

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles March 2014

### A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This is a time of repentance, prayer, and charitable giving for Christians. I encourage you to meditate frequently on the Ten Commandments, and Martin Luther's explanations of each, to help you reflect upon your sins and your need for God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

**First Commandment: You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.*

**Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*

**Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*

**Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

**Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*

**Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*

**Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.*

**Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor; betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*

**Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

**Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.*

**Worship**

Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion

**Lent Worship**

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

**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**

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## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### + Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5

Special Lent services will be held every Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The sermons will focus on the theme of "The Crucified King" and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services.

### + St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

The St. Patrick's Day luncheon will be held at O'Toole's Restaurant on Saturday March 15 at 12:00pm. A signup sheet and more information will be posted in the narthex. See Judy Bliven if you have any questions.

### + An Invitation to Celebrate a Saratoga Mardi Gras

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 149 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY would like to invite you to come to Saratoga and join us in a celebration Mardi Gras as only "Upstate New Yorkers" know how! You are cordially invited to join us here at the church on Lake Ave, Tuesday March 4th at 6pm. We will start with supper in the downstairs fellowship hall, which will include Jambalaya and King Cake, along with other traditional New Orleans foods. Our Worship service begins at 7pm with a jazzy New Orleans flare. We'd love to have you join us. If you plan to come for supper, tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults are \$5. and kids 18 and under are free. *For planning purposes, please RSVP by calling the church office at 518-584-0904 ext. 4 with the number of people who plan to attend the supper.*

### + Souper Bowl of Caring & Bowling-for-Beds: Thank You

On February 2, the saints of CLC donated \$265 to the Souper Bowl of Caring. The next weekend, 2 teams of CLC bowlers raised \$819 for the Overflow Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church. An outstanding response for both events.

### + Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your designated Choice Dollars expire. Eligible members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2014, to direct any remaining 2013 Choice Dollars®. **Help support Christ Lutheran Church.** Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice®."

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell  
Carol Fike  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
George & Janet Pomakoy  
Goodie Scherer  
Helen Strassburg



### 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)  
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)  
Heather Mires (granddaughter of Loretta Flanders)  
David Morey (friend of Carole & Pastor Russ Craig)  
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)

Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Rev. Arthur Gerhardt  
7 Regina Jakubec  
12 Jean Alheim  
14 Debra Schildt  
18 Larry Bohn  
19 Joseph Henstenberg  
26 William Spolyar  
27 Kimberly Fahd  
Louise Nickerson  
29 Carol Fike

**MARCH 2014**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>3</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>5</b> <b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Christ</b> <b>Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>12</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>15</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Lunch at</b> <b>O'Toole's</b>
<b>16</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's</i> <i>Day</i> 6:30 Deacons	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>19</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>26</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm AA	

All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Assistants</b>	<b>Altar Flowers</b>
<b>2</b>	Communion: Alan Fike Lector: Alan Fike	1. 2.
<b>9</b>	Communion: Lorraine Urbano Lector: Lorraine Urbano	1. 2.
<b>16</b>	Communion: Joe Fahd Lector: Lois Ruppert	1. Mary & Jeff LaPorte in memory of John & Bob Noonan (brothers of Mary) 2.
<b>23</b>	Communion: Bill Spolyar Lector: Alan Fike	1. Joe & Nancy Fahd on the occasion of Kimberly's and Kevin's birthdays. 2.
<b>30</b>	Communion: Pat Spolyar Lector: Lorraine Urbano	1. 2.

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