

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles February 2011

Worship

*Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion*

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Christ Our Savior

Preschool

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A Message from the Pastor

Last month I wrote about the season of Epiphany during which we see how Jesus is revealed to us as the Son of God and our Savior. As I looked at the readings for each Sunday, I realized (had an epiphany?) that Jesus is not the only one having his true identity revealed. Especially when we look at the epistle selections, we see that God's Word is revealing our true identity as the saved, loved, children of God. In February, we read from 1 Corinthians ...

Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Cor 2:12) Imagine that! God the Holy Spirit has come to us and is with each believer right now.

You are God's field, God's building. (1 Cor 3:9) Our Lord is working in us to make us more and more like Christ. God has forgiven us. God has called us to Himself. God sustains and watches over us every day.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16) The Holy Spirit abides in us and works to make us holy – not because of anything we have done (on our own all we can do is sin!), but simply because of His mysterious, gracious presence.

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! (1 Cor 4:8) Yes, this is most certainly true. Our bank accounts may not look like those of a rich person and there may be a lot of stuff we'd like to have – but only if we look at our circumstances from the world's point of view. From God's point of view, we have been blessed beyond measure. He has given us our lives, our families and all we have. Most importantly, our heavenly Father has given us forgiveness and eternal life through His Son, Jesus.

May Jesus Christ continue to be revealed in your hearts. May Jesus continue to be revealed to others through your lives. May each of us appreciate every day the wonderful truth that we are God's beloved children.

+Pastor Russ Craig



CHURCH NEWS

Souper Bowl of Caring: February 6th

Before you enjoy the Super Bowl game, celebrate the love of Christ by donating to the *Souper* Bowl of Caring. Our Sunday school children will again be collecting donations after the 10:30am worship service.

New Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Begins Feb. 6: Philippians

Deacon Tom will lead a Sunday morning Bible study of St. Paul's *Epistle to Philippians*. The class meets in the fellowship hall at 9:15am.

Annual Congregation Meeting Results

Our annual congregation voters' meeting was held on January 23rd. The major agenda item was the 2011 budget which will be almost \$2,000 less than the 2010 budget. The budget was passed. The following Council members were elected: Joe Fahd, Nancy Fahd, Deacon Tom Craig and Kathryn Ehrhardt.

Winter Weather

In the event of inclement weather on Sunday morning, a cancellation notice will be broadcast on local television. Turn to Channels 6, 8, 9, 10 and 13 for a complete listing of churches (flip through these channels in case one does not include a comprehensive list). Our Wednesday morning Holy Communion service will be cancelled if the Guilderland School District is closed.

Cabin Fever Night

Coming in February! Watch the bulletin for more details.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker
Betty Jane Casatelli
Dick & Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
George & Harriet Klotz
Marie Lynch
George Pomakoy
Dorothy Siebert
Bob White
Dorothy Van Deusen



Family & Friends

Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Keith Cole (friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Daniel Dingley (friend of Carly DiSanto)
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Laura Henstenberg (Aunt of Joe Henstenberg)
Jimmy Knappman (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Jerry Lonn (friend of Brian Maki)
Evan Kimmerer (friend of the Fahd Family)
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
Teresa Langabeer (sister of Judy Zamurs)
Pastor Derek Lecakes (Immanuel Lutheran, Niskayuna)
Art Ogden (friend of Pastor & Carole)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
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



Connections

The next *Connections* is Thursday, February 3rd at 6:00pm. See you all there!

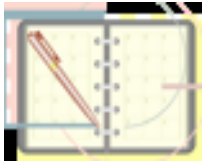
Bowling

Join us after worship on February 20th to go bowling. Bring money for food too! Let Deacon Tom know if you want to go.



Pizza and Guitar Hero Night

Saturday, March 12th at 6:00pm, will be the first Pizza and Guitar Hero Night (cuz Rockband just ain't all that). We will be joined by youth from BLC for a night of pizza, Guitar Hero (World Tour and GH 5), and snacks. Let Deacon Tom know if you plan to rock out!



Upcoming Events

- February 3 – Connections
- February 20 – Bowling
- March 12 – Pizza and Guitar Hero Night
- March 13 – Youth Sunday planning

MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Led by Len Ahders, the men's group meets every 2nd 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 **February 12th (8:00-9:30am)**.

CHRIST WOMEN

Christ Lutheran Women met on Jan 11th at 12:00pm. Meeting was called to order by President Bea White. Devotions were by Goodie Scherer. The secretary read thank you notes from all the organizations we donated too. Goodie said she sent many cards over the Christmas season.

Lois suggested that before our February meeting we go to Grandma's for brunch. Our Meeting would follow at church. After much discussion we decided to wait until March. The weather being the deciding factor.

Old Business: Anne asked the ladies what thought about the alter flowers. All approved the arrangements. Nagengast was the florist we chose. They have a shop in Stuyvesant Plaza and offered us the best deal.

We will wait until next month to talk about Pie Sunday.

Next meeting will be February 8th at 12:30. All Women are invited to attend.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Anne McIntosh

FINANCIAL REPORT: November 30, 2010

Income	\$ 9,598.69
Expenses:	\$ 8,367.79
Checkbook Balance:	
11/30/10	\$ 8,789.64
12/31/10	\$ 10,020.54

From the Music Director 🎵

The Hymn of the Month for February, 2011 is one of my most favorite hymns: “*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*”, one of the thousands of hymns written by Charles Wesley and which is based on Luke 19:37.

The Wesley brothers sent word of their conversion to their sainted mother, Susanna, who didn't know what to make of it. “I think you have fallen into an odd way of thinking,” she replied. “You say that within a few months you had no spiritual life and no justifying faith . . . I heartily rejoice that you have attained to a strong and lively hope in God's mercy through Christ. Not that I can think that you were totally without saving faith before, but it is one thing to have faith, and another thing to be sensible we have it.”

Well, Charles was now very sensible of having it. His life changed, and he gained victory over both his temper and his unfortunate drinking habit. He also began to spread the news of what had happened to him. New vitality came into Charles' public preaching. He discontinued the practice of reading his sermons, and began preaching extemporaneously. He found a fruitful arena for ministry at the infamous Newgate Prison, and allowed himself to be locked up with condemned men on nights before their executions, that he might comfort and witness to them during their final hours.

As the first anniversary of his conversion approached, Charles wrote an 18 stanza hymn describing his praise to the Lord. It was titled, “For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion,” and the first stanza began: “Glory to God, and praise, and love...” Verse seven began, “O For a Thousand Tongues to sing,” inspired by a statement Charles had once heard: “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all.”

Beginning with a 1767 hymnbook, the seventh stanza was made the first, and when John Wesley compiled his “Collection of Hymns” in 1780, he chose this for the first hymn in the book. Congregations today usually sing verses seven, eight, nine and ten of Wesley's original.

In closing my column, I would like to thank the choir and the congregation and all its members for their cards and gifts over the Christmas Holidays, and wish all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sharon Calka



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 2011

Date	Usher	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
6		Duane Stenzel	Ben Duell	Joe Fahd
13		Lorraine Urbano	Austin Laverty	Pat Spolyar
20		Len Ahders	Austin Laverty	Duane Stenzel
27		Deacon Tom	Ariel Sprunger	Lorraine Urbano

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED FOR FEBRUARY 2011

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13	Jean Alheim	In memory of husband Walter and daughter Barbara
20	Joe and Nancy Fahd	In memory of loved ones
27	Carol Snyder	In memory of son Christopher

The cost of altar flowers is \$27.00 a week. There is an opening for February 6th
If you are interested, please contact Anne MacIntosh or the church office.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Joan Long
- 5 Karen Benedetto
- 7 Ben Duell
- 11 James Way
- 25 Goodie Scherer
- 27 Joseph Fahd



February 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	3 6:00pm Confirmation <i>Connections</i> 6:30pm Choir	4	5
6 <i>“Souper” Bowl</i> Sunday 9:15am Christian Education 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i>	7 7:00pm Council	8 12:00pm Christ Women	9 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10 6:30pm Choir	11	12 8:00am Men’s Breakfast
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20 9:15am Christian Education 10:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> 12:00 Youth bowling	17	18	19 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	20 6:30pm Choir	21	22
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