

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

June 2016

### *Message from the Pastor*

Dear Saints of Christ,

The recent "Lutheran Basics" class presented the fundamental beliefs of the Lutheran tradition as taught in Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We discussed the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. The course finished with a brief history of our denomination, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and our congregation, Christ Lutheran Church.

As important as it is for each member of CLC to know what our Lutheran church believes, teaches and confesses, of equal importance is know what it means to actually live every day as a Lutheran Christian. To help you live as a Lutheran, I recommend a newly published book: *Being Luther* by A. Trevor Sutton (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, 2016). Pastor Sutton weaves together Lutheran history, doctrines and how we differ or are similar to other denominations, yet his focus is on the blessings of living our faith every day. Below are a few quotations from *Being Lutheran*.

- *Lutherans cling to the peculiarities of the Gospel and believe that Scripture is the Word of God.*
- *We look to the worship of the local congregation to see Christ coming to us; worship is where God dwells in the midst of the community.*
- *Following Jesus does not lead to salvation. Following Jesus comes from salvation.*
- *Serving others is not a path to our salvation. Loving your neighbor is simply doing that for which you were created.*
- *Open access to God's grace is at the heart of being Lutheran.*
- *The word "evangelical" originated with the Lutheran Church ... Lutherans were evangelical before it was cool ... An evangelical church confesses the Gospel of Jesus Christ..*
- *Openly pray for your co-workers when they struggle. Openly read your Bible at the gym. Openly tell your friends about the hope that you have in Christ Jesus. Openly stand up for truth in Scripture.*
- *Lukewarm faith is without a home in Lutheran theology.*
- *God is not hiding somewhere on the golf course or in the silence of a morning sunrise. God has promised that you will find Him in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.*
- *This is what Jesus does. He comes to useless, purposeless, sinners and turns us into useful, purpose-filled workers for the kingdom of God.*
- *God purposely uses you though everyday tasks. God uses your hands to feed, protect, and care for others. God uses your honest labor to bless your community. God uses your mouth to speak comfort, truth, and love. God uses your ears to hear the hurts and hopes, fears and failures of your neighbor.*

*Being Christian* is available from Concordia Publishing House and Amazon. If there is enough interest, the church can place a group order -- notify the church office, providing your name and contact info.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

#### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

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## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### 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 (\$3.50 each).

We will gratefully accept any donations for our bake and book tables. Any questions please contact Joan Long or Sandy Smith.

### JUNE WORSHIP NOTICES

+ **Wednesday, June 1:** No 11:00 worship service. Pastor Russ is taking a few days off, but he will be available for emergencies.

+ **Sunday, June 19:** Deacon Tom will lead a non-communion Service of the Word. Pastor Russ & Carole will be out of town that Saturday and Sunday to attend Joe Fahd's installation as the President of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, with Pastor doing the Invocation. Congratulations to Chief Fahd!

### TSL SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 27

TSL Adventures summer program will run until September with the children using the church's fellowship hall from 7:00 to 6:00 P.M.

### FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – APRIL 2016

Income \$ 34,307.66

Expenses \$ 34,340.59

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Difference \$ - 32.93

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



#### 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)  
Bennett Faso (grandson of Joan Long)  
Linda Fitzgerald (sister of Barbara Kunkel)  
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)  
Jenise Sutherland (sister of Sandy Smith)  
Robert Way (WWII brother of James Way)  
Kyle Zindell (friend of the Bentsen Family)

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Nancy Huehn  
Ruthie Tuller  
6 Lois Gerhardt  
7 David Kunkel  
10 Thomas Urbano  
12 Catherine Way  
15 Peter Halbrend  
16 Brian Maki  
18 Fritz Herzog

## LECTIONARY SUMMARIES: JUNE 2016

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (5 June 2016)

1 Kings 17:17–24 + Galatians 1:11–24 = Luke 7:11–17

#### ***Jesus Raises Us from Death to Life***

St. Paul's apostolic office was not a self-chosen pursuit, but a divine call to preach the Son of God "*among the Gentiles*" (Gal. 1:15–16). What he preached was "*not man's gospel*" (Gal. 1:11), but the revelation of Christ Jesus. The Old Testament prophets also preached the same Lord Jesus in many and various ways. Though death is a harsh reminder of sin (1 Kings 17:18), Elijah's raising of the widow's son confirmed that the Word of the Lord is truth (1 Kings 17:24). It pointed forward to the death and resurrection of Christ. So also, when Jesus raised the widow's son at Nain, He anticipated His own resurrection. Just as "*he came up and touched the bier*" (Luke 7:14), so He takes our sin and death upon Himself in order to atone for our sin and destroy our death by His cross and Passion.

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (12 June 2016)

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–14 + Galatians 2:15–21; 3:10–14 = Luke 7:36—8:3

#### ***The Righteous Shall Live by Faith***

It is not by works of the Law that we are justified, for "*the righteous shall live by faith*" in Christ (Gal. 3:11). He "*redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us*" (Gal. 3:13) through His death on the tree of the cross. Though we have "*despised the word of the LORD*" (2 Sam. 12:9), He has pity on us and calls us to repentance. He lays hold of us in mercy and grants us peace. He takes our sin upon Himself, so that we shall not die but live (2 Sam. 12:13). And so we worship Him — like that woman who anointed His feet, washing them with her tears and drying them with her hair. We love Him much because our "*sins, which are many, are forgiven*" (Luke 7:47).

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (19 June 2016)

Isaiah 65:1–9 + Galatians 3:23—4:7 + Luke 8:26–39

#### ***Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil***

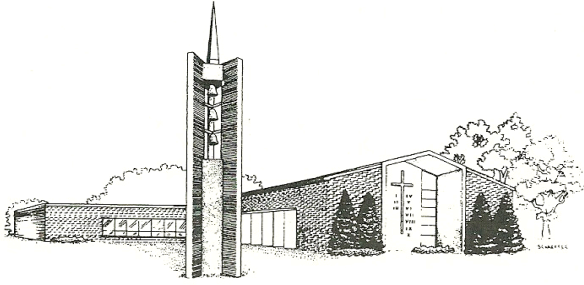
The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "*to a rebellious people*" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "*among the tombs*" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "*the fullness of time*" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "*you are no longer a slave, but a son*" (Gal. 4:7).

### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (26 June 2016)

1 Kings 19:9b–21 + Galatians 5:1, 13–25 + Luke 9:51–62

#### ***Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom***

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "*the word of the LORD came to him*" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "*on the mount before the LORD*" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, nor in an earthquake, and nor in the fire, but in "*the sound of a low whisper*" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "*messengers ahead of him ... to make preparations for him*" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "*go and proclaim the kingdom of God,*" and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "*yoke of slavery,*" but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "*Christ has set us free*" (Gal. 5:1).



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## Strawberry Fest

Saturday June 11, 2016

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm



Come and enjoy Strawberry Shortcake,  
whipped cream, and Stewart's ice cream.  
\$3.50

New this year, we will be offering hotdogs and German potato salad  
as a light lunch item

It is a fun event.

Buy your favorite plant, raffle tickets, baked goods, and books tables.

Come and Join the Fun.

## JUNE 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>No 11:00am Service Today</i> 2:30pm TSL	<b>2</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>3</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>10:30am Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>6</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>No bible classes today</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>7:00pm Council</b>	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>8</b> <b>11:00am Communion</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>9</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>10</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>11</b> <b>12:00pm Strawberry Festival</b>
<b>12</b> <b>10:30am Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>13</b> <i>Office closed</i> <b>10:00am Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30am Bible Study</b>	<b>14</b> <b>12:00pm Christ Women</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>15</b> <b>11:00am Communion</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>16</b> 2:30pm TSL	<b>17</b> <i>Office closed</i> 2:30pm TSL 7:30pm AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i> <b>10:30am Service of the Word (no communion)</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Office closed</i> <b>10:00am Bible Study</b> 2:30pm TSL <b>6:30am Bible Study</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Al Anon 2:30pm TSL	<b>22</b> <b>11:00am Communion</b> 11:30am TSL Half Day	<b>23</b> 11:30am TSL Half Day	<b>24</b> <i>Office closed</i> TSL Closed 7:30pm AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10:30am Communion</b> 4:00pm Micronesians	<b>27</b> <i>Office closed</i> 7:30am TSL All Day <b>10:00am Bible Study</b> <b>6:30am Bible Study</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon	<b>29</b> 7:30am TSL All Day <b>11:00am Communion</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30am TSL All Day	<b>1</b> 7:30am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	<b>2</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>5</b>	Judy Zamurs	Judy Zamurs
<b>12</b>	Sandy Smith	Deacon Tom Craig
<b>19</b>	No communion	Jeff LaPorte
<b>26</b>	Pat Spolyar	Lois Ruppert