

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles July 2015

Message from the Pastor

Fellow Saints of Christ,

Joe Fahd and I were CLC's delegates to the 59th Regular Convention of the Atlantic District – LCMS held on the campus of Concordia College, Bronxville, June 4-6. The major issue was the election of a new District President, who will lead our District after 24 years of service by the Rev. Dr. David Benke. Dr. Benke is pretty much the only District President I have known since becoming a Lutheran. The convention delegates elected **Rev. Derek Lecakes** to be our new Bishop and **Rev. Henry Albrechtsen** to be our Region One Vice President. I am very pleased with their elections and optimistic about the direction they will lead our District.

Rev. Lecakes is the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, and for the past 3 years he has served as our Region One Vice President. My son, Deacon Tom Craig, is a member of Immanuel LC. Pastor Lecakes will be the first Upstate pastor to serve as District President.

Rev. Albrechtsen is the pastor of Love Lutheran Church, East Greenbush. He also coordinates the District's Lay Deacon ministry. Both Pastor Henry and I were trained for pastoral ministry through the LCMS Distance Education Leading To Ordination (DELTO) program, with me being ordained a few years ahead of him.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) is organized into 35 districts. Each district has a president who oversees the congregations in his district, which are further subdivided into regions and local circuits. The position of president is similar to the role of bishop in many church bodies, but the LCMS has a congregation-based polity as opposed to hierarchical governance. District Presidents may be referred to as Bishop, depending on local practice.

The **Atlantic District** covers eastern New York state from the Canadian border to the tip of Long Island. There are comprises approximately 100 congregations subdivided into 3 regions and 10 circuits.

Christ Lutheran Church is part of **Circuit 2**, which is in Region One (extends south to Westchester County). Other Circuit 2 churches are Bethlehem-Delmar, Immanuel-Delhi, Love-East Greenbush, Our Savior-Colonie, St. Matthew-Albany, St. John-Stuyvesant and Trinity-Stamford.

+Pastor Russ Craig

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig
(518) 369-7631

Secretary

Madison Murray
(518) 456-1530

Music Director

Sharon Calka

Church Office (518) 456-1530

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 Summer Vacation Program Begins June 29

Children will be participating in TSL's *all-day* program at CLC beginning 6/29. This program will continue until the start of the new school year in September.

+ No Wednesday Morning Worship Service July 1st

Pastor Russ will be recuperating from a dental surgery, so the Wednesday 11:00 A.M. service will be cancelled.

+ Church Office Closed July 14-17

Madison will be on vacation July 14-17. Submit any bulletin announcements to her during the week of July 7-10.

+ Tri-City Valley Cats Game: August 9th

Tri-City Valley Cats Game, Sunday, August 9th at 5:00 p.m. at "The Joe". We have reserved 15 premium seat tickets in section 130. Ticket price is \$10.50. If 20 or more sign up the price will drop to \$9.50. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact Linda Halbrend at 423-6742.

+ Good Samaritan Update

The Lutheran Care Network (TLCN) has signed a contract to sell Good Samaritan Village in Delmar. The Good Samaritan campus includes an adult home, a long term care facility and senior apartments. It could take 3 to 12 months for the sale to be finalized as it goes through various governmental reviews.

+ SonRise Lutheran Church Moves South

SonRise Lutheran Church grew out of the ministry of Camp SonRise located on the shore of Schroon Lake, north of Pottersville. The congregation held worship services in the camp's dining hall/meeting center, Faith Hall. The church continued to use this building after the lakeside property was sold to Word of Life Ministries. On June 28, SonRise Lutheran will move its worship service about a mile south on Rt. 9 to Christ Episcopal Church. We pray for our sisters and brothers of SonRise as they begin a new chapter in their congregation's life.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY - MAY 2015

Income \$ 56,479.78

Expenses \$ 46,905.36

Difference \$ 9,574.42

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judy Bliven
Carol Fike
Pastor Arthur Gerhardt
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Joe Henstenberg



JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Alan Fike
8 Daniel Flood
20 Dorothy Van Deusen
21 Kimberly DeMoor
24 Brittany Fahd
26 Mike Benedetto
30 Bruce Huehn

Family & Friends

Donald Bellanger (close friend of Sandra Smith)
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)
Kenny Holsopple (friend of Sandra Smith)
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)
Jaxson Prudhomme (cousin of Madison Murray & Vinny DeMoor)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Jerry Sutherland (brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

July 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 7:30am All-Day TSL 11:00am <i>No Worship</i> <i>Service Today</i> 7:30pm GA	2 7:30am All-Day TSL	3 7:30am All-Day TSL 7:30pm AA	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 10:30am <i>Communion</i> 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	6 7:30am All-Day TSL	7 7:30am All-Day TSL 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	8 7:30am All-Day TSL 11:00am <i>Communion</i> 7:30pm GA	9 7:30am All-Day TSL	10 7:30am All-Day TSL 7:30pm AA	11
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
5	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
12	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
19	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
26	Sandy Smith	Lois Ruppert