

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles September 2013

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
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Church Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Friday
8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

Secretary

Madison Burrell

Music Director

Sharon Calka

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's hard to believe that it is already September and summer is almost over. As I look back at the past three months, I realize that my summer actually had a central theme – family. The Lord blessed me with many fun days with Carole, our children and grandson. During my vacation I spent time with my brother and sister-in-law getting reconnected and enjoying time together.

God created us to be in families and especially to be members of His family. You and I are united as children of God through our divine Brother, Jesus. I'd like to share with you a portion of a prayer that reminds us of this.

“Out of the weak and sinful you have made a family.

All of us have experienced the wonder of forgiveness.

The blessed tie that binds us is the absolving love of Jesus.

At Your altar all may kneel.

There is none among us who is better than another, for all have sinned.

And all are now forgiven.

In the fellowship of saints we are of kindred mind and heart.

We know our wickedness and repent our evil.

Your love and Your acceptance have rescued all of us alike.

We are united in a communion of forgiveness.”

Isn't that beautiful?

God rescued us from sin, death and the devil. He has joined us together and made us a family – His family. No entrance exam. No applications or interviews. No physical fitness test.

In His love and mercy, God the Father sent His only beloved Son to redeem us from our sins as He died upon the Cross and rose victorious from the tomb. And the Holy Spirit called us by God's Word to be children of the Most High God and heirs of heaven through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus. We are members of the family of God.

We are never alone. We are never forsaken. We have hope.

We have forgiveness. We have Christ and we have each other.

May Jesus Christ, our Brother, help us enjoy the love of His holy family and empower us to share His Good News of hope with our friends, neighbors and the world.

+Pastor Russ Craig

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Property Sale

Baywood has cancelled the contract for the purchase of the 2 vacant acres, in part because the Town of Guilderland limits buildings to two stories and Baywood's plans were for a four story hotel. The land is back on the market. If you have any questions, please speak with Joe Fahd.

+ Church Picnic: September 22

Stay after worship to enjoy fellowship, food and fun. Everyone who is attending is asked to bring a dish to share.

+ Church Office Hours

Madison will be in the office: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Fridays - 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

+ Bible Study

A new Bible study group will begin either in late September or the beginning of October.

+ Judi Terraciano Moving to Florida

Judi has not been a member of CLC for a long time, but she has served on the Council, coordinated our Congregational Care Ministry, been part of our women's group, and served as a Sunday usher. Judi will be missed. Her new address is: 3769 Ivey Terrace, The Villages, FL 32163.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – JULY 2013

Income	\$ 50,156.27
Expenses	\$ 52,706.89

Difference	\$ -2,550.62

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
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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gloria Maki
Timothy Schildt
7 Richard Smith
14 Edith Gerhardt
18 Janet Pomakoy
21 Brian Flood

SEPTEMBER 2013

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	4 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	5	6 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	7
8 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	9 6:30pm Deacon meeting 7:00pm Church Council	10 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	11 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	12	13 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	14 8:45am Deacon training
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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		
1	Lois Ruppert	Joe Fahd	Arlene B. Giroux	In loving memory of Wilfred J. Giroux
8	Alan Fike	Alan Fike	Sandy Smith & Madison Burrell	In celebration of Richard Smith's birthday.
15	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend	Lois Gerhardt	In celebration of my mother, Edith's, 91 st birthday.
22	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano	Jeff & Mary LaPorte	In memory of Mary's mother, Kathleen Noonan, 43 rd anniversary.
29	Lois Ruppert	Bill Spolyar	Lois Gerhardt	In celebration of Erich & Emily Wilke's 1 st wedding anniversary.

*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*