

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles November 2014

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

During the month of November, we will (or should) be giving extra thanks. On Election Day, we are thankful for being in a country where we are able to vote freely to elect our civic leaders. On Veterans' Day, we are thankful for all the men and women who have protected our nation and freedoms through their service in the armed forces. Then on Thanksgiving Day, we dedicate an entire day to being grateful for all the blessing God gives us.

In case you do not realize how much God has done for you, let's read what Martin Luther tells us in his Small Catechism explanation of the first article of the Apostles Creed us:

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still cares for them. He also gives me clothing and shows, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

As great as all that is, the most wonderful gift God our Father has given us is His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been made the forgiven children of God. Because of Jesus, each of us may proclaim, "For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling" (Ps. 116:8).

So we know what we should be thankful for ... but do we know how to really show our gratitude to the Lord? The psalmist asks, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12). That's a great question to ponder every day, and especially this month.

Surely, we should say "Thank you" to our loving God every day. But let us not stop there. Let us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, offer up to God a "sacrifice of thanksgiving" (Ps. 116:17).

We do this by using God's gifts of His Word and by letting Him refresh us in the worship service. We offer a *sacrifice of thanksgiving* when we joyfully and generously returning to Him a portion of what He has given us through donations of our time and money. Our *sacrifice of thanksgiving* can be reaching out to someone who needs a cheerful word and the love of Jesus. And we offer a *sacrifice of thanksgiving* by never ceasing to "call upon the Name of the Lord" (Ps. 116:13).

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

+Pastor Russ Craig

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday October 26
11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

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

+ Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 A.M. November 2nd

Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night..

+ TSL Adventures After School Program Has Opened

After as long process of obtaining approvals from the Town of Guilderland and NYS Office of Children and Family Services, children finally started coming to CLC on October 20th. Please keep the staff and children in your prayers. The program operates Monday to Friday, 2:30-6:00 P.M., except when schools are closed for a full day, and then the children will be at the Redeemer Church site.

+ Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are due no later than 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, *November 16*.

+ Thanksgiving Eve Worship on November 26

“Give thanks with a grateful heart” by attending one of two worship services – 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

+ Advent and Christmas Services

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. All are invited to attend these events and worship services:

Saturday, December 6 at 12:00 P.M. – Church Decorating Party

Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 P.M. – Guilderland Advent Service at Christ the King Catholic Church

Wednesday Holy Communion at 11:00 A.M. – Sermons will have a special Advent focus.

Christmas Eve Worship – 11:00 A.M. Holy Communion and 7:00 P.M. Carols & Candlelight.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2014

Income \$ 70,773.37

Expenses \$ 72,973.44

Difference \$ -2,200.07

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Fike

Pastor Arthur Gerhardt

Hilda Griessel

Herta Haupt

Joe Henstenberg

George & Janet Pomakoy

Richard Smith



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)

Rosemary Snyder

(mother of Jeff LaPorte)

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Pastor Russ Craig

4 Loretta Flanders

10 Nancy Fahd

12 Sandra Smith

16 Sharon Calka

Judy Zamurs

17 Virginia Matthews

28 Michael Schildt

NOVEMBER 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 9:00am Circuit 1-2 Training <i>Set Your Clocks Back 1 Hour</i>
2 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	3 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm Council	4 <i>Election Day</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	5 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	6 2:30pm TSL	7 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm AA	8
9 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	10 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 12:00pm CLC Women 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	12 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	13 2:30pm TSL	14 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm AA	15 9:00am Circuit 1-2 Training
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23 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	24 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL	25 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study 8:00pm AA	26 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm Communion	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	28 7:00pm AA	29
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
2	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
9	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
16	Bill Spolyar	Lois Ruppert
23	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
30	Joe Fahd	Linda Halbrend