

# The Heavenly Herald

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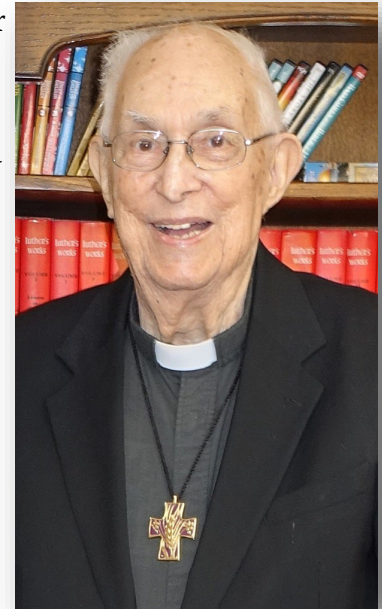


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**IN MEMORIAM: Pastor Louis George Nuechterlein**

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved Pastor Louis George Nuechterlein on January 25, 2025. Born on October 10, 1928, in Saint Joseph, Michigan, Pastor N devoted his life to the service of God and His people. He dedicated his early years to teaching and music at East Bethlehem Lutheran Church before completing his theological studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Saint Louis, Missouri.



In 1960, Pastor N accepted the call to Cheshire Lutheran Church (CLC) and was installed as our Pastor on June 19, 1960. For over three decades, he and his wife Gloria, along with their four children, made significant contributions to our community. Pastor N.'s leadership and dedication were instrumental in the growth and development of CLC, including the preparation and dedication of our church building, the Schlicker organ, and the Memorial Bell.

Pastor N officially retired in 1994 but remained an active and cherished member of our congregation. He was declared Pastor Emeritus in 1996 and continued to serve us faithfully with Gloria by his side.

We remember Pastor N for his unwavering faith, love for our church, and his profound impact on our community. His guiding words, "the congregants may do the work, but God makes it happen," continue to resonate within our hearts. Pastor N and Gloria's legacy lives on in our church, reflecting their dedication and love.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Pastor N and Gloria for their many years of service. As Pastor N often reminded us, "The Best is Yet to Come."

Cheshire Lutheran Church will forever cherish the memory of Pastor Louis George Nuechterlein, a devoted shepherd who led us with grace and love.

Pastor N's Funeral will be at Cheshire Lutheran on February 7 at 1 PM, with Calling Hours in the Church Library starting at 11:30 AM. After the Service, his remains will be lovingly placed in the Columbarium & Memorial Garden at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

"Whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord!" Romans 14:8

***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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and friends of Cheshire  
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*Church Staff*

*Rev. Dr. David P. Rowold, PhD—  
Pastor*

*Brenna Steczkowski—Office  
Manager*

*Martha Medford—Organist & Choir  
Director*

*Bill Soulier—Parish President*

*Beth Soulier—Editor*

**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL*

Greetings Everyone,



I am honored and excited to serve as Council President. This position is both a privilege and a challenge for me. I am humbled by the honor to serve this wonderful congregation. For those of you who do not know, I have been a Council member for eighteen years. I have held the office of Financial Secretary for 12 years and the office of Vice President for the past 3 years; before that I was a voter for ten years. I have served on our Finance Committee, and I am also on the Columbarium Committee. I look forward to working with the talented and dedicated members of this Council.

During my time as a Council/voting member, I have seen many exciting things take place. From the expansion of our Little Cherubs facility to the construction of our Columbarium, I am blessed to have been part of it. During my time as a member of Cheshire Lutheran Church, I have seen so many great accomplishments from our Congregation. If you'd like to play a more active role in the wonderful initiatives we're working on at CLC, please consider becoming a voter - if you aren't one already. **Our next Voters meeting is Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the late service.** Hope to see you there.

If you need any information or are interested in getting involved, feel free to reach out to me or any Council member.

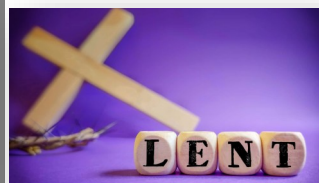
If becoming a voter isn't your cup of tea, there are numerous sub-committees seeking members. There are many ways to get involved. For instance, you could become an Usher, help with Live Streaming our events and services, join the group of Sunday Readers, Altar Guild, Sunday School, Choirs, and many more. If you need any information or are interested in getting involved, feel free to reach out to me or any Council member.

Hebrews 13:16 - "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

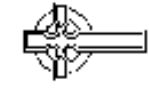
In closing, please remember that the CLC Council and I are here to serve the needs of the church and its members. Do not hesitate to reach out to me or any Council member with your concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Yours in Christ,  
Bill Soulier  
Council President

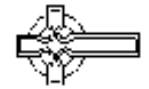
**LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 5...**



Mark your calendars! Lent begins on March 5 with Ash Wednesday and the service that evening will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Starting on March 12, we'll have our traditional Midweek Soup & Salad Supper followed by a Bible study, and then the Wednesday night worship service. Wednesday evening services all start at 7:30 PM and the Soup & Salad Suppers (March 12 through April 9) begin at 6:00 PM.



# CLC Calendar February 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion	3	4	5 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	6	7 11:30 Pastor Nuechriem visitation in CLC library 1:00 Pastor Nuechriem Funeral	8 6:00 Daddy Daughter Dance
9 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship	10	11	12 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	13	14	15 2:00 GAME DAY!
16 8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool Fun Day & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion	17	18	19 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	20	21	22
23 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Youth & Adult Bible Studies 10:30 Worship Voters Meeting	24	25	26 1:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	27	28	29

# Left Blank for Servant Schedule

## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Reminder... if you have not already, it would be most appreciated if you would return the response cards from your pledge packets... your Pledge Card itself shows your financial commitment to CLC, and your Time and Talent card is your invitation to get involved!

It is never too late to turn these in - you may leave them in the church office, or include them in the offering plate during services.

THANK YOU for all of your support!

Rob DeLaubell  
Stewardship Deacon



## ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY...

Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 5th. The following week, on March 12th, marks the beginning of our Lenten Soup and Bible Study nights.

Every Wednesday during Lent, we will gather at 6:00 PM to share soup and salad, followed by Bible Study at 6:30 PM. The Lenten service will commence at 7:30 PM, so we ask everyone to arrive promptly at 6:00 PM.

We hope you will take this opportunity to worship with us and engage in Lenten meditation and discipline.

If you wish to attend, prepare soup for 10 people, or help with setup and cleanup, please sign up on the sheet provided on the Bulletin Board. This helps us plan for the number of attendees.

Preparing for the Lenten season together is a wonderful experience. For any questions, please contact Pam Clark.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

We will have regular Sunday School lessons on February 2, 8, & 23. We will have a "Fun Day" on February 16.

Opening begins at 9:20 a.m. We have time for snack and fellowship before Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Our lessons in February will be Jesus' Baptism, Calling of the disciples. Feeding of the 5000, and the Sermon on the Mount.

### VBS

Save the Date! July 7-11, 2025, for VBS here at CLC; we will use Group's True North VBS, "Trusting Jesus in a wild world." Decorating wish lists will come out in February and a volunteer sign-up sheet in early March. We will start taking registrations in late March. Hope to see you there.

Tricia Rowold  
Sunday School Superintendent



# 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 15 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)
- William Hillis, M.D (February 24, 1929 - December 8, 2024)
- 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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|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Pat DiDomizio | Vicki DePaolo | Jim Mertz    |
| Margie Mertz  | Randy Raddatz | Bill Soulier |
| Beth Soulier  | Ed Schweizer  | Tim Weiland  |



## CLC STRENGTHENING OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA...

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.

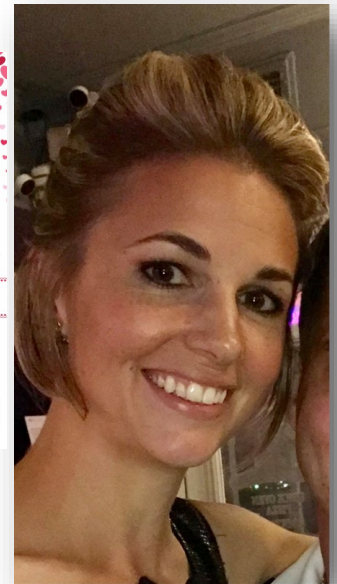
Improving our digital footprint on Facebook is a step forward in our mission to share God's love and connect with our congregation and the wider community. It's an opportunity to reach more people, build stronger bonds of fellowship, and inspire positivity in an increasingly digital world. We look forward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

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

### Daddy Daughter Dance:

REMINDER: The Fellowship and Evangelism Committees are hosting a Daddy Daughter Dance on February 8th in our Fellowship Hall from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. This event is open to all CLC members, those that attend regularly and their friends.

We are looking for people to help us plan, set-up, chaperone the event and clean up afterwards. If you are interested, please contact me or Pam.



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt Planning:

Planning continues for our second Easter Egg Hunt at church. It was a huge success last year. Stay tuned for more information.

Erica Bencivenga  
Evangelism Deacon

## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool had a very busy January.

Our Bible time has been about Jesus' life. We plan to discuss his miracles in the following weeks. One of Our goals is for the children to know that Jesus is God.

We packed our days with learning about the winter. We painted with puffy paint that looks like snow. The children learned about polar bears & penguins, as well as hibernation.

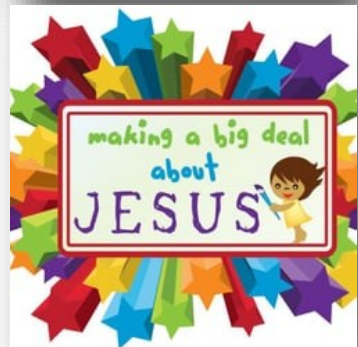
We continue to practice our letter & number knowledge while we are having a lot of fun. The teachers and I have started child evaluations in order to give the families progress reports at the end of February.

Ms. Carrie is the new teacher who started after Christmas break. She has been hired as the Tuesday/Thursday teacher and as a long-term substitute for this school year in the Monday/Wednesday/ Friday class. God has provided; we are thankful!

We continue to pray for Joann. Her health is improving, slowly – but moving in the right direction. Praise God for that.

Happy New Year everyone!  
**Tracy Lennon (Teacher)**

There is a desire to connect the congregation with the preschool children. If you have a talent that you'd like to share, or you'd like to read a book to the children, please reach out and let us know. Maybe you'd like to volunteer in the classroom; we would welcome that.



## THANK YOU...



Thank you to all the members and friends of Cheshire Lutheran Church for your kindness and generosity. I am truly blessed to serve you all. Wishing you all love, light and blessings always,  
Brenna



## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



### **GAME DAY:**

Now that the holidays are over and people have had time to regroup, the winter days are upon us. If you are feeling stuck inside or just ready for some fellowship, please join us on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for an afternoon of games. We will watch a basketball game, play board games, and enjoy snacks. There is fun for all ages to gather with friends, catch up with each other, and have an afternoon out. Please see Pam Clark for more information and signup on the bulletin board.

### **Soup, Salad and Bible Study:**

Please join us on Wednesdays through the Lenten season for Soup and Salad, followed by our Lenten Bible Study and 7:30 PM service. Beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM we will enjoy a light dinner of soup and salad, followed by Bible Study at 6:30 PM. If you would like to make a pot of soup to feed 10, there is a sign-up sheet to let us know and enable us to plan how many will be attending. Also, if you would be able to help set up and/or clean up, many hands certainly lighten the load.

Pam Clark  
Fellowship Deacon



## WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year! To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, check TV channels, WTNH channel 8 or MyTV 9, WFSB channel 3 and on the radio, WTIC 1080 AM. All these stations have websites that list weather closings too! A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail, please let the church office know.

Stay warm!



## OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List was reset at the beginning of December. If you have the name of a loved one on the Prayer List that you would like added or returned to the list, please contact Pastor. Also, if you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please 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.



## 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:

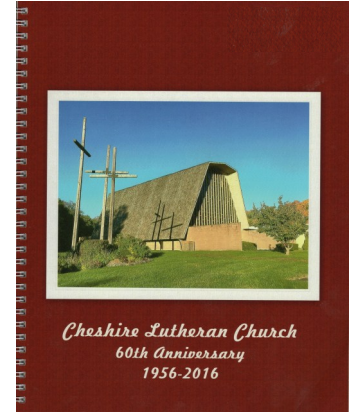
- ✚ The directory will feature updated pictures of our CLC family.
- ✚ It's designed to help congregants "put a name to a face" during Sunday services and other gatherings.
- ✚ April Slauson has volunteered to lead this effort, starting in September.
- ✚ We're praying for 100% participation.
- ✚ We are no longer taking new photos (with the exception of those who are homebound), but we are still accepting your favorite pictures.
- ✚ 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:

- ✚ Reach out to April Slauson or Beth Soulier via email to let us know you have a favorite picture you wish to include in the new Pictorial Directory. You will need to contact the Church Office or previous Directories to obtain our email address's because sadly, we can't advertise email addresses here.
- ✚ For members opting out of the directory, we ask that you confirm/update your contact information.

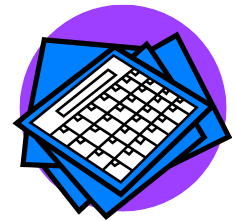
Feel free to reach out to April Slauson or Beth Soulier if you have any questions.

Submitted by April Slauson



## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2025...

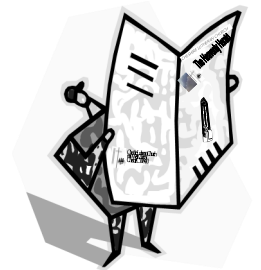
**2025 Calendars** are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of our very own Little Cherubs Christian Preschool. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.



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

(March 2025 Articles are Due!)

Kindly ensure all articles and information are submitted electronically to Beth Soulier by Friday, February 21st, or sooner. *Beth's email address can be found in the CLC Directory.*



## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2025...

Pledge Sunday for 2025 is here. For those that have returned your Pledge Card and Time & Talent Card for 2025, THANK YOU! For those that have not, a friendly reminder to do so.

Thank you!





## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Please note:

- 🎵 No Choir performances on Sunday February 9, 2025
- 🎵 Bell Choir will perform on February 23, 2025

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

Date	Time	Event	Choir
February 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 5 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 9 - Sunday	<b>No Choirs</b>		
February 12 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 16 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
February 19 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
February 23 - Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
February 26 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 2 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir

### GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!



The Thursday Ladies Group is pleased to offer a variety of high-quality greeting cards with Christian messages, available for purchase at \$1 each. These cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We continuously refresh the selection, including cards for Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal, and miscellaneous occasions. We've refreshed the cards for the new year to offer you an even wider variety.

After making your selection, please leave your payment in the box attached to the display.

We are grateful to all who continue to support this ongoing program. Your thoughtful participation helps make this benevolence initiative a success.

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

## 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...

Hello everyone,

I’m Terri Daly, your new Social Welfare Deacon. I attend the 8 A.M. service, and you can find a folder labeled with my name on the counter in the hallway. If you need to contact me, my phone number and email are listed in the church directory. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever needed.

### Upcoming Event: Souper Bowl of Caring

Our first social welfare event of the year is the "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive. As we gear up for the iconic Super Bowl on Sunday, February 9th, we invite you to bring your donations of soups to the church from now through February 16th. Please place your contributions in the specifically marked bins under the counter near the library door.



Monetary donations are also welcome and can be placed in the red box on the counter. All collected money will be used to purchase cans of soup, and all donations will be delivered to the Cheshire Food Pantry.

### Ongoing Collection for Cheshire Food Pantry

Our continuous collection for the Cheshire Food Pantry remains active with bins located under the counter near the church office doors. Please consider signing up to deliver the items to the food pantry. In January, we donated 45 pounds of food to those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Terri Daly  
Social Welfare Deacon



**The Cheshire  
Community Food  
Pantry, Inc.**

**FEED OUR FUTURE**



## 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...



As I begin my service as your Financial Secretary, I want to thank the following people for graciously helping me transition into this role:

- ✦ Alan and Carol Santoro, who have been (and continue to be) so patient and thorough in passing on their knowledge;
- ✦ Nancy Schweitzer, who has helped me to understand how the Treasurer's Office and the Financial Secretary work together to serve the Church;
- ✦ Bill Soulier, for his help with some of the Sunday money counts and for sharing his knowledge;
- ✦ Brenna Steczkowski, for her help in understanding how the Financial Secretary's reports flow into the Steward Keeper system that she maintains; and
- ✦ the many CLC members who have welcomed me to the role and wished me well.

Since tax season is upon us, here is some information that might help some of our members save some money on their federal and state income taxes.

Do you own a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA)?

Speaking generally, owners of traditional IRAs make contributions while working that are tax-deductible, and the assets in their accounts have the potential to grow tax-deferred. (Note: The tax rules for traditional IRAs are different than those for "Roth IRAs" and other types of retirement accounts.)



The assets in a traditional IRA account are subject to income tax when withdrawn. The tax law requires that owners begin to withdraw money from their traditional IRA accounts upon reaching a certain age. These mandatory withdrawals, which are called Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), create taxable income.

If you are now required to withdraw RMDs from your traditional IRA, you may benefit from discussing with your tax advisor the potential for using Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) as a tax planning strategy. Your particular circumstances will need to be considered by both you and your tax advisor. After consulting your tax advisor, and if you decide to employ QCDs, they can be used to contribute to Cheshire Lutheran Church. (Note: CLC cannot provide tax advice.)

Larry Logan  
Financial Secretary

## CLC HELPING HANDS...

Helping Hands Committee News:

The Holiday season has been a busy one for HH...we delivered homemade pumpkin bread at Thanksgiving and assorted cookies at Christmas to about a dozen of our fellow parishioners, now basically shut in/homebound.

While these gifts were well received, I think all who delivered them agreed that the visits and 1/2 to 1 hour spent with them in fellowship, were the " best gift"!

Thank you to those who helped with this outreach.. Cliff and Paula Ongley, Ed Schweizer, Karen Smith, Karen Bailey, Margie Mertz, Trish Greenhalgh , Tricia Rowold, and Susan Harris.

Winter can be a long, dreary season for these people, a few months before we plan an Easter visit!

Please consider making a winter visit to spread some cheer to one or more of them.

HELPING HANDS has expanded! 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! I continue to ask all prior volunteers to renew your interest in HH and complete the volunteer form in the narthex. New volunteers are always welcome. My requests over the past few weeks have yielded only 4 volunteers, so, please, take a look at the volunteer opportunities and give some prayerful consideration to ways your hands can help!



Please contact me with any questions. I have a purple folder in the hanging file on the counter near the office door if you complete the volunteer form or have other messages for me. Thanks in advance!

Thank you,  
Sally Schrumm  
Helping Hands Committee

***Please reach out the Church Office or CLC Directory for my contact information.***

### Volunteer Opportunities:

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



## 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.



Church Council



Church Deacons

Cheshire Lutheran Church 2025 OFFICERS AND DEACONS

Please reach out and say Thank You to our newly elected Church Council and Deacons who will be installed on Sunday January 12th at the 10:30 Service

<i>Parish President</i>	<i>New—Bill Soulier</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>New—Randy Raddatz</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>New—Eva Schrumm</i>
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>New—Larry Logan</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<b>Bill Sherman</b>
<i>Christian Education</i>	<b>Kelley Collins-Pardee</b>
<i>Christian Growth Fund</i>	<b>David Schrumm</b>

<i>Evangelism</i>	<b>Erica Bencivenga</b>
<i>Fellowship</i>	<b>Pam Clark</b>
<i>House and Grounds</i>	<i>New—John Schrumm</i>
<i>Social Welfare</i>	<i>New—Terri Daly</i>
<i>Stewardship</i>	<b>Rob DeLaubell</b>
<i>Worship</i>	<b>April Slauson</b>
<i>Youth</i>	<b>Andy Clark</b>

**Our Sincere Thanks** to Jeff Mann, Vicki DePaolo, Alan Santoro (and Carol), Todd Plantier & Nancy Engelhardt, for their faithful service to the Council. Well done, good and faithful servants!



**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
- ✚ 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...

# Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ Special thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations and Tree this year. Many hands do make light work!
- ✦ Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to Tim Weiland for serving as our CLC photographer and over all Church Historian. Tim can always be seen with camera in hand either during events or even during the week when he is taking pictures at and around our beautiful grounds. We are BLESSED!
- ✦ Sincere thanks to the crew that disassembled our beautiful (Stark) Crèche. You always work so hard to treat it with such loving care. Thank you



## 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.

## THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

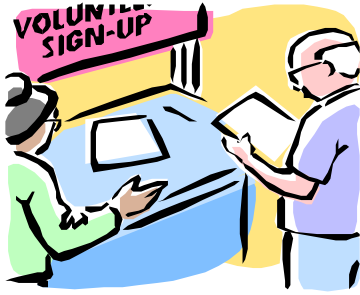
### February

February 18, 1546	Martin Lutheran dies at the age of 66
February 2, 1958	First Holy Communion Service celebrated under parish sponsorship
February 16, 1967	Congregant Pfc Gary Richards dies in Vietnam (town of Cheshire's first casualty)
February 4, 1968	Dedication of Bell Tower, in memory of CLC member Pfc Gary Richards, the first Cheshire soldier to be killed in the Vietnam War
February 25, 2018	Rev. Rowold's installation service at CLC
February 28, 2018	Rev. Rowold's conducted first Lenten Wednesday evening Bible Study and Service.



## 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:*

- † 2025 Flower Chart Sign-up
- † CLC Usher Schedule
- † **Live Stream Camera & Operator sign-up**
- † Updated Address information for Gloria Nuechterlein and Bo Hagstrom at Elim Park ♥
- † Names of those serving on our CLC Council and Deacons
- † **Information on CLC family members called home** to be with Jesus ♥
- † **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** information
- † Recent Nuechterlein Family photo—See Pastors Message in October HH
- † **Sunday School Schedule** through 2025
- † **Daddy Daughter Dance** sign-ups and information
- † **St Olaf Choir Performance** on February 6, 2025 information
- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** sign-up
- † **Thank You Cards** and other correspondence
- † **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 has expanded its mission and ministry. Contact Sally Schrumm to learn more and volunteer.



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



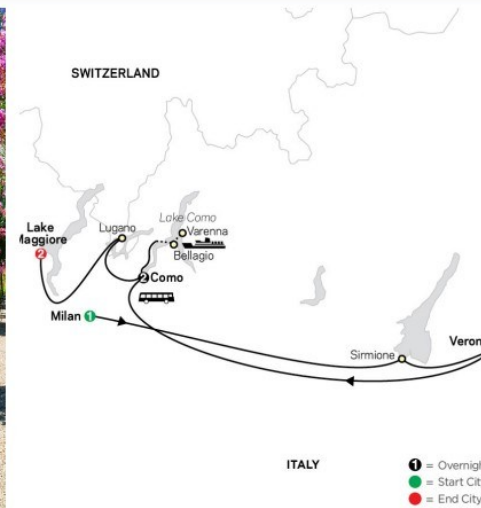
If so, please suggest to their parents that they look into our Little Cherubs Christian Preschool program. Little Cherubs was the recipient of the 2023 Cheshire award for BEST PRESCHOOL. We are: a state licensed facility, our curriculum supports State of CT Benchmarks, focus is on kindergarten readiness, 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/](http://www.cheshirelutheran.org/little-cherubs-christian-preschool/)

Kelley Collins-Pardee  
Christian Education Deacon





## The Magic of the Italian Lakes

8 DAYS | July 26—August 2, 2026 | Milan to Lake Maggiore

**Day 1: (SUN) 26 JULY – Arrive in Milan, Italy** Welcome to Milan! Check into your hotel and start exploring! Tonight, meet your Tour Director and Travel Companions.

**Day 2: (MON) 27 JULY – Milan-Sirmione-Verona** Start the day with an orientation tour of Milan, stopping to admire the famous Gothic-style Duomo. Travel east through the Po Valley and stop at Lake Garda to discover Sirmione. This is a Spa town rich in thermal waters and ancient charm situated on a long peninsula surrounded by breathtaking views. Among its highlights, a medieval castle, the famous Roman villa and grottoes of Catullo. Spend the evening in Verona, the "city of love". (B)

**Day 3: (TUE) 28 JULY – Verona** In the morning, a Local Guide take you through the old cobblestone streets of the old part of Verona telling you the stories behind the old buildings and how this beautiful city inspired Shakespeare. Spend the afternoon shopping, visiting, or taking a stroll along the Adige River banks. (B)

**Day 4: (WED) 29 JULY – Verona-Lake Como** This morning, say goodbye to the romantic city of Verona and continue to fascinating Lake Como, where you'll spend two nights. Stroll around the narrow alleys of the city center and the lungolago and maybe taste some fabulous local gelato. (B)

**Day 5: (THU) 30 JULY – Lake Como. Excursion to Bellagio and Varenna** Inspiring everyone from Roman senators and great composers to Hollywood actors, Como is the romantic image of the lakes. Its cobalt-blue waters are lined with magnificent mountains, lush gardens, and grand villas. Join the included boat trip to Bellagio, set in one of the most scenic position in all of Italy, and Varenna, an old fishing village. (B)

**Day 6: (FRI) 31 JULY – Lake Como-Lugano, Switzerland-Lake Maggiore, Italy** Depart Lake Como and cross the border into Switzerland. Head towards beautiful Lake Lugano and the stylish city that bears its name. Time to stroll along the lakeside promenade, window shop on refined Via Nassa, or sip an espresso on the Piazza Riforma. Leave Switzerland and cross back into Italy, driving to Lake Maggiore. (B)

**Day 7: (SAT) 1 AUGUST - Lake Maggiore, Italy** Set between Piedmont, Lombardy, and Switzerland, Lake Maggiore is a paradise of crystal waters, backed by towering mountains and surrounded by lush countryside. The day is yours to relax or to enjoy some of the many activities available around the lake. Farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

**Day 8: (SUN) 2 AUGUST - Lake Maggiore** Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Safe travels until we meet again! (B)

**Pricing:** \$1,799\*pp based upon double occupancy  
Travel Protection (optional - due at time of deposit): \$199pp  
Deposit: \$250pp + Travel Protection

\*Itinerary/pricing subject to change, Airfare not included in cost.

\*\* Departing US on July 25 to arrive in Italy on July 26.

**For more information contact:**

Group Leader: Pastor Greg Wismar

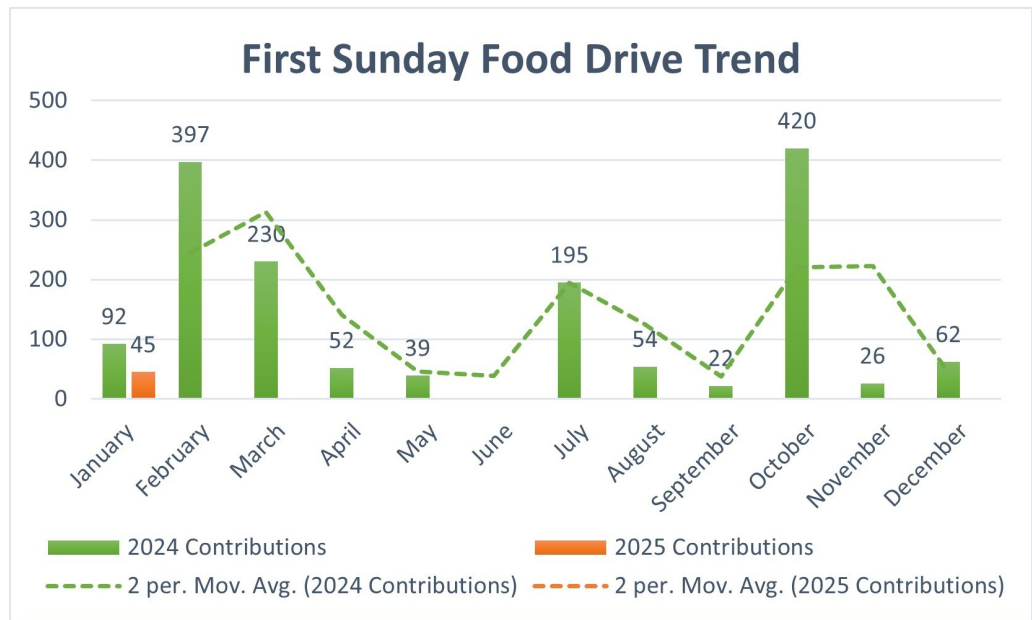
(203) 405-1135; wismar@prodigy.net

**COSMOS**



**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

# Bible Studies at CLC

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES...

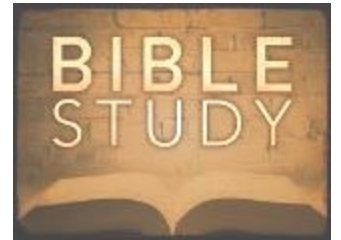
Come and join us as we dig deeper into God's Word together in Bible Study.

Our Sunday morning Bible Study between the services starts at approximately 9:10 a.m. every Sunday. We began the study **The Bible on Trial: Beyond A Reasonable Doubt** during January and we'll be wrapping that up in the beginning of February. Once that is completed, we'll be moving on to a new topic. Join us on Sunday mornings as we dig deeper into God's Word together.

In addition to Sunday morning Bible, we have our Midweek Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. that is looking at the book of Acts (also known as *The Acts of the Apostles*). We are starting the last lesson from that study on January 29; the title of the lesson, Lesson 10, is "The Church Prevails" and it takes us from chapter 25 through chapter 28 of Acts. Lord willing – and depending on the pace at which we work through the lesson – the plan is to finish the book of Acts before the Midweek Bible study breaks for Lent.

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:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ✠ February 4—Don DePaolo      | ✠ February 12—Larry Logan     |
| ✠ February 7—John Casberg     | ✠ February 14—Barbara Manthey |
| ✠ February 8—Alyssa DeLaubell |                               |

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



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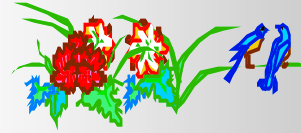
- 1 Larry Fiedler
- 10 Judi-Lynn Reidinger
- 11 Kiley Soulier
- 13 Regina Lynch
- 16 Jim Mertz
- 20 Glenn Myers
- 24 Jeanette Bothroyd
- 25 Gloria Nuechterlein
- 26 James Donewald
- 28 Vicki DePaolo



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## February 2025

Somebody needs to get married in February!



# Happy Birthday!



**Voters** will meet Sunday **February 23, 2025** after the **10:30** service.

**Council** will meet Tuesday, **March 11, 2025** at **7:00 pm** in the Church Library



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