

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

June 2013

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion

Bible Study:
Gospel of Matthew
Tuesdays
9:45 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Pastor

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A Message from the Pastor

On Sunday, May 19, we celebrated Pentecost and the Confirmation of Steven Benedetto. What a wonderful day for Christ's Church and for Christ Lutheran Church.

In the Lutheran tradition, Confirmation is not considered to be a sacrament, but rather a public rite designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. It provides the individual Christian an opportunity, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

It is not a graduation ceremony marking the end of a young person's (or their family's) attendance at worship or study of God's Word. At our confirmation, we publicly confess the faith in Christ which we received in our baptism – most likely as infants – and promise to be active members in the Church.

As I was reading aloud the Rite of Confirmation to Steven and the congregation, I was deeply struck by the questions asked of the confirmand. Variations of these were asked at our own baptisms, and answered by our parents on our behalf. From my own experience, I know how easy it can be to say that I reject Satan, believe in the Triune God, and believe that the Bible is God's Word. It is the living out of this faith that things can get a bit tricky for me. There are so many temptations and pressures to put other activities ahead of being with and worshipping God.

On our own we will falter and fail, but we must remember that our Lord promises to be with us, and with Him all things are possible and all sins can be forgiven. I challenge you (and myself) to ponder these questions, with a special focus on those marked with an asterisk.

Do you this day in the presence of God and this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?*

**Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?*

**Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?*

Through the strength and grace of God, we can still answer "Yes" to our Lord, be true to Him, and joyfully partake of His Word and Sacraments as active members of His Church.

May our loving and merciful God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – keep you faithful to Him and filled with His hope as you walk as His forgiven and redeemed child.

+Pastor Russ Craig

GOD'S WORD TO US

All are invited to study the *Gospel of Matthew*.
There will be two sessions each Tuesday: 9:45 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ How To Be An Effective Listener

A training session for all Congregation Care Ministry volunteers, *and any one interested in the topic*, will be held at **12:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 2**. This class will be repeated on **Tuesday, June 4, at 11:00 A.M.**

+ Strawberry Fest: June 8

Christ Lutheran Women will hold their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 8th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Donations of baked goods, books, games, puzzles, boutique and white elephant items are needed (but no clothes and no electronics). For more information, please speak with Joan Long.

+ Property Sale Update

The church received and the Council has accepted an offer of \$660,000 for the vacant 2 acres from Baywood Hotels which plans to build a 90-unit hotel. Over the next weeks, Baywood will work through the various studies, hearings, etc., that are necessary to receive approval from the Town of Guilderland and other agencies. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Fahd.

+ LCMS National Youth Gathering: July 1-5

Vinny DeMoor will be traveling with the young people from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, to the Synod's National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. One of the adult chaperons will be *Deacon Tom Craig*. Please keep all who are attending this event in your prayers.

+ 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.

+ Thank You

The Church Council extends a big THANK YOU to Christ Lutheran Women for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the church. We also thank these wonderful ladies for all they do for our congregation.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – APRIL 2013

Income	\$ 32,796.00
Expenses	\$ 32,741.57

Difference	\$ 54.12

If You Will Be On Vacation ...

Winter is finally over and we all look forward to enjoying good weather by traveling and spending time with our families. If you will be away, remember that the ministries of our congregation go on. Please continue to provide your financial and prayer support even if you will not be able to attend Sunday or Wednesday worship.

♪ WELCOME TO OUR GUEST ORGANIST ♪

Sharon Calka will undergo knee replacement surgery on June 13 and will be out of action for several weeks. During her absence, Mr. Michael Shirk will be playing organ during our Sunday worship services.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Bradt
Madison Burrell
Sharon Calka
Betty Jane Casatelli
Carol Fike
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Della & Joe Henstenberg
Alan Kenyon
Barbara Kunkel



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)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
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)
Helen Timmers (aunt of Della Henstenberg)
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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Nancy Huehn
Ruthie Tuller
6 Lois Gerhardt
7 David Kunkel
10 Thomas Urbano
12 Catherine Way
15 Peter Halbrend
16 Brian Maki
18 Fritz Herzog

JUNE 2013

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 9:00am Deacon Training 1:00pm Baptism
2 10:30am Communion 12:00pm Care Ministry Training 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	3 7:00pm Council	4 9:45am Bible study 11:00am Care Ministry Training 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA 6:30pm Bible study	5 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	6	7 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	8 1:00 Strawberry Fest
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
2	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano	Nancy & Joe Fahd	In memory of her father, William FriebeL.
9	Lois Ruppert	Joe Fahd	Lois Gerhardt	In celebration of Adam Wilke & Shawna LaBarge's wedding on June 14 th at Christ Lutheran Church.
16	Alan Fike	Alan Fike	Madison Burrell Sandy Smith	In remembrance of my grandfather, Wallace Smith's, birthday today. Happy Father's Day. In loving memory of my husband, Wallace, on his birthday and Father's Day.
23	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend	Earl & Ann MacIntosh	In memory of our parents.
30	Lorraine Urbano	Sandy Smith	Madison Burrell	In Loving memory of Reverend Alfred P. Graser.

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