

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles November 2015

Message from the Pastor

Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

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 think about every day, especially this month as we celebrate Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of Advent. Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism explanation of the first article of the Apostles Creed tells 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*” (Psalm 116:8).

“What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?”

May we, with the help of the Holy Spirit, offer to God a “*sacrifice of thanksgiving*” (Psalm 116:17) by praising God, generously returning to Him a sacrificial portion of what He has given us (not just from what is leftover), and never ceasing to “*call upon the Name of the Lord*” (Psalm 116:13).

+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

Thanksgiving Eve

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

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig
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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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1

Remember to set you clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, October 31.

NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE NOVEMBER 11

Due to the Veterans Day holiday, the 11:00 A.M. service will not be held on 11/11.

PIE SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 22

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

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD” THIS THANKSGIVING EVE

On Wednesday, November 25, two services will be offered: 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

PASTOR CRAIG ON VACATION IN DECEMBER

Pastor & Carole will be on vacation December 6 to 13. Deacon Tom Craig will lead a Service of the Word on those two Sundays. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Madison in the church office (456-1530) or Sandy Smith (461-1701) and a local pastor will be contacted. The 12/9 Wednesday morning service will not be held.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. All are invited to attend these events and worship services:

Saturday, December 5 (time to be decided) – Church Decorating Party

Sunday, December 6 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 – 7:00 P.M. Carols & Candlelight.

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will again participate in Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the fellowship hall. Take as many boxes as you know you will fill plus a “How To Pack” brochure. Boxes with label/envelop must be returned to the church no later than 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, **November 15**.

EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER

The homeless shelter has requested the following items:

Canned meats (tuna, beef, chicken)

Canned vegetables (beans, carrots, corn, spinach, peas, potatoes, etc.)

Snack items (juice boxes, apple sauce, granola bars, crackers)

Beverages (fruit juice, lemonade, Kool-Aid mixes, coffee)

Sliced bread

Canned soup, chili, beef stew

Boxed meals that require only water

Peanut butter

Instant oatmeal

Pasta and pasta sauce

Powder creamer and sugar

GUILDERLAND INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

We are also collecting canned food, peanut butter, paper products, etc. for the food pantry.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2015

Income \$ 86,519.50

Expenses \$ 85,753.24

Difference \$ 766.26

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Fike
Pastor Arthur Gerhardt
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Joe Henstenberg
Hazel Lanza



Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Christopher Bombardier (relative of Dell & Joe Henstenberg)
Elizabeth Brickman (US Navy, Camp Lemmonier, Africa)
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)
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)
Brian LeBuis (friend of Jeff & Mary LaPorte)
Heather Mires (granddaughter of Loretta Flanders)
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Alex & Nicole Rodrigous (relative of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Diane Schwegler (cousin of Sandy Smith)
Jerry Sutherland (brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)
Kyle Zindell (friend of the Bentsen Family)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Pastor Russell Craig
4 Loretta Flanders
10 Nancy Fahd
12 Sandra Smith
16 Sharon Calka
Judy Zamurs
17 Virginia Mathews
28 Michael Schildt

A NEW MANGER SET FOR CHRISTMAS

After many decades of faithful service and repeated repairs, the large nativity scene finally reached a point where it needed to be retired. As was approved during the annual meeting, the Council found and purchased a new set. This one has life-size figures, is easy to setup and will last a long time without major upkeep.

These photos show the figures we have acquired (one manger, angel, donkey, shepherd with sheep).



NOVEMBER 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 2:00am 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	2 No Bible Study Today 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Deacons 7:00pm Council	3 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA	4 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	5 2:30pm TSL	6 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	7
8 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	9 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study	10 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 7:00am TSL All Day No Worship Service Today 7:30pm GA	12 2:30pm TSL	13 Office Closed 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm TSL Event 7:30pm AA	14
15 <i>Shoebboxes Due</i> 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	16 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study	17 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	18 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm GA	19 2:30pm TSL	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	21
22 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> Pie Sunday 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	23 10:00am Bible Study 2:30pm TSL 6:30pm Bible Study	24 12:00pm AI Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	25 7:00am TSL All Day 11:00am Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm GA	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Office Closed	27 TSL Closed 7:30pm AA	28
29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 10:30am Communion 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	30 2:30pm TSL					

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
1	Judy Zamurs	Judy Zamurs
8	Bill Spolyar	Lois Ruppert
15	Pat Spolyar	Jeff LaPorte
22	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
29	Alan Fike	Alan Fike