

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

March 2016

Message from the Pastor

Fellow Saints of Christ,

On the cross Jesus Christ spoke these words of mercy and forgiveness for the very people who crucified Him.

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

Who sent innocent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross? We are quick to identify the Jewish leaders who opposed Him, Herod, Pilate, and the Roman soldiers. Who sent innocent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross? The hard truth is that all sinners, including you and me, and all who have ever sinned in thought, word and deed. Jesus Christ suffered and died because of all humanity, including you and me.

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

And who does Jesus forgive from that cross? Everyone who was responsible for making it necessary that the Son of God had to become man and go to the cross – including you and me.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Since Adam and Eve fell into sin, humanity has continually turned away from the one, true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Lord could have said, “Enough is enough” and just given up on us. Instead, as He saw our hopeless condition, He said, “Enough is enough”, and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save all poor, miserable sinners – including you and me .

Jesus Christ went to that cross for you and for me, so that we would never have to fear God’s wrath for our sins. And Jesus rose from the grave to show His power in conquering sin, death and the devil, once and for all – for you and for me.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! And by God’s gracious gift of faith, given through His Word and Sacraments, we have been given new life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we live each day as the children of God, reborn in Him, who died, is risen and will come again.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed Easter knowing and living in Christ Jesus, our Lord and savior.

+Pastor Russ Craig

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we pray with the psalmist:

Create in me a clean heart of God, and renew and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. (Psalm 51:11-13).

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Holy Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M.

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

Pastor

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Closed Monday & Friday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who donated this year. A total of **\$357 was collected** and will be given to a local charity.

UALBANY CAMPUS MINISTRY & THE EMERGENCY OVEFLOW SHELTER SAY “THANK YOU”

Bowling for Beds donors and bowlers raised \$9,113.88 was raised to support the emergency overflow homeless shelter. **Christ Lutheran Church raised \$895**, the third highest amount among participating groups.

WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE, TEACH & CONFESS: BEGINS MARCH 6

Are you new to Christ Lutheran Church? Are your confirmation classes a distant memory? If so, this 6-session course will provide you with the basics of Lutheranism. Classes will be led by Pastor Craig and will meet after Sunday worship, during the coffee hour.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON: MARCH 19

Everyone’s Irish for a few days in March, so let’s celebrate with lunch at O’Toole’s Restaurant on Saturday, March 19 at 12:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the narthex. See Judy Bliven if you have any questions.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE BIBLE STUDY: BEGINS APRIL 11

Our next ecumenical Bible study will begin on April 11th. We will meet on Mondays with class sessions offered at 10:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. No classes will be held on the first Monday of each month. This course is free – just bring your Bible. Invite a friend to join you.

TSL-CLC BUILDING PLANS HALTED

TSL Adventures has decided to not go forward with the building project. They are not prepared to risk more than \$70,000 of debt with no guarantee of approval by the Town. The owners of TSL appreciate all the work we did on behalf of the project. While the education wing will not be built, TSL is committed to continuing the current programming at CLC.

WELCOME HOME!

Please welcome back to our church family Judy LaHart and Tom Craig, who have transferred their memberships back to CLC.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Holy Communion 10:30 A.M.

Holy Wednesday Holy Communion 11:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday Services 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday Celebration 10:30 A.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2016

Income \$ 9,528.00

Expenses \$ 8,529.54

Difference \$ 998.46

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6 Pastor Arthur Gerhardt
7 Regina Jakubec
14 Debra Schildt
18 Larry Bohn
19 Joseph Henstenberg
20 Reegan Smith
26 William Spolyar
27 Kimberly Fahd
Louise Nickerson
29 Carol Fike

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 Rodrigious (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)

MARCH 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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20 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i> 10:30am Communion 11:45am Lutheran Basics 4:00pm Micronesians	21 <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL	22 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	23 <i>Holy Wednesday</i> 11:00am Communion 2:30pm TSL	24 <i>Maundy</i> <i>Thursday</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:00pm Communion	25 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm Worship 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm AA	26
27 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10:30am Communion No Lutheran Basics class 4:00pm Micronesians	28 <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL	29 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	30 11:00am Communion	31 2:30pm TSL		

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

Date	Communion Assistant	Lector
6	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
13	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
20	Judy Zamurs	Judy Zamurs
27	Linda Halbrend	Linda Halbrend