

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles March 2010

Worship

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

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

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

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

Secretary

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A Message from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For my daily devotions I use a wonderful book entitled *Treasury of Daily Prayer* (available from Concordia Publishing House). Psalm 79 was selected for the first Sunday in Lent and one verse hit me, especially in light of that morning's Gospel reading about our Lord's temptations in the wilderness. Psalm 79:9 proclaims,

*"Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!"*

Sinless Jesus defeated all of Satan's attempts to steer Him away from the path to the cross and our salvation. Sadly, you and I still carry around our sinful nature, so we are not always strong in the face of temptations. On our own we will eventually succumb to one sin or another. On our own, Satan will defeat us and lead us away from eternal life with the One true God.

So, what are we to do? We are to call upon Him who did defeat sin, death and the devil, once and for all, for you and for me. We are to call upon our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, asking for the strength of His Holy Spirit to withstand Satan's lies and to grant us His forgiveness when we fail.

St. Paul addresses the faithful in Corinth as "*those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (1 Corinthians 1:2). As you face temptations or trials or failure, know that you need not face these alone. Your Lord Jesus Christ is there for you. Call upon His holy name. When dark thoughts of doubt and fear come into your mind, call upon the name of Jesus and trust that His truth and grace will be a light for your path.

There is an ancient Christian prayer that I find to be a blessing when temptations are pulling me away from the path of Christ. I repeat this prayer over and over in my mind, trusting that Jesus will soothe my soul and deliver me. It is known as the Jesus Prayer:

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
Have mercy on me, a sinner.*

May the Lord have mercy on us and may His name be praised.

+Pastor Russ Craig



CHURCH NEWS

NEW BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN MARCH 2ND!!

An Introduction to Lutheran Teachings: Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm

Are you curious about what the Lutheran Church teaches? Has it been a long time since your confirmation and you need a refresher? Interested in becoming a member of Christ Lutheran Church? All are invited to attend this six-week study that will investigate ...

- Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions,
- The Nature of God: One Essence, Three Persons,
- Sin and Free will
- Jesus Christ: Son of God, Savior and Only Redeemer
- Salvation By Grace Through Faith
- The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- The Church as the Body of Christ and Assembly of Believers

St. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians: Tuesday mornings, 10:30am

The Christians in Corinth faced many of the conflicts that we encounter as we seek to live our faith in a culture that often contradicts Christian beliefs and principles. God speaks to us today through 1st Corinthians concerning ...

- The Gospel and the unity of the church
- Christian freedom
- The victory of Christ's redemptive death and resurrection
- The power of the Holy Spirit, which is ours through that victory.

Lent 2010

Mid-week Lenten services will be held on *Thursdays at 7:00pm*. A light supper will be offered at 6:00pm. This year the pastors of five LCMS churches will exchange pulpits each week. The theme for the services will be "Our Savior's Wounded Body". Below are the dates, themes and pastors who will be here at CLC.

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)

Transforming Churches Network:

Information and Luncheon, March 21st

Following worship on March 21, all are invited to enjoy a light lunch and learn about this LCMS initiative to re-energize congregations. Rev. James Jaekel, our Atlantic District regional vice president, will be here to share information concerning TCN.

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. See Pastor Craig for registration forms.

Haiti Relief Efforts Continue

LCMS World Relief and Orphan Grain Train, continue to respond to the overwhelming humanitarian and spiritual needs in earthquake devastated Haiti. Your support is still needed.

Mail donations to ("Haiti Relief" on memo):

Orphan Grain Train - New York Division

543 Glenn St.

Glens Falls, NY 12801

LCMS World Relief and Human Care

P.O. Box 66861

St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

UAlbany Cornerstone Campus Ministry:

March 14th Bake Sale & Mission Trip Update

Students from of Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry will be at Christ LC to tell us about their recent trip to help with the continuing clean-up efforts in New Orleans.

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 *March 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.

February Bowling

Fellowship event for February was the annual bowling night. We had fourteen enthusiastic bowlers plus quite a few fans watching the action. A good time was had by all! A donation was collected for the UAlbany Cornerstone Campus Ministry's "Bowling for Beds" for the homeless.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Evans Public House, located across the street from the Guilderland Town Hall, will be serving a corned beef and cabbage luncheon special on March 17th. The cost will be \$9.95 plus tax and tip. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

New Photo Directory

Pictures for the new church directory will be taken on Tuesday, May 4th and Wednesday, May 5th from 2:00 to 9:20 pm. More information to come.

CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN

February 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Long, Treasurer's report read and approved by Bea White. Secretaries minutes from January meeting read and approved.

Judy Bliven, fellowship chair person, asked if we would be interested in doing a light luncheon on March 21st. Will discuss at next meeting.

L.W.M.L.: Bea would like the mite boxes (pennies) turned in as soon as possible.

Orphan Grain Train: Bea said all kinds of children's clothing up to size 16 are needed. Watch for poster on bulletin board with information. The due date is April 11th.

Sang Happy Birthday and closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Anne MacIntosh

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: *Help Us Get Cash for Your Trash*

A coalition of six LWML districts will host the 2013 LWML convention in Pittsburgh. You can help us earn funds to cover expenses by joining in our *Ready, Set, Recycle* campaign. Please see bulletin board for details. Thank you for your assistance.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2009

Income	\$ 8,058.00
Expenses:	\$ 10,433.12
Checkbook Balance:	
12/31/09	\$ 12,970.94
1/31/10	\$ 10,595.82

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Richard Griessel | 19 Joseph Henstenberg |
| 4 Harriet Klotz | 26 William Spolyar |
| 6 Arthur Gerhardt | Kimberly Fahd |
| 12 Jean Alheim | Louise Nickerson |
| 14 Debra Schildt | 29 Carol Fike |
| 18 Dennis Zunon Jr. | Kathryn Ehrhardt |
| Larry Bohn | |



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker	<i>Family & Friends</i>	
Betty Jane Casatelli	Charles Ahlers	(friend of Larry Bohn)
Herta Haupt	Ed Berry	(uncle of Joe Fahd)
Ruth & Alan Kenyon	Erin Carhart	(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Judy LaHart	Rhonda Duell	(daughter of Len & Ruth Ahders)
Marie Lynch	Loretta Flanders	(sister of Phyllis Mattice)
Ottolina Maki	Teresa Grice	(mother of Judy Zamurs)
Janet & George Pomakoy	Evan Kimmerer	(friend of the Fahd Family)
John Scherer	JoAnn Kniskern	(sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
Dorothy Siebert	Laura Langabeer	(niece of Judy Zamurs)
Bill & Pat Spolyar	Teresa Langabeer	(sister of Judy Zamurs)
	Vicky Quay	(daughter of Joan Long)
	Tim Spielman	(son-in-law of Linda Halbrend in Korea)
	William Sorensen	(nephew of Phyllis Mattice)



From The Music Director

The Hymn of the Month for March is “It is Well With My Soul” written by Horatio G. Spafford in 1873. The tune (Ville du Havre) was written by Phillip Bliss. The hymn is based on Psalm 34:19.

When the great Chicago fire consumed the Windy City in 1871, Horatio G. Spafford lost a fortune. About that time, his only son, age four, succumbed to scarlet fever. Horatio drowned his grief in work, pouring himself into rebuilding the city and assisting the 100,000 who had been left homeless.

In November of 1873 he decided to take his wife and four daughters to Europe. Horatio was close to D.L. Moody and Ira Sankey, and he wanted to visit their evangelistic meetings in England, then enjoy a vacation.

When an urgent matter detained Horatio in New York, he decided to send his wife and daughters on ahead. As he saw them settled into a cabin aboard the luxurious French liner Ville du Havre, an unease filled his mind, and he moved them to a room closer to the bow of the ship. Then he said goodbye, promising to see them soon.

During the small hours of November 22, 1873 as the Ville du Havre glided over smooth seas, the passengers were jolted from their bunks. The ship had collided with an iron sailing vessel and water poured in like Niagara. Within two hours, the mighty ship vanished beneath the waters. The 226 fatalities included the four daughters of Horatio Spafford. Mrs. Spafford was found nearly unconscious, clinging to a piece of the wreckage. When the 47 survivors landed in Cardiff, Wales, she cabled her husband: “Saved Alone.”

Horatio immediately booked passage to join his wife. En route, on a cold December night, the captain called him aside and said, “I believe we are now passing over the place where the Ville du Havre went down.” Spafford went to his cabin but found it hard to sleep. He said to himself, “It is well; the will of God be done.” He later wrote his famous hymn based on those words.

Sharon Calka



**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY
MARCH 2010**

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
7		Len Ahders	Vinny Demoor	Lorraine Urbano
14		Tom Craig	Austin Laverty	---
21		Alan Fike	Victoria MacIntosh	Bea White
28		Linda Halbrend	Ariel Sprunger	Tom Craig

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR THE MONTH

7	Anne & Earl MacIntosh	In memory of parents
14	Della & Joe Henstenberg	In memory of Pastors Curry, Behling and Graser
21	Carol & Alan Fike & Judy Bliven	In memory of Carol's brother and departed loved ones
28	Joan Long	In memory of husband Cliff

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.

2010 Easter Flowers

Each Easter we decorate the chancel with beautiful spring plants. This year plants may be ordered at the cost of \$10 each. Complete the order form, enclose it in an envelope marked "*Easter Plant Order*" along with your payment (checks payable to *Christ Lutheran Church*), and place the envelope in the offering plate or mail it to the church office so that it is received by Thursday, March 25.

You may list as many memorials or other designations as you like with even a one-plant order. Plants may be taken after the late Easter Service.

Order forms may be found on the inside cover of this edition of *Chronicles*, in the Sunday bulletin and at the church office.

March 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 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Lutheran Teachings	3 11:00am Holy Communion	4 6:00pm Supper & Choir 7:00pm Lent Service	5	6 <i>Festival of Workshops Bronxville</i>
7 9:15am Confirmation 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	8	9 10:30am Bible Study 12:00 Christ Women 7:00pm Lutheran Teachings	10 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	11 6:00pm Supper & Choir 7:00pm Lent Service	12	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast
14 9:15am Confirmation 10:30 Worship 12:00PM Campus Ministry Bake Sale	15	16 10:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Lutheran Teachings	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 12:00pm Lunch at Evan's Public House	18 6:00pm Supper & Choir 7:00pm Lent Service	19	20
21 9:15am Confirmation 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i> 12:00pm Potluck Lunch Transforming Churches speaker	22	23 10:30am Bible Study 1:00pm AARP 7:00pm Lutheran Teachings	24 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	25 6:00pm Supper & Choir 7:00pm Lent Service <i>Easter plant orders due today</i>	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15am Confirmation 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>						

Newsletter Reminder

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

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Given By: _____

Plant preference: # tulip ___ # lily ___ # mum ___ Total Plants Ordered _____
(there is no choice with the color of plants)

In memory of: _____

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