

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles February 2014

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
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Lent Begins March 5

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

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

How is your prayer life? Do you struggle with it, or find yourself forgetting to pray every day or not sure how to pray? Parents and grandparents, have you taught your children and grandchildren the importance of praying to God and shown them how?

Below is a simple method to help children and adults pray.

+Pastor Russ Craig

The Five Finger Prayer

1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. Pray for those who are close to you. Our parents, siblings, extended family and friends.
2. The pointer finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need our prayers to help them help others.
3. The following finger is the tallest. Pray for our leaders and others in authority. Pray that God grant them guidance. For children, this may be their parents, too!
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is the weakest finger. Pray for the weakest among you. The hurt, the lonely, the sick. Remember what Jesus said about "the least of these"? This is where you honor Him by praying for them.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. We gain perspective about our own needs when we put others first. That's why we should pray for ourselves last.



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Pie Sunday: February 2

CLC Women will host their annual Pie Sunday on Feb. 2nd. Treat your sweet tooth while supporting church ministries.

+ Souper Bowl of Caring: February 2

On Super Bowl Sunday, we will collect donations as part of the national Souper Bowl of Caring. All money will be given to a local charity. Bring your checkbook and extra cash on Feb. 2nd.

+ Bowling for Beds: February 8

Help support the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church of Albany. UAlbany's Cornerstone Campus Ministry is organizing a bowl-a-thon to be held at Sunset Recreation Center, 1160 Central Avenue. Bowlers and donors are needed. Please speak with Sandy Smith.

+ Cabin Fever Luncheon: February 23

Enjoy some mid-winter food and fellowship after Sunday worship.

+ Clothing Donation No Longer Needed

Orphan Grain Train is no longer active in our area, so clothing donations should not be brought to church. Please take clothing to the Salvation Army or other collection sites.

+ 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, January 19, the members for CLC met for our annual meeting. Helen Strassburg was unanimously approved for membership. The 2014 budget of \$93,902 (\$4,714 decrease from 2012) was approved. Joe and Nancy Fahd were re-elected to the Church Council and Bill Spolyar was elected to the Parish Relations Committee. A motion was approved to use memorial funds to purchase 10 lightweight plastic top tables for the fellowship hall. Another motion was approved to use artificial flowers on the altar as needed. This topic was raised because fewer people are signing up to donate the Sunday flowers, which leaves the church to pay for them.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – DECEMBER 2013

Income \$ 91,503.02

Expenses \$ 91,338.65

Difference \$ 164.37

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell
Sharon Calka
Carol Fike
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
George & Janet Pomakoy
Goodie Scherer
Bea White



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)
Landon Greene (grandson of Janice Bentsen)
JoAnn Kniskern (sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
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)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Joan Long
5 Karen Benedetto
11 James Way
15 Matthew Woehlke
25 Goodie Scherer
27 Joseph Fahd

FEBRUARY 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2 10:30am Communion 11:45am Pie Sunday 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	3 7:00pm Council	4 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	5 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	6	7 7:00pm AA	8
9 10:30am Communion 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	10	11 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	12 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	13	14 7:00pm AA	15
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23 10:30am Communion 11:45am Cabin Fever Luncheon 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	24	25 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	26 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	27	28 7:00pm AA	

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	Alan Fike	Bill Spolyar	Mike & Steven Benedetto & Goodie Scherer	In celebration of Karen Benedetto's birthday. A wonderful & loving Wife, Mother & Daughter.
9	Lorraine Urbano	Pat Spolyar		
16	Joe Fahd	Bea White		
23	Lois Ruppert	Sandy Smith	Nancy & Joe Fahd Karen Mike & Steven Benedetto	On the occasion of Joe's 68 th birthday. In celebration of Goodie Scherer's birthday. A loving Mother & Grandmother.

*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*