

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles February 2010

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday
Feb. 17, 7:00pm
Holy Communion

Thursdays in Lent
Supper 6:00pm
Worship 7:00pm

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

Secretary

Ruth Ahlers

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A Message from the Pastor

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of 40 days during which God calls us to reflect on our sins and on God's gift of a Savior, Jesus Christ.

Every Sunday, we publicly confess that "that we are by nature sinful and unclean" and deserve God's "present and eternal punishment". In making this confession, we admit to God – and to ourselves – that we really are sinners who are unable to save ourselves, no matter how many good deeds we do or how many people think we are nice people. We admit that we need a Savior. We admit that we need God to "forgive us, renew us, and lead us".

On our own we would be lost, but - praise be to God! – our loving Father has been gracious and merciful to us. He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. But that's not all of the Good News. Not only are we forgiven because Jesus died on the cross for us, our Lord rose victoriously from the grave for us. Jesus defeated, once and for all, sin, the devil and death. By grace through the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we have received life in Jesus – both now and for eternity in His kingdom.

During this Lenten season, I urge you to daily ponder how merciful and loving God the Father is in sending His only begotten Son to suffer, die and rise again for you. Honestly admit your failings, know that forgiveness is still yours, and ask for the Holy Spirit's help to so you may delight in God's will and walk in His ways. Every day 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).

+Pastor Russ Craig



CHURCH NEWS

Lent 2010

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th** with worship services at 11:00am and 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services.

Mid-week Lenten services will be held on Thursdays at 7:00pm. A light supper will be offered at 6:00pm.

There will be a new twist to the Thursday evening worship services this year. The pastors of 5 area churches will exchange pulpits each week. The theme for the services will be "Our Savior's Wounded Body". Below are the dates, themes and the pastor who will be here at CLC.

Feb. 17 (Ash Wednesday): *His Humbled Head*, Mark 15:16–20 (Pastor Craig)

Feb. 25: *The Savior's Side*, John 19:28–35 (Pastor Nuss)

March 4: *His Unbroken Bones*, John 19:31–36 (Pastor Koehn)

March 11: *His Holy Hands*, Matthew 27:35–42 (Pastor LeCakes)

March 18: *His Battered Back*, John 19:1 (Pastor Mueller)

March 25: *His Faithful Feet*, Matthew 28:9 (Pastor Craig)

April 1 (Holy Thursday): *His Blood*, Luke 22:7–20 (Pastor Craig)

Haiti Relief Efforts

LCMS World Relief and Human Care is working with Lutheran partners in the United States who are collecting relief shipments and making plans for transport by air and by sea as airports and ocean ports re-open.

Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Church Charities, and MISSION: Haiti are filling shipping containers with food, clothing, and other supplies.

It costs more than \$5,000 for Orphan Grain Train to ship one load of supplies to Haiti.

If you would like to donate to this effort, please send your check (write "Haiti" on memo line) to:

Orphan Grain Train - New York Division
543 Glenn St.

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Donations to LCMS World Relief and Human Care are also needed. You may donate on-line at <http://givenowlcms.org>. Checks (write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line) may be mailed:

LCMS World Relief and Human Care
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Learn about Lutherans C.A.R.E.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Capital Region Lutherans traveled to New Orleans to help with rebuilding efforts. That group has become an emergency response initiative called Lutherans C.A.R.E. which continues to assist in New Orleans twice each year and will be expanding its efforts to local needs.

After worship on Sunday, February 21st, members of Lutheran C.A.R.E. will share their stories and tell us how we can help.

Atlantic District Festival of Workshops

The Atlantic District Festival of Workshops will be held on **Saturday, March 6**, at Concordia College, Bronxville. The District joyfully offers this yearly day of resources in the hope that lay leaders and church workers will "BE TRANSFORMED" and re-ignited in their mission and ministry. Registration is \$25 per person if received by February 19th; the fee is \$30 per person thereafter. See Pastor Craig for registration forms:

Fostering a Culture of Generosity

Your Church's Property, Workers and other Assets

Say Yes to No: A parenting workshop

Understanding Hindus & Muslims

Transforming Churches Network (TCN) initiative

2010 Annual Meeting

The congregational voters' meeting was held on Sunday, January 24th. The major item was the approval of the 2010 budget. Four positions on the Council (President, Recording Secretary, Endowment Secretary and Director of Finance & Stewardship) were up for reelection and the incumbents agreed to serve second terms. The slate of candidates was approved by the voters' assembly. The 2010 council members are:

Officers

President	Alan Fike
Vice President	Joe Fahd
Treasurer	Nancy Fahd
Endowment Secretary	Lorraine Urbano
Financial Secretary	Carol Fike
Recording Secretary	Judy Zamurs

Directors

Education & Youth	Tom Craig
Fellowship	Judy Bliven
Finance & Stewardship	Linda Halbrend
Outreach & Missions	Pat Spolyar
Property	Brian Maki
Spiritual & Worship Life	Sandy Smith

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship

Led by Len Ahders, the men's group meets on the 2nd Saturday, 8:00-9:30am. Good food, fellowship, prayer, song and God's Word are the components of this long-running ministry. The men get together again on *February 13th* and will be discussing "Acts".

Lenten Weeknight Suppers

All are invited to enjoy a nice meal and good company before our Thursday evening Lenten worship services. The suppers will be served at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 7:00pm.

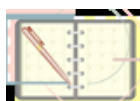
Annual Bowling Night

The Christ Lutheran Church annual bowling night will be on **February 13th** at Westlawn Lanes at 7p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per game and \$3.00 for rental of shoes. We will also be collecting a donation for the UAlbany Cornerstone Campus Ministry "Bowling for Beds" program, which supports the emergency overflow homeless shelter at First Lutheran Church in Albany.

Cabin Fever Nite Recap

The cabin-fever night and chili bake-off turned out to be a really fun event. The winner of the bake-off was gourmet chef, Alan Fike. The runners-up included Jeff LaPorte, Goodie Scherer and Linda Halbrend. After dinner some people played games while others just enjoyed visiting.

CLC YOUTH



Upcoming Events

February 6-7: Movie Night/Lock-In at Church, 7pm (2/6) until after worship (2/7)

CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN

January 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Joan Long. There were 10 women in attendance. Minutes were read by Anne MacIntosh. Treasure's report was presented by Joan Long in the absence of Bea White.

The ladies thanked Lois Ruppert for the Christmas tea party at her home.

February 21st has been designated for Pie Sunday.

Anne MacIntosh

First Lutheran Homeless Shelter

From now through March, we are collecting breakfast items, paper goods and laundry soap. Donations should be placed in the container in Narthex. If you have any questions, please speak with Bea White.

Thank You!!

Thank you to the congregation for my Christmas gift. *Ruth Ahders*
Thank you Christ Women for my Christmas gift. *Ruth Ahders*
Thank you to the congregation for my Christmas gift. *Fritz Herzog*
Thank you Christ Women for my Christmas gift. *Fritz Herzog*

Thank You. I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you - my brothers and sisters of Christ Lutheran Church - for your gifts, cards and prayers this Christmas. You are so very special and a wonderful blessing to Carole and me.
+Pastor Russ

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Joan Long
7 Ben Duell
11 James Way
25 Goodie Scherer
27 Joseph Fahd



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker
Betty Jane Casatelli
Herta Haupt
Ruth & Alan Kenyon
Judy LaHart
Marie Lynch
Ottolina Maki
John Scherer
Dorothy Siebert
Ruthie & Matt Tuller

Family & Friends

Charles Ahlers (friend of Larry Bohn)
Ed Berry (uncle of Joe Fahd)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Rhonda Duell (daughter of Len & Ruth Ahders)
Natalie Eldridge (daughter of Duane & Karen Stenzel)
Loretta Flanders (sister of Phyllis Mattice)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Evan Kimmerer (friend of the Fahd Family)
JoAnn Kniskern (sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
Teresa Langabeer (sister of Judy Zamurs)
Andrew L. Scott (grandson of Ginny Matthews overseas)
Doris Shumway (mother of Joe Fahd)
William Snyder (brother of Janet Pomakoy)
Tim Spielman (son-in-law of Linda Halbrend in Korea)
William Sorensen (nephew of Phyllis Mattice)
Sheldon Stoller (son-in-law of Jean Alheim)



FINANCIAL REPORT: December 2009

Income	\$ 10,733.75
Expenses:	\$ 11,711.96
Checkbook Balance:	
11/30/09	\$ 14,009.15
12/31/09	\$ 12,970.94

From The Music Director

First, I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome when I joined the Church the first Sunday in Advent and also want to thank you very much for your cards and gifts at Christmas. They were most appreciated.

The Hymn of the Month for February is “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” which was written by Isaac Watts in 1707 and was inspired by Galatians 6:14. Many consider it the finest hymn in English church history, and Charles Wesley reportedly said he would rather have written it than all his own.

After Isaac Watts finished his college studies and returned home to Southampton, he wrote many of his now immortalized hymns for Above Bar Congregational Church. In 1696, Isaac, 22, left home for London to become a tutor. All the while, he was feeling a clear tug toward the ministry. On his 24th birthday, Isaac preached his first sermon. The following year, he became assistant pastor of London’s Mark Lane Church.

In March of 1700, Isaac received a long letter from his brother, Enoch, urging him to publish the hymns he had written at Southampton. Still Isaac hesitated. He had other obligations on his mind. On March 8, 1702, he became Mark Lane’s pastor. The next year, the church chose Samuel Price of Wales to assist Isaac due to the latter’s fragile health. Under the preaching of these two, the old dying church revived. The building grew too small for the crowds, and a new house of worship was built down the street. Finally, in 1707, Watts published his hymns, selling the copyright to a Mr. Lawrence, the publisher, for ten pounds. The volume was an instant success. It was enlarged and republished in 1709.

Sharon Calka



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2010

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
7	Bill & Pat Spolyar	Tom Okure	Vinny DeMoor	Pat Spolyar
14	Jeff LaPorte & Brian Maki	Lois Ruppert	Austin Laverty	---
21	Jeff & Mary LaPorte	Duane Stenzel	Victoria MacIntosh	Duane Stenzel
28	Nancy & Joe Fahd	Lorraine Urbano	Ariel Sprunger	---

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR THE MONTH

7	Sandy Smith	Memory of Berdella Smith
14	Jean Alheim	Memory of husband Walter & daughter Barbara
21	Nancy & Joe Fahd	Memory of loved ones
28	Carol Snyder	Memory of son Christopher

Cost of flowers is still \$27. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the tract rack in the Narthex. Please call Anne MacIntosh at 355-8570.

February 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 7:00pm Council	2	3 11:00am Holy Communion	4 6:00pm Choir	5	6 1pm-4pm Deacon training 7:00pm Youth Lock-in
7 <i>Supper Bowl of Caring</i> 9:15am Confirmation 10:30am Holy Communion	8	9 12:00 Christ Women	10 11:00am Holy Communion	11 6:00pm Choir	12	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9am-4pm Deacon training 7:00pm Bowling at Westlawn
14 9:15am Confirmation 10:30 Worship	15 Presidents Day Office Closed	16	17 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Ash Wednesday	18 6:00pm Choir	19	20 1pm-4pm Deacon training
21 <i>Pie Sunday</i> 9:15am Confirmation 10:30am Holy Communion After Worship Lutherans CARE	22	23 1:00pm AARP	24 11:00am Holy Communion	25 6:00pm Supper & Choir 7:00pm Lent Service	26	27
28 9:15am Confirmation 10:30 Worship						

Newsletter Reminder

The deadline for the March 2010 *Chronicles* is February 17. Please submit articles to Ruth at the office.