

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

July 2016

Message from the Pastor

Dear Bothers & Sisters in Christ,

Orlando is has long associated with family fun and joy. But on June 12, it joined the lengthening litany of places associated with similar tragedies – Columbine, Aurora, Ft. Hood, Virginia Tech, San Bernardino, Newtown and the list goes on.

As these senseless killings continue in our country and world, all I can say is, “Come, Lord Jesus” (Revelation 22:20).

Come, Lord Jesus. Comfort the families of those who have been slain.

Come, Lord Jesus. Heal the injured and traumatized.

Come, Lord Jesus. Protect us from those who are filled with hate and seek to do harm.

Come, Lord Jesus. Block and defeat the plans of Satan who seeks only to destroy.

Come, Lord Jesus. Remove intolerance, indifference, fear and sinful anger from our hearts and make us instruments of Your love and forgiveness.

Come, Lord Jesus. Bring Your peace, which surpasses all human understanding, to our communities and country.

Come, Lord Jesus. Establish the fullness of Your Kingdom now.

+Pastor Russ Craig

1 John 4:7-12

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

A Prayer for Continued Protection

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul.

Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in our Savior that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(from *Pastoral Care Companion*, CPH, St. Louis, 2007)

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

Holy Communion

Pastor

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!

We rejoice that the Lord has blessed us with 3 new congregation members: **William Faulkner, Mark Hendricks, and Susan Hendricks**. Sue was a past member of CLC (we knew her as Sue Lawton).

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Throughout June, July & August we will be collecting food for the Guilderland Interfaith Food Pantry. Please restrict your donations to these items: Canned Goods, Juice, Cereal, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti Sauce, Dish Soap, Paper Supplies.

2016 LCMS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 66th Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held July 9-14 in Milwaukee. The convention is the Synod's principal legislative assembly, which amends the Constitution and Bylaws, considers and takes action on reports and overtures, and establishes general positions and policies of the Synod. Please keep the delegates in your prayers.

STAGE CLEANING WORK PARTY

On Saturday, July 30, we will clean-out and organize the stage area – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. Work will start at 9:00 A.M. If you have any questions, please speak with Joe Fahd.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – MAY 2016

Income	\$ 62,662.40 (includes \$20,000 from Witte Fund for roof & repairs)
Expenses	\$ 43,564.00

Difference	\$ 19,098.40

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Audree Fahd
Carol Fike
Pastor Arthur Gerhardt
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Joe Henstenberg
Fritz Herzog
Reggie Jakubec
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)
Bertie Nash (daughter of Loretta Flanders)
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)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4 Alan Fike
8 Daniel Flood
20 Dorothy Van Deusen
21 Kimberly DeMoor
24 Brittany Fahd
26 Mike Benedetto
30 Bruce Huehn

LECTIONARY SUMMARIES: JULY 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (3 July 2016)

Isaiah 66:10–14 + Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18 + Luke 10:1–20

The Lord Grants Peace and Life to His Church

The Lord restores Jerusalem, His Church, because she is the mother of His children, whom He comforts “*as one whom his mother comforts*” (Is. 66:13). We are “*satisfied from her consoling breast*” with the pure milk of the Word, and we “*drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance*” (Is. 66:11). The messengers of Christ bestow such gifts upon His Church. For He sends them out “*as lambs in the midst of wolves*” (Luke 10:3), bearing in their bodies the sacrifice of His cross, by which “*the kingdom of God has come near*” (Luke 10:9, 11). Wherever He enters in with this Gospel, Satan is cast out and falls “*like lightning from heaven*” (Luke 10:18). Thus, we do not “*boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Gal. 6:14). Rejoicing in this Gospel, we “*bear one another’s burdens*” in love, according to “*the law of Christ*” (Gal. 6:2).

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (10 July 2016)

Leviticus (18:1–5) 19:9–18 + Colossians 1:1–14 + Luke 10:25–37

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law commands that “*you shall love the Lord your God*” with all your heart, soul, mind and strength (Luke 10:27), and that you shall “*love your neighbor as yourself*” (Lev. 19:18). Love fulfills the Law because love does no harm to the neighbor. Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion saves you from all evil. He takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). By such mercy, He proves “*to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers*” (Luke 10:36). Therefore, “*you go, and do likewise*” (Luke 10:37). By “*your faith in Christ Jesus*” and “*because of the hope laid up for you in heaven*” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (17 July 2016)

Genesis 18:1–10a (10b–14) + Colossians 1:21–29 + Luke 10:38–42

The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

“*The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre*” (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “*too hard for the LORD*” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “*entered a village*” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “*Martha was distracted with much serving*” because she was “*anxious and troubled about many things*” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister Mary “*sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching*” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “*one thing is necessary*” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “*to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints*” (Col. 1:25–26).

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (24 July 2016)

Genesis 18:(17–19) 20–33 + Colossians 2:6–15 (16–19) + Luke 11:1–13

The Prayer of the Church Is the Voice of Faith

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of faith by teaching them how to pray. He promises us: “*Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you*” (Luke 11:9). If earthly fathers know how to give good gifts to their children, “*how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him*” (Luke 11:13). Thus, father Abraham was bold in his prayer because he believed the gracious promise of the Lord, that he would “*surely become a great and mighty nation*” (Gen. 18:18). When we pray in Jesus’ name, we also hold “*fast to the Head*” (Col. 2:19), “*rooted and built up in him and established in the faith*” (Col. 2:6–7).

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (31 July 2016)

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26 + Colossians 3:1–11 + Luke 12:13–21

Faith in Christ Is Rich toward God

To live for earthly things “*is vanity and a striving after wind,*” and work that is driven by such vanity “*is an unhappy business*” (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for “*all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow*” (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your “*covetousness, which is idolatry*” (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you life or happiness. For “*one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions*” (Luke 12:15). But “*Christ who is your life*” (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be “*rich toward God*” in Him (Luke 12:21).

JULY 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	2
3 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day No Bible Study Classes Today	5 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon	6 7:00am TSL All Day 11:00am Communion	7 7:00am TSL All Day	8 <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	9
10 10:30am Communion 11:45am Finance Committee 4:00pm Micronesians	11 <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	12 7:00am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon	13 7:00am TSL All Day 11:00am Communion	14 7:00am TSL All Day	15 <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	16
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24 10:30am Communion 4:00pm Micronesians	25 <i>Office closed</i> 7:00am TSL All Day 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	26 7:30am TSL All Day 12:00pm Al Anon	27 7:30am TSL All Day 11:00am Communion	28 7:30am TSL All Day	29 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30am TSL All Day 7:30pm AA	30 9:00am Stage Cleaning Work Party
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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	Lorraine Urbano	Tom Craig
10	Joe Fahd	Joe Fahd
17	Alan Fike	Alan Fike
24	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks
31	Lorraine Urbano	Lorraine Urbano