

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles November 2010

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30am  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am  
Holy Communion

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Deacon**

Thomas Craig

### **Secretary**

Ruth Anders

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Custodian**

Fritz Herzog

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

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ,

The psalmist asks, “*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*” (Psalm 116:12).

That’s a great question to ponder every day, especially this month as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of Advent. Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism explanation of the first article of the Apostles Creed tells us:

*I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still cares for them. He also gives me clothing and shows, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.*

As great as all that is, the most wonderful gift God our Father has given us is His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, through whom we have been made the forgiven children of God. Because of Jesus, each of us may proclaim, “*For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling*” (Ps. 116:8).

“*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*”

May we, empowered by the Spirit, offer up to God a “*sacrifice of thanksgiving*” (Ps. 116:17) by praising God, generously returning to Him a portion of what He has given us, and never ceasing to “*call upon the Name of the Lord*” (Ps. 116:13).

**+Pastor Russ Craig**

**Romans 8:28**



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

## CHURCH NEWS

### ***Help Select the Church Christmas Tree !!***

Earl MacIntosh has invited anyone interested from Church to go out to his place to select the Christmas tree for the church, Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Lunch will follow at the Home Front Café in Altamont. A sign-up sheet will be posted for anyone interested.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship: November 24 at 7:00pm**

All are invited to offer praise and thanksgiving to our gracious Lord who provides for all our needs – most especially for our Savior, Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

### **Advent Begins on Sunday, November 28**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! May this Advent season be a time for each of us to renew our focus on and trust in the Lamb of God who came to take away the sin of the world – even our sins. [More Advent events are listed below.](#)

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline**

Return your shoeboxes no later than 10:30am on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunday School for All Ages (9:15am)**

*Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.*

*Confirmation/Middle School.*

*Adult Bible Study: Psalms*

### **Wednesday Adult Bible Study: Exodus**

Two sessions: 9:30am & 6:30pm.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker

Betty Jane Casatelli

Herta Haupt

George & Harriet Klotz

Marie Lynch

Dorothy Siebert

### *Family & Friends*

Erin Carhart

Keith Cole

Jean Davis

Daniel Dingley

Dustin Donovan

Teresa Grice

Laura Henstenberg

Jimmy Knappman

Jerry Lonn

Evan Kimmerer

Laura Langabeer

Teresa Langabeer

Vicky Quay

Doris Shumway

Tim Spielman

William Sorensen

Richard Stoller

Jim Thoman

Our Armed Forces, especially in Iraq & Afghanistan

(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)

(friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)

(sister of Anne MacIntosh)

(friend of Carly DiSanto)

(grandson of Virginia Bradt)

(mother of Judy Zamurs)

(Aunt of Joe Henstenberg)

(Friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)

(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)

(friend of Larry Bohn)



### ***In Memorium***

On October 2nd, at the age of 93, Ottolina Francine Maki entered eternal life and is now with her Lord. Family and friends celebrated her life and faith during her funeral service on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## ADVENT 2010

- + **First Sunday in Advent:** November 28
- + **Thursday Evening Advent Services:** December 2, 9 and 16 (7:00pm)
- + **Hanging of the Greens: Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
Enjoy a fun evening decorating the church, eating tasty snacks and singing Christmas carols.
- + **Guilderland Interfaith Advent Evening of Scripture & Music: Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**  
Mark your calendars and plan on attending this wonderful annual event. Local pastors read selections from God's Word and musical ensembles perform a variety of Advent and Christmas songs. It is held at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church.



### Upcoming Events

November 4: Connections

November 14: Laser Tag

December 12: Christmas Shopping & Movie after worship service

December 31-January 1: Movie Lock-In at BLC

### **Laser Tag**

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, any youth who sign up will be heading over to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and then carpooling with youth from BLC to Zero Gravity for Laser Tag. Make sure to bring \$14 (for 2 games) plus extra money for lunch. If you have any questions, speak to Deacon Tom.

## FELLOWSHIP

The Erie Canal Cruise was a source of great enjoyment! A group of 22 people left right after church on September 26th. We had a delicious lunch at the Waterfront Grille in Herkimer followed by a boat ride on the Lil' Diamond II. The group traveled through a lock which was a fascinating experience.

A hayride was held on October 9th at Van Etten's Farm in Berne. Everyone brought food and/or beverage. A fire was provided so that we could roast hot dogs and marshmallows. Then we had a little chance to sing a few songs before we headed back.

Please check the bulletin boards for pictures of both events.

The Christmas decorating party will be held on Saturday, December 4th at 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

*Judy Bliven*

## OUTREACH & MISSION

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to all CLC members that contributed food or money to help provide food for the students of UAlbany Cornerstone Campus Ministry. For these students Dinner and Devotions is not only a time to share a home cooked meal with their fellow students but also a time to nourish their souls. Deacon Tom Craig led the devotion and all attending were enriched by his words and, of course, the food.



**Operation  
Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

*Shoebboxes must be returned by 10:30am November 14<sup>th</sup>.*

## MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Led by Len Ahders, the men's group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00-9:30am, for relaxed fellowship over a home cooked breakfast, prayer, praise, and Bible study. 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 **November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:30AM.**

## CHRIST WOMEN

Our October Meeting was a luncheon at Central Steak. Thirteen members attended. The food was good, and the conversation lively and relaxing.

The next meeting will be Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. Bring a sandwich, all ladies are invited to join us.

*Anne MacIntosh*

### FINANCIAL REPORT: AUGUST 31, 2010

Income	\$ 5,553.00
Expenses:	\$ 7,204.58
Checkbook Balance:	
8/31/10	\$ 11,773.79
9/30/10	\$ 10,122.21

### ♪ From the Music Director ♪

The hymn "Count Your Blessings" was written by Johnson Oatman, Jr. in 1897 and is based on James 1:17.

It's impossible to be thankful and, at the same time, grumpy, cantankerous, critical, or ill-tempered. That's a lesson Johnson Oatman wanted to teach young people in his song, "Count Your Blessings."

Johnson was born in New Jersey just before the Civil War. His father had a powerful voice which some people claimed was the best singing voice in the East. That's why, as a boy, Johnson, Jr., always wanted to stand beside his father in church.

When Johnson was a young man, he stood alongside his father in another way. He became a partner in Johnson Oatman & Son, his dad's mercantile business. At age 19, Johnson joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained into the ministry. He often preached but Johnson never entered the fulltime pastorate, for he enjoyed the business world and found it paid his bills, giving him freedom to minister without cost.

In 1892, with his father's voice undoubtedly ringing in his memory, John began writing hymns. He averaged 200 hymns and gospel songs a year—5,000 in the course of his life time, including "Count Your Blessings," which was published in a song book for young people in 1897. It reflected Johnson's optimistic faith and has been a lesson to many ever since

*Sharon Calka*

### ***Have You Noticed the New Shed?***

Improvements continue around Christ LC. In August, a new sign was installed at the corner of Western Ave. and E. Highland Dr. October brought us a new shed along the east end of the fellowship hall. A big "thank you" goes out to Brian Maki for completing this project.

### **Thank You!!**

I want to thank everyone for the Pastor Appreciation luncheon and gift. Know that I dearly appreciate and love all of you. It is an honor to serve the Lord and His Church with you.

*+Pastor*



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

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
7		Lorraine Urbano	Ben Duell	Pat Spolyar
14		Len Ahders	Ben Duell	Deacon Tom
21		Deacon Tom	Austin Laverty	Duane Stenzel
28		Alan Fike	Ariel Sprunger	Deacon Tom

**ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR NOVEMBER**

7	Linda Lambert	In memory of departed loved ones
14	Joan Long	In memory of husband Cliff
21		
28	Pastor & Carole Craig	In thanksgiving for God's blessings during our 31 years of marriage (Nov. 10)

Cost of flowers is \$37.00. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the tract rack in the Narthex. Openings are available for Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call Anne MacIntosh at 355-8570.

***HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS***

1	Pastor Craig	18	George Klotz
7	Rachel Gardner	20	Alan Kenyon
10	Nancy Fahd	23	Josephine Baker
12	Sandra Smith	28	Michael Schildt
15	Michael LaChapelle		Dorothy Seibert
16	Sharon Calka		
	Judy Zamurs		



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 <b>7:00pm</b> Council	2	3	4 <b>10:00am</b> Christmas Tree Outing <b>6:00pm</b> Confirmation <i>Connections</i> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	5	6 <i>Set your clocks back before going to bed</i>
7 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	8	9 <b>12:00pm</b> Christ Women	10 <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	12	13 <b>8:00am</b> Men's Breakfast
14 <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	15	16	17 <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study	18 <b>6:30pm</b> Choir	19	20
21 <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	22	23	24 <b>9:30am</b> Bible Study <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>7:00pm</b> <i>Thanksgiving Worship</i>	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	26	27
28 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	29	30				

### Poinsettia Orders 2010

Each Christmas we decorate the chancel with beautiful poinsettia plants. This year plants may be ordered at the cost of \$10 each. To order, complete this form, enclose it in an envelope marked "Plant Order" along with your payment (checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church), and place the envelope in the offering plate by Sunday, December 12, or mail it so that it will arrive at the church office no later than Saturday, December 11. These deadlines are final, as the plants will be delivered on Saturday, December 18. You may list as many memorials or other designations as you like with even a one-plant order. Plants may be taken after the Christmas Eve service.

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Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant preference: # red \_\_\_ # white \_\_\_ # pink \_\_\_ Total Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

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