

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles August 2010

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

Pastor

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Thomas Craig

Secretary

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

It will take me awhile to decompress and process everything I experienced at the LCMS convention in Houston. Those eight long and very busy days were not what I would call fun, but I am glad to have been able to participate. By God's grace - even amidst the heat and humidity outside, the blowing air conditioning inside, the sometimes mind-numbing debates, and the far too evident partisanship among a few brothers and sisters - the Good News of God's forgiveness freely bestowed upon us unworthy sinners because of Christ was proclaimed.

The convention theme was "*One People -Forgiven*" and we approached our work as the people of God, whose changed lives are marked by being "*kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgives us*" (Ephesians 4:32).

Jesus lived, died and rose again so that we might be reconciled to God. "*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation*" (Romans 5:10-11). Now the Holy Spirit calls us to be reconciled to one another, offering and receiving forgiveness freely.

Is there bitterness or strife between you and someone else? Pray to the Lord, asking that He will give you a humble and forgiving heart. Then reach across the divide to this brother or sister, confessing your sin or extending Christ's peace. Be reconciled in the Lord.

May the peace and forgiveness of God keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus - and may His love bind us together as *One People-Forgiven*.

+Pastor Russ Craig



CHURCH NEWS

Vacation Bible School: August 2-6 at CLC

Christ Lutheran Church will host a Vacation Bible School during the week of Aug. 2-6.

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

When: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Who: Preschool (age 4) to 6th grade

Cost: Free (donations accepted to defray expenses)

The VBS will be operated by *Our Savior's Lutheran School*, but volunteers from CLC are needed -- teachers, assistant teachers, daily registration, cleanup. We also need 1 or 2 volunteers to coordinate this event with Our Savior's. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office or contact Pastor Craig.

New Preschool to Open at Christ Lutheran This Fall !!

On July 18, the voters' assembly of Christ Lutheran unanimously approved entering into a partnership with Our Savior's Lutheran School to open a preschool at CLC. The need for affordable, safe and good quality programs for young children is great in our area. A partnership between OSL and CLC will enable us to provide this critical community service, along with an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with young children, and connect families with our congregation and Our Savior's Lutheran School.

Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship

Led by Len Ahders, the men's group held its first meeting in September 2005. For five years, the guys have enjoyed relaxed fellowship over a home cooked breakfast, prayer, praise, and Bible study, on the 2nd Saturday, 8:00-9:30am. All men are welcome and encouraged to join us on this exciting journey as we study and become inspired by the Spirit-filled disciples of the early church in "The Acts of the Apostles". The next gathering will be on **August 14th**

Christ Women

Christ Women meet the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be September 14th. All women are welcome. Please join us.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jean Alheim

Josephine Baker

Betty Jane Casatelli

Herta Haupt

Rachel Gardner

George & Harriet Klotz

Marie Lynch

Ottolina Maki

John & Goodie Scherer

Dorothy Siebert

Family & Friends

Charles Ahlers

Erin Carhart

Keith Cole

Jean Davis

Daniel Dingley

Rhonda Duell

Teresa Grice

Jerry Lonn

Evan Kimmerer

Laura Langabeer

Teresa Langabeer

Vicky Quay

Doris Shumway

Tim Spielman

William Sorensen

Richard Stoller

Our Armed Forces, especially in Iraq & Afghanistan

Residents along the Gulf of Mexico coast

Rev. Matthew Harrison (LCMS president-elect)

(friend of Larry Bohn)

(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)

(friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)

(sister of Anne MacIntosh)

(friend of Carly DiSanto)

(daughter of Len & Ruth Ahders)

(mother of Judy Zamurs)

(friend of Brian Maki)

(friend of the Fahd Family)

(niece of Judy Zamurs)

(sister of Judy Zamurs)

(daughter of Joan Long)

(mother of Joe Fahd)

(son-in-law of Linda Halbrend in Korea)

(nephew of Phyllis Mattice)

(grandson of Jean Alheim)



FINANCIAL REPORT: May 31, 2010

Income	\$ 6,620.75
Expenses:	\$ 6,963.95
Checkbook Balance:	
5/31/10	\$ 11,006.15
6/31/10	\$ 10,662.95

♪ From the Music Director ♪

The hymn for this month is “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”, written in 1922 and based on Hebrews 12:1-2.

Helen Howarth Lemmel was born in England in 1863, into the home of a Wesleyan minister who immigrated to America when Helen was a child. She loved music, and her parents provided the best vocal teachers they could find. Eventually Helen returned to Europe to study vocal music in Germany. In time, she married a wealthy European, but he left her when she became blind, and Helen struggled with multiple heartaches during midlife.

At age 55, Helen heard a statement that deeply impressed her: “So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness.”

“I stood still,” Helen later said, “and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody. The verses were written the same week, after the usual manner of composition, but nonetheless dictated by the Holy Spirit.”

Helen was always composing hymns but having no way of writing them down, she would dictate them and record them before she forgot the words. Helen Lemmel, who wrote nearly 500 hymns during her lifetime, died in Seattle in 1961, thirteen days before her 98th birthday.

Sharon Calka

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod Convention News

The LCMS held its 64th regular convention in Houston, Texas, August 10-17. Convention business included the election of the Synodical President, Vice Presidents, Board of Directors, Board of National Missions, Board of International Missions, Board of Regents for all LCMS colleges & universities, and directors for several other national boards. Delegates also tackled approximately 80 resolutions dealing with missions, district & congregational services, theology & church relations, administration & finance, seminary & university education, human care, ecclesial matters, and synod structure and governance. Highlights of the proceedings include:

- Restructured the Synod to consolidate several national ministries into a Board of National Missions and a Board of International Missions under the supervision of a Chief Missions Officer. Ordained, commissioned and lay members to these boards, representing five regions, were elected.
- Election of Rev. Matthew Harrison as the new LCMS President. Rev. Harrison currently serves as the Executive Director of LCMS World Relief & Human Care. He defeated Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick, who has been the LCMS president for the past nine years.
- Rev. Herbert C. Mueller Jr. was elected to be the new first vice-president. He is currently the President of the Synod’s Southern Illinois District.
- Passed a resolution allowing for the direct election of the Synod President by the congregations. Congregations would decide among three candidates for the office who received the highest number of nominations. Two votes from each congregation would be submitted directly to the secretary of Synod. If no candidate receives a majority, a second ballot for the top two candidates would be held. Results of the balloting would be announced two weeks before the convention's start.
- Adopted two resolutions that changed the procedures for electing the vice-presidents of the Synod. One authorizes the president-elect to choose the slate of nominees for first vice-president of the Synod and the other mandates that five other vice-presidents be nominated by geographic regions.
- Voted overwhelmingly to uphold the sanctity of life, support efforts to end human trafficking/slavery and combat malaria.

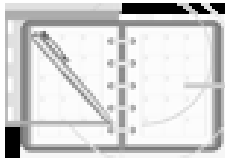
- Daily Bible studies urged delegates to work to resolve conflict within their congregations and to seek out and ask forgiveness from fellow delegates.
- Called for developing in-depth guidelines for cooperative social ministry work on the local, national and international levels between The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and other church bodies, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



On July 9th, CLC hosted *An Evening of Prayer and Praise*. It was attended by 120 people from the area (13 from CLC). It was an amazing event and great to watch the almost entirely full sanctuary praising God through music and prayer. Stay tuned for events like this in the future. Big thanks to all who helped with cleaning up afterwards!



Believe it or not, the school year is rapidly approaching. Which means Confirmation will be beginning too. The first class for Confirmation will be September 12th.



Upcoming Events

9/12: First Day of Confirmation Class

10/8-10/10: Confirmation Retreat at Camp SonRise



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY
AUGUST 2010

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
1		Lois Ruppert	---	Deacon Tom Craig
8		Michael McDermott	---	Joe Fahd
15		Vicky McDermott	---	Deacon Tom Craig
22		Tom Okure	---	Alan Fike
29		Linda Halbrend	---	Michael McDermott

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR THE MONTH

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8	David & Barbara Kunkel	In memory of loved ones
15	Jean Alheim	In memory of her anniversary
22	Arlene Giroux & The Halbrend Family	In memory of Wilfred Giroux
29	Linda Sickler	In memory of departed loved ones

Cost of flowers is \$30.00. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the tract rack in the Narthex. Openings are available for Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 2, Dec. and Dec. 19. Please call Anne MacIntosh at 355-8570.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Michael Hoffstetter	21 Cody Fazio
6 Patricia Spolyar	25 Joseph Pogoda, Jr.
11 Anne MacIntosh	28 Virginia Bradt
14 Victoria MacIntosh	Betty Jean Casatelli
17 Tom Okure	Phyllis Mattice



August 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	2 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	3 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	4 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	5 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	6 9am-12pm Vacation Bible School	7
8 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	9	10	11 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	12	13	14 8:00am Men's Breakfast
15 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	16	17	18 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	19	20	21
22 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	23	24	25 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	26	27	28
29 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	30	31				