

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles January 2016

Message from the Pastor

My Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year!

It is amazing to realize that 2015 is in the past and 2016 is here. Another New Year with new hopes, new opportunities and new challenges for all of us as individuals, families and as a congregation. I wish could tell you what to expect during the coming year, but the future is known only to God. What I am able to do is encourage you to hold onto the hope and forgiveness that is yours in Jesus Christ.

God spoke through the prophet Isaiah these words which were fulfilled by our Lord and Savior.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor ... (Isaiah 61:1-2)

You have received the Good News that in Jesus Christ you are God's forgiven child and have the sure promise of eternal life with Him. You have been set free from bondage to sin, guilt and the devil through Christ's blessed suffering, death and resurrection. You do not face the troubles of today or tomorrow alone. The one, true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is with you.

In Baptism, the cleansing water joined to God's Word works in you forgiveness of sins, gives the gift of faith and makes you a redeemed child of God. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus feeds you His true Body and Blood for forgiveness and strengthening of your faith. In God's Word of Holy Scripture, you hear the Lord's call to turn to Him for continual hope and life through Jesus Christ..

These wondrous gifts are yours today, tomorrow and forever.

For all of you, who have been saved by God's gracious gift of faith in Jesus Christ, **2016 is the year of the Lord's favor**. May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus throughout the coming year.

+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

Closed Monday & Friday

Open 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

church@clcalbany.org

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

NEW CUSTODIAN STARTS JANUARY 1

Madison Murray has been hired to be our new custodian. She will continue as our church secretary, but with reduced office hours (see the new office schedule below).

CHURCH UNDECORATING PARTY: JANUARY 9

What goes up, must come down. We will remove the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 9, at 10:00 A.M. and your help is requested. Coffee and bagels will be provided.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING: JANUARY 17

All members of Christ Lutheran are encouraged to attend our annual voters meeting. It will begin right after morning worship. The main agenda items are the election of Council members, the 2016 budget, and updates on church ministries. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held the next Sunday, January 24.

LUNCH & LEARN: JANUARY 31

After Sunday, worship on 1/31, Sue Hennessy, executive director, will share information about the Guilderland Interfaith Council Food Pantry. Lunch will also be served.

ON THE MOVE

Dorothy Van Deusen has a new address:

Atria Crossgate
Apt. D-51
140 Washington Avenue Extension
Albany, NY 12203

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

Please use good sense and error on the side of caution when deciding to attend any church event.

Wednesday worship: The 11:00 A.M. service will be canceled if either the Guilderland or Voorheesville schools are delayed or closed. Make sure you check the status of both school districts.

Sunday worship: Pastor Craig will send out an email message and post the closing on the system used for the local TV announcements. Not every channel lists every closing, so check several stations. If you receive a closing email message, please share the information with friends who do not use email.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in January, the church office schedule will be:

Mondays *Closed*
Tuesdays Open 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Wednesdays Open 9:00 A.m. to 12:00 P.M.,
Thursdays Open 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Fridays *Closed*

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – NOVEMBER 2015

Income \$ 101,189.27
Expenses \$ 100,005.67

Difference \$ 1,183.60

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Earl MacIntosh III
5 David Klingstrom
8 Linda Halbrend
Herta Haupt
11 Lori Zeh
13 Madison Murray
15 Earl MacIntosh Sr.
16 Della Henstenberg
26 Hilda Griessel
Hazel Lanza

Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Christopher Bombardier (relative of Dell & Joe Henstenberg)
Elizabeth Brickman (US Navy, Camp Lemmonier, Djibouti, 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)
David Dilloway (uncle of Matthew Woehlke)
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)
Nicole & Alex Rodrigous (relatives 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)

JANUARY 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 <i>New Year's Day</i> TSL Closed 6:00pm Micronesians 7:30pm AA	2
3 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	4 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm Council	5 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL	7 2:30pm TSL	8 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	9 10:00am Undecorating Party
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17 10:30am Communion 11:45am Annual Meeting 2:30pm Micronesians 7:30pm GA	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 6:00pm Deacons	19 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL 8:00pm AA	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL	21 2:30pm TSL	22 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	23
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
3	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
10	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
17	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend
24	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
31	Judy Zamurs	Judy Zamurs