

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

June 2011

Worship

*Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion*

*Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion*

Pastor

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lord Jesus tells us, *“Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven”* (Matthew 10:32-33).

Too often we speak about religion being a private matter. Growing up, how many of us were told by our parents to not discuss religion or politics for the sake of keeping peace in the family or with neighbors? While our Lord doesn't want us to go out and start arguments about Him, Jesus does want us to publicly acknowledge Him as our God and Savior. We were not given the gift of faith, forgiveness and life in Christ just to keep to ourselves. We sing “Stand up, stand up for Jesus” on Sunday and are called to stand up for Jesus Monday through Saturday.

On June 12th we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the day God the Holy Spirit descended upon the first Christians in Jerusalem. Empowered by the Spirit, the disciples burst out from behind the safety of their locked doors and boldly proclaimed the Good News of life found only in Jesus Christ.

We will also celebrate the Confirmation of three young men of our congregation. In their baptism, 13 or 14 years ago, they received the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith. These young Christians will now publicly confirm their faith in Jesus Christ. They will acknowledge Jesus before men and women. They will publicly pledge, with the help of God, to remain faithful to the Lord and His Church.

I encourage each of you to remember with joy and thanksgiving your baptism. Think back to your own confirmation and the promises you made to God in response to all He has done for you. Ask God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – to renew and rekindle the fire of faith in your heart and make it shine in your life. Let us hold firm to Jesus, who encourages us to *“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life”* (Revelation 2:10).

+Pastor Russ Craig



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHURCH NEWS

Strawberry Fest: June 4

Bring your appetites and wallets – Support this fun, annual event.

Confirmation Sunday: June 12

We rejoice as our confirmation students profess the faith they received in baptism on Pentecost, June 12th. Please pray for Vinny Demoor, Ben Duell and Austin Laverty.

New Adult Bible Study in June: *The Book of Acts*

After that first Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit led the disciples to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. All are invited to learn how the Church grew through a study of the *Book of Acts* led by Pastor Craig. There will be two class sessions for your convenience (the same material covered during both).

+ Monday evenings, 6:30-7:45pm (first session on June 13) and

+ Tuesday mornings, 9:45-11:00am (first session June 14).

Sunday Flowers: New Sign-up Procedure

A new flower chart for the period of *July to December 2011* has been 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.

Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship on Summer Vacation

The men will not gather in June, July or August.

Upcoming Events

June 12 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY !!



♪ From the Music Director ♪

The Hymn of the Month for June is *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* written by Reginald Heber and based on Revelation 4:8-11.

Reginald Heber was born April 21, 1783, to a minister and his wife in an English village. After a happy childhood and a good education, he enrolled at Oxford where he excelled in poetry and became fast friends with Sir Walter Scott. Following graduation, he succeeded his father as vicar in his family's parish and for sixteen years he faithfully served his flock.

His bent toward poetry naturally gave him a keen and growing interest in hymnody. He sought to lift the literary quality of hymns, and he also dreamed of publishing a collection of high-caliber hymns corresponding to the church year for use by liturgical churches. But the Bishop of London wouldn't go along with it and Heber's plans were disappointed.

He continued writing hymns for his own church, however, and it was during the sixteen years in the obscure parish of Hodnet that Heber wrote all 57 of his hymns, including the great missionary hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" which exhorted missionaries to take the gospel to faraway places like "Greenland's icy mountains," and "India's coral strand."

At age 40 (1822), he had his desire fulfilled and left for Calcutta, setting out on a 16-month tour of his diocese. While in the village of Trichinopoly on April 3, 1826, he preached to a large crowd in the hot sun, and afterward plunged into a pool of cool water. He suffered a stroke and drowned. After his death, his widow found his 57 hymns in a trunk and succeeded in having them published.

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The choir has been very busy this year and has earned a break. They will sing for the last time on Trinity Sunday when we will sing this great hymn about the Trinity. If anyone is interested in singing or playing an instrument during the summer break, please let me know.

Sharon Calka

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Betty Jane Casatelli
 Carol Fike
 Hilda Griessel
 Herta Haupt
 George & Harriet Klotz
 Joan Long
 George Pomakoy
 Dorothy Siebert
 Dorothy Van Deusen
 Bea White

Our Confirmands:
Vinny Demoor
Ben Duell
Austin Laverty



Family & Friends
 Fred Backus (brother-in-law of Goodie Scherer)
 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)
 Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
 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)
 Maria Lajeunesse (friend of the Craig Faimily)
 Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
 Teresa Langabeer (sister of Judy Zamurs)
 George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
 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)
 Susan M. Welsh (daughter of Virginia Bradt)
 Gretchen Willi (friend of the Craig family)
 Our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq & Afganistan

Please pray for the family of our brother in Christ who entered his eternal rest.
 Robert White + April 23, 2011

FINANCIAL REPORT: APRIL 2011

Income	\$ 10,594.00
Expenses:	\$ 8,127.79
Checkbook Balance:	
3/31/11	\$ 3,985.18
4/30/11	\$ 6,451.79

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Nancy Huehn | 12 Catherine Way |
| Ruthie Tuller | 15 Peter Halbrand |
| 6 Lois Gerhardt | 16 Brian Maki |
| 7 Len Ahders | 18 Fritz Herzog |
| David Kunkel | 24 Cody LaChapelle |
| 10 Thomas Urbano | |



Thank You

The family of Robert White would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes for the past months, while Bob was not able to attend church. Also, for the memorials given in his name, since the Lord called him to himself.



SERVING THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE ON SUNDAY JUNE 2011

Date	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
5	Lois Ruppert	Austin Laverty	Bill Spolyar
12	Deacon Tom	---	Pat Spolyar
19	Lorraine Urbano	---	Lorraine Urbano
26	Len Ahders	---	Bea White

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED JUNE 2011

5	Lorraine and Tom Urbano	On the occasion of Tom's birthday
12	Pastor Craig & Deacon Tom Sandy Smith	In honor of our Confirmands In memory of husband Wally
19	Hazel Lanza	In memory of loved ones
26	Dorothy Van Deusen	In memory of loved ones

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

To donate flowers for a specific Sunday, sign up on the flower chart in the narthex and submit a Flower Dedication Form to the church office.

JUNE 2011

<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>	2 <i>Ascension Day</i>	3	4 9:00am Deacon class 1:00pm Strawberry Fest
5 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	6 7:00pm Council	7 9:45am Bible Study	8 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	9	10	11 9:00am Deacon class
12 <i>Pentecost Confirmation Sunday</i> 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	13 6:30pm Bible Study	14 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm Christ Women Luncheon	15 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	16	17	18 9:00am Deacon class
19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	20 6:30pm Bible Study	21 9:45am Bible Study	22 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	23	24	25
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