

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles March 2013

### **Worship**

*Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 11:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion*

### **Pastor**

*Rev. Russell Craig*

### **Secretary**

*Madison Burrell*

### **Music Director**

*Sharon Calka*

### **Custodian**

*Fritz Herzog*

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

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever asked yourself this question: "What is so good about Good Friday?" There sure doesn't seem like many good things happened that day almost 2,000 years ago.

Thursday night Jesus was arrested and dragged off to a mock trial before the Sanhedrin, then taken to King Herod, and finally to the Roman governor, Pilate. On Friday, He was beaten and whipped almost to death. The people who gathered outside of Pilate's palace demanded that Jesus be executed. They even preferred to have a convicted murderer, Barabbas, released rather than show mercy to Jesus. Our Lord was forced to carry the cross through the city streets to Golgotha, where He was crucified – one of the most horrible forms of execution ever concocted by humans. Finally, after hanging on the cross for hours, Jesus died

It sure appears that only bad things happened that day. So why do we call it "Good" Friday?

Because it was through this bad that God worked His greatest good for us, His beloved children. It was through Jesus' passion and death that we were saved from the punishment we deserve for our sins.

Martin Luther, in his explanation of the Apostles Creed, describes Jesus as the one "who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death."

Why did Jesus do this? So "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

And that is so very good.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

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### **WORSHIP AT CLC**

**+ Sundays at 10:30 a.m –Holy Communion**

**+ Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m –Holy Communion**

This quiet, 30-minute service provides a great mid-week spiritual boost.

**+ Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship**

Connect with your loving Lord and let Him work in your heart to lead you to repentance, forgiveness and hope.

*Thursday Evening Prayer, 7:00 p.m. (March 7, 14, 21).*

*Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m. (March 28)*

*Good Friday Services, 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (March 29)*

*Easter Sunday Celebration, 10:30 a.m. (March 31)*

### **GOD'S WORD TO US**

*God continues to speak to His people and wants you to join in the conversation.*

Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.: Isaiah 40-55 (no class March 12)

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### + Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

All are invited to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and support a good cause on Saturday, March 23. All money raised will be used to help send Vinny DeMoor to the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, Texas. Food will be distributed from 3:00 to 6:00. A free will offering be collected.

### + Congregation Care Ministry

CLC volunteers keep in touch with our members who are unable to get to church on a regular basis. If you, or someone you know, would enjoy a friendly visit from a volunteer or Pastor, please contact Judi Terraciano or Pastor Russ. Judi may be reached at 464-1389.

### + Church Council Officers & Directors

Following the January election of council members, officer and director assignments are:

*Officers:* President, Alan Fike; Vice President Joe Fahd; Endowment Secretary, Lorraine Urbano; Financial Secretary, Carol Fike; Recording Secretary, Judy Zamurs; Treasurer, Nancy Fahd.

*Directors:* Education & Youth, Karen Benedetto; Fellowship, Judy Bliven; Finance & Stewardship, Linda Halbrend; Outreach & Mission, Judi Terraciano; Spiritual Life & Worship, Sandy Smith; and Property, Brian Maki.

### + Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to honor an event, or to praise God, please sign-up on the flower chart posted in the narthex.

### + A Thank You from CCW

Christ Church Women would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of the Pie Sunday Fund Raiser. February was indeed heart month!

## CONCORDIA COLLEGE CHOIR TO SING AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

On **Friday, March 8 at 7:00 P.M.**, the renowned Choir of Concordia College-New York will present a concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar. Admission is free and reservations are not required. The program will feature a wide variety of music from the Lutheran choral tradition to gospel, folk and new music. Some of the highlights will be Paul Manz's *E'en So Lord Jesus*, *Quickly Come*, William Billings's *Easter Anthem*, and Larry Fleming's *Every Time I Think About Jesus*.

## JUBILATE CONCERT

Mark your calendar! The annual Jubilate concert will be held on **Sunday, April 17 at 7:00 P.M.**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Ticket prices are: Adult \$15; Seniors and Students \$10; Children 12 & Under are free. Reservations are suggested - call 478-9476.

## FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2013

Income \$ 5,143.25

Expenses \$ 8,995.51

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Difference \$ -\$3,852.26

## ♪ FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR ♪

The scripture references for this month's Hymn are Luke 24:46-49, Acts 2:24 and I Corinthians 15:56-57. This hymn is the theme for the day, "The Day of Resurrection". If you'd like to look at the words, it is number 478 in our hymnal.

This no doubt is one of the oldest hymns in church hymnals. Not too much is known about exactly when in the life of John of Damascus this hymn was written, but it is said that John of Damascus started his hymn writing with a funeral hymn for a fellow monk. The monk wasn't dead yet, but everyone, including John, thought death was near. So John prepared his song and was singing it loudly in his room, testing it out. Suddenly, the monk for whom it was written burst into the room and scolded John for raising such a racket. Tradition says that John was expelled from the monastery for causing this disturbance, but the Lord told the abbot in charge that John would be doing great things with music, so the abbot welcomed John back.

And John did do great things, collecting, writing and organizing the great hymns of the Greek-speaking church. This hymn is taken from an Easter liturgy still used in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Have a blessed Easter!

Sharon

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Bradt  
Madison Burrell  
Betty Jane Casatelli  
Carol Fike  
Arlene Giroux  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
Joe Henstenberg  
Alan Kenyon  
Barbara Kunkel  
Richard Smith



### *Family & Friends*

Melissa Bernard (sister of Madison Burrell)  
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)  
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)  
Roy Davies (friend of Pastor Russ & Carole Craig)  
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)  
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)  
Bennett A. Faso (grandson of Joan Long)  
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)  
Richard Freehling (brother of Judy LaHart)  
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)  
Mary Jean Laraway (aunt of Nicole & Gabriel Gardner)  
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Carl Madresse (brother-in-law of Bea White)  
Trevor Mastro (great-grandson of Dorothy Van Deusen)  
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)  
Sharon Walsh (daughter of Phyllis Mattice)  
Nathaniel Wasson (brother of Sarah Halbrend - in Afghanistan)  
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)  
Richard Zink (father of Valerie Morales)  
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan  
All who are recovering from Hurricane Sandy

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

6 Pastor Gerhardt  
7 Regina Jakubec  
12 Jean Alheim  
14 Debra Schildt  
18 Larry Bohn  
19 Joe Henstenberg  
26 William Spolyar  
27 Kimberly Fahd  
Louise Nickerson  
29 Carol Fike

## MARCH 2013

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>4</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:45am</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>6</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>7</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Worship</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>No 9:45 Bible</b> <b>Study Today</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>CLC Women</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>13</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>14</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Worship</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>18</b> 6:30pm Deacon Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>9:45am</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>20</b> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>21</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Worship</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>23</b> <b>3:00pm</b> <b>Spaghetti</b> <b>Dinner</b>
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:45am</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>27</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>28 Maundy</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>29 Good Friday</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Tenebrae Service</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 EASTER</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA						

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		
<b>3</b>	Alan Fike	Alan Fike	Joan Long	In celebration of my daughter, Adrienne's birthday.
<b>10</b>	Lois Ruppert	Sandy Smith		
<b>17</b>	Pastor Craig	Bill Spolyar		
<b>24</b>	Lois Ruppert	Pat Spolyar	Pastor & Carole Craig	In celebration of our daughter, Patty's birthday
<b>31</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Joe Fahd Lorraine Urbano	Virginia Matthews CLC Congregation	In loving memory of my husband, Roy, on our anniversary. Easter Lilies – Christ is Risen

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