

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles October 2015

Message from the Pastor

Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

September was a stressful month for my family with Tom in the hospital for 10 days, 8 days in the ICU. For a number of days, he was in danger from extremely low sodium, low blood pressure, high heart rate, and fluid in the pericardium. To say Carole and I were concerned would be an understatement, but through this ordeal, I can honestly say I never lost hope. I knew that God was with Tom and all would be alright. We might not get the answers we wanted, yet God would work it out according to His good and gracious will.

The night before Tom went to the ER, I read these words from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)

Paul experienced the gracious power of God who saved him when all seemed lost. He wanted his own experience to encourage the saints in Corinth who were also suffering in different ways. Paul's divinely inspired words also encourage the saints of today, including you and me.

Just as Tom and my family went through a time of crisis, I know that many of you are facing your own battles. And I want to encourage you, by the testimony of Paul and my own experience, to not give into despair even in the face of death. Your God is a great God, powerful and merciful. Jesus conquered the grave for us all and He promises to walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, so we need never fear any evil.

Turn to Him every day through prayer, reading His Word, and sharing His love. Know that He has delivered you from the deadly peril of sin, death and the devil – and He will deliver you again!

+Pastor Russ Craig

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
(Psalm 34:4)*

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

HISTORIC ERIE CANAL CRUISE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

We will have lunch at the Waterfront Grille at 11:00 a.m. followed by the 90-minute cruise at 1:00 p.m. Erie Canal Cruises is located just off Thruway Exit 30, 800 Mohawk St., Herkimer. The restaurant is on the dock near the cruise boat. Cost is \$19.00 per person not including lunch. Contact Linda Halbrend at 355-6021.

CHURCH CLEANING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

All are asked to help clean, dust and spruce-up the church on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come for the entire time or for however long you are able to stay. A variety of cleaning supplies will be available, but feel free to bring paper towels, dusters, sprays, or whatever favorite cleaning items you prefer. Food and beverages will be provided. Contact: Joe Fahd.

PIE SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 22

CLC Women will host their annual Pie Sunday on November 2nd. Treat your sweet tooth while supporting church ministries.

DELEGATES ELECTED FOR 2016 LCMS CONVENTION

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod will hold its triennial convention July 9-14 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On September 19, pastors and lay leaders representing Circuit 2 congregations held a Circuit Forum to select delegates who will represent us at the convention. The delegates and alternates are:

Pastoral delegate: Rev. Henry Albrechtsen (Love Lutheran Church, East Greenbush)

Lay delegate: Jessy Wilson (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar)

Pastoral alternate: Rev. Paul Koehn (Our Savior Lutheran Church, Albany)

Lay alternate: Joseph Fahd (Christ Lutheran Church, Albany)

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY - AUGUST 2015

Income \$ 75,747.50

Expenses \$ 79,196.40

Difference \$ - 3,448.90

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Fike
Pastor Arthur Gerhardt
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Joe Henstenberg
Richard Smith



Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Benjamin Chagnon (infant being treated for neuroblastoma)
Deacon Tom Craig (son of Pastor Russ & Carole Craig)
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Kenny Holsopple (friend of Sandra Smith)
JoAnn Kniskern (sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
Kim Krizan (friend of Davia LaChapelle)
Bob Kushner (friend of Lorraine Urbano)
Heather Mires (granddaughter of Loretta Flanders)
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)
Penne Naas (friend of Gloria & Brian Maki)
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Diane Schwegler (cousin of Sandy Smith)
Jerry Sutherland (brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 2:30pm TSL	2 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	3 11:00am Lunch & Canal Cruise
4 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	5 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Council	6 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	7 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	8 2:30pm TSL	9 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm TSL Event 7:30pm AA	10 10:00am Church Cleaning
11 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	12 7:30am TSL All Day 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	13 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	14 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	15 2:30pm TSL	16 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	17
18 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	19 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study	20 <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	21 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	22 2:30pm TSL	23 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	24 1:00pm Long Family
25 <i>Reformation</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>(observed)</i> 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	26 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study	27 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	28 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	29 2:30pm TSL	30 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	31 <i>Reformation</i> <i>Day</i>

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
4	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
11	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
18	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
25	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend