

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles March 2015

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30 A.M.  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

Holy Communion  
11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

### **Holy Week Services**

Holy Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Maundy Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
Good Friday 12:00 & 7:00 P.M.

### **Easter Sunday**

10:30 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  
(518) 369-7631

### **Secretary**

Madison Burrell

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

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### **Message from the Pastor**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now a few weeks into Lent and I hope you are devoting more time to reading God's Word and to prayer. And do not forget to praise our God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for all of the mercy and love that He bestows upon us daily. God's grace and loving-kindness is most clearly shown in our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we humbly approach the Lord, confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness, we should also give Him thanks and praise His holy Name.

The Gospel reading for the first Sunday in Lent tells us about how Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. Sinless Jesus defeated all of Satan's attempts to steer Him away from the path to the cross and our salvation. Sadly, you and I still carry around our sinful nature, so we are not always strong in the face of temptations. On our own we will eventually succumb to one sin or another. On our own, Satan will lead us away from eternal life with the One true God.

So, what are we to do? We must call upon Him who defeated sin, death and the devil, once and for all, for you and for me. We are to call upon our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, asking for the strength of the Holy Spirit to withstand Satan's lies and to grant us God's forgiveness when we fail.

Psalm 118 reminds us to call out to God for help and protection.

*“Out of my distress I called upon the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.*

*The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.*

*What can a man do to me?*

*The Lord is on my side as my helper;*

*I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.*

*It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in man.*

*It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.*

*I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the Lord helped me.”*

As you face temptations or trials, call upon Jesus and know that He will help you. When doubt and fear threaten to overcome you, call upon Jesus and know that He will strengthen you.

May the Lord have mercy on us and may His name be praised.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

## **CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS**

### **+ Gospel of Mark Bible Study**

A study of the *Gospel of Mark* will begin on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Two class sessions will be held: Mondays at 10:00 A.M. and Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M. The same lessons will be covered at both session, so if you cannot make it to one, the go to the other.

### **+ St. Patrick's Day Lunch**

Start celebrating St. Patrick's Day early with lunch at O'Toole's Restaurant on Sunday, March 15 at 12:30pm. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex. See Judy Bliven if you have any questions.

### **+ Pie Sunday to be Rescheduled**

Bad weather led to the cancellation of Christ Women's annual Pie Sunday last month. A new date will be announced.

### **+ Thank You for Your Support**

The congregation donated \$273 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Christ Lutheran also raised \$870 for "Bowling for Beds" which supports the Overflow Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church.

### **+ 2015 Church Council**

On January 26, the new Church Council elected officers and appointed directors. There is one vacancy for a one-year term. Please contact Joe Fahd or Pastor Craig if you are interested in serving.

President	Joe Fahd	Fellowship	Linda Halbrend
Vice President:	Patricia Spolyar	Finance & Stewardship	Karen Benedetto
Treasurer	Nancy Fahd	Outreach & Missions	Sharon Calka
Financial Secretary	Bill Spolyar	Property	Brian Maki
Endowment Secretary	Lorraine Urbano	Worship & Spiritual Care	Sandy Smith
Recording Secretary	Judy Zamurs	Education & Youth	<i>Vacant</i>

### ***WEDNESDAYS IN LENT WORSHIP***

Holy Communion at 11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

### ***HOLY WEEK SERVICES (March 29 – April 5)***

Palm Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Holy Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday 12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday 10:30 A.M.

### ***FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2015***

Income \$ 4,553.00

Expenses \$ 10,187.33

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Difference \$ -5,634.33

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Fike  
Pastor Arthur Gerhardt  
Lois Gerhardt  
Hilda Griessel  
Herta Haupt  
Joe Henstenberg



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Arthur Gerhardt  
7 Regina Jakubec  
12 Jean Alheim  
14 Debra Schildt  
18 Larry Bohn  
19 Joseph Henstenberg  
26 William Spolyar  
27 Kimberly Fahd  
Louise Nickerson  
29 Carol Fike

### *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)  
James Kniskern (brother of Judy Bliven)  
JoAnn Kniskern (sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)  
Kim Krizan (friend of Davia LaChapelle)  
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)  
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)  
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)  
Greta Rehberg (mother of Nancy Huehn)  
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)  
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

## MARCH 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>2</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Council</b>	<b>3</b> 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	<b>4</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>5</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>6</b> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	<b>9</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>10</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>CLC Women</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	<b>11</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>12</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>13</b> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>14</b> 9:00am Deacon Training
<b>15</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>12:30pm</b> <b>St. Patrick</b> <b>Luncheon</b> 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	<b>16</b> 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Deacons	<b>17</b> 7:00am All-Day TSL 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	<b>18</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 7:30pm GA	<b>19</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	<b>23</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>24</b> 11:30am TSL Half-Day 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	<b>25</b> <b>11:00am</b> <b>Lent Service</b> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	<b>26</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>27</b> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>28</b> 9:00am TSL – All day CPR & First Aid Training 9:00am Deacon Training
<b>29</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> <b>10:30am</b> <b>Communion</b> 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	<b>30</b> 11:30am TSL Half-Day 6:30pm Deacons	<b>31</b> 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA				

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>1</b>	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
<b>8</b>	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
<b>15</b>	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
<b>22</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
<b>29</b>	Sandy Smith	Lois Ruppert