

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

May 2014

### *A Message from the Pastor*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Whenever we gather for the Divine Service, be it on Sunday, Wednesday or some special service, we begin with Confession and Absolution. According to liturgical rubrics, this is not mandatory, but I like it. What better way to approach God than by confessing our sins and then hearing His wonderful words of forgiveness?

In the past two newsletters, I've shared parts of Martin Luther's Small Catechism dealing with the Ten Commandments and the Apostles Creed. Below is Luther's brief explanation of Confession, again taken from the Catechism. Being able to approach God Himself and tell Him our failings as loved children speaking to a loving Father, is a blessed gift. We do not have to cower in fear, drown in guilt, or keep looking over our shoulders waiting for God to punish us. Jesus took all the punishment for all our sins, and destroyed the power of sin, death and the devil through the cross and the empty tomb.

The Lutheran Service Book hymnal contains this prayer for before confession and absolution:

*Almighty, everlasting God, for my many sins I justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, my Lord Jesus Christ, who won for me forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Grant me a true confession that, dead to sin, I may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant me Your Holy Spirit that I may be ever watchful and live a true godly life in Your service; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

### **Small Catechism: How Christians should be taught to confess**

#### **What is Confession?**

*Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.*

#### **What sins should we confess?**

*Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.*

#### **Which are these?**

*Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?*

#### **Worship**

*Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion*

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

### + Pastor Craig On Vacation

Pastor will be on vacation April 28 to May 10 -- out of town only April 30 to May 5. Deacon Tom Craig will lead the service on May 4. In case of an emergency, please call Pastor on his cell phone (518-369-7631) and he will contact Pastor Henry Albrechtsen, our circuit counselor. You may also call the church office. The Wednesday morning services will not be held on April 30 and May 7.

### + Church Council Meeting: May 12

The May Council meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

### + Strawberry Fest: June 7

Christ Lutheran Church Women will hold their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 P.M. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Bea White.

### + Possible After School Program at CLC

TSL Adventures operates programs for school age children in Albany, Clifton Park, Guilderland, Niskayuna, Schenectady and Troy, and they would like to open a new after school program at Christ Lutheran. This proposal will be discussed and voted on at a special congregational voters' meeting on April 27. If approved, the program will begin in September 2014.

### + Good Samaritan Village to be Sold

Good Samaritan Village in Delmar (nursing home, assisted living, and senior apartments) is in the process of being sold by The Lutheran Care Network to a company which operates ten other facilities located in Pennsylvania, New York and Florida. Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, an adult home, opened in the 1930s on Madison Avenue in Albany. In the 1990s, it moved to its current location on Rockefeller Road in Delmar. In the mid-1960s, Pastor Arthur Gerhardt initiated the idea for a residential health care facility for older persons. The new nursing home facility opened the doors in February 1975. A 36 room, senior apartment complex opened in 1990.

## FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2014

Income \$ 26,893.37

Expenses \$ 23,083.17

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Difference \$ 3,810.20

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Fike  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
George & Janet Pomakoy  
Richard Smith

*Family & Friends*  
Ed 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)  
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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Doris Pleydle  
9 Steven Benedetto  
19 Linda Sickler  
23 Vinny DeMoor  
31 Arlene Giroux



**MAY 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> 7:00pm AA	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Service of Word</i> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>Christ Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>7</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>No Service Today</i> 7:30pm GA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>12</b> <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>14</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>19</b> 6:30 Deacons	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>21</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>26</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>27</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>28</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Communion</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00pm AA	<b>31</b>

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>4</b>	No communion	Alan Fike
<b>11</b>	Bill Spolyar	Joe Fahd
<b>28</b>	Pat Spolyar	Linda Halbrend
<b>25</b>	Sandy Smith	Linda Halbrend