

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles April 2016

### *Message from the Pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Back when you were a young child, were you ever woken up suddenly from a bad dream or the crash of thunder that shook your room? Do you remember being scared and feeling all alone? What comforted you? I would yell for my parents. I had to make sure they were still down the hall. Sometimes just knowing they were down the hall was all I needed to relax. Other times, hearing them call out that everything was Okay was required. But there were times when I was so scared that I needed more before my fears were allayed. At those times, when my Mom or Dad came into my room, sat on my bed, and give me a hug, THEN I finally felt better. There actual presence and their touch that calmed and assured me.

What about today? We are faced with all sorts of dangers – illness, aging, climate change, Zika virus, ISIS, social unrest, the list goes on and on. Life can be pretty scary even for adults. We can still feel afraid and alone. What comforts us?

God's Word lifts me up, especially during this Easter season. How wonderful it is to hear again about God's love that was so great He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins and then rise again so that I need not fear death or the devil. Coming to His house and being among other believers is reassuring. BUT, just as when I was a little child, I often need more. I still need that special touch that makes me know everything is okay.

Thankfully, our loving God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – does not stop at words. He come and touches us personally. God loves us so much that He lives with and in every person who has saving faith in Jesus Christ.

This personal, real presence and touch happens most specially in the Lord's Supper. In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, gives us His true Body and Blood – in, with and under the bread and wine. Here Jesus really does touch us and gives us His forgiveness, His life and the promise of salvation.

In the face of life's trial, temptations and challenges, I need to hear God's Word and I most definitely need the comfort of His touch through His Body and His Blood. And I need Jesus' healing presence as often as possible.

May our blessed Lord abide with you and give you His peace.

*+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*

#### **Deacon**

*Thomas Craig*

#### **Church Office (518) 456-1530**

*Closed Monday & Friday*

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

*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday*

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## ***CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS***

### **THE GOSPEL OF LUKE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS APRIL 11**

Our next ecumenical Bible study will begin on April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **STRAWBERRY FEST JUNE 11**

Christ Church Women will be holding their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. New this year, we will be offering hotdogs and German potato salad as a light lunch item. As usual our highly praised strawberry shortcake featuring Stewart's ice cream, fresh strawberries and homemade biscuits will be served all day with takeout always available. We will gratefully accept any donations for our bake and book tables. Any questions please contact Joan Long or Sandy Smith.

### **SUPPORT CLC WITH AMAZON SMILE**

If you shop on Amazon, then you can support Christ Lutheran Church (or other non-profits) by using **smile.amazon.com** and select the "Christ Lutheran Church" in the drop-down menu as your non-profit beneficiary, a portion of each eligible purchase will go to our church. Just use the link and search "Christ Lutheran Church, Albany, NY" in the list of charities! This is the full Amazon site and you log-in with your regular user name and password.

### ***FOOD PANTRY & HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS NO LONGER NEEDED***

The Shelter is closing until next winter so donations are not needed. For the Guilderland Food Pantry, instead on accepting on-going donations, we will hold several food drives during the year. Please do not bring items to the church until then.

### ***FRIENDS OF THE EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CEMETERY***

Work has been taking place at the Evangelical Protestant Cemetery (a/k/a the German Evangelical Protestant Cemetery) on Krumkill Road in Albany. This is the oldest cemetery within the city limits of the City of Albany, dating back to around 1850. Many of the people who immigrated from Germany to the South End of Albany (one of two major enclaves of German American folk in Albany) are interred there. The Evangelical Protestant Church on Clinton Street has closed and been purchased (along with the cemetery) by the United Church of Christ in the Syracuse area, and while they have hired a man to mow the grass occasionally, general upkeep of the cemetery has been lacking for decades.

Many local people of German American descent have relatives in the cemetery. Brian Dollard (member of Our Savior's Lutheran and friend of CLC) with another local man formed "Friends of the Evangelical Protestant Cemetery". They have been working about half a day each week cutting down low lying branches, removing vines and trees that are encroaching upon graves along nearly the entire boundary of the cemetery, removing truckloads of items dumped illegally, and preparing to begin righting toppled and broken headstones, ultimately leaving the cemetery in the hands of a caretaker that we hope will come forward.

If anyone is interested in volunteering some time on a regular or even one-time basis, please contact Brian Dollard via email (bdollard@dasny.org), phone (257-3087) or text (925-1260).

### ***FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2016***

Income \$ 18,264.50

Expenses \$ 16,231.58

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Difference \$ 2,032.92

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Marilyn Pier  
Kufre Okure  
5 Barbara Kunkel  
14 George Pomakoy  
19 Linda Lambert  
20 Judy Bliven  
Bea White  
26 Carole Craig

### *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)  
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)  
Jack Lecakes (uncle of Bishop Derek Lecakes)  
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)  
Katrina Sussman (friend of Tom Craig)  
Jerry Sutherland (brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)  
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)  
Kyle Zindell (friend of the Bentsen Family)

## APRIL 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					<b>1</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30am <b>Communion</b> 11:45am <b>Lutheran Basics</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>4</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm Council</b>	<b>5</b> 12:00pm <b>Christ Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>6</b> 11:00am <b>Communion</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>7</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>8</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30am <b>Communion</b> 11:45am <b>Lutheran Basics</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>11</b> <i>Office closed</i> 10:00am <b>Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30pm Bible Study</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>13</b> 11:00am <b>Communion</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>14</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>15</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30am <b>Communion</b> 11:45am <b>Lutheran Basics</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>18</b> <i>Office closed</i> 10:00am <b>Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30pm Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 11:00am <b>Communion</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>21</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>22</b> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30am <b>Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>25</b> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 10:00am <b>Bible Study</b> <b>6:30pm Bible Study</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon	<b>27</b> 7:00am TSL All Day 11:00am <b>Communion</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00am TSL All Day	<b>29</b> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	<b>30</b>

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>3</b>	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano
<b>10</b>	Sandy Smith	Tom Craig
<b>17</b>	Bill Spolyar	Jeff LaPorte
<b>24</b>	Pat Spolyar	Lois Ruppert