

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## *Chronicles* *November 2012*

### ***Worship***

*Sunday 10:30am*  
*Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 11:00am*  
*Holy Communion*

### ***Pastor***

*Rev. Russell Craig*

### ***Secretary***

*Madison Burrell*

### ***Music Director***

*Sharon Calka*

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is amazing to realize that it is already November and the holiday season will soon be here. As I have mentioned before, I love this month with its crisp air, colorful leaves, and much for me to be thankful for.

During November, I praise the Lord for being able to celebrate three important anniversaries – my birth, my baptism, and my marriage. With these blessings, how can I not love this month and be grateful to God?

Of course, this is not a time for only me to be thankful. This month we all have opportunities to give special praise to our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On November 11, we give thanks for the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country and our freedom. Then on Thanksgiving Day, we join with family and friends to celebrate all that we have received by God's gracious hand.

This November, I urge you to take some time to quietly meditate on all that God has done for you, and most especially what He has done for you through Jesus Christ, you Lord and Savior. I love the simple words of the hymn "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart."

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,*

*Give thanks to the Holy One,*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

Jesus is the greatest gift we can ever receive. In Him, through Him, and with Him, we have forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, the sure promise of eternal life, and an abundant life here and now as we live in His grace by His Spirit.

*And now let the weak say "I am strong,"*

*Let the poor say "I am rich,"*

*Because of what the Lord has done for us.*

As you enjoy the beauty of creation, and the company of family and friends, may you also know the peace, the comfort, and the joy of Christ's presence in your lives every day and every day may you *Give thanks with a grateful heart.*

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***+Pastor Russ Craig***

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### + Church Christmas Tree Gathering: November 1

Anyone who wishes to look for the church Christmas tree, please meet at church at 10 am or at MacIntosh's tree farm at 10:30 am on Thursday, November 1st. We will go someplace for lunch following the selection.

### + Lunch & Learn: November 4

After worship, The Lutheran Care Network (Good Samaritan) staff will offer a "Lunch & Learn" presentation on "Staying Safe at Home". A light lunch will be provided.

### + Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Due Back by November 18

Filled boxes with \$7 is due back at church no later than Sunday, Nov. 18. You may drop off your box before that date.

### + Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15am: "Great Women of the Bible"

Tuesdays at 9:45am & 6:45pm: "Ephesians" and "Philippians" (no classes on Nov. 13)

## THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT WORSHIP

### + Thanksgiving Eve Worship: November 21

All are invite to give thanks to our gracious God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit on Wednesday evening at 7:00pm..

### + Advent Begins On December 2

All are invited to attend our weeknight Advent services on *Thursdays at 7:00pm (Dec. 6, 13, 20)*.

Our theme will be "Savior of the Nations", focusing on God's Word from the prophet Isaiah.

### + Church Decorating Party: December 8

Enjoy a fun evening decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5:30pm.

### + Guilderland Advent Celebration: December 2

Get into the spirit of the season with this beautiful, annual event. Local pastors and choirs share in joy of the coming Savior in Scripture and music. Sunday, December 2<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm, at Christ the King Catholic Church.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

*Drop off donations by **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Place items in boxes in narthex.*

### **Good Samaritan Lutheran Care Center** (*Do not wrap gifts + Everything must be washable – no wool*)

- Large Print books and magazines
- Door wreath holders
- Perfume (no powder or talc – these set off the fire alarm)
- Fragrant hand lotion (no glass bottles)
- Aftershave (no glass bottles)
- Lipsticks – New, unopened (pick, rose, red)
- Stockings (knew high, thigh high)
- Cotton ankle socks (large diabetic)
- Slipper socks (with soles that grip)
- Photo albums
- Cardigan sweaters
- Scarf & hat sets
- Sweatshirts (large, 2x to 4x)
- Radio/cassette/CD players

### **Albany Maritime Ministry "Christmas-at-Sea" Boxes** (*Place items in shoebox and wrap it.*)

- Knit hat and gloves, warm socks
- Writing paper, pens
- Travel board games, playing cards, puzzles
- Paperback books
- Toiletries – razor, shaving cream, tooth brush and paste, comb, hairbrush
- "AA" batteries

### **Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church**

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER

Income \$ 65,197.81

Expenses \$ 64,360.24

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Difference \$ 837.57

### ♪ HYMN OF THE MONTH ♪

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kindness during my recovery. Everything is going fine and I'm doing even better than before the surgery!

Our hymn for this month is "All Creatures of Our God and King" written in 1225 by St. Francis of Assisi. It is based on Psalm 148 where even the beasts and all cattle are exhorted to Praise the Lord!

So many stories have arisen around St. Francis that it is hard to separate truth from fiction. We know he was born in 1182 in central Italy, the son of a rich merchant. After a scanty education, St. Francis joined the army and was captured in war. He came to Christ shortly after his release, renounced his wealth, and began traveling about the countryside, preaching the gospel, living simply, seeking to make Christ real to everyone he met.

Though written in 1225, an English version of this hymn didn't appear until 1919, when Rev. William H. Draper decided to use it for a children's worship festival in Leeds, England.

*Sharon Calka*

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Betty Jane Casatelli  
Carol Fike  
Hilda Griessel  
Linda Halbrend  
Herta Haupt  
Alan Kenyon  
Richard Smith



#### *Family & Friends*

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)  
Ethan Bradt (grandson of Virginia Bradt)  
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)  
Rylee Cavins (goddaughter of Sue Lawton)  
Keith Cole (friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)  
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)  
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)  
Sally Davis (sister of Judy Bliven)  
Alicia Diegel (friend of Madison Burrell)  
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)  
Bennett a. Faso (grandson of Joan Long)  
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)  
Jeannie Fike (wife of Alan Fike's cousin)  
Samantha Fike (niece of Alan & Carol Fike)  
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)  
Ellen Klein (friend of Lois Gerhardt)  
Barbara Kline (friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)  
Vincent LaHart (son of Judy LaHart)  
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)  
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Carl Madresse (brother-in-law of Bea White)  
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)  
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)  
Dan Urbano (grandson of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)  
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Nathaniel Wasson (brother of Sarah Halbrend- in Afghanistan)  
Kyle Wagoner (friend of Madison Burrell, serving in US Navy)  
Sheri Way (daughter of Jim & Catherine Way)  
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)  
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Pastor Russell Craig  
4 Loretta Flanders  
7 Rachel Gardner  
10 Nancy Fahd  
12 Sandra Smith  
16 Sharon Calka  
Judy Zamurs  
17 Virginia Matthews  
20 Alan Kenyon  
28 Michael Schildt

## NOVEMBER 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> 10:30am Christmas Tree Selection	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Set clocks back 1 hour before bed</i>
<b>4</b> <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Communion 12:00pm Lunch & Learn 2:00pm Slavic Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>6</b> 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon 6:45pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	<b>7</b> 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Deacon Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:45am No bible study 12:00pm CLC Women 12:00pm AI Anon 6:45pm No bible study 8:00pm AA	<b>14</b> 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Special Council Meeting	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon 6:45pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	<b>21</b> 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship	<b>22</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>24</b>
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
4	Lois Ruppert	Bill Spolyar Pat Spolyar		
11	Lorraine Urbano	TBA Lorraine Urbano	Pastor Russ & Carole Craig Madison Burrell & Vinnny DeMoor	In celebration of our 33 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary. In celebration of our grandmother, Sandy's, birthday.
18	Vinnny DeMoor	Sandy Smith Linda Halbrend	Joe & Nancy Fahd	In memory of Joe's mom, Doris Shumway and his brother, Ronald Fahd.
25	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend Bea White		

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