

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles November 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.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Secretary**

Madison Burrell

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Custodian**

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Isaiah 43:19, God promised, "See, I am doing anew thing." Two millennia ago, God brought something new and wonderful to all people. Jesus brought hope and forgiveness. And not just for the priests, Pharisees and scribes to dispense to the people according to some rules and regulations. Our Savior brought healing to all who come to Him in faith.

*So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralytic man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:2-5)*

In Peter's house that day, not everyone recognized that God's promised newness was in front of their eyes. Some saw only a gifted speaker or a new faith-healer or a potential trouble-maker. Outside, though, there was a group of men who saw what God had brought into their midst. And among them was a paralytic. Being disabled can be difficult today, but back then was far worse. Your day would be spent laying on a hard mat begging. If that was not bad enough, you would carry the burden of guilt, because your disability was viewed by many a sign of God's punishment for your being a sinner.

But this paralyzed man did have something in his favor. Unlike many who were shunned, he had good friends. And these men had heard the Good News and they believed that God had brought something new into their world. They believed that this new thing – Jesus – was their friend's only hope. And nothing would keep them from bringing their brother to the Messiah. With power of faith, they climbed to the roof, dug a hole, and lowered their friend to the feet of Jesus. And by God's grace, the paralyzed man was healed, both in body and in soul. What friendship! What faith!

Are you struggling with a problem in your life or burdened by guilt? Come to Jesus. Don't let anything get in your way. Dig through the layers of excuses or temptations or fear. Go through the roof and find healing at the feet of your Savior.

Do you have friend or loved one who needs the healing Word of God? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to help carry him or her to the source of new life, Christ Jesus. Don't let anything get in your way. Go through the roof and bring your friend to the feet of our Savior.

If all is well for you and your family, praise God for His mercy. Then look around. Look for those who do not know Christ. Look for those who, like the paralyzed man, are unable to get themselves to God's healing Word.

Our Lord tells us to come to Him for all our needs: "Ask, seek, knock". The Savior is here. Don't let anything keep you from Him. Don't let anything keep you from bringing someone to Christ. Ask, seek, knock -- and if need be, go through the roof -- and find new life in Christ Jesus.

+Pastor Russ Craig

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## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### + Thanksgiving Eve Worship

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good" on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Worship services will be held at 11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

### + Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Due November 17.

### + Property Sale Update

The Council has signed a Letter of Intent for the purchase of the two vacant acres to Tri Capital Realty for \$375,000. If you have questions, please speak with Joe Fahd.

### + Hanging of the Greens: December 7<sup>th</sup>

We will be decorating the church on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 12:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of food and fellowship.

### + Pastor Craig on Vacation: November 1-10

Pastor Russ and Carole will be on vacation from November 1-10. The two Sunday services will be led by Deacon Tom Craig. Pastor David Nuss will be available for pastoral emergencies – please contact the church office. *Bible studies and Wednesday worship will be cancelled while Pastor Russ is away.*

## CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### + Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church

Donations for the shelter may be dropped off anytime during *November and December*.

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

### + Good Samaritan: Bag It – Tag It Gift Program

Good Samaritan Village will distribute to congregations gift tags for specific items (i.e., men's sweatshirt, size large). CLC members select a gift tag, purchase the item, place it in a bag with the tag attached (*no wrapping or gift boxes*), and drop it off at church. The gift tags will be available by *December 1<sup>st</sup>* and gifts must be dropped off at church no later than *December 15<sup>th</sup>*.

## FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2013

Income	\$ 62,391.02
Expenses	\$ 65,783.51
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Difference	\$ -3,392.49

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell  
 Sharon Calka  
 Vinny DeMoor  
 Kim DeMoor  
 Carol Fike  
 Hilda Griessel  
 Herta Haupt  
 Alan Kenyon  
 George & Janet Pomakoy



*Family & Friends*

Melissa Bernard	(sister of Madison Burrell)
Ed Beutel	(brother of Bea White)
Jim 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)
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)
Harold Mathis	(brother of Carol Fike)
Heather Mires	(granddaughter of Loretta Flanders)
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

## 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 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> 6:00pm Micronesians  <i>Set clocks <u>back</u> before going to bed</i>
<b>3</b> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> <b>No bible study</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Service of Word</i> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>4</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Church Council</b>	<b>5</b> <b>No bible study</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>6</b> <b>No morning worship</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Micronesians
<b>10</b> <b>No bible study</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Service of Word</i> 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:45am</b> <b>Bible Study</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Christ Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>13</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Micronesians
<b>17</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Bible Study</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 Al Anon <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Micronesians
<b>24</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>Bible Study</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 Al Anon <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 8:00pm AA	<b>27</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>28</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 10:00am Slavic Church	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Micronesians

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	n/a		
<b>10</b>	Lois Ruppert	n/a	Pastor Russ & Carole Craig Madison Burrell, Vinny DeMoor & Reegan Smith	In thanksgiving to God for 34 years of marriage. In celebration of our grandmother, Sandy Smith's, birthday.
<b>17</b>	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend	Joe & Nancy Fahd	In memory of Joe's mother, Doris Shumway and his brother, Ronald Fahd.
<b>24</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano	Earl & Anne MacIntosh	To the Glory of God.

*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*