

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

April 2010

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30am  
Holy Communion  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Wednesday 11:00am  
Holy Communion

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Thursday**  
12:00pm & 7:00pm  
Holy Communion

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday**  
12:00pm Worship  
7:00pm Tenebrae Service

**April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**  
9:00am Holy Communion  
10:30am Holy Communion

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Secretary**

Ruth Ahlers

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Custodian**

Fritz Herzog

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### **A Message from the Pastor**

Fellow Saints of Christ,

*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

On the cross Jesus Christ spoke these words of mercy and forgiveness for the very people who crucified Him. Who sent innocent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross? We are quick to identify the Jewish leaders who opposed Him, Herod, Pilate, and the Roman soldiers. Who sent innocent Jesus to suffer and die on the cross? The hard truth is that all sinners, including you and me, and all who have ever sinned in thought, word and deed. Jesus Christ suffered and died because of all humanity, including you and me.

*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

And who does Jesus forgive from that cross? Everyone who was responsible for making it necessary that the Son of God had to become man and go to the cross – including you and me.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

Since Adam and Eve fell into sin, humanity has continually turned away from the one, true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Lord could have said, “Enough is enough” and just given up on us. Instead, as He saw our hopeless condition, He said, “Enough is enough”, and sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save all poor, miserable sinners – including you and me .

Jesus Christ went to that cross for you and for me, so that we would never have to fear God’s wrath for our sins. And Jesus rose from the grave to show His power in conquering sin, death and the devil, once and for all – for you and for me.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! And in our Baptism, through the gift of faith, we have been given new life in Christ and the sure promise of eternal life in His kingdom. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we live each day as the children of God, reborn in Him, who died, is risen and will come again.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed Easter knowing and living in Christ Jesus, our Lord and savior.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**



## CHURCH NEWS

### Holy Week (March 28 - April 4)

Palm Sunday	10:30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	11:00am	Holy Communion
Holy Thursday	Noon & 7:00pm	Holy Communion
Good Friday	Noon	Prayer & Scripture
	7:00pm	Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday	9:00 & 10:30am	Holy Communion

### Youth Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Our confirmation class will proclaim the Gospel through readings and a skit during our Sunday morning worship.

### May 1-2: *The Church has Left the Building*

The Guilderland churches are organizing a weekend of activities that will provide our members opportunities to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community. Christ Lutheran will sponsor two events:

- Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Sort & pack clothes for Orphan Grain Train  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna (9:00-11:00am)
- Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hymn singing & worship at Good Samaritan, Delmar  
2:00pm Nursing Home  
3:00pm Adult Home

More information will be available soon. Your participation will be important.

### Transforming Churches Network Update

On Sunday, March 21, Pastor James Jaekel, our regional Atlantic District Vice President, provided us with an overview of the Transforming Churches Network. This is an LCMS initiative to help revitalize congregations and assist their efforts to bring the unchanging Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ to our quickly changing world. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please speak with a Church Council member or Pastor Craig. After Easter, congregation meetings will be held to discuss TCN and our possible involvement.

### Bible Study Continues: St. Paul's First Letter to Corinthians (Tuesdays, 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 continues to speak to us today through 1st Corinthians. Participants of this course come from four area churches. All are welcome.

### Christmas in April

On Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, the Jubilate Singers and Orchestra will perform *Christmas in April*. The 100 member chorus will be singing J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, as well as works by John Rutter, and Ralph Schultze. Our own Judy Bliven, Tom Craig, Alan Fike, Edith Gerhardt, and Lois Gerhardt are among the chorus members.

In the afterglow of Easter, enjoy the music that carries us back to the start of the story. The concert will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Adults \$15, Seniors & Students \$10, Children 12 & younger are free. ***For tickets, call 478-9476.***

### NEW DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

#### ***Introduction to Lutheran Teachings Starts 4/21***

The Tuesday evening study of what we Lutherans believe, teach and confess will end on April 13<sup>th</sup>. In response to numerous requests, this course will be offered during the week.

Beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>, ***Introduction to Lutheran Teachings will be held Wednesdays at 9:45am.*** This will allow participants to then attend our 11:00am Holy Communion service.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship

Led by Len Ahders, the men's group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **April 10<sup>th</sup>** and will be discussing "Acts".

### New Photo Directory

Portraits for the new church directory will be taken on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 9:20 pm. Reservations are required. A sign-up table will be setup every Sunday through April 25<sup>th</sup>. See Judy Bliven if you have any questions.

## CLC YOUTH

Youth Sunday is April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be assisting Pastor with leading all aspects of the service. If there are any additional youth that would like to participate speak with Tom Craig.

Also on April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Jubilate Singers Concert. If you would like to attend speak with Tom Craig.

### Upcoming Youth Events

April 18: Youth Sunday

April 18: Jubilate Singers Concert at Bethlehem Lutheran in Delmar, 7:00pm

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Pentecost, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate the rite of Confirmation during our morning worship service. Please keep Victoria MacIntosh in your prayers as she prepares to publicly profess the faith she received in Holy Baptism.

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### March 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Long, Ruth led us in devotions. Bea gave the Treasurer's report. We did very well with Pie Sunday. Thanks to all our members for making it a huge success.

Old Business: Joan thanked everybody for their donations and help on Pie Sunday. Sent thank you to Grandma's and to Bev Lenox for the pie boxes. The picture on the front was a nice touch.

New Business: Dorothy wants to set date for Strawberry Fest. Tentative dates are June 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. In May all offices are up for election.

Sang Happy Birthday to Jean 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.

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Barbara Kunkel	19	Linda Lambert
14	George Pomakoy	20	Judy Bliven
15	Megan Fahd		Bea White
17	Marie Lynch	24	Ndy Okure
18	John Scherer	26	Carole Craig



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker	<i>Family &amp; 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)
Marie Lynch	Loretta DeRuvo (friend of Judy Bliven)
Ottolina Maki	Rhonda Duell (daughter of Len & Ruth Ahders)
Janet & George Pomakoy	Loretta Flanders (sister of Phyllis Mattice)
John Scherer	Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Dorothy Siebert	Evan Kimmerer (friend of the Fahd Family)
Bill & Pat Spolyar	JoAnn Kniskern (sister-in-law of Judy Bliven)
	Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
	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)



## *Thank You!!!*

I would like to thank all of my brothers and sisters at CLC for their thoughts and most especially their prayers during my hospitalization and recovery! *Tom Craig*

## **Pie Sunday**

Thank you to everyone that made pie Sunday a success.

## **Bake Sale**

Thank you, thank you, thank you.....The Cornerstone Campus Ministry bake sale was a big success. With the help of those who purchased the delicious baked goods, Christ Lutheran raised \$261. The students held a total of nine events which raised a total of \$1,533. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match \$500 of the income so their total will be over \$2,000!!!

Thank you to the fellowship committee and Christ Lutheran Women for all their work to make the March 21<sup>st</sup> luncheon a success. *Judy Bliven*

### **Deacon Graduation and Commissioning Scheduled for June**

Tom Craig is nearing completion of the two-year Atlantic District Deacon training program. A graduation ceremony will be held at Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Tom will be commissioned as a Deacon during our 10:30 worship service the next day, June 6<sup>th</sup>.



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

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
4	Sandy Smith & Fritz Herzog	Tom Craig	Vinny Demoor	Tom Craig
11		Tom Okure	---	---
18		Youth	Youth	Len Ahders
25		Lois Ruppert	Austin Laverty	---

**ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR THE MONTH**

4	Easter Plants	Given by the Congregation
11	Joe & Nancy Fahd	In memory of departed loved ones
18	Pastor Craig	In thanksgiving for blessings and especially for Carole on her April 26 <sup>th</sup> birthday
25	Lois Ruppert	In memory of husband Henry

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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: February 2010**

Income	\$ 7,305.40
Expenses:	\$ 7,284.14
Checkbook Balance:	
1/31/10	\$ 10,595.82
2/28/10	\$ 10,617.08

## April 2010

<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>Holy Thursday</i> <b>12:00pm</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>6:00pm</b> choir <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Good Friday</i> <b>12:00pm</b> <i>Prayer &amp; Scripture</i> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <b>9:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study <b>12:00</b> Christ Women <b>7:00pm</b> Lutheran Teachings	<b>7</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>8</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Breakfast
<b>11</b> <b>9:15am</b> Confirmation <b>10:30</b> <i>Worship</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study <b>7:00pm</b> Lutheran Teachings	<b>14</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>15</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>Youth Sunday</i> <b>9:15am</b> Confirmation <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Christmas in April Concert</i> Bethlehem Lutheran Church	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>9:45am</b> Lutheran Teachings <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>  <i>Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day</i>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9:15am</b> Confirmation <b>10:30</b> <i>Worship</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10:30am</b> Bible Study 1:00pm AARP	<b>28</b> <b>9:45am</b> Lutheran Teachings <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>29</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	<b>30</b>	