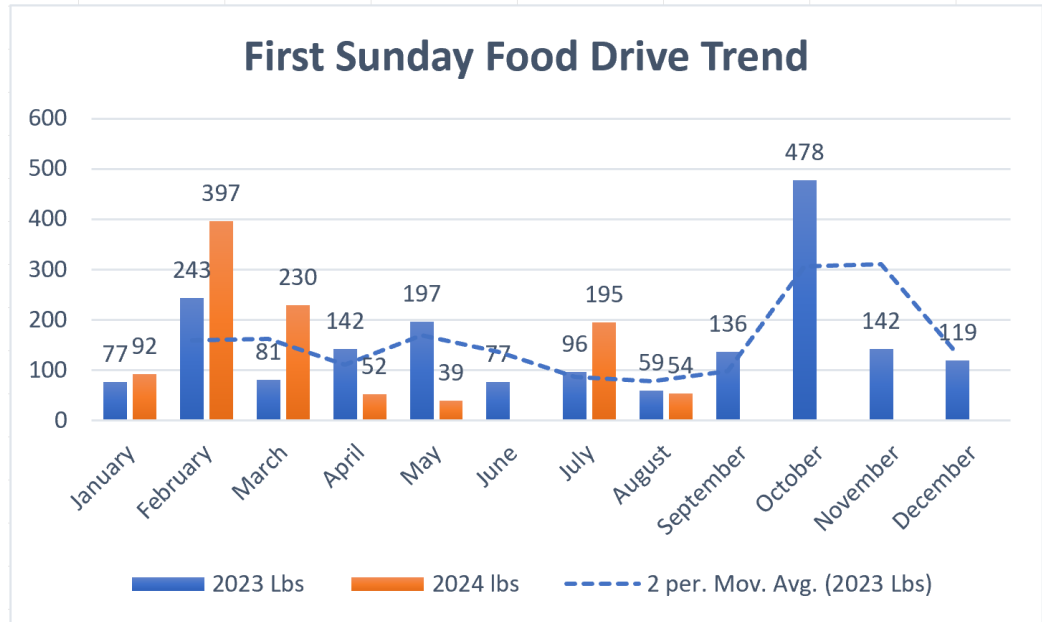
**LESSON READERS for Sunday worship are needed!** Please contact April Slauson for more information.





**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 the Food Pantry 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. Tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

**CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Covid-19 has decreased contributions, children are home and people out of work. There are no Sunday donations to the Pantry. We can directly drop off items at the Pantry or send a cash for them to purchase what they need most. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:  
 175 Sandbank Rd  
 Cheshire Ct 06410

Send Checks to:  
 Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457  
 or  
 you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

# MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...

The Columbarium Committee continues to communicate and meet regularly to discuss status of Inurnment Subscription and Memorial Plaque purchases.

Reminder to families and loved ones of the inurned, per our By Laws, kindly refrain from leaving items (flora, trinkets, etc.) at or around the Columbarium. While we understand this is done in loving remembrance, CLC does not have the staff to remove these items in a timely manner. Please feel free to discuss with any member of the committee. Thanks so much.

## Subscriptions

- ✦ There are currently 14 of our CLC Family inurned in our Columbarium and 1 pending Inurnment occurring soon
- ✦ There are currently 30 inurnment subscriptions & 6 pending possibilities
- ✦ We have 22 memorial plaques purchased, and one pending possibility

The following congregants now rest in our hearts and whose remains are a reminder to remain steadfast in hope and faith that we will be reunited.

### Saints Inurned In Our Columbarium

- Marilyn E. Allesandrine (Jul. 31, 1939 – Mar. 21, 2019)
- Lillian Derganc (June 4, 1933 - Sep. 6, 2023)
- Judith Schnaars DiDomizio (Dec. 4, 1941 – May 10, 2021)
- Richard Hagstrom (May 22, 1930 – July 4, 2021)
- Edythe (Diddy) Izard (May 17, 1922—Mar. 7, 2023)
- Richard (Dick) Izard (June 20, 1921—July 4, 2009)
- Philip L. Kenney (Aug. 4, 1927 – Nov. 22, 2013)
- Arthur F. Munter Sr. (Feb. 8, 1929 – Jan. 21, 2018)
- Mary Bianchini Munter (Jun. 16, 1929 – Mar. 11, 2021)
- William F. Schmollinger (Feb. 9, 1924 - Jan. 20, 2007)
- Carolyn R. Schmollinger (Jan. 13, 1929 - June 28, 2022)
- Ralph Joseph Schupp (Nov. 9, 1926 - Sep. 20, 2021)
- Joseph W. Stark (June 17, 1932 - Dec. 31, 2021)
- Rita Martha Stark (Mar. 30, 1932 - June 5, 2023)



Consider this Beautiful spot for Memorial Plaque or to house your final remains.

For more information, grab a pamphlet and/or contact any member of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee. Please also stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information to our congregants regarding End of Life Planning.

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|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| John Mulvaney | Priscilla Mulvaney | Vicki DePaolo |
| Jim Mertz     | Margie Mertz       | Randy Raddatz |
| Pat DiDomizio | Bill Soulier       | Beth Soulier  |
| Tim Weiland   |                    | Ed Schweizer  |



## So, How Are You Going To Help?...

Are you serving as an acolyte, an altar assistant, an usher, a reader, or a choir member? All of these folks help to make our services happen on Sunday morning; it's because of their involvement and participation that our services are as rich, and full, and well run as they are. If you are not serving in one of these ways, please do. We are currently looking for readers, ushers, and choir members (youth and adult and handbell).



If you can sing, please join the youth or adult choir. If you can't sing, then please be a reader. If you can't read in front of people, then be an usher. If you can't walk up and down the aisles to collect the offering, please join the bell choir. We have ways just about every member of our family of faith can help – all we need is you.

To join one of the choirs, speak to Martha Medford.  
To be a reader or an usher, speak to April Slauson.



## CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection can is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall by the storage closet.



## FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE...

Beginning Sunday, September 8, 2024, we will be returning to our School-year schedule of two services on Sunday morning at 8 AM and 10:30 AM. The 8 AM service will continue to be streamed out live via YouTube for anyone who is unable to join us in person for the service and it will be available for viewing on the Church's YouTube channel shortly after the end of the service.



## USE HIS MONEY WISELY....

When the master gave his servants money to keep in his absence, he expected them to use it wisely. One wise use of the money the Lord gives us is to invest it with Church Extension Fund. Not only will it grow through interest, it will also be used to help congregations grow as they build, improve, and expand worship and educational facilities. Through LCEF, you can use the Master's gifts wisely. Call 1-800-THE-LCEF (843-5233) for more information.



## 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.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

We have been enjoying the new audio/video equipment for over a year now. Special care was utilized during the purchase process that the equipment be easy to use for volunteers, including those with no prior background in sound or video equipment. Do you take videos with your phone? Are you interested in learning more about audio/video and streaming technology?



Offer your time and increase your video talent and assist with running the new equipment for an 8 AM church service. You will be helping Pastor Rowold and our Service to go live on YouTube. Contact Tim Weiland or Bill Juul for details.



We will train volunteer staff on all of the equipment and help troubleshoot any problems that may arise as people master the system. Your efforts will give you new skills you can carry into other areas of their lives if you so choose.

## CLC STRENGTHENING OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE ON FACEBOOK...

In today's fast-paced digital age, it's crucial for our Church to remain connected and engaged with our congregation and the broader community. As part of our ongoing efforts to adapt and thrive in this digital landscape, we are committed to improving our digital footprint on Facebook.

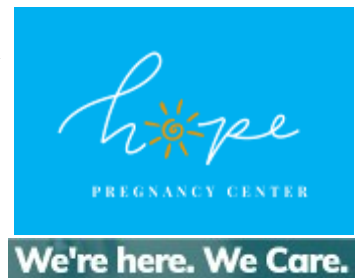


Improving our digital footprint on Facebook is a step forward in our mission to share God's love and connect with our congregation and the wider community. It's an opportunity to reach more people, build stronger bonds of fellowship, and inspire positivity in an increasingly digital world. We look forward to this journey of growth and connection, and we invite you to join us on Facebook as we continue to spread the message of faith, hope, and love. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in the digital realm and beyond.

## 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 baby 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**  
110 Main St.  
Cheshire, CT 06410  
203.271.2703  
[hopepregnancycenterct.org](http://hopepregnancycenterct.org)



## CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands volunteers continue to offer meals, transportation and visits to those in our congregation who are in need of any of these services!

Please contact the church office if you would benefit from this assistance.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have responded to my request to assist .

*Sometime over the summer, please update your contact information with the preferred phone number (many still have the landline listed although it has been disconnected).*

For those who haven't yet volunteered but would like to be "on the list", please provide your contact information as well as the service you would like to offer ( food, drive, visit). You may reach me at [sbschrumm@cox.net](mailto:sbschrumm@cox.net). Thank you and have a nice summer!

Sally Schrumm, chairman



## Our Sincere Appreciation



- † Pam Clark our Fellowship Deacon, wishes to thank all the volunteers who enhanced our Summer Sunday worship with Lemonade/Iced Tea and snacks. All the credit and gratitude goes out to the many hands that made our picnic go so smoothly- Don & Diane, for the hamburgers and hot dogs, the condiments and beverage jugs and so much guidance. To so many more people that, together, makes our family at Cheshire Lutheran Church.
- † Many, many thanks to Martha Medford for working so hard this summer arranging and re-hearsing for all our Summer musical performances. And thanks to all those that enhanced our services with their beautiful voices and musical talents!
- † Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that made VBS this summer such a huge success!
- † Special thanks to all that help to keep CLC grounds so lovely throughout the year. This summer saw lots of beautiful changes on our grounds for which we are eternally grateful. Special Thanks to Tim Weiland, Jim & Margie Mertz, Ed and Nancy Schweizer, Don & Diane Drust and Randy Raddatz. We are BLESSED!
- † We all thank Tim Weiland and Bill Juul for their photo and video contributions to us all. We greatly appreciate you always being there in the right time and at the right place to help us relive the memories made with our Church family. Thank you!
- † Special Thank You to all the people that helped with the very successful Youth Tag Sale in June. It was a tremendous amount of work but many hands do make for lighter work. We are Blessed
- † Thank you for your continued support of our adopt a shelf and other food items
- † Thank You to Al Manke for picking up recyclable from Tower Farm Nursery to donate to Little Cherubs Preschool
- † Thank you to women of Zion Lutheran Church Wallingford for donation of handmade Burb Cloths to Hope Pregnancy Center

# Bible Studies at CLC

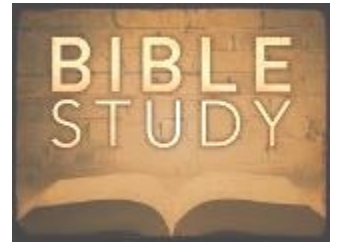
## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

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

Sunday morning Bible study will resume for the Fall on Sunday, September 15 at 9:10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for Rally Day during the Education Hour the prior Sunday, September 8, where we'll enjoy some food, some fellowship, and some Bible-based fun.

In addition to Sunday morning Bible, our Wednesday afternoon study of the book of Acts will also be resuming on Wednesday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. We will be picking up with Lesson 7, titled "The Mature Church in Labor and Hardships...", which looks at chapters 13 through 15 of Acts.

Everyone is 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.



## 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.

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

Contact Person: Paula Ongley



## DO YOU KNOW THE DATE OF YOUR BAPTISM?...

Well, do you? Do you know the date that you were Baptized? If you do, we'd like to know it in the Church office too. We already keep track of birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including them in the monthly newsletters and the Sunday morning prayers. We are now going to add "Baptismal Birthdays" to that list too. Please contact the Church office to share the date of their Baptism. As we get more information we will add it to the list of those special days included in the *Heavenly Herald*.



## WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

✠ September 9	Katelyn Lynch	✠ September 14	Matthew Emerick
✠ September 10	Lisa Tyler	✠ September 16	Karen Weiland
✠ September 13	Brian Sherman	✠ September 24	John Sherman
✠ September 13	Judy Watson	✠ September 26	Nancy Engelhardt

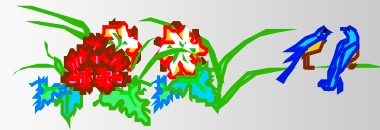
Contact the church office to add your "Baptismal Birthday" to the list.



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## September 2024

8 <sup>th</sup>	David and Sally Schrumm	51 Years
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jonah and Lisa Tyler	25 Years
12 <sup>th</sup>	Thom and Dale Zeppieri	36 Years
21 <sup>st</sup>	Julian and Lisa Muller	28 Years
	Peter and Rebecca Mayer	22 Years
25 <sup>th</sup>	Clifford and Paula Ongley	53 Years
26 <sup>th</sup>	Andy and Pam Clark	32 Years



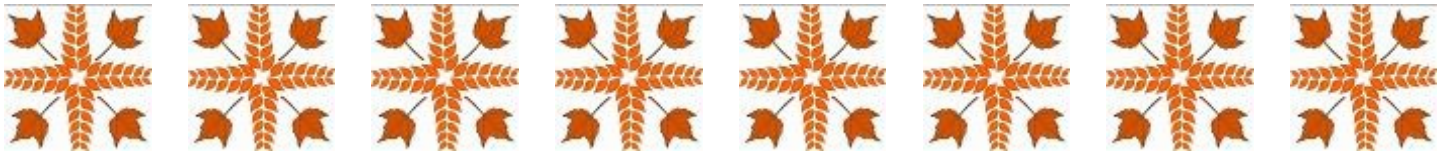
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 12<sup>th</sup> Allison Smith  
 14<sup>th</sup> Alan Spose  
 Lisette Donewald  
 Wendy Emerick  
 Ken Finger  
 15<sup>th</sup> Leigh Giampietro  
 16<sup>th</sup> Joy McHugh  
 17<sup>th</sup> Madelyn Veleber  
 18<sup>th</sup> Alex Muller  
 Blake Feero  
 Cindy Baker  
 Frank Miller  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Schweizer  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Aliza Taylor  
 Sean Horton  
 24<sup>th</sup> Derek Henderson  
 26<sup>th</sup> Nancy Engelhardt  
 Susan Harris  
 27<sup>th</sup> Erich Strunk, Sr.  
 28<sup>th</sup> Craig Henderson  
 29<sup>th</sup> Lisa Muller  
 30<sup>th</sup> Bill Juul



## COUNCIL AND VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Council/Voters will resume their meeting schedule in September as follows:

- † **Council** meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM.**
- † **Voters'** meeting will be held, **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> after the late Service.**



**Cheshire Lutheran Church**  
 660 West Main St  
 Cheshire CT 06410