

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles September 2010

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

Deacon

Thomas Craig

Secretary

Ruth Ahlers

Music Director

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers & Sisters Christ,

St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, *“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good.”* (Romans 8:26-28)

Many of my brother pastors include a Bible verse as part of their electronic signatures in email messages, but I’ve never done that with any regularity. It’s not that I don’t have favorite verses, but more a case that the verse that click with me today is not the one that clicks next week. God’s Word is so rich, varied and wonderful that picking a favorite verse is like being asked to pick a favorite child.

But that all may be changing for me. Not selecting a favorite child – I mean selecting a favorite Bible verse. During the Synod convention last month, there were moments when I felt confused, depressed and angry because of political posturing and the divisive attitudes of some delegates. As a few of us discussed these frustrations, a pastor two seats down from me said, *“Is Romans 8:28 still true? If so, we need to relax and trust God to accomplish His will even in the midst of this.”*

That brief conversation may, ultimately, be the highlight of my week in Houston. I was reminded that everything is in God’s hands and that I must trust *“that for those who love God all things work together for good”*. This verse has not left me. As I begin to fret about the preschool, I hear Romans 8:28 in my mind. As I visit someone struggling with illness – Romans 8:28. As I watch the chaos of our world – Romans 8:28. As I think about my own sins and short-comings – Romans 8:28.

God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – knows our deepest needs and fears, and He can make *“all things work together for good.”*

+Pastor Russ Craig

Romans 8:28



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School for All Ages Begins September 12th

Grow in faith through the study of God's Word every Sunday morning at 9:15am.

Pre-K to 5th grade: Ruth Ahders will be the teacher.

Confirmation/Middle School: Deacon Tom Craig (and Pastor Craig).

Adult Bible Study: Pastor Craig (and Deacon Tom).

Adult Bible Studies Starting in September

Beginning Sept. 12

Sunday morning, 9:15am: *Psalms – Conversations with God*

Beginning Sept. 22

Wednesday morning (9:30am) & evening (6:30pm): *Exodus – By His Mighty Hand*

September 19: Erie Canal Cruise and Lunch

Following our morning worship, all are invited to travel to Herkimer (Thruway Exit 30) for lunch at the Waterfront Grill, followed by a 90-minute cruise on the Mohawk River. The cost for the river cruise is \$18 per adult, \$12 for age 3-10, and children under 3 are free. Lunch is an additional fee. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby. For more information, please see Judy Bliven.

Christ Our Savior Preschool Update

Our fellowship hall is almost ready with new room dividers, and tables & chairs set up. Now we and Our Savior's Lutheran School are waiting for registrations to be received. Once there are enough children to start a class, final work will be done around the church, such as installing a fenced play area, will be done. OSL and CLC are still hoping for a September 13th opening.

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 **September 11th**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jean Alheim	<i>Family & Friends</i>	
Josephine Baker	Charles Ahlers	(friend of Larry Bohn)
Betty Jane Casatelli	Erin Carhart	(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Herta Haupt	Keith Cole	(friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)
Rachel Gardner	Jean Davis	(sister of Anne MacIntosh)
George & Harriet Klotz	Daniel Dingley	(friend of Carly DiSanto)
Marie Lynch	Dustin Donovan	(grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Ottolina Maki	Teresa Grice	(mother of Judy Zamurs)
The Scherer Family	Jerry Lonn	(friend of Brian Maki)
Dorothy Siebert	Evan Kimmerer	(friend of the Fahd Family)
	Laura Langabeer	(niece of Judy Zamurs)
	Teresa Langabeer	(sister of Judy Zamurs)
	Vicky Quay	(daughter of Joan Long)
	Marilyn Schwager	(in-law of Pastor & Carol Craig)
	Doris Shumway	(mother of Joe Fahd)
	Tim Spielman	(son-in-law of Linda Halbrend in Korea)
	William Sorensen	(nephew of Phyllis Mattice)
	Richard Stoller	(grandson of Jean Alheim)
	Jim Thoman	(friend of Larry Bohn)
	Our Armed Forces,	especially in Iraq & Afghanistan

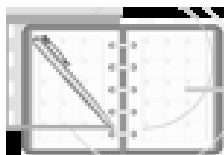


Into Your Hands

On August 23rd, John Scherer entered eternal rest and is with the Lord. A memorial service was held on August 27th. We pray that God will continue comfort Goodie, John, Karen and grandchildren.



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
- 9/26: Youth Kickoff Bar-B-Q

CHRIST WOMEN

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: May 31, 2010

Income	\$ 15,778.50
Expenses:	\$ 8,142.64
Checkbook Balance:	
6/30/10	\$ 10,662.95
7/31/10	\$ 18,298.81

♪ From the Music Director ♪

Gregory the Great became Pope in 590 and in 14 short years instituted liturgical and musical reforms which last 1400 years. What the world soon came to know as Gregorian Chant, resulted from Pope Gregory's determination to present the world with one uniform and universal Church. A new school of music was founded in Rome. The music was slow, uniform, without rhythm and sung in unison much like the earlier recitative method of psalm singing. Gregory adopted it and sent singers to all Church centers in Europe to teach the new style of singing. The reforms instituted by Gregory were carried out with exactness. No deviations were allowed. Congregational hymn singing virtually ceased because the new Gregorian chants required trained choirs and clergy to sing them correctly. Gregory did, however, allow the singing of Latin hymns on special occasions and wrote many beautiful Latin hymns himself. The Christmas hymn, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, is a fine example of the hymns which were allowed. Written in the 600's, it was one of seven songs sung at vespers on successive days between December 17th and 23rd. And now, after 1300 years, it is still one of our most loved Christmas hymns. Gradually, the worship service of the Church took distinct form and three lyric portions of the Nativity became a lasting part of Church service. Luke 1:46 became the *Magnificat*. Luke 1:68 became the *Benedictus* and Luke 2:29-31 became the *Nunc Dimittis*.

Sharon Calka

Choir Rehearsals Begin September 9th

The choir has an important role in our Sunday worship. All are invited to participate and raise a joyful song to the Lord. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. Please speak with Sharon Calka if you have any questions.



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

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
5		Deacon Tom Craig	---	Len Ahders
12		Len Ahders	Vinny DeMoor	Deacon Tom Craig
19		Alan Fike	Ben Duell	Joe Fahd
26		Linda Halbrend	Austin Laverty	Deacon Tom Craig

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR SEPTEMBER

5	Bob & Bea White	In memory of Shirley White
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19	Bruce & Nancy Huehn	In memory of departed loved ones
26	Tom & Ndy Okure	In memory of father, mother & sister

Cost of flowers is \$37.00. 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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Gloria Maki | 13 | Elizabeth Zunon |
| 3 | Andrew Zamurs | 14 | Edith Gerhardt |
| | Charles Lanza | | Courtney Popson |
| 7 | Richard Smith | 18 | Janet Pomakoy |
| 10 | Carly DiSanto | 21 | Brian Flood |
| | Duane Stenzel | | |



September 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	2	3	4
5 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	6 Labor Day Office closed	7	8 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	9 6:30pm Choir	10	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast 10:00am SonRise Golf Outing 10:30am LWML Board (SR)
12 9:15am Christian Education 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	13 <i>1st Day of Preschool</i> 6:00pm Council	14 12:00pm Christ Women	15 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	16 6:30pm Choir 7:00m Deacon meeting (SR)	17	18 9:00am Deacon training (SR)
19 9:15am Christian Education 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> 11:45am Lunch & Cruise	20	21	22 9:30am Bible Study 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm Bible Study	23 6:30pm Choir	24	25 9:00am Deacon training (SR)
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