

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles September 2014

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Saints of God,

“In the beginning ...” are appropriate opening words for the Bible. The book of *Genesis* takes us to the creation of the universe and sets the stage for all that follows in God’s Word of Holy Scripture. The Bible begins with creation and ends with the recreation of all in the book of *Revelation*.

Here are a few comments about Genesis from Martin Luther.

In his first book Moses teaches how all creatures were created, and (as the chief cause of his writing) whence sin and death came, namely by Adam’s fall, through the devil’s wickedness. But immediately thereafter, before the coming of the law of Moses, he teaches whence help is to come for the driving out of sin and death, namely, not by law or man’s own works (since there was no law as yet), but by “the seed of the woman,” Christ, promised to Adam and Abraham, in order that throughout the Scriptures from the beginning of faith may be praised above all works and laws and merits. Genesis, therefore, is made up almost entirely of illustrations of faith and unbelief, and of the fruits of that faith and unbelief bear. It is and exceedingly evangelical book.

The line of descent was traced from Adam, through the patriarchs, down to Noah, and from there to Abraham. During this time the church suffered great damage, for ungodliness had increased to such an extent that even the descendants of the saints were carried away into error. Therefore it was necessary for Moses to point out how in this great peril God accompanied the rebirth of the church, lest it collapse entirely and true religion be utterly blotted out.

This account deserves our attention as an extraordinary example of mercy. It should encourage and persuade us that God will preserve the church also in our time, when everything is threatening religion with destruction.

Notice three important things pointed out by Luther: (1) The Church did not come into existence at Pentecost, but rather has been around as long as a human has believed in the one, true God; (2) the Church has been assailed by the devil since sin made its debut and corrupted God’s very good creation; and (3) God has been protecting and nurturing the Church since the beginning and continues to do so today.

Beginning in the second week of September, I will lead an in-depth study of Genesis. All are invited and encouraged to join together as we learn how God has been, is now, and will always be, our creator, protector, and savior.

+Pastor Russ Craig

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.*

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ TSL After School Program Opening Delayed

The opening of TSL Adventures' after school program has been delayed while a zoning issue is resolved with the Town of Guilderland. TSL has submitted an application for a special use permit and anticipates beginning operations at CLC in October. Until then the children who have been enrolled for our site will go to their program at Redeemer Church on Schoolhouse Rd.

+ Bible Study to Begin in September: Genesis (2 sessions each week – attend only 1)

A study of the first book in the Bible, Genesis, will be held on ...

Monday mornings, 9:45 A.M. (1st session Sept. 8), and

Tuesday evening, 6:30 P.M. (1st session Sept. 9).

+ Church Picnic: September 14th

We will hold our annual church picnic/lunch immediately after worship on Sunday, Sept. 14, in the fellowship hall. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share or a dessert. The Fellowship Committee will provide meat and drinks. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

+ Service of the Word on September 28th

Pastor Russ and Carole will be attending the baptism of their grandson, Lucas Caleb Kebea, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar (with Pastor doing the baptism). Deacon Mark Hendricks, from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Hudson, will lead our service that morning. Last year, Deacon Mark married Susan Lawton, who was member of CLC for a few years and occasionally filled-in on piano and organ for Sunday worship.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – JULY 2014

Income \$ 60,983.37

Expenses \$ 51,239.14

Difference \$ 9,744.23

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gloria Maki
Timothy Schildt
7 Richard Smith
18 Janet Pomakoy
21 Brian Flood



Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Benjamin Chagnon (infant being treated for neuroblastoma)
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
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)
Angela Riordan (friend of Davia & Michael LaChapelle)
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

SEPTEMBER 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	3	4	5 7:00pm AA	6
7 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	8 9:45am Bible Study 7:00pm Council	9 12:00pm Al Anon 12:00pm Christ Women 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	10 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	11	12 7:00pm AA	13
14 10:30am Communion 11:145am Church Picnic 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	15 9:45am Bible Study 6:45pm Deacons	16 12:00pm Al Anon 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	17 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	18	19 7:00pm AA	20
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
7	Lois Ruppert	Pat Spolyar
14	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
21	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend
28	Lorraine Urbano	No Communion