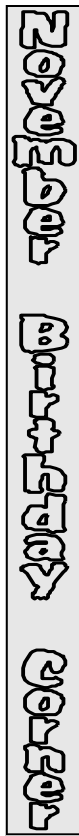


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY November 2024



4 th	Larry & Gayle Logan	35 Years
10 th	David & Melissa Veleber	21 Years
12 th	Don & Diane Drust	52 Years
16 th	Alan & Carol Santoro	39 Years
23 rd	Paul & Christine Smith	33 Years
24 th	Tim & Cindy Baker	23 Years
27 th	Edward & Nancy Schweizer	42 Years
28 th	John & Joanne Casberg	65 Years
	Blair & Kristen Donewald	43 Years



1 st	Evan Napp
3 rd	Griffin Natzel
10 th	Lynn Balash Andrea Merrow
11 th	Julian Muller Alexis Veleber
13 th	Pamela Clark
14 th	Natalie Veleber
15 th	David Veleber
17 th	Bill Sherman Christina Plantier
18 th	Jonathan Schrumm Stanley Harris
19 th	Alyssa DeLaubell Kristina Tuscano
20 th	Clifford Ongley Steve Behnfeldt
21 st	Joanne Casberg
22 nd	Bruce Emerick
26 th	John Casberg Debbie Sherman
28 th	Dale Zeppieri

VOTERS MEETING REMINDER...

Voters will meet Sunday November 10th after the late Service at CLC. **We need voters and a quorum for the November meeting, there are many IMPORTANT items to be voted on.** Meeting will be in person and via Zoom. Please consider being a Voter, we need you!



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15 (ESV)

Life is full of choices. Some of them are comparatively small and lack major significance, like whether or not you will have dessert tonight after dinner or what you will wear tomorrow. Other choices can change the course of a person's life, what job will they pursue when they enter the work force or whether they will get married. Those little decision that we make are typically easy, and making the wrong choice does not usually have earth-shattering implications. When it comes to those major decisions, however, the consequences can be far reaching.

The Israelites faced one of those big decisions at the end of Joshua's life. Following the death of Moses, Joshua had led God's people into the Promised Land. After years of struggle, most of the land promised to the Patriarchs was finally possessed by God's people. They were finally starting to get settled and to make a life for themselves in this new land. Now that the hardest part was behind them and they were looking toward the future, the people had to make a choice: what God were they going to serve? They could follow the gods commonly worshipped in the new land in which they were living, or the gods that Abraham and his ancestors had followed before the LORD chose him, or they could follow the God who had rescued them from slavery in Egypt and kept them alive for 40 years in the wilderness and given them the Promised land.



It was a big decision, but it was a pretty easy one to make. The people knew who the true God was, what He had done for His people, and what He would continue doing to take care of them in the future. There was a choice that was clearly the right one – serving the LORD God – and one that was clearly wrong – following false God's.

This Fall, you are going to be faced with several choices. Some of them will be easy, while others will be difficult. For Cheshire Lutheran, there will be a number of those decisions at our November Voters' meeting; we will be adopting the Mission Plan for the coming year, voting for Officers and Deacons, and looking at the proposed *Long-Term Plan*. By God's grace, I pray that these will all be easy choices. The Finance Committee has worked long and hard to develop the Mission Plan, our congregation is blessed with many talented individuals who are willing to serve, and a great deal of thought has been put into the *Long-Term Plan*.

For every citizen of the United States, there will be more challenging decisions that will be made on November 5, Election Day; our nation chooses a new President, and countless other local, state, and federal offices will be up for election. There will also be numerous ballot questions that Americans will decide when they enter the voting booth. The choices in some of these cases will be very hard indeed, especially for Christians as we seek to both live out our faith and to be good citizens.

How are we to know the right decision in all these cases? What can we do to make the right choice, whether it's easy or hard? The first thing to do is to pray.

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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,

As I prepare my November Heavenly Herald article, I cannot help but think that 2024 seems to be flying by at an unbelievably fast pace. Later this month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with our families and friends, then put up the Christmas tree and start preparing for the Christmas season.



CLC continues to be a remarkably busy place, with many opportunities for fellowship and outreach. CLC is blessed to have a very dedicated and active Council that is always looking for new ways to get members involved, while also providing opportunities to introduce members of the community to all that CLC has to offer. Although everyone on the Council works hard to keep CLC strong and relevant throughout our community and beyond, I would like to draw your attention to two incredibly special council members that do so much from behind the scenes to help make CLC the special place it is.

THANK YOU, Pam and Andy Clark, for all you do for all of us! As you all know, Pam is our Fellowship Deacon and Andy is the Youth Deacon. In watching them operate you would have a tough time telling who does what. Pam and Andy and truly the dynamic duo and we as a congregation are fortunate to have them. No matter what project needs help, you can count on them to work hard to make it happen. Like so many at CLC, they never seek credit for their contributions but derive joy from the outcome. Please let them know how much you notice and appreciate their efforts. Well Done Good and Faithful Servants!

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On October 5th CLC hosted a Potluck Dinner, another successful event that would not have happened without Pam and Andy. This was a very enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship. Susan and Stan Harris made this evening even more special by sharing some of their individual talents. Stan sang and played guitar to provide background music throughout the evening. Susan gave an amazing bread making class. She made the entire process fun and easy to understand. I personally benefited from this instruction as Kyong has made this delicious bread three times since learning how. There is no better air freshener than the aroma of freshly baking bread.

I am pleased to report that during our October Council meeting we were able to finalize the 2025 Mission Plan and prepare the final version for presentation to the Voter's Assembly for their approval. Thank you to the members of the Finance Committee for all their hard work in making this happen. The Nominating Committee is finalizing the slate of Officers and Deacons and will publish the slate in the service bulletins on the two Sundays preceding the November 10th Voter's meeting. Their hard work is also much appreciated.

The next meeting of the Voter Assembly will be Sunday, November 10th. It is extremely important that we have as many Voters as possible in attendance. We will be presenting both the 2025 Mission Plan and the 2025 Slate of Officers and Deacons for Voter approval, and we must be able to establish a quorum as required by our Constitution and Bylaws.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Mann
CLC Parish President

Bible Studies at CLC

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

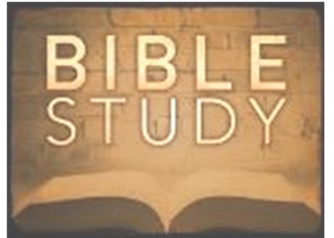
Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in Bible Study.

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services starts at approximately 9:10 a.m. every Sunday. We continue to look at the same Bible lessons as the Sunday School, but we are using the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" from *Lutheran Hour Ministries* to facilitate our lessons. These materials will give us a slightly different take on the lessons than you may have gotten when you were a kid.

In addition to Sunday morning Bible, our Wednesday afternoon study of the book of Acts (Also known as *The Acts of the Apostles*), continues on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. We are currently working though Lesson 8, titled "Nurturing Young Churches", which looks at chapters 16 through 20 of Acts.

We are meeting in the Church Library on Sundays and on Wednesdays. If you cannot be with us in person, watch for emails each week to participate by Zoom.

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.



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*.

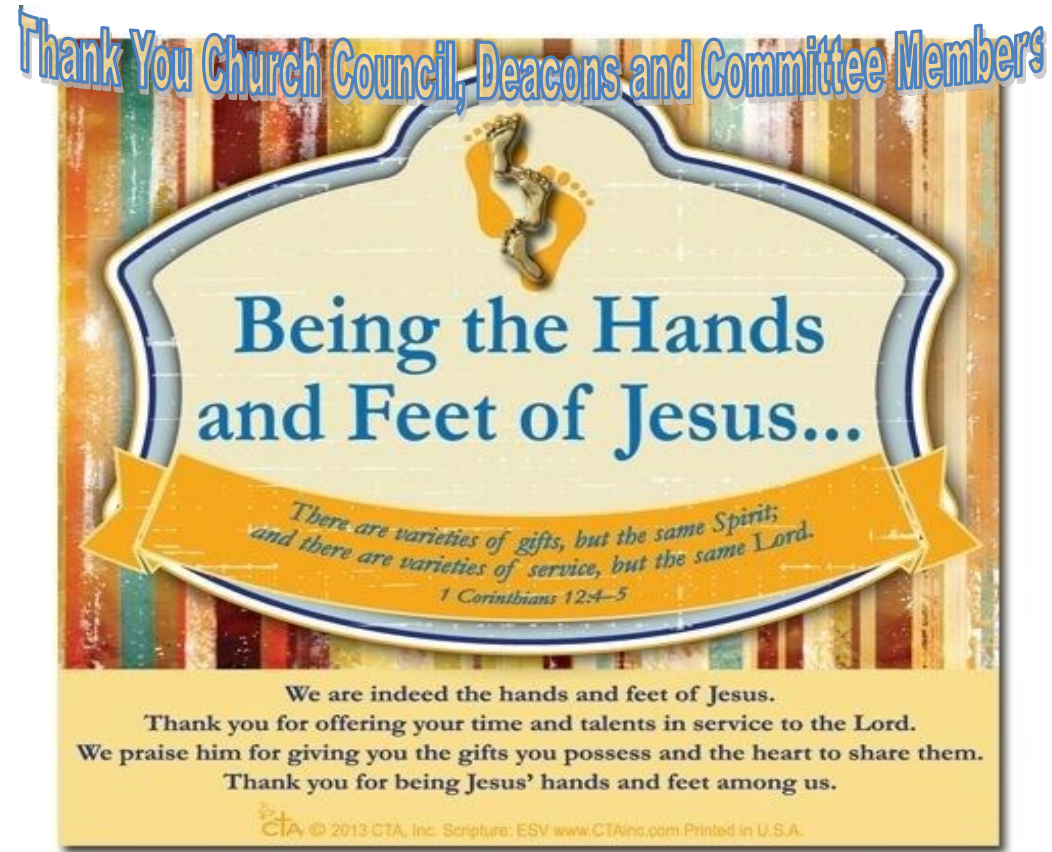


WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR BAPTISM:

- ✝ November 6—Tim Slocum
- ✝ November 9—Allison Smith
- ✝ November 9—Doug Henderson
- ✝ November 10—Marilyn Miller
- ✝ November 11—Sally Schrumm
- ✝ November 11—Wendy Milton
- ✝ November 12—Nicole Daly
- ✝ November 18—Kelley Collins-Pardee
- ✝ November 26—Avery Clark
- ✝ November 28—Robert DeLaubell
- ✝ November 28—Benjamin DeLaubell

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





NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS...

The following Officers and Deacons are to be elected at the Voters' Assembly meeting to be held on Sunday, **November 10th** after the 10:30 a.m. service:

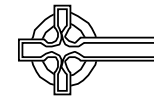
<u>Officers (term of 1 year)</u>	<u>Deacons (term of 3 years)</u>
President	House & Grounds Deacon
Vice-President	Social Welfare Deacon
Recording Secretary	
Financial Secretary	
Treasurer	

New officers will be installed in January 2025.

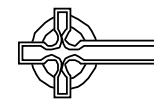
CLC members are invited to contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in filling an elected position, or if you would like to propose a candidate for election.

Nominees shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall be confirmed members of the congregation. Please consult the church directory if you would like to communicate with any member.

Our Nominating Committee members this year are: Andy Clark, Pat DiDomizio, and Rob DeLaubell



CLC Calendar November 2024



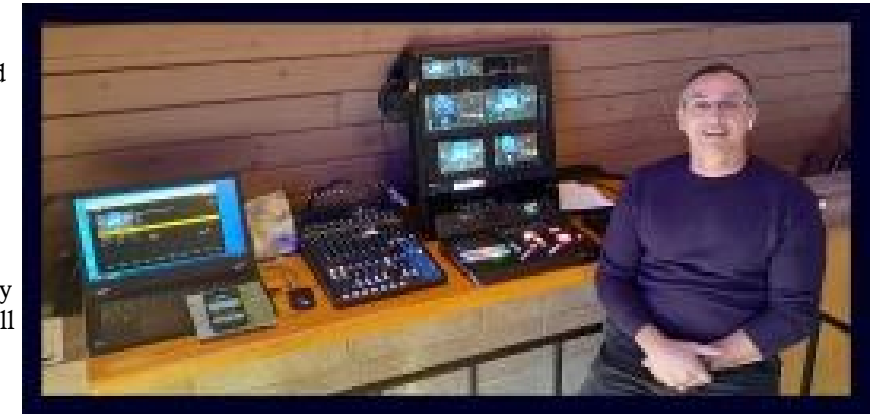
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3 All Saint's Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion	4	5	6 1:30 Bible Study	7	8 1 All Saints' Day	9 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
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24 Pledge Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship	25	26	27 6:30 Bell Choir 7:00 Parish Choir 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship	28	29	30

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.

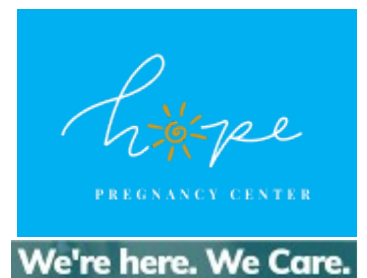
Improving our digital footprint on Facebook is a step forward in our mission to share God's love and connect with our congregation and the wider community. It's an opportunity to reach more people, build stronger bonds of fellowship, and inspire positivity in an increasingly digital world. We look forward 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...

We are NO LONGER COLLECTING baby items until further notice.

Hope Pregnancy Center
110 Main St.
Cheshire, CT 06410
203.271.2703
hopepregnancycenterct.org

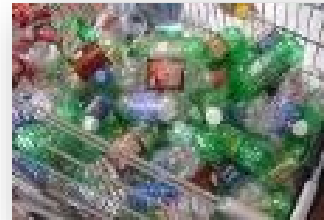


SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

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 that 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 David Schrumm.



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.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

November

November 10, 1483	Martin Luther born
November 1960	Church sanctuary construction begins
November 2, 1961	Schlicker Pipe Organ dedication
November 18, 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms dedication



THANKSGIVING SERVICE REMINDER...

We will be having our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service on the Wednesday evening (November 27) before Thanksgiving at 7:30 PM.

The service will be in person and live streamed on YouTube (just like Sunday mornings).

Remember to bring a loaf of nice bread (not Wonder bread) to share.

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Saint Paul exhorts us in Philippians 4, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Go to God in prayer and ask Him to help you know what to do.

The next thing you can do is read your Bible. Remember, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16–17). God’s plan and purpose for you and me is laid out in His Holy Word. While you won’t find a clearly laid out “voter’s guide” in the Bible, you will see what is right and wrong in God’s eyes, and what He expects from each of us. In Holy Scripture, He tells us everything we need to know.

And, of course, be an informed voter. Read up on the ballot questions that you may face. When it comes to the candidates, do your own research and look to see what each one is saying about themselves, what their positions are, and what policies they are advocating. Do not rely solely on what other people are saying about the candidates – especially if it comes from ads attacking a candidate or from their opponent. Right now, lots of folks are doing a very poor job of following the Eighth Commandment, and the *worst* construction seems to be put on everything.

In the end, make the best decision that you can. Vote according to your faith, vote according to your conscience, but remember to vote. You may not find a candidate that you totally agree with or a ballot question that you love, but you may well find a candidate you disagree with or a ballot question you cannot support.

Whatever the outcome may be of the choices that lay before us, God is still in control, as Proverbs reminds us, “Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails” (19:21). Regardless of what happens, He has promised to always be with you. Remember, “It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” (Deut. 31:8) and Jesus said “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20).

Yes, life is full of choices. Some will be easy, and others will not. With God’s help and guidance, make the best choices that you can. Then trust in Him to work out His plan.

In Christ,
Pastor David Rowold

Don't be anxious about anything,
but IN EVERY SITUATION
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.
And the *Peace of God,*
which transcends all understanding, will
GUARD YOUR HEARTS & MINDS
in *Christ Jesus.*
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



THANKSGIVING BREAD EXCHANGE...

This year we will once again have a loaf exchange at our Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Everyone interested is invited to bring a loaf of bread with them to the service; it can be bought at the grocery store, a bakery or even made at home, if you'd like. (Please remember to wrap it if you make it at home – and please, no loaves of sandwich bread that are so airy you “wonder” if it's really bread.)

We'll all place our loaves in a basket at the beginning of the service, and then everyone is invited to take a different loaf of bread home with them when the service is over.

By including these loaves of bread on our Thanksgiving tables, we can, in a symbolic way, share the meal with our wider family of faith.





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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

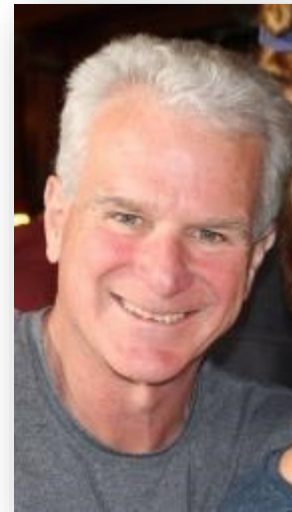
- ✦ If you have Pledge envelopes PLEASE use them, having to lookup members envelope numbers can lead to human error.
- ✦ Please remember to mark on the outside of your offering envelopes with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
- ✦ If you've been absent 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
- * *Little Cherubs Tuition payments can also be submitted* through the Church's website. The payments can be made directly from a bank account without incurring any transaction fees. If paying by credit or debit card you must select to pay the 3% fee to offset the transaction fees

Any questions please email the Financial Secretary at finsec@cheshirelutheran.org or contact Alan Santoro directly.

Alan Santoro—Financial Secretary



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. Allesandrino (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.

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



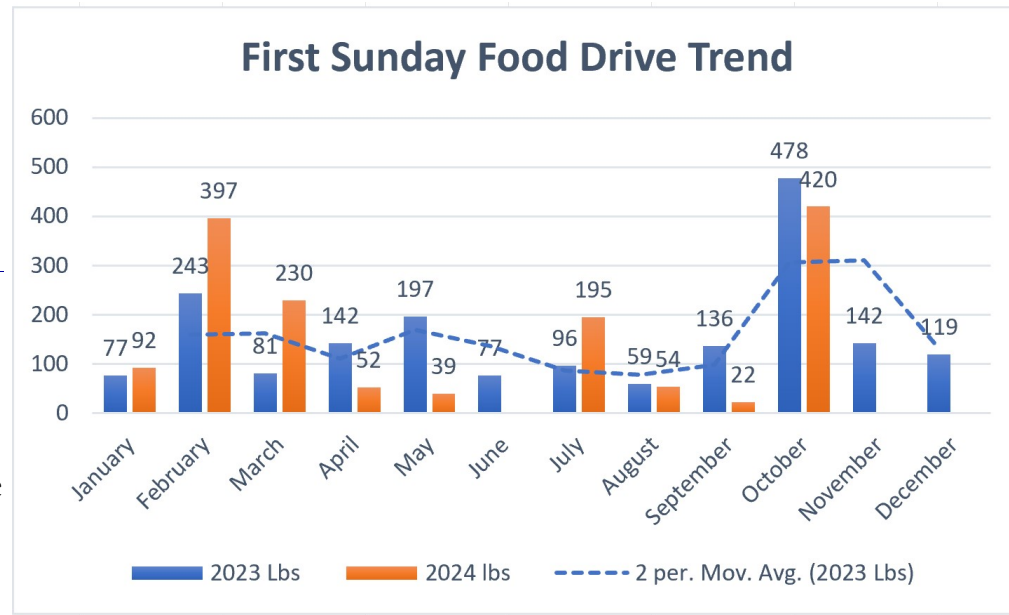
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time (United States) ends **Sunday, November 3, 2024.**

Move your clocks **back** 1 hour so you are not early for Church!



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

October went by quickly with lots going on at CLC. In Sunday School, we had 3 regular lessons and a Joseph-themed “Fun Sunday” on October 13, 2024. The fun day was led by Dora and the students present had an amazing time. Our next Fun Sunday will be January 19, 2025.

We will have our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program on December 8, 2024, during the 10:30 service. The Script was sent/emailed home on October 27 and rehearsals will begin on November 10, 2024, during the Sunday School hour.

There is currently no Sunday School on December 1, 22, and 29.

Thank you to our teachers and parents for your support and involvement in our Sunday School.

Tricia Rowold
Sunday School Superintendent



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Pledge Sunday will be November 24th, the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Most folks know the drill, but I will summarize what this entails.

On Pledge Sunday, I will address the congregation after the sermon at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, on the topic of Stewardship. Each member will have a pledge packet waiting for them in the hallway that contains the following items:

- ✦ Pledge envelopes, for weekly offerings.
- ✦ A pledge card, which you are invited (and encouraged!) to fill out and return. This is an opportunity to make a commitment to God and to CLC to help us achieve our mission. If you haven't pledged in the past, please consider doing so for 2025. It helps us best plan for our work plan/financial commitments.
- ✦ A copy of the 2025 Work Plan. This plan is approved by both the Council and the Voters Assembly. I encourage you to read it to understand how your contributions are used to fulfill CLC's ministry. And if you have any questions, you can always reach out to me or any member of the Finance Committee.
- ✦ A Time and Talent Survey, welcoming you to “get involved” in an area of CLC which may inspire you. I have said before, this is the most important part of Stewardship - your efforts and energies makes CLC what it is.

Long Term Planning Committee Update:

The Long-Term Planning (LTP) committee has incorporated the feedback we have received. We are planning on finalizing this at the November Voter's meeting on November 10th. Thanks to all for their contributions, input and feedback. Once approved, we will look forward to implementing the ideas within it.

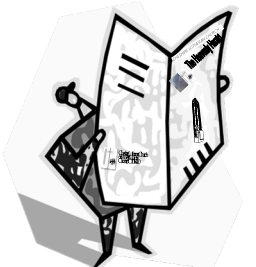
Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!
(December 2024 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (by Friday, **November 29th**, 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!



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



The Advent Luncheon is coming upon us quickly. On December 8th, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 service - which is the children's Christmas Pageant.

The Fellowship Committee will supply the ham, potatoes, and beverages, and we ask members to share a side dish or dessert to complete the meal.

Decorating will take place that Saturday morning at 9:00. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board mid-November.

Please join us in congratulating the children on their performance, enjoy a game and children's craft. I am quite certain the Pageant will be not only a great kick off to the holiday season but entertaining as well.

We look forward to seeing all CLC members!

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon

'Tis the season to celebrate
and be thankful for the past year!

Jubilee Advent Lunch

After the late Service on Sunday, December 8, 2024



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after the service on November 24. Beginning with the First Sunday in December/Advent (which are the same this year), the names currently on the list will be removed and names will remain on the list only if Pastor is told to keep them there. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like to stay there beginning in December or a new one that you would like to add, please contact Pastor to let him know. Remember 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 can take a name off the list for good reasons.



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.



2024 - 51 Years of Giving

The Cheshire Food Drive

First Saturday & Sunday in November

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

On the "Church Green" in Cheshire Center

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit, tax-exempt organization drawing committee members and support from all areas of Cheshire in our goal to feed our neighbors.

WHAT WE DO

- ↳ Sponsor collections of food at schools and local businesses during the month of October, culminating in our November public collection on the town green to stock the *Cheshire Food Pantry* located at St. Bridget's Church which serves over 100 families of all faiths.
- ↳ Financially support the *Food Voucher Program* administered through the Cheshire Department of Human Services to provide unrestricted food assistance to Cheshire families in need of short-term emergency help.

WHAT WE NEED

Food donations of high nutritional value - cans and boxes please

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|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Canned meat | Boxed snacks | Powdered Milk | Tomato sauces |
| Peanut Butter | Pasta and Rice | Tuna Fish | Granola bars |
| Vegetables | Soups and Stews | Juices/Juice boxes | Cereal |

Monetary Donations - Please make checks payable to :
CHESHIRE FOOD DRIVE PO Box 926 Cheshire, CT 06410 - 0926



First full weekend in November
Congregational Church Green

Shopping List

- Cash for vouchers
- Granola bars/snacks
- Cereal
- Flour/sugar/baking
- Salt/pepper/spices
- Coffee/tea/cocoa
- Soups/stews
- Canned tomatoes
- Juice boxes
- Shelf-stable milk
- Canned chicken/meat
- Condiments
- Tuna fish
- Rice/grains
- Pasta & sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Fruit cups
- Nut butters

Among all the other items listed above and to the left, the Cheshire Food Pantry is especially in need of:

- stews/chowders
- Spam
- Hash
- cannellini beans
- Coffee
- Crackers
- pudding
- peanut butter
- Sugar
- Flour
- canned tomatoes
- paper towels

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:

- ✦ 2024 Flower Chart Sign-up
- ✦ 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
- ✦ Little Cherubs Thanksgiving Fundraiser information
- ✦ Lutheran Church Extension Fund information
- ✦ Recent Nuechterlein Family photo—See Pastors Message in October HH
- ✦ Life Shines in Darkness LFL Regional Conference—Northeast in October information
- ✦ CLC Pictorial Photo Session sign-up
- ✦ Sunday Coffee Hour sign-up
- ✦ Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- ✦ Hope Pregnancy Center information
- ✦ Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups

Others looking for help!

- ✦ Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers to help make the events happen. Contact Pam Clark if you can help in any capacity.
- ✦ Ushers are needed to work both services. Contact April Slauson to volunteer.
- ✦ Helping Hands is looking to expand its mission and ministry. Contact Sally Schrumm to learn more and volunteer.

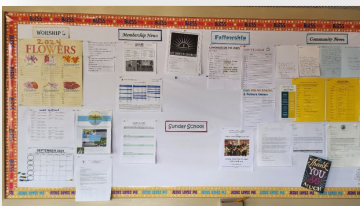
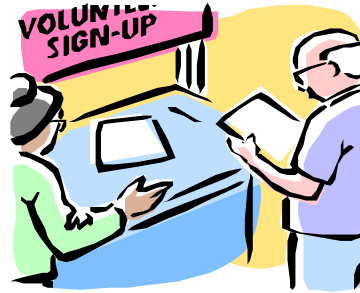
DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS PRESCHOOL AGE?...

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/

Kelley Collins-Pardee
Christian Education Deacon



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:

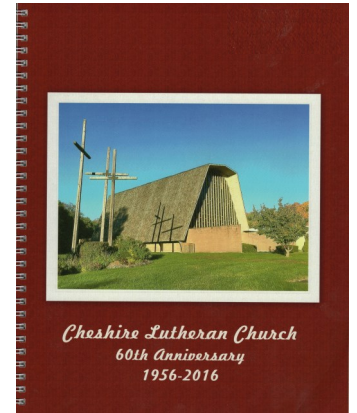
- ✦ The directory will feature updated pictures of our CLC family.
- ✦ It's designed to help congregants "put a name to a face" during Sunday services and other gatherings.
- ✦ April Slauson has volunteered to lead this effort, starting in September.
- ✦ We're praying for 100% participation.
- ✦ Picture 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 _____ if you have any questions.

Submitted by April Slauson



CLC HELPING HANDS...

HELPING HANDS is expanding ! We will now reach out to the CLC elderly, shut ins and widows/widowers on a regular basis with cards, visits and small seasonal gifts. We will continue to offer meals and transportation to those in need.

Volunteers have been a vital part of HH and, with the additional outreach, will continue to be an important part of our activities!

Call To Action Request:

I am asking all prior volunteers to renew your interest in HH. New volunteers are welcome.

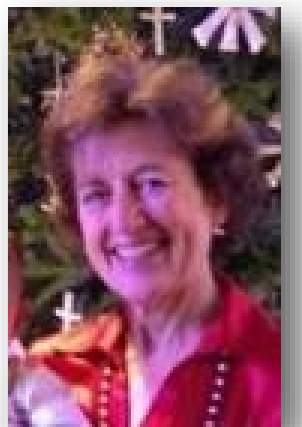
Please contact me at _____ discuss your interest and contact information.

I will also be available between the church services October 27 and November 3 to answer any questions and explore your volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ✦ Meals
- ✦ Transportation
- ✦ Visitation
- ✦ Mailing cards - holiday and thinking of you
- ✦ Seasonal gifts.. apple pies at thanksgiving, cookies at Christmas, palms and Lenten devotional, Easter flowers

Thank you,
Sally Schrumm





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
November 3 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 6 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals		
November 10 - Sunday	No Choirs		
November 13 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 17 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
November 20 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
November 24 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
November 27 - Wednesday <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish & Bell Choirs
December 1 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

Memories



NEW ON OUR WEBSITE... 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
- ✦ 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 Pastor's 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...



October 2024



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.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

FEED THE NORTHEAST UPDATE:

Thank you for your donations and Generosity!

On October 21, Karen Bailey and I delivered 546 food items, weighing a total of 420 lbs., to the food pantry. We've applied for a grant to be one of the first 100 churches to donate 500 items. If successful, the food pantry will receive \$500.

Special thanks to Vicki DePaolo for securing the Thrivent Grant!

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Included in our 500 items were our Thanksgiving donations of boxed stuffing and cranberry sauce. The food pantry needed 155 of each. Our contributions are as follows:

- Stuffing: 193
- Cranberry Sauce: 180
- Other Food Items: 173
- Total: 546

Our Thrivent money allowed us to purchase 101 boxes of stuffing and 96 cans of cranberry sauce.

Thanks to Alan Santoro and Ed Schweizer for loading the food.

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER UPDATE:

They are not accepting donations at this time. Please do not place any more donations in the bassinet. We are trying to contact them and will keep you updated.

Note that the food pantry will accept diapers, wipes, and personal care items. No clothes, please. Place these items in the bins for the food pantry.

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.**

Thank you
Nancy Engelhardt
Social Welfare Deacon



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Greetings to all at Cheshire Lutheran Church,

We continue to watch our Little Cherubs grow and develop personalities that we have not seen before. Very Exciting! We are also so proud of the progress they have made.

October has been a fun filled month. The children have been learning letters E-H, numbers 5-8 and working on growing their knowledge of shapes.

We have been discussing and sharing Bible Stories about God keeps His promises & Joseph, along with Baby Moses in the basket. They have comprehended the Bible Stories and the lesson that goes along with them.

There have been many crafts, art projects and worksheets to go along with everything we discussed in the classroom.

Craig Henderson came to the class and told them all about what he calls his "costume" with regular him underneath. Stop, Drop and Roll, safety about staying low when getting out of your home if it is filled with smoke, feeling your door in your room if that is where you are at the time of fire (to see if it is hot) and that you stay right where you are if it is hot. Go to the window in your room, and never hide. He went over 911 and where that calls and so much more. The children had an amazing time. They sat in the truck and sprayed water. Thank You Craig.

We made apple sauce with the children in the four's class. They sliced the apples to go into the pot. It was delicious. Ms. Michele did so many science experiments with the kids. That is one of the favorite things about the 4's class.

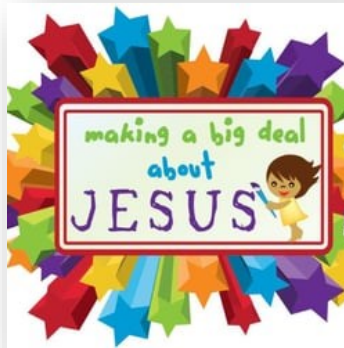
On October 25th, the children got to wear their jammies to school and so did the teachers. They were also asked to bring in their favorite Teddy Bear or stuffed animal to celebrate Teddy Roosevelt's Birthday.

On October 30, the 3's and the 4's were invited to visit Marbridge Memory Care Facility dressed up in their favorite dress up clothes (or Halloween Costumes) and receive candy from the elderly. The police stopped traffic so we could go across the street safely.

We feel so blessed that we have been able to be outside more, watching the color of the leaves change and fall off the trees.

Lastly, Little Cherubs is having a fundraiser: "Paint Your Own Cookie Kits". There are flyers on the counter outside the office. Please help you raise some extra money to make some special purchases. Order Deadline- Wednesday November 6 and Pick Up Day here at Cherubs is November 20th.

God Bless to All, JoAnn



CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 13th to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **9:00 AMish** on the following Saturday, December 14th, to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

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

Bill Soulier
CLC Vice President



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Thank you to Tim Weiland for continuing to take pictures during our key events, seasonal pix around our beautiful grounds and at Services. We are blessed.
- ✦ Thank you as ALWAYS to Bill Juul for tirelessly working so hard to post and create the video, audio and still shot content on our YouTube channel.
- ✦ Sincere thanks to Martha, the Parish, Bell Choirs and special soloists for continuing to enhance our services with your beautiful music.
- ✦ Debt of gratitude to unnamed people who continue to keep our grounds so beautiful each season. This is no easy task and we want you to know how much your work is appreciated.
- ✦ A heartfelt thank you to Pam and Andy Clark for the delightful Oktoberfest dinner, as well as the hayride and apple picking events. These opportunities for fellowship enrich Christ's body and strengthen our community
- ✦ Thank you to Susan Harris for leading us in your wonderful Bread Making event. All of us enjoyed your kind guidance and most especially, the wonderful bread we all made



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

