

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

April 2011

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

Lent Worship

Thursday Evenings, 7:00pm

Pastor

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month I wrote about the March Madness of Lent, that season which focuses our attention on Jesus Christ's journey to the Cross. It is April and the wonderful madness of God's love for His people – for you and me – continues.

On Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus who is the true King of kings. On Holy Thursday, we will gather to receive the true body and blood of our Lord in the Lord's Supper. On Good Friday, we kneel before the Cross upon which our Savior sheds His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection by which He defeats death and gains for us eternal life.

How can we not shout with the hymn writer, "What wondrous love is this"! God so loved you that He sent His only Son that you may believe in Him and have everlasting life. That's right. God did this for the world – and for you personally. Jesus was born for you. Jesus lived for you. Jesus died for you. Jesus rose from the dead for you.

I encourage everyone to take extra time during these final weeks of Lent to be renewed and refreshed by the Lord. Contemplate the wonderful, grace, mercy and love He has for you. In Him, with Him and through Him, we have been saved and given the gift of life.

+Pastor Russ Craig

Holy Week Worship Schedule

+ April 17: Palm Sunday worship with Holy Communion (10:30am)

+ April 20: Wednesday worship with Holy Communion (11:00am)

+ April 21: Maundy Thursday worship (11:00am and 7:00pm)

+ April 22: Good Friday Scripture & Prayer (Noon)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7:00pm)

+ April 24: Easter Sunday (10:30am - only one service this year)



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHURCH NEWS

Adult Bible Studies

- + Sundays, 9:15am: *Epistle of James*.
- + Tuesdays, 7:00pm: *Study of Sunday's Lectionary Readings*
- + Wednesdays, 9:45am: *Epistle to Hebrews*
- + Monday, April 11, 7:00pm: *God in the Media, The Dark Knight* (monthly at Deacon Tom's home)

Pie Sunday April 10th Following Worship

Enjoy tasty treats during the fellowship hour.

Coming in May: Mother's Day Brunch

On May 8th, after the worship service the youth of CLC will have flowers for all mothers, mothers to be, grandmothers, etc. and also prepare a small brunch for the congregation!

A Musical Celebration of the Life of Christ

The Jubilate Singers and Orchestra will present *Christus: A Musical Celebration of the Life of Christ* on Palm Sunday, April 17th, 7:00pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Avenue, Delmar. Several members of Christ LC will be singing. Tickets may be reserved by calling [478-9476](tel:478-9476).

Adults: \$15.00 – Seniors & Students: \$10.00 – Children 12 & Under: Free

Pastor Craig On Vacation

Pastor will be out of town from the evening of Wednesday, April 27th, until the afternoon of Monday, May 2nd. He will be here for the Wednesday Bible study and worship service on 4/27. Deacon Tom will lead worship that Sunday and will be available for any emergencies.



Connections

Due to Lenten Services, there is no *Connections* in April. The next *Connections* is *Thursday, May 5th* at 6:00pm. See you all there!

Upcoming Events

One Evening in April or May – Guitar Hero Night
May 8 – Mother's Day, pass out flowers and make brunch!



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 April 9th (8:00-9:30am).**

CHRIST WOMEN

Meeting called to order by Bea White at 12:45pm. Devotions by Phyllis Mattice.

It was suggested we give Pastor the money he spent on the Pastor's luncheon on March 8th. Approved.

We discussed the removable of soot from the wall in back of the Eternal Candle.

New Business: Lois suggested breakfast at Grandma's, which was postponed last month. We chose to meet at 10:00 on April 12th, with meeting to follow at church. Coffee and cake to follow meeting.

Pie Sunday: We chose April 10th. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

It was suggested we purchase a first aid kit and install it in the kitchen. To be used for emergency purposes only. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Anne MacIntosh, Secretary

From the Music Director 🎵

The Hymn of the Month for April, 2011 is “Whiter Than Snow”, written by James Nicholson in 1872.

James Nicholson was a dedicated Christian who lived in Washington, D.C., where he worked for the post office. Born in Ireland in 1820’s, James had immigrated to America in the 1850’s, originally settling in Philadelphia where he became active in the Wharton Street Methodist Episcopal Church as a Sunday school and evangelistic worker. In 1871, he moved to Washington to assume his new duties with the post office, and the next year he published this hymn.

“Whiter than Snow” is based on Psalm 51:7, the prayer of repentance offered by King David after his sin with Bathsheba: “Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.” It originally had six stanzas, all of them beginning, “Dear Jesus...” An unknown editor later altered the words to “Lord Jesus.” “Whiter Than Snow” was first published in 1872 by the Methodist Episcopal Book Room in Philadelphia, in a 16 page pamphlet entitled, Joyful Songs No. 4.

Philadelphia musician William Gustavus Fischer composed the music to this hymn. He learned to read music while attending singing classes at a German-speaking church in Philadelphia. When he started his life’s occupation as a bookbinder, he still spent his evenings pursuing music. He was eventually hired to teach music at a Philadelphia college, and late in life he entered the piano business. Fischer was best known as a popular song leader for revival meetings. He composed over 200 hymn tunes, including this one. He also composed the melody for “I Love to Tell the Story.”

If you are suffering pangs of guilt and regret, needing a fresh experience of God’s forgiveness, try singing this old hymn with new sincerity: “Break down every idol, cast out every foe, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”

Sharon Calka

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Baker

Betty Jane Casatelli

Carol Fike

Hilda Griessel

Herta Haupt

George & Harriet Klotz

Joan Long

Marie Lynch

George Pomakoy

Dorothy Siebert

Bob White

Dorothy Van Deusen

Family & Friends

Ed Beutel

(brother of Bea White)

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)

Margaret Ehrhardt

(mother of Kathryn Ehrhardt)

Teresa Grice

(mother of Judy Zamurs)

Leslie Hannon

(niece of Janet & George Pomakoy)

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)

Vicky Quay

(daughter of Joan Long)

Kim Scott

(daughter of Virginia Mathews)

Doris Shumway

(mother of Joe Fahd)

William Sorensen

(nephew of Phyllis Mattice)

Richard Stoller

(grandson of Jean Alheim)

Jim Thoman

(friend of Larry Bohn)

Dan Urbano

(grandson of Tom & Lorraine Urbano)



FINANCIAL REPORT: February 28, 2011

Income	\$ 9,584.00
Expenses:	\$ 8,332.26
Checkbook Balance:	
1/31/11	\$ 4,050.38
2/28/11	\$ 5,302.38

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 Barbara Kunkel 20 Judy Bliven
14 George Pomakoy Bea White
15 Megan Fahd 26 Carole Craig
17 Marie Lynch



**SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY
APRIL 2011**

Date	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
3	Alan Fike	Vinny Demoor	Pat Spolyar
10	Linda Halbrend	Ben Duell	Bill Spolyar
17	Lois Ruppert	Austin Laverty	Lorraine Urbano
24	Deacon Tom	Vinny Demoor	tba

**ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED
APRIL 2011**

3	Joe and Nancy Fahd	In memory of departed loved ones
10	Pastor Craig	Thanksgiving for blessings, especially for Carole on her birthday (4/26)
17	Lois Ruppert	In memory of husband Henry
24	Easter Plants	Given by the congregation

The cost of altar flowers is \$27.00 a week.
If you are interested, please contact Anne MacIntosh or the church office.

April 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion	4 7:00pm Council	5 7:00pm Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	6 9:45 Bible Study <i>(Hebrews)</i> 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm	7 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Lent - Holy Communion	8	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast
10 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion After Worship: Pie Sunday	11 7:00pm Dark Knight Bible Study (at Deacon Tom's)	12 10:00am Christ Women 7:00pm Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	13 9:45am Bible Study <i>(Hebrews)</i> 11:00am Holy Communion	14 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Lent - Holy Communion	15	16
17 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15am Christian Education 10:30am Holy Communion 7:00pm Jubilate Singers Concert @ Bethlehem LC	18	19 7:00pm <i>No Bible Study</i>	20 9:45am Bible Study <i>(Hebrews)</i> 11:00am Holy Communion	21 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 11:00pm Holy Communion 7:00pm Holy Communion	22 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 Scripture & Prayer 7:00pm Tenebrae Service	23
24 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 10:30am Holy Communion	25	26 7:00pm Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	27 9:45am Bible Study <i>(Hebrews)</i> 11:00am Holy Communion	28	29	30

Note: There will be only one service on Easter Sunday.