

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles July 2014

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I have frequently told inquirers that Lutherans are Protestants in the historical sense, but NOT Protestants in the current American sense of the term. I have also stated that Lutherans are the FIRST Evangelicals (our legal name is “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church”), but we do not agree with what those churches which practice what is termed “Evangelicalism.” Below is another excerpt from *Lutheranism 101* (Concordia Publish House, 2010) which addresses this issue.

Lutheranism 101 (Pages 169-170)

Are Lutherans Evangelicals?

Lutherans are the original Evangelicals. The word evangelical comes from the Greek work *euangelion*, meaning “good message.” Luther and those who followed his teachings began to call their churches “evangelical” (Gospel proclaimers) because of the focus on the Gospels’ god news centered on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the sole means of salvation. This is different than “Evangelicalism”, which is a latter term that describes a Protestant movement that originated in Great Britain in 1730. This movement focused on the need for personal conversion, being “born again”, and biblical fundamentalism. These same needs inform much of American Evangelicalism yet today. Because modern-day Evangelicals teach about faith much differently than Lutherans, few Lutheran churches today use the name *Evangelical*.

Are Lutherans Protestant?

By definition, Lutherans are the only “Protestants.” In 1529 at the Diet (Imperial Assembly) of Speyer, legal restrictions were placed upon Evangelicals {Lutherans} that restricted their ability to spread Evangelical teaching, and the right to assembly, among others. The Evangelical delegation filed a formal protest. When the protest was rejected, the delegation at Speyer filed an appeal to the emperor. Historically, then, to refer to the “Protestants” comes from this specific protest, one lodged only by the Lutherans.

Later reformers tried to strengthen their causes by joining themselves with this historic protest. Because so many people taught differently from the Evangelicals, the “Lutherans “ended up rejecting the title themselves.

So ... Lutherans are the true “Evangelicals” and the true “Protestants”, but since other denominations have co-opted these titles, we proudly call ourselves “*Lutheran*”!

+Pastor Russ Craig

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
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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

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Christ Lutheran Fellowship: Valley Cats Baseball, July 20

Our next fellowship event will be attending a Tri-City Valley Cats baseball game on Sunday, July 20 at 5:00 P.M. The price per ticket is \$9.50 and everyone will purchase their own food and beverages. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the narthex bulletin board.

+ Church Parking Lot to Be Sealed

Sometime during the next two months, our parking lot will be seal-coated and new parking lines painted. This should not interfere with our Sunday worship, but some weekday events may be cancelled, if access to the building is restricted. Details will be shared with everyone as soon as the work is scheduled.

+ A Thank You From Christ Church Women

Christ Church Women would like to extend our sincere thanks to the congregation for their support of our *Strawberry Fest*. We would like to acknowledge the Stewarts Corp. for their very generous donation of their delicious vanilla ice cream and also Ryan's Produce for allowing us to purchase the strawberries at cost. Our profit from this, our only fund raiser, will allow us to continue to support the work of our church and to assist with the endeavors of the charitable organizations in the area.

+ Update on the Sale of Good Samaritan, Delmar

The Lutheran Care Network (TLCN) has been in negotiations with a potential buyer for Good Samaritan Village (nursing home, assisted living and apartments), but no formal agreements have been reached yet.

+ Bethlehem Lutheran Church to Install a New Pastor

On July 20, at 4:00 P.M., Rev. Joshua Krepel will be installed as Assistant Pastor at Bethlehem, Delmar. Pastor Krepel graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in May 2014.

If You Will Be On Vacation ...

With the coming of summer, we all look forward to enjoying the good weather by traveling and spending time with our families. If you will be away, remember that the ministries of our congregation go on. Please continue to provide your financial and prayer support even if you will not be able to attend Sunday or Wednesday worship.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – MAY 2014

Income \$ 39,898.37

Expenses \$ 38,354.23

Difference \$ 1,544.14

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brittany Fahd

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)

Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)

Heather Mires (granddaughter of Loretta Flanders)

Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)

Rev. David Nuss (pastor of St. Matthew, Albany)

Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)

Bruce Schwegler (relative of Sandy Smith)

Sharon Walsh (daughter of Phyllis Mattice)

Susan Welsh (daughter of Virginia Bradt)

Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)

Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Alan Fike

8 Daniel Flood

20 Dorothy Van Deusen

21 Kim DeMoor

24 Brittany Fahd

30 Bruce Huehn



JULY 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	2 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> Church Office Closed 7:00pm AA	5
6 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	7	8 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	9 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	10	11 7:00pm AA	12
13 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	14	15 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	16 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	17	18 7:00pm AA	19
20 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 5:00pm Valley Cats 8:00pm GA	21	22 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	23 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	24	25 7:00pm AA	26
27 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	28	29 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	30 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	31		

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
6	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
13	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
20	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
27	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend