

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles October 2014

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Family has been on my mind quite a bit lately. Over the summer, our family grew with the birth of grandson, Lucas. With the many nice weekends, our family was able to spend fun time together. Carole recently decreased her hours at work in order to be home on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and now Papa and Granma are able to be with Jack and Lucas. As I get older, I keep learning just what a blessing it is to have my family around.

You may have noticed that I occasionally begin these messages by addressing you as my "Sisters and Brothers in Christ". I do so because that is what we are. Through our shared faith in our Savior, we are the children of God and spiritual siblings. Just like our human families, we sometimes get along and sometimes we get on each other's nerves. We are also "blood relatives", joined together by the blood of Christ.

I'd like to share with you a portion of a prayer that speaks to this.

"Out of the weak and sinful you have made a family. All of us have experienced the wonder of forgiveness. The blessed tie that binds us is the absolving love of Jesus. At Your altar all may kneel. There is none among us who is better than another, for all have sinned. And all are now forgiven. In the fellowship of saints we are of kindred mind and heart. We know our wickedness and repent our evil. Your love and Your acceptance have rescued all of us alike. We are united in a communion of forgiveness."

Isn't that beautiful? God rescued us from sin, death and the devil. He has joined us together and made us a family – His family. No entrance exam. No applications or interviews. No physical fitness test. In His love and mercy, God the Father sent His only beloved Son to redeem us from our sins as He died upon the Cross and rose victorious from the tomb. And the Holy Spirit called us by God's Word to be children of the Most High God and heirs of heaven through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ.

By the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus. We are never alone. We are never forsaken. We have hope. We have forgiveness. We have Christ and we have each other.

May Jesus Christ, our divine Brother, help us enjoy the love of His holy family and empower us to share His Good News of hope with our friends, neighbors and the world.

+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.*

Pastor

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ TSL After School Program

Our application to operate an after school program has been approved by the Guilderland Town Planning Board. We now hope and pray that a final approval will be issued by the Town Zoning Board on Wednesday, October 1.

+ No Bible Study Classes on October 28 & 29

Pastor Russ will be attending a conference for the pastors of the Atlantic and New England District in Enfield, CT. He will leave late Monday morning and return Tuesday evening.

+ Circuit Forum to Be Held in Niskayuna

Pastor Russ and Joe Fahd will represent our congregation at a Circuit Forum to be held on October 4th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna. During the forum, information concerning the Synod, District and local congregations will be shared, plans will be made for the June 2015 Atlantic District convention, and a Circuit Visitor will be elected (a pastor who works with pastors and churches in our area – currently Rev. Henry Albrechtsen, Love Lutheran Church, East Greenbush).

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – AUGUST 2014

Income \$ 65,124.37

Expenses \$ 66,040.14

Difference \$ - 915.77

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Brianna Morales
5 Lois Ruppert
9 Diane Flood
Sarah Huehn
Earl MacIntosh Jr.
11 Lorraine Urbano
24 Mary LaPorte



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)
Bonnie Duchow (wife of Pastor Robert Duchow)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Joe & Norma Kafer (relatives of Della & Joe 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)
Angela Riordan (friend of Davia & Michael LaChapelle)
Sharon Walsh (daughter of Phyllis Mattice)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)
Jon Wiegand (brother of Pastor Adam Wiegand, Saratoga)
Susan Welsh (daughter of Virginia Bradt)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	2	3 7:00pm AA	4
5 <i>LWML Sunday</i> 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	6 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Council	7 12:00pm Al Anon 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	8 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	9	10 7:00pm AA	11
12 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	13 10:00am Bible Study 6:45pm Deacons	14 12:00pm Al Anon 12:00pm Christ Women 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	15 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	16	17 7:00pm AA	18
19 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	20 <i>Newsletter</i> <i>deadline</i> 10:00am Bible Study	21 12:00pm Al Anon 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	22 11:00am Communion 7:30pm GA	23	24 7:00pm AA	25
26 10:30am Service of the Word 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	27 No Morning Bible Study	28 12:00pm Al Anon No Evening Bible Study 8:00pm AA	29 11:00am Communion	30	31 7:00pm AA	

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
5	Lois Ruppert	Sandy Smith
12	Alan Fike	Bill Spolyar
19	Linda Halbrend	Pat Spolyar
26	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano