

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles April 2014

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
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### **Lent Worship**

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

### **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday  
7:00 P.M.  
Good Friday  
11:00 A.M. Scripture & Prayer  
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

### **Church Office Hours**

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

This month Lent ends and we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Last month, to help your Lenten penance, I presented to you the Ten Commandments and Luther's explanation. This month, I ask you to focus your prayers and meditations on our God Who Saves Us – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

### **THE CREED**

#### **The First Article: Creation**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.*

#### **The Second Article: Salvation**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.*

#### **The Third Article: Sanctification**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.*

## ***CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS***

### **+ Lent and Holy Week Schedule**

Our Wednesday Lent services continue through April 9 at 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

The Holy week worship service schedule is:

- Palm Sunday Holy Communion at 10:30 A.M.
- Wednesday Holy Communion at 11:00 A.M.
- Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 7:00 P.M.
- Good Friday Scripture & Prayer at 11:00 A.M.
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 P.M.
- Easter Sunday Celebration at 10:30 A.M.

### **+ Bowling Party, April 5**

All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of bowling at Westwood Lanes on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. If you have questions, please speak with Judy Bliven.

### **+ St. Madeline Sophie/Guilderland Work Camp Home Repairs**

If you have submitted an application for home repair for this summer's Work Camp please expect to be contacted in April or May. Thank you for your application! If you have questions or concerns contact Tahlia Hadley 355-3115 at St. Madeleine Sophie Church.

### **+ Pastor Craig On Vacation**

Pastor Craig will be on vacation April 26 – May 10. Deacon Tom Craig will lead worship on April 27 and May 4.

The Wednesday morning services will not be held while Pastor is away.

## ***CLC WOMEN***

Christ Lutheran Church Ladies Group would like to thank all those who participated in and/or contributed to one of our most successful Pie Sundays ever. We had 19 pies that were all sold and 3 delicious soups that were greatly appreciated by all. At our last meeting we voted on how to best use our \$358.00 profit. \$200 will go to the church, to be used for new tables in the fellowship hall, and \$100 to the Lutheran Braille Workers. These workers translate Bibles and Biblical stories into Braille, so that the vision impaired can read and study the word of God.

As a new outreach program within the church we have been sending cards to those on the prayer list. Each card contains a short note from everyone at the meeting, letting the recipient know they are loved and being prayed for.

May starts the preparation for our annual Strawberry Fest. Prices have to be gathered for the berries, ice cream must be ordered and volunteers are assigned to bake the biscuits or man a table. Lois Ruppert will start visiting local businesses to collect donations for the raffle table. The fest will take place in early June.

Our monthly meeting runs from September to June, and all women of the congregation are invited to attend any or all of the meetings. Pack a sandwich and join us at 12:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month.

## ***ALTAR FLOWER CHANGE***

During the January annual meeting, the congregation approved the use of artificial flowers on Sundays due to the decreasing number of flower donations. As of March 2nd, only 20 of 52 Sundays had a flower donor, so the Council decided to end flower orders from Nagengast Florist. Artificial flower arrangements for each church season will be purchased instead. Everyone will still be able to order Easter and Christmas plants.

**You may have live flowers displayed on the chancel.**

1. Purchase an arrangement (with vase) and bring it to church.
2. Submit a bulletin dedication to the office by Wednesday.

**A monetary gift may be given, in lieu of flowers, to remember a loved one or an event.**

1. The suggested minimum offering amount is \$15.
2. Submit a bulletin dedication to the office by Wednesday.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell  
Brittany Fahd  
Carol Fike  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
Huehn Family  
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)  
Deacon Tom Craig (son of Pastor & Carole Craig)  
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)  
Patty Gardner (stepmother of Gabe & Nicole Gardner)  
Kathy Grice (sister of Judy Zamurs)  
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

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2 Marilyn Pier  
Kufre Okure  
5 Barbara Kunkel  
14 George Pomakoy  
19 Linda Lambert  
20 Judy Bliven  
Bea White  
26 Carole Craig

**APRIL 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> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>2</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>3</b>	4 7:00pm AA	<b>5</b> <b>2:00pm</b> <b>Bowling at</b> <b>Westlawn</b> 2:00pm Micronesians
<b>6</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>7</b> 4:00pm Adirondack Mtn Club <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>8</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Christ Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>9</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>16</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>17</b> <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday</i> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Good Friday</i> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Prayer &amp;</b> <b>Scripture</b> 7:00pm AA <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Tenebrae</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>21</b> 6:30 Deacons	<b>22</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>23</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Service of the</b> <b>Word</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>30</b> <b>No 11:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Today</b> 7:30pm GA			

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>6</b>	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
<b>13</b>	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
<b>20</b>	Joe Fahd & Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
<b>27</b>	No communion	Lois Ruppert