

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

June 2014

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For the past few months, I have shared with you sections from Luther's Small Catechism. For the summer, we'll read excerpts from *Lutheranism 101* (Concordia Publish House, 2010). I hope you find these beneficial to your understanding of what Lutherans believe, teach and confess.

+Pastor Russ Craig

What is the Church? (Lutheranism 101, Chapter 8)

Every person, living or dead, who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and savior is part of the Church. This is the biblical picture of the Church as the Body of Christ. Everyone who is baptized in Christ and believes in Him is a member of Christ's body. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, giving life and direction to the body of believers and connecting them to each other and to Him.

- *The Church is one because there is one Christ.*
- *The Church is holy because its members have the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.*
- *The Church is Christian. The ancient text [of the Creed] used the word "catholic", a Greek word that means "universal" or "all over".*
- *The Church is apostolic, that is, founded on and drawing its life from the Word of God taught to us in the Scriptures by the apostles of Jesus.*
- *The Church is universal. Wherever there are believes in Christ, there is the Church.*
- *The Church is triumphant. We are united with all believers of the past and with all the angels of heaven as we praise God.*

The Church is not a building, not a club. The Church is God's creation. The Church is people called by the Spirit of God to believe in Jesus as Savior.

How Will We Find the Church?

God's Spirit uses the Word of God and the Sacraments to bring us to faith and to keep us in faith. Lutherans confess that we are justified, declared righteous before God, solely by God's grace for the sake of Christ alone, received through faith alone. Wherever this Gospel is purely preached and the sacraments are given in accordance with the Gospel, there you will find believers.

Why Join a Church?

Within the walls of the building we call church, the local congregation of believers, is where you will see the "real action" of the Church commanded by God. Here God's Spirit comes to us with grace, mercy and forgiveness. Here God is faithful to His promises. Here God's people, led by their pastor, worship, baptize, preach, teach, confess and forgive, gather at the Lord's Table, and reach others with the saving message of Jesus. Here God's people have the privilege of associating with others who are faithful to the Word and linked to us through common beliefs. Here God's people build relationships with one another based on a strong foundation and linked to Christ.

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
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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Strawberry Fest: June 7

Christ Lutheran Church Women will hold their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 7th, 1:00-4:00 P.M. We would appreciate donations to our baked, book and white elephant tables. PLEASE no clothing, furniture or electronics.

+ After School Program at CLC

It looks like TSL Adventure's new after school program at CLC will get off to a strong start. There are already 25 students enrolled and it is likely that they will reach 30 by September. TSL stands for "Togetherness, Sharing and Learning". Check out their website at www.tsladventures.net to learn more about this exciting, growing company.

+ Fire Alarm System Installed

For the safety of our facility and to meet regulations for the after school program, a fire alarm system has been installed. This system covers the entire building including the sanctuary.

+ Altar Flowers

You may place live flowers displayed on the chancel.

1. Purchase an arrangement (with vase) and bring it to church.
2. The flowers will be placed in front of the baptismal font.
3. Submit a bulletin dedication to the office by Wednesday.

Or you may make a donation, in lieu of flowers.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – APRIL 2014

Income \$ 35,320.37

Expenses \$ 30,792.53

Difference \$ 4,527.84

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
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)
Susan Welsh (daughter of Virginia Bradt)
Sharon Walsh (daughter of Phyllis Mattice)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Nancy Huehn
Ruthie Tuller
6 Lois Gerhardt
7 David Kunkel
10 Tom Urbano
12 Catherine Way
15 Peter Halbrend
16 Brian Maki
18 Fritz Herzog



JUNE 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	2 7:00pm Council	3 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	4 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	5	6 7:00pm AA	7 1:00pm Strawberry Fest
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15 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	16 6:30pm Deacons	17 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	18 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	19	20 7:00pm AA	21
22 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	23	24 <i>Newsletter</i> <i>deadline</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	25 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	26	27 7:00pm AA	28
29 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	30					

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
1	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
8	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
15	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
22	Bill Spolyar	To be Decided
29	Pat Spolyar	Lois Ruppert