

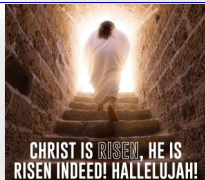
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“As [Jesus] was drawing near [to Jerusalem]—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Luke 19:37-38 (ESV)

The week began with happiness and joy, with an excitement that was so contagious that soon all the people were shouting; the simple trip from the countryside into Jerusalem to observe the Passover feast became such a spectacle that it is still commonly known as “The Triumphal Entry” nearly two thousand years later.

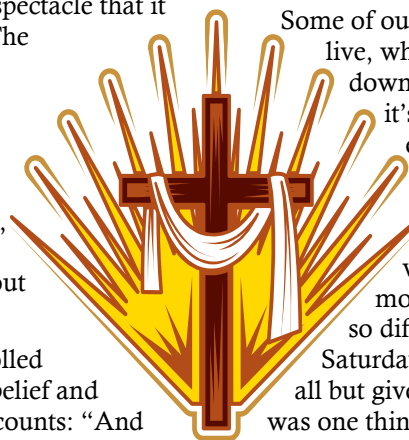
Unfortunately, all those good feelings and positive emotions didn't last very long. Over the course of the next several days, anger, resentment, jealousy, suspicion and rage all played out there in Jerusalem.

By the time Friday morning rolled around, sadness and pain, disbelief and grief ruled the day, as Luke recounts: “And as they led [Jesus] away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.” (Luke 23:26-27 ESV.) In that one week, the full range of human emotion was on display, from joy to sadness and everything in between.

In many ways, the events in Jerusalem that week between Jesus' Triumphal Entry and His crucifixion – the week we call “Holy Week” – were a microcosm of all of human existence. You name the emotion and Jesus' followers felt it that week. In the span of those six days, just about everything that a person could feel or go through in life took place over that short time. It was filled with the highest of highs, the lowest of lows, and everything in between. If you can

think of it, Jesus' disciples experienced it that week.

Over the course of our lives, we too go through the full gamut of human emotions and experiences. We have the emotional highs of the joy that comes from births and marriages and all the blessings that life brings; we also have the heart-wrenching lows that are part of sickness and pain, death and loss. In between those highs and lows, the great joys and great the sorrows is the “every day life” that is filled with everything else.



Some of our days are easy and a joy to live, while some of them are downright hard and try our souls; it's not easy for us. It wasn't easy for Jesus' disciples either. The three years they had followed Christ had been challenging, and that final week in Jerusalem was the most challenging of all. It was so difficult, in fact, that by the time Saturday had rolled around, they had all but given up hope. And yet, there was one thing that saw them through, one thing that helped the disciples endure all those highs and lows and everything in between – Jesus. Jesus was with them in their joys and their sorrows, their happiness and their hardship, and He brought them through it.

Jesus is with you too. He is there for you each and every day of your life, as you experience all the highs and lows, and everything in between. Jesus is with you to strengthen you and to comfort you. He's there to equip you and empower you. Jesus is beside you to console you, to heal you, to restore you, and to bless you. Most important of all, Jesus stands ready to forgive you and to welcome you into eternal life with Him and all the saints around the throne.

Your life will be filled with highs and lows

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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
(Father's Day to Labor Day)



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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT
AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**



Greetings Everyone,

Hopefully by the time you read this article the Winter doldrums will be gone and Spring will have sprung. Spring is my favorite time of year as things come back to life. During the month of April, there is still the opportunity to join us for Soup and Salad on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. with the last one being on April 9th. Hope to see you there. The food and fellowship are always great.

April is a busy month here at Cheshire Lutheran Church. As previously mentioned, we have the two remaining Soup and Salad dinners in addition to the Lenten Services on Wednesday the 2nd and the 9th. Also, there will be an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday the 12th. Was a huge success last year and it will be even better this year. I know it will be Eggciting. Holy week starts with Palm Sunday on April 13th followed by Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Then we have Easter Sunday with our annual Easter Breakfast in between services.

Matthew 28:6 “ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

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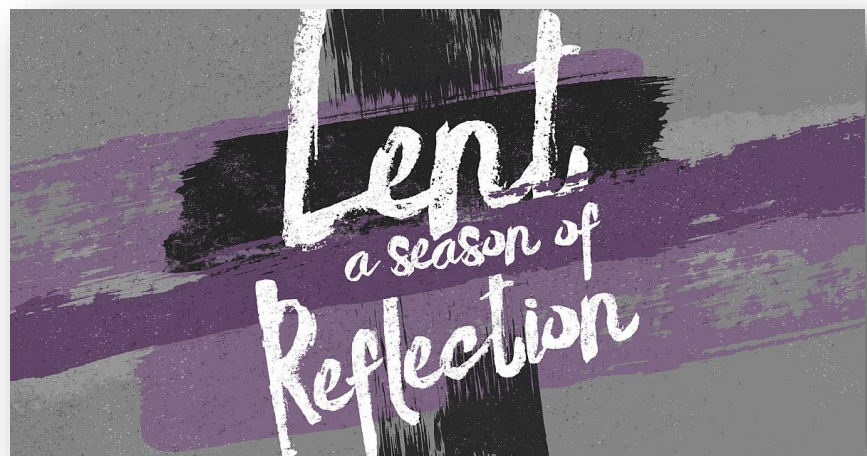
With all the activities we have going on at CLC the more opportunities there are to get involved. We are always looking for more people to help as readers, Worship assistants, ushers, and Live Stream. Also, there are several committees to get involved with. If you have any interest in participating, please reach out to myself or any Council member.

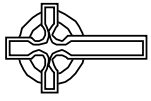
Our next Council meeting will be on April 22nd and the next Voters meeting will be on Sunday, May 18th, at 12:15 pm.

Have a Blessed Easter. Stay safe and go easy on the candy.

Yours in Christ

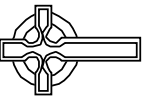
Bill Soulier





BIG BANNER

April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:00 Lenten Supper & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 4 Service 8:15 Parish Choir	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir		9:00 Quilts of Valor
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 Holy Communion 9:10 SSchool, Adult & Youth Bible Studies 10:30 Holy Communion			6:00 Lenten Supper & Bible Study 7:30 Lent 5 Service 8:15 Parish Choir	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir		10:30 Community Easter Egg Hunt
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:10 Fun Day SSchool, Adult & Youth Bible Studies			7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir	Maundy Thursday 6:45 Bell Choir 7:30 Maundy Thurs-	Good Friday 6:45 Parish Choir 7:30 Good Friday Worship	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Happy Easter! 7:10 Bell Choir 7:35 Parish Choir 8:00 Holy Communion 9:15 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Holy Communion		7:00 Council Meeting	No Choir Rehearsals			
27	28	29	30			
8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & Youth Bible Studies 10:30 Worship Tag Sale Collection begins!			7:00 Bell Choir 7:45 Parish Choir			

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and everything in between. You'll experience immense joy and heartbreaking sorrow. You may even be going through one of those extremes right now. Wherever you are on life's journey, know that you have Jesus with you. Whether you are feeling the delight of a day like Palm Sunday or the despair of a day like Good Friday, Christ is with you everywhere you go. He will never leave you or forsake you. Just as Easter Sunday waited on the other side of Good Friday, so too everlasting life with God in Christ Jesus waits for you and me and all the faithful.

Join us this Lenten season as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. Be with us for the triumphal hymns and the procession on Palm Sunday. Gather around the table with us as we see Jesus' love for His friends, and we eat His holy meal on Maundy Thursday. Kneel at the foot of the cross with us as we experience our Lord's Passion on Good Friday. And rejoice with us in the joy of the resurrection life that bursts forth from the tomb on Easter Sunday.

Let's live the highs and the lows and everything in between together.

In Christ,

Pastor David Rowold



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

Sunday School:

In March, we had regular Sunday School lessons on March 2, 8, 16, 23, & 30. The topics for March were: Jesus preaches on the mount, the Good Samaritan, The Lord's Prayer, a Shepherd Loves, and Zacchaeus.

In April, we will have regular Lessons on April 6, and 27. On April 13 we will have a Fun Sunday and on April 20 there is no Sunday School; instead, please join us at the Easter Breakfast. Our lessons for April are Jesus dies and rises, The road to Emmaus, and Jesus Ascension. The Road to Emmaus will be the theme for our Fun Sunday on April 13.

The children are invited to sing in church on Sunday, May 11, 2025, during the 10:30 service.

We have time for snack and fellowship before Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Opening begins at 9:20 a.m. Our teachers look forward to seeing their students each week.



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." The start of the decorating wish list is here and a volunteer signup sheet will be out soon. We have started taking registrations and packets can be gotten from the Church Office. Please pray for our volunteers and consider joining us. The volunteer sign up sheet will be up soon.



The Wish list has grown:

- ✦ Amazon Wish List link. - We have an Amazon wish list. Some items are simply examples of the kind of things we are looking for, but some are very specific; so, please read the note on the items that have notes. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3U0KOC7J6F6H2?ref_=wl_share
- ✦ Items we would like to **borrow**:
 - ✦ Several 3ft - 8 ft Christmas trees
 - ✦ A plastic "cast Iron" cooking pot to hang over our "fire"
- ✦ Items we would like **donated**:
 - ✦ Gorilla brand double sided tape (Last year, we learned this is better than glue for mounting the posters.)



Please prayerfully consider how you can help with VBS this year. The excitement is building and we get ready to Trust Jesus in a Wild World!

Tricia Rowold

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 16 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)
- Rev. Louis G. Nuechterlein (Oct. 10, 1928 – Jan. 25, 2025)
- 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 |

REMINDER—CHESHIRE ROAD RACE 2025...



Mark Your Calendar - there is a Cheshire Road Race scheduled for Sunday April 13, 2025, starting at the south end of town.

Please plan your trip to church accordingly.

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...



Annual Easter Egg Hunt:

We are hosting our next Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, 2025, starting promptly at 10:30 AM. I am collecting Easter Eggs and candy. I will also need volunteers and the signup is on the bulletin board.

Community Scavenger Hunt Being Planned:

This summer we are going to be doing a community wide scavenger hunt. I will be talking with local business owners to also be participating and providing some prizes. People will go from business to business over the summer and collect stickers on their scavenger hunt. Once they turn in their scavenger hunts at the end of the summer, there will be prizes for many of the participants. If you have a business in the community that would like to participate, please let me know!

Erica Bencivenga
Evangelism Deacon



LENT WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

For two more Wednesdays, **April 2** and **April 9**, we will have a short Bible study following our Lent Midweek Soup & Salad Supper. Our Bible study this Lent explores the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant and Friend, Jesus. In-depth Scripture readings highlight how Jesus is our Forgiver, Healer, Listener, Encourager, Protector and Comforter; each week will help us better understand exactly who Jesus is. Come out for dinner at 6 PM and take part in the Bible study after, then join us in the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM.



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...

Soup, Salad and Bible Study:

Lenten Season is upon us and we have held 3 Soup, Salad and Bible Study nights. Each has been a great opportunity for a light meal, fellowship, and learning more about the Word of God. I invite all to join us on the next 2 Wednesday evenings at 6:00.

Thank you to those providing soup, and helping with setup and cleanup. CLC has been richly blessed with donations of salad and the dressings, bread, dessert, and beverages. Don and Diane have been generous in supplying us with these items, as well as setting up and cleaning up.

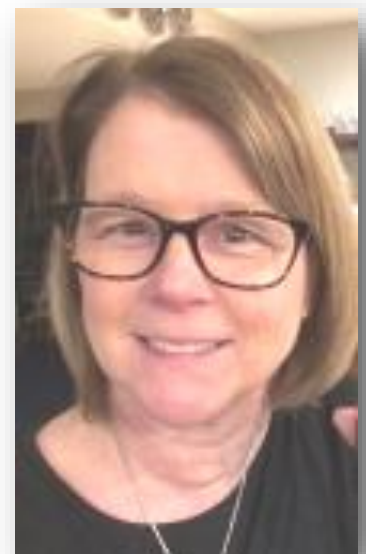
Easter Breakfast:

Please join us. Easter breakfast will be served immediately following the 8 AM service on Easter Sunday, April 20th. French Toast Sticks, quiche, yogurt, and sausage will be provided and we ask for side dishes and desserts to supplement the meal.

We will set up on Saturday the 19th at 9 AM. Many hands certainly lighten the load and is also a time for fellowship in a very casual way.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend, help set up, clean up and/or bring a side dish.

Pam Clark
Fellowship Deacon





CLC STRENGTHENING OUR DIGITAL PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA...

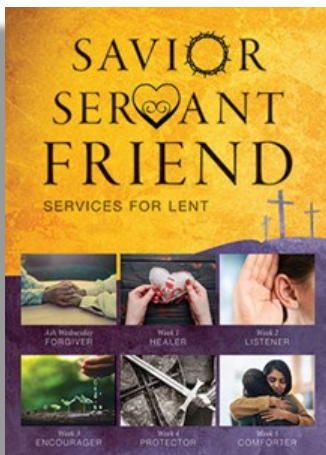
In today's fast-paced digital age, it's crucial for our Church to remain connected and engaged with our congregation and the broader community. As part of our ongoing efforts to adapt and thrive in this digital landscape, we are committed to improving our digital footprint on Facebook.

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.



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.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES *SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND...*

Lent provides us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of our Savior, Servant and Friend, Jesus. It is a time to marvel at the many blessings we received when he laid down his life for us on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Each service in this series dwells upon a different aspect of our greatest Friend and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends. Join us for the last two nights of our Wednesday night Lenten series *Savior, Servant, Friend* at **7:30 PM on April 2 and April 9**. The theme will continue to our Maundy Thursday service on **April 17**.

If you can't be with us in person, then please join us by our YouTube live stream. Watch your email for service link and information.

REMINDER: TO CONNECT AND GREET ONE ANOTHER...



We kindly remind you to take a moment after the service to greet those around you. Whether they are guests or fellow members, if you spot someone you don't know, please introduce yourself. Encourage visitors to introduce themselves to Pastor and sign the guest book so we can stay in touch. Don't forget to thank them for joining us and let them know we hope to see them again.

Your friendly gesture can truly brighten someone's day and help build a welcoming, connected church community. Thank you for fostering a spirit of warmth and hospitality!

NEW PICTORIAL CLC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COMING SOON...

Exciting Update on the Pictorial Member Directory!

We're thrilled to announce that the updated Pictorial Member Directory is nearing completion. We are currently meeting with printers to finalize the details and plan to provide you with a comprehensive update in the May 2025 edition.

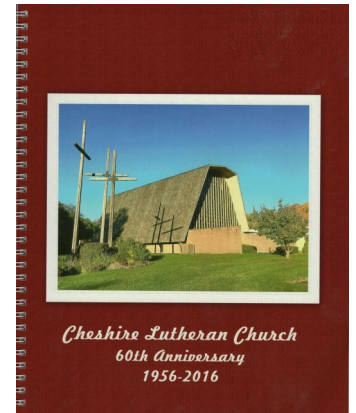
What You Need to Know:

- ✚ The directory is designed to help our CLC family connect by “putting a name to a face” during Sunday services and other gatherings.
- ✚ This effort has been led with dedication by April Slauson since September, and we are grateful for her hard work.
- ✚ If you prefer not to be included in the directory, please confirm your contact information using the pre-printed sheets available outside the Church office.

What You Need to Do:

- ✚ For members opting out of the directory, we kindly ask that you confirm or update your contact details.
- ✚ If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to April Slauson or Beth Soulier via email. You can obtain their email addresses from the Church Office or previous directories, as we're unable to share them here.

Thank you for your participation and support in bringing this project to life. Submitted by April Slauson.



He is Risen



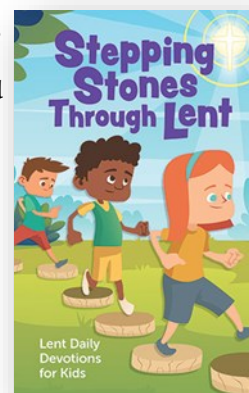
He is Risen Indeed

Alleluia

KIDS' LENTEN DEVOTION AND MOBILE ...

Each day of Lent is something like a stepping stone along a path that leads to Easter. This small book will help children get to know Jesus a little better as they make their way to understand his suffering on Good Friday and celebrate his rising on Easter Sunday. Each step along the way includes a special passage from Scripture telling about an event in Jesus' life or a key Lenten theme—the perfect way to spend a few moments to God in prayer. Even the longest journey begins with a single step. In this case, it is a step closer to our Savior.

Perfect as a centerpiece above the table or in the classroom, family room or bedroom, this mobile grows throughout Lent as we pray through the days until Jesus' glorious resurrection. Each day, a new piece is added to the mobile, creating a beautiful decoration for Easter. A daily devotional verse and Scripture passage are also included. The mobile serves as a great companion piece to the children's Lenten devotional booklet. *Cutting is required and string is not included.*

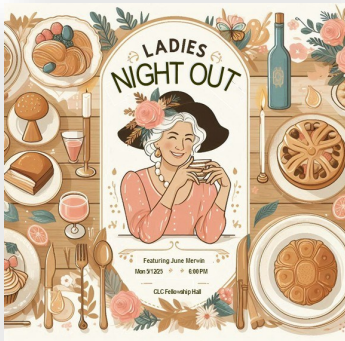




LENTEN CALENDAR

Event	Date	Notes
4 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, April 2, 2025	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube.
5 th Wednesday In Lent	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	Join us for Soup, Salad and Bible Study at 6:00 PM <i>then</i> Join us for Service at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Live Streamed via YouTube

CLCW LADIES NIGHT OUT...



The ladies of the church are cordially invited to a dinner to be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The dinner will be catered (by ShopRite) and will include salads, several main courses and desserts and beverages.

After dinner there will be a presentation about the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League by Dr. June Merwin who is the current President of the LWML New England District.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

For questions, please contact Karen Weiland—You can find my contact information in the CLC Member Directory or you can contact the Church Office.

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool has been having a busy month. The first two weeks of March were all about Dr. Seuss. We read many of his books, including: Green eggs and Ham, Wacky Wednesday and Fox in Socks. We cooked green eggs, dressed wacky and had a crazy hat day. We practiced rhyming words and writing our names. The fun never seems to end in preschool!

We've been learning about the many miracles that Jesus performed while he was living on this Earth. We told the children that Jesus wants them to know he is God and that he loves them. We will begin talking about Palm Sunday and then Easter. We will have spring break the week before Easter.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day by wearing green and painting shamrocks. We also talked about who St Patrick was and how he spread the gospel in Ireland. We will discuss the changes in weather with the new season of spring here the last part of March. It has been a lot of fun being able to go outside now that the weather is better and the snow and ice are melted.

We also celebrate that we have welcomed two new 3-year-olds to our Tuesday/Thursday class - Nina and Harper. Praise Jesus.

God has provided for our preschool in many ways. We are grateful to Cheshire Lutheran Church for their continued prayers and support. Please continue to keep Joanne in your prayers as she is recovering.

Tracy Lennon, Teacher



Our Sincere Appreciation

- ✦ A warm appreciation is extended to Martha Medford for orchestrating rehearsals and performances of the wonderful music during our Lenten services. Your diligent efforts truly enriched our Wednesday evening and Sunday services for everyone.
- ✦ Thank you as always to Tim Weiland for his beautiful photography that chronicle all the activities that take place at CLC



ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP-SALAD AND BIBLE STUDY...

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.

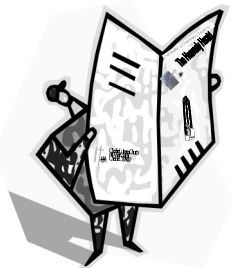




CLC CHOIR SCHEDULE...

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
April 2 - Wednesday <i>4th Wednesday in Lent</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 3 - Thursday	6:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
April 6 - Sunday <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 9 - Wednesday <i>5th Wednesday in Lent</i>	*** No Choirs ***		
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 10 - Thursday	6:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
April 13 - Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Women's Ensemble
	10:30 AM	Performance	Women's Ensemble
April 16 - Wednesday <i>Holy Week</i>	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
April 17 - Thursday <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
April 18 - Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	6:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
April 20 - Sunday <i>Easter Sunday</i>	7:10 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:35 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell & Parish Choirs
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell & Parish Choirs
April 23 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals		
April 27 - Sunday	*** No Choirs ***		
April 30 - Wednesday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:45 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
May 4 - Sunday	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!
(May 2025 Articles are Due!)

Kindly ensure all articles and information are submitted electronically to Beth Soulier by Friday, April 25th, or sooner. *Beth's email address can be found in the CLC Directory.*

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

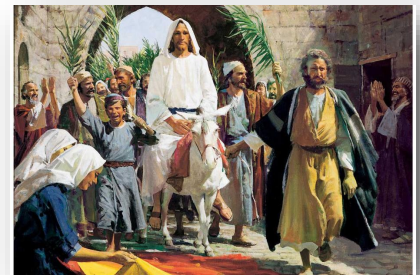


PROCESSION WITH PALMS ON PALM SUNDAY...

This year we will repeat what we did last year and do something a little bit different on Palm Sunday. For everyone who is able to walk easily, we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall for the start of both services and actually having a Palm Sunday procession.

Each Service will start in the Fellowship Hall with the Palm Sunday Processional Gospel and then the members gathered in the hall will process into the Sanctuary during the Opening Hymn. Whether we simply walk down the hall or dare to venture outside will be partially decided by the weather on Palm Sunday.

Anyone who is not able to comfortably walk from the Fellowship Hall is welcome to go directly to the Sanctuary and find a pew. Pastor will be using the wireless microphone, so everyone will be able to hear, wherever they are in the building.



NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...

The youth will once again be having a tag sale at the church May 31st. I will be looking to the congregation again for help to sort and price items. Thank you to those that have already stepped up and volunteered. The money raised will go towards activities I am planning this spring and summer, including an outside movie night this summer!

We will be accepting donations starting April 27th; so, if you are doing some spring cleaning, please consider donating to our tag sale. Look for more information on the bulletin board in the hallway or see me (Andy Clark).

Thank you all for your support and donations to the youth group!

Andy Clark
Youth Deacon



Cheshire Lutheran Church

NEW DATE—June 1, 2025—NEW DATE





OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

The Sunday Morning Prayer List will be reset after the service on Easter Sunday, April 20. Beginning with the Sunday after Easter, 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 after Easter 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.



HOLY WEEK

Event	Date	Notes
Holy/Maundy Thursday Eucharist	Thursday April 17, 2024	Service at 7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	Friday April 18, 2024	Service at 7:30 PM
Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	Sunday April 20, 2023	Services at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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...

Our donation to the Cheshire Community Food Pantry this month was 46 lbs. Please continue to donate all food items but especially dish detergent and salad dressings as those are the items assigned to us by the pantry. Also, look for updated Wishlist items in the bulletins as space permits. There are a few empty months on the sign-up sheet. Please consider signing up for a free month if you are able.

We will once again be participating in the Church World Services Blanket donations in honor and in memory of Mothers. Blankets this year are \$10 and a sample blanket as well as a collection box will be in the narthex for the month of April. Keep your eyes out for leaflets and notices in the weekly bulletin.

Cheshire Food Pantry—Adopt a Shelf—Wish List Items:

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.
- **Wish List Items:** Want to make a bigger impact with our food donations? Each week, the pantry director releases a Wishlist detailing real-time needs. Please check the Heavenly Herald and bulletin updates for the latest list.
- **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.



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

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!



FEED OUR FUTURE Terri Daly



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Our Mailing Address vs. Our Street Address

When sending a check (or other important correspondence) by mail to the Church, please send the check to our **Mailing Address:**

Cheshire Lutheran Church
 P.O. Box 157
 Cheshire, CT 06410

Do not use the Church's street address (660 West Main Street), which results in mail being left in the mailbox at the street. We know from experience gained over the years that using the Mailing Address provides better security.

When directing an investment company (e.g., Schwab, Fidelity, Vanguard) to send a check directly to the Church on your behalf, please have them send the check to our Mailing Address.

Your Quarterly Offering Statement

Please review the first quarter's Offering Statement that Members should receive from the Church shortly after March 31. If you have any concerns about the accuracy of your statement, please reach out to Brenna Steczkowski, our Office Manager, or Rob DeLaubell, our Stewardship Deacon. This is a very important check and balance for us.

Larry Logan
 Financial Secretary



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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| ✠ April 2—Ethel Daly | ✠ April 23—Jameson Kingsley |
| ✠ April 3—Connor Collins | ✠ April 23—Hannah Mayer |
| ✠ April 17—Todd Plantier | ✠ April 23—Thea Mayer |
| ✠ April 18—Leslie Donewald | ✠ April 30—Patrick DiDomizio |

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



NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

An Invitation to Contribute an Article re: Your Personal Stewardship Journey

As we reflect on our stewardship both within CLC and beyond (via our world wide giving), we are reminded of the many ways our members give of their time, talent, and treasure. From all of the programs, activities and events that fill our church calendar, to our strong financial position that supports our mission, it's clear that our church is thriving because of YOUR commitment and generosity. Stewardship is not just about what we give, but how we live out our faith in action, serving God, and each other, and supporting the work of our church. We are truly blessed to have so many good stewards among us.

I am looking for volunteers to share their personal stewardship journey, perspective and/or thoughts in upcoming additions of The Heavenly Herald. Writing a short article about your experiences with giving - whether it's through volunteering, participating in church activities, or financial contributions - offers an opportunity to inspire others and celebrate the ways God works through us. This is an easy and meaningful way to contribute, and we all know you have wonderful stories to tell. A personal testament from a congregational member, e.g., highlighting role of stewardship in your personal spiritual development, would be well received!



Why is this an easy ask? Because we are surrounded by generous congregation members! Also because it's simple: just share your feelings - why do you give... how does giving make you feel... and perhaps any advice to others!

Please let me know if willing to write a short article on the topic "My Personal Stewardship Journey". We will all look forward to hearing your reflections!

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon



EASTER BREAKFAST AT CLC...

This Easter, the church will again hold its Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 20th between the 8 & 10:30 AM Services. Please join us for breakfast and the opportunity for fellowship that the time offers.

Also, please contribute a breakfast item to share. Some of the items you could bring include: baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, **cooked** quiches and **cooked** egg casseroles.

Please add your names to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Help setting up and cleaning up is also needed.

Should you have any questions, please contact Pam Clark.





CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands volunteers have been tirelessly serving our community over the past few months. From visiting shut-ins during the holidays to providing meals for those in need, their dedication has been unwavering. With Lent and Easter approaching, we will be supporting Brenna with mailings to shut-ins and delivering an Easter gift during Holy Week.

Our meal and transportation assistance continues to be available as needed. We invite you to lend YOUR HAND! If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Sally. You can find her contact information in the Church Directory or contact the Church Office.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity! Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.

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



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...





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?

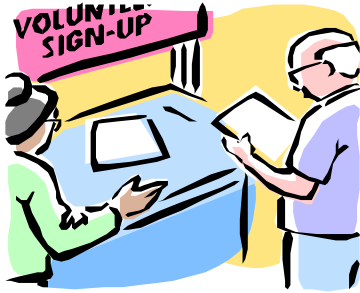
Offer your time and increase your video talent and assist with running the new equipment for an 8 AM church service. You will be helping Pastor Rowold and our Service to go live on YouTube. Contact Tim Weiland or Bill Juul for details.

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.



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**
- † 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
- † **The Magic of the Italian Lakes** trip information
- † Recent Nuechterlein Family photo
- † **Lenten Soup & Salad** sign-up
- † **Sunday School Schedule** through 2025
- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** sign-up
- † **Thank You Cards** and other correspondence
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **Inside and Outside Spring Clean-up** 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/

Kelley Collins-Pardee
Christian Education Deacon

EXPLORING ITALY: POTLUCK & PLANNING WITH PASTOR WISMAR...

Please join Pastor Gregory Wismar and fellow traveler's (also know as Pastor's Pilgrims) on Sunday, April 27th at 3 PM in the church fellowship hall. This will include "pot luck" appetizers and information regarding a trip to the Magic Of The Italian Lakes in July of 2026.



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

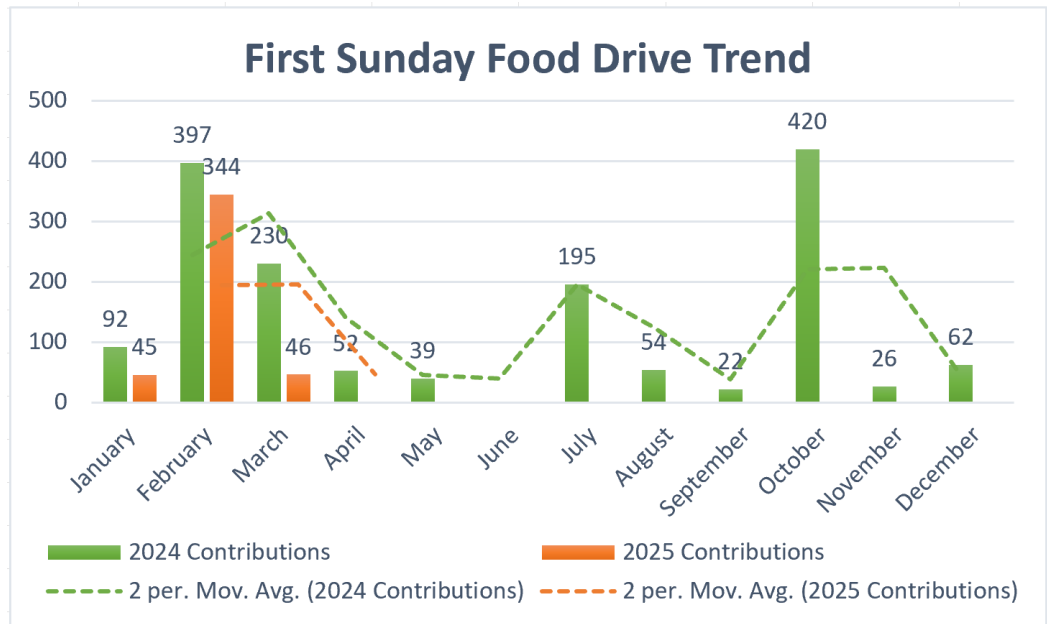
(203) 405-1135; wismar@prodigy.net

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/>

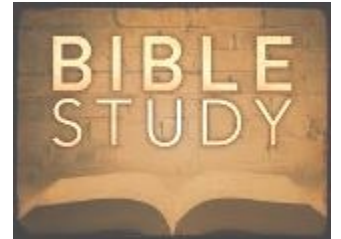
Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

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 starts at approximately 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. During March we finished out study on **Lost Books?** that looked at the topic of ancient writings that were not included in the Bible. We also began a new topic on March 30, **Death...Then What?** With sessions like – *Facing The Great Unknown, Which Way Are You Heading?, Will We Ever Meet Again?, and Our Eternal Future* – the study invites us to take a Christian look at the reality that waits for all of us. As the study materials state: “That we all die is pretty much agreed upon, it's what takes place two seconds later that makes us wonder. Explore this lively and completely relevant topic in *Death ... Then What?*”



Since the Sunday Study will *NOT* meet on Easter Sunday and the Sunday after Easter, this new topic is expected to take us into May, when we'll pick our last topic for the School Year. Join us on Sunday mornings as we dig deeper into God's Word together.

During the season of Lent, our Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible study has been on temporary hiatus. It will resume on **April 30**, with classes meeting in person in the Church library and via Zoom. When we come back after Easter, we will start a new study, and the topic will be one of Saint Paul's Epistles. Check the Heavenly Herald and the Sunday bulletin for the announcement of the next book of the Bible we will study.

We are meeting in the Church Library on Sunday mornings (and on Wednesday afternoons – when we resume). 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

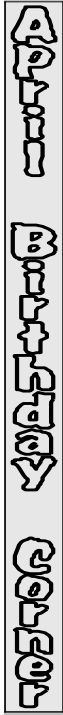
A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place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



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.





- 1st Rob Daly
- 2nd Fred Neuffer
- 6th John Balash
- 7th Tricia Rowold
- 11th Kyong Mann
- Pat DiDomizio
- Karen Raddatz
- 12th Hayley Fiedler
- April Slauson
- 18th Helen Mayer
- 22nd Erich F. Strunk
- 24th Peggy Tessler
- Donna Spose
- 26th JoAnn Holstein
- 28th Arta Dobbs



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 2025

13 th	Guy & Christine Mason	29 Years
30 th	Curt & Karen Smith	65 Years



UPCOMING COUNCIL & VOTER MEETINGS REMINDER...

Mark your calendars:

The next *Council* meeting will be held on *Tuesday April 22, 2025* at 7:00 PM at CLC.

The next *Voters* meeting will be held on *Sunday May 18, 2025* after the late worship service at CLC



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.



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