

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

May 2011

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30am  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am  
Holy Communion

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Deacon**

Thomas Craig

### **Secretary**

Ruth Ahlers

### **Music Director**

Sharon Calka

### **Custodian**

Fritz Herzog

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

*“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”* We finally made it. We made it through Lent, meditating on blessings we receive through the blood of Christ. We made it through Holy Week, singing *Hosanna* on Palm Sunday, kneeling at the Lord’s Table on Maundy Thursday, and humbling ourselves at the Cross on Good Friday. We have made it through the darkness of Lent to the bright, life-giving light of Easter. Christ is risen – and so are all who are joined to Jesus through baptism and faith.

But our journey is not over. The Risen Christ still calls us to follow Him. And He has given us the important work of helping others know their Savior and Lord. The last thing Jesus told His followers before He ascended to heaven was, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age”* (Matthew 28:19-20). This is Christ’s Great Commission (not *Suggestion*) for all Christians, even you and me.

How do we make disciples? First, *be a disciple*. This entails focusing less on what you do and more on who you are – a loved child of God, saved by Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit. Knowing who you are will allow you to know what God wants you to do. Second, *be an active in the church by attending worship frequently*. Within the Divine Service, God gives to His people forgiveness and faith. In the Church, we experience God’s love and share that love with each another. Third, *invite others to walk with you as you follow Christ*. People are more likely to do something if you invite them to do it with you than if you simply tell them to do it. Invite them to church. God’s people gather here and when we gather, God uses us to minister to one another. By His Word and Sacraments God changes us from people who are closed in and selfish to people who are open and loving. Do you know someone who needs the Lord? Pray for them. Pray that God will show you how to reach them. Then show them God’s love in the way you love them. Invite them to walk with you as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**+Pastor Russ Craig**



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## CHURCH NEWS

### ***Sunday Flowers: New Sign-up Procedure***

Within the next week or so, a new flower chart for the period of *July to December 2011* will be posted in the narthex. If you would like to donate flowers, you must sign up on this chart and fill out a Flower Dedication Form. Donor names for specific Sundays will not carry forward from prior years. If you have a special date, do not delay in signing up.

### **Adult Bible Studies**

+ *Study of Sunday's Lectionary Readings*: 7:00pm in Shepherd Room on Monday – May 9, 16, 23  
+ *God in the Media, The Dark Knight*: Meets at Deacon Tom's home. 7:00pm Tuesday, May 3 & 17

### **Mother's Day Brunch**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### **Pastor Craig On Vacation**

Pastor will be out of town from the evening of Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, until the afternoon of Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deacon Tom will lead worship that Sunday and will be available for any emergencies.

### **Camp SonRise Closing Service & Installation of Pastor Bahr**

On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm, a worship service will celebrate the ministry of Camp SonRise and mark it's official closing. During this service, Rev. Benjamin Bahr will be installed as the new pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church which will continue to use one of the SonRise building for weekly worship. All are invited to attend.



### Connections

The next *Connections* is *Thursday, May 5th* at 6:00pm. See you all there!

### Upcoming Events

Guitar Hero Night

May 8 – Mother's Day, pass out flowers and make brunch!

June 12 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY !!



## **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 May 14<sup>th</sup> (8:00-9:30am).**

## **CHRIST WOMEN**

Meeting called to order by president Bea White. Secretaries minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report read by Joan Long. She reported we did very well on Pie Sunday.

Christian Growth: No report.

Strawberry Festival will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm-4:00pm.

Judy discarded old coffee pots. Bea offered to recycle them. Judy and Linda will look for a good deal on a new 40 cup pot. Received thank you-s from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Childhood Center and Capital City Rescue Mission for the donation we sent to each. Bea sent \$100.00 from mite boxes. Phyllis and Lois will work on getting donations. Sandy has the first aide kit will put in the kitchen

New Business: Sandy said Pastor would like to change procedure for Flower Chart. Donors will write their own names on chart for the Sunday they want. It will start in July.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Anne MacIntosh, Secretary*

## From the Music Director 🎵

According to the Church Calendar, the Fourth Sunday after Easter is celebrated as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The appointed psalm for the day is Psalm 23 and our hymn for this month, “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” is one of the hundreds of hymns, chants and anthems written and based on that psalm.

The author of the hymn is Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) and it was first published in 1869. Sir Henry’s biographer notes that the third verse of the hymn was the last audible sentence uttered by Sir Henry before his death.

The melody universally associated with the hymn is *Dominus Regit Me* written especially for it in 1869 by the Rev. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876), who was at the time the Vicar of St. Oswald’s in Durham, England. It is interesting to note that both men associated with this hymn died prematurely at age 56 and 53, respectively.

Sharon Calka

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Betty Jane Casatelli	<i>Family &amp; Friends</i>	
Carol Fike	Fred Backus	(brother-in-law of Goodie Scherer)
Hilda Griessel	Ed Beutel	(brother of Bea White)
Herta Haupt	Erin Carhart	(niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
George & Harriet Klotz	Keith Cole	(friend of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)
Joan Long	Jean Davis	(sister of Anne MacIntosh)
George Pomakoy	Daniel Dingley	(friend of Carly DiSanto)
Dorothy Siebert	Margaret Ehrhardt	(mother of Kathryn Ehrhardt)
Bob White	Teresa Grice	(mother of Judy Zamurs)
Dorothy Van Deusen	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)



*Please pray for the families of our sisters in Christ who entered their eternal rest.*

Josephine Baker + March 28, 2011

Marie Lynch + April 12, 2011

### FINANCIAL REPORT: MARCH 31, 2011

Income	\$ 7,693.86
Expenses:	\$ 9,010.80
Checkbook Balance:	
2/28/11	\$ 5,302.38
3/31/11	\$ 3,985.18

**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Karen Laverty    | 19 Linda Sickler     |
| 4 Doris Pleydle    | 23 William Boomhower |
| 9 Steven Benedetto | Vinny Demoor         |
| 15 Beverly Lenox   | 31 Arlene Giroux     |



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

Date	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
1	Lorraine Urbano	Vinny Demoor	---
8	Len Ahders	---	Bea White
15	Deacon Tom	Austin Laverty	Len Ahders
22	Alan Fike	Vinny Demoor	Joe Fahd
29	Linda Halbrend	Ben Duell	Alan Fike

**ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED  
MAY 2011**

1	Joe & Della Henstenberg	In memory of loved ones
8	Lois Gerhardt	In memory of sister Grace
16	George & Janet Pomakoy	In memory of departed loved ones
22	Christ Lutheran Women	In memory of departed members of our organization
29	Bea & Bob White	In memory of loved ones

The cost of altar flowers is \$27.00 a week.

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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>
<b>1</b> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> <i>Service of the Word</i>	<b>2</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Council	<b>3</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study (at Deacon Tom's)	<b>4</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	<b>10</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Christ Women	<b>11</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Breakfast
<b>15</b> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>16</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study (at Deacon Tom's)	<b>18</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:15am</b> Christian Education <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>23</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bible Study <i>(Sunday Readings)</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>11:00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2:00pm Camp SonRise Service
<b>29</b> <b>10:30am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed	<b>31</b>				