

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles August 2013

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Saints of Christ,

During my life I have had many different jobs, hobbies, and activities. I've always been inquisitive and interested in trying new things. But one thing I've never wanted to be is a meteorologist, particularly in our Capital Region. I've heard it said that meteorologists in the Northeast and Albany area are paid more than those in other parts of the country, such as Arizona, because of the complexity of our weather systems. I don't know if the higher pay is true, but all of us will agree that we can have some crazy weather. In early June, we were switching our thermostats between "Cool" and "Heat" every other day. So far we've had record rain and record heat.

But the weather may seem downright boring when compared to our own lives. Just when you think everything has been worked out and going great ... wham ... another problem or crisis pops up. As much as we try to organize, routinize and control our lives, the fact is life is always filled with surprises.

That's one thing I like about being a pastor, though. In the midst of an ever-changing and unpredictable world, I have the honor of proclaiming to you that some things will never change.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). "The world" that God loves so much includes you. In the midst of life hold on to the truth that God has always loved you and will always love you.

St. Paul tells us that our baptism was not only a single event in our past, but an ongoing, never-changing reality in which we live with Christ and Christ lives with us. *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."* (Romans 6:3-5).

Know that you are and will always be God's loved child through faith in Jesus Christ. The foundation of our Christian faith is the unchangeable truth that all who believe in Jesus have been saved by God's grace through His gift of faith because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Our weather keeps changing. Our lives are filled with change. Our moods change sometimes minute-to-minute. But ...

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

+Pastor Russ Craig

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Christ Lutheran Fellowship Event: ValleyCats Baseball Game, August 11 at 5:00 P.M.

Our next fellowship event will be attending a Tri-City ValleyCats baseball game on Sunday, August 11. The price per ticket is \$7.50 and everyone will purchase their own food and beverages. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex.

+ Property Sale

The property appraisal has been completed and we are waiting to hear back from Baywood, the prospective purchaser. At this time, there have been no further developments. If you have any questions, please speak with Joe Fahd.

+ Pastor Craig on Vacation: August 12-20

Pastor Russ will take a stay-at-home vacation in mid-August. He will be available for any emergencies that might arise. Deacon Bob Fricke will lead our services of Holy Communion on Wednesday, 8/15, and Sunday, 8/18.

+ THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for your cards, telephone calls, visits and most especially for your prayers since the surgery. I am doing really well and am happy to be back on the bench. –*Sharon*

+ Jean Alheim Moving to Long Island

Jean will be leaving Albany on August 7th. We will all miss her and pray for God to bless her as she moves to be near family. Her new address is: 12 Harbour Lane – Apt. 3A, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – JUNE 2013

Income	\$ 43,416.77
Expenses	\$ 46,421.73

Difference	\$ -3,004.96

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Bradt
 Madison Burrell
 Sharon Calka
 Betty Jane Casatelli
 Carol Fike
 Edith & Pastor Art Gerhardt
 Hilda Griessel
 Herta Haupt
 Alan Kenyon
 Jeff & Mary LaPorte
 George & Janet Pomakoy



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)
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)
JoAnn Kniskern	(sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
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)
Sharon Willet	(friend of Larry Bohn)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael Hoffstetter
 6 Patricia Spolyar
 11 Anne MacIntosh
 14 Victoria MacIntosh
 17 Susan Lawton
 Tom Okure
 Susan Schildt
 28 Virginia Bradt
 Betty Jean Casatelli
 Phyllis Mattice

AUGUST 2013

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	3
4 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	5	6 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	7 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	8	9 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	10 1:30pm Baptism
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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		
4	Lois Ruppert	Sandy Smith	Nancy & Joe Fahd	In loving memory of her mother, Bessie Friebel.
11	Alan Fike	Joe Fahd	Barbara & David Kunkel	In loving memory of departed loved ones.
18	Linda Halbrend	Pat Spolyar		
25	Lorraine Urbano	Bea White	Phyllis Mattice & Loretta Flanders	In loving memory of our Brother, Father & Mother.

*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*