

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles March 2012

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30am  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am  
Holy Communion

### **Lent**

Ash Wednesday 7:00pm  
Thursday Evening 7:00pm  
(March 1 to March 29)

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Secretary**

Madison Burrell

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Custodian**

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### **A Message from the Pastor**

Dear Fellow Saints of Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, worshippers hear the words "You are dust and to dust you shall return". This is a stark reminder of our true, human condition. We are mortal. Lent is the special time of the Church year during which we take an honest look at ourselves. We are not mortal, we are not in control of everything, we are not divine. We are human men and women who struggle daily with temptations and trials, and who too often fail to do what God wants. We are sinners in need of a Savior.

That's one part of our human reality that we face during Lent, but there is another part. We are dust, creatures created by God. But unlike all other living creatures, God breathed His breath of life into Adam and Eve, and into you and me. I am dust and to dust I shall return, but that is not the end of me. The beauty of Lent is how it reminds me of how much God loves each of us. The child celebrated during Christmas, who is revealed as the Son of God during Epiphany, is now shown to be our one and only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil. By His grace, because of Christ, through His Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, God breathes into us the Holy Spirit which gives us eternal life.

As I looked at the liturgy, it struck me that our opening rite of Confession and Absolution captures our journey through Lent to Easter. In the spirit of Lenten repentance, we humbly beseech God:

*"Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean ...  
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us."*

Then, in the spirit of Christ's victorious resurrection, we hear the wonderful words:

*"Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake  
forgives you all your sins."*

During Lent, may God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – renew your zeal in faith and life. And may we be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

### CHURCH NEWS

#### **+ New Sunday and Tuesday Bible Studies Begin in March**

Sunday, March 11: Paul's Letter to Galatians (9:15am)

Tuesday, March 13: Second Corinthians (9:45am & 6:30pm sessions)

#### **+ Thursday Evenings in Lent**

All are invited to attend our Lent Services of Prayer & Preaching at 7:00pm (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

#### **+ CLC Supports Local Ministries & Missions**

\$320 was collected for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This will go to the Guilderland Food Pantry.

\$900 raised by the CLC "Bowling for Beds" team; this will support the homeless shelter at First Lutheran Church.

#### **+ St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**

The St. Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at O'Tooles Restaurant on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. You will have your choice of the corned beef and cabbage dinner (\$13.99) or the corned beef lunch (\$8.99). O'Tooles is located in the Kohl's Plaza on Central Ave in Colonie. If you are interested in attending, there will be a sign up sheet posted in the narthex.

## FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2012

Income \$ 7,310.75

Expenses \$ 8,617.93

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Difference - \$ 1,307.18

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Len & Ruth Ahders  
Madison Burrell  
Betty Jane Casatelli  
Ben Duell  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
Alan Kenyon  
Hazel Lanza  
Dorothy Siebert  
Richard Smith



### *Family & Friends*

Henry Albrechtsen (ordination as pastor of Love Lutheran)  
Lori Archer (sister of Pastor & Carole's friends)  
Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)  
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)  
Robert Carman (brother-in-law of Loretta Flanders & Phyllis Mattice)  
Rylee Cavins (goddaughter of Sue Lawton)  
Deidre Chalkowski (daughter of Virginia Bradt)  
Keith Cole (friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)  
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)  
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)  
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)  
Bonnie Duchow (cousin of Sandy Smith)  
Rhonda Duell (daughter of Len & Ruth Ahders)  
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)  
Sue & Reese Frances (sister & brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)  
Kurt Gerfin (son of Deacon Don Gerfin, Immanuel)  
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)  
Kelly Hoffman (friend of Nicole Gardner)  
Evan Kimmerer (friend of the Fahd family)  
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)  
Doug Lawton (friend of Phyllis Mattice)  
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Robert Mosall (friend of Sandy Smith)  
Peter Noonan (Nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Holli Pocaro (friend of Sandy Smith)  
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)  
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Kyle Wagoner (friend of Madison Burrell)  
Sharon Willett (friend of Larry Bohn)  
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Arthur Gerhardt  
12 Jean Alheim  
14 Debra Schildt  
15 Denis Zunon Jr.  
18 Larry Bohn  
19 Joseph Henstenberg  
26 William Spolyar  
27 Kimberly Fahd  
Louise Nickerson  
29 Carol Fike

### *Homeless Shelter Support*

We continue to collect donations for the *Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church, Albany.*

Please place items in the box located below the narthex bulletin board. Suggested items include ...

- Cereal
- Coffee
- Dry creamer
- Paper goods (towels, plates, cups, napkins, etc.)
- Aftershave (no glass bottles)
- 13-gallon trash bags
- Plastic wrap

### *Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center: Volunteers are Needed to Provide ....*

1. One-to-one visits with residents on a regular basis.
2. Transport of residents to & from worship (Sunday 1:30 & 2:30).
3. Supervision/interaction with residents sitting outside.
4. Assistance at meals (lunch & dinner) – distributing bibs, passing out meal trays, etc..
5. Clerical assistance for Social Services, Rehabilitation.

If you can provide any of these services, please call Norrine Cooke at 518-439-8116 ext. 252.

## March 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				<b>1</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lent Worship Service</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:15am</b> Lutheran 101 <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Council	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>8</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lent Worship Service</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> <b>9:15am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9:15am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00pm</b> Christ Women <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>15</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lent Worship Service</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <b>11:30am</b> St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
<b>18</b> <b>9:15am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>First Day of Spring</i> <b>9:45am</b> Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>22</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lent Worship Service</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9:15am</b> Bible Study <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:45am</b> Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Bible Study	<b>28</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>29</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Lent Worship Service</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
<b>4</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Joe Fahd Lorraine Urbano	Della & Joe Henstenberg	In honor of Pastor Gerhardt's 95 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>11</b>	Alan Fike	Alan Fike Bea White	Madison Burrell	In honor of boyfriend, Kevin Wagoner's 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday
<b>18</b>	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend Bea White	Jeffrey & Mary LaPorte	In loving memory of John R. & Robert P. (Jr.) Noonan (brothers of Mary)
<b>25</b>	Vinny DeMoor	Vick McDermott Mike McDermott	Pastor & Carole Craig	In celebration of our daughter, Patty Kebea's, birthday

*Flowers are provided, and part of the cost has been donated, by Emil J. Nagengast Florist*

*The 2012 Flower Chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Remember to sign-up and submit a dedication form.*

*If there is one donor the cost is \$27 and if there are two, the cost is \$13.50.*