

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

July 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,

On Pentecost, God the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, and these ordinary men and women went into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the extraordinary Good News of forgiveness and salvation through the resurrected Jesus. They had been huddled behind locked doors and shuttered windows, afraid of the Roman and Jewish authorities. But once empowered by the Spirit, they could not stop themselves from telling everyone they met about Jesus Christ.

This is amazing in itself, but the Pentecost event is even more incredible when we read just how they delivered the Gospel message. *"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them"* (Acts 24).

Jerusalem was filled with people from all over the Mediterranean who had come there for the annual harvest feast and upon hearing the disciples, *"a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language"* (Acts 2:6).

Wouldn't it be wonderful if something like that happened today at Christ Lutheran? In a way, the Pentecost miracle takes place here every Sunday.

Our own congregation proclaims the Gospel in English at 10:30am. If you come into the church at 2:00pm, you will hear Jesus lifted up in Ukrainian by our brothers and sisters of the Slavic congregation. Within a few weeks, Jesus will be worshiped in languages from the South Pacific islands, as a congregation of Micronesian immigrants begin meeting here. Our three congregations have differences in theology and liturgy, but we share a common faith in the Triune God and in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The Holy Spirit filled the first disciples at Pentecost and He continues to come upon God's people today. May God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – enable us to faithfully proclaim Jesus in our families and our community.

+Pastor Russ Craig



THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Teacher Needed !!

We need a volunteer to teach our elementary-age class when Sunday school resumes in September. Currently, there are two girls in the class. Teaching materials will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please speak with Ruth Ahders or Pastor Craig.

Summer Adult Bible Study: *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 (except will meet Tuesday, July 5th due to holiday)

+ Tuesday mornings, 9:45-11:00am.

Sunday Flowers

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.

Men's Saturday Morning Fellowship on Summer Vacation

The men will not gather in July or August.

Tri-City ValleyCats Sunday August 14th 5:00pm

The cost of tickets is \$7.00 for reserved seats. Food choices are pizza and soda \$3.50; hot dog, chips and soda \$4.50; hamburger, chips, and soda \$3.50. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Any questions speak to Judy Bliven

Looking For Help

Judy Bliven is working on a confirmation album, and could use help identifying people from the 1960's.

♪ From the Music Director ♪

The Hymn of the Month for July is probably the shortest hymn that's ever been written - *The Doxology* written by Bishop Thomas Ken in 1673 in hopes of inspiring his students at Winchester College to include in their prayers three times a day. It is unlikely he would have expected the hymn to become the most frequently sung lines in churches all over the world.

Thomas Ken was born in Little Berkhamstead, England in 1637. He was not expected to achieve fame of any kind but when he was a small child, a tragic situation led to a series of events that eventually led him to the Royal Court of England. Both of his parents died and he was sent to live with his sister and her husband Izaak Walton. Any of you who like to fish would know the name Izaak Walton, who wrote the book "The Compleat Angler, or the Contemplative Man's Recreation." It was here that Thomas Ken's desire for learning would be fostered.

He educated at Winchester School and later at Oxford University and was ordained an Anglican priest in 1662. Having been raised in a home where free thinking and discourse were encouraged, Thomas Ken brought both of these qualities to his ministry and frequently found himself in hot water over his outspoken views. He served as the English chaplain for one year at the Hague in Holland but was fired for publicly criticizing the morals of the Dutch leaders. He served as Bishop under three British kings, Charles II, James II and William III, who got tired of his criticism and had him removed from the post.

Thomas Ken died in relative obscurity living at the home of a friend in 1711 at the age of 74. His lasting contribution to the world, however, lives on in Protestant church services everywhere. Whenever the Doxology is sung, Thomas Ken's devotion to God is recalled in simple words and honest, straightforward faith.

Sharon Calka

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Larry Bohn
 Madison Deon
 Betty Jane Casatelli
 Carol Fike
 Hilda Griessel
 Herta Haupt
 George & Harriet Klotz
 Joan Long
 George Pomakoy
 Dorothy Siebert
 Dorothy Van Deusen

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)
 Wade DeBruin (friend of Bendetto family)
 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)
 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)
 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)
 Our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq & Afghanistan



FINANCIAL REPORT: MAY 2011

Income	\$	7,251.79
Expenses:	\$	7,251.39
Checkbook Balance:		
4/1/11	\$	6,451.79
5/31/11	\$	5,969.85

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 David LaChapelle	21 Kimberly DeMoore
4 Alan Fike	24 Brittany Fahd
7 Debbie Boomhower	30 Bruce Huehn
8 Daniel Flood	Karen Stenzel
Austin Laverty	
20 Dorothy Van Deusen	





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

Date	Lector	Acolyte	Communion
3	Deacon Tom	---	Len Ahders
10	Alan Fike	---	Joe Fahd Alan Fike
17	Deacon Tom	---	Linda Halbrend
24	Linda Halbrend	---	Len Ahders ?
31	Deacon Tom	---	Lorrain Urbano

**ALTAR FLOWERS DONATED
JULY 2011**

3	Jinny Matthews Joe & Della Henstenberg	In loving memory of sister Mary and brother Tom To the Glory of God
10	Fritz Herzog	In memory of Shirley Herzog
17	Mary & Jeff LaPorte Jinny Matthews	In memory of Roy and parents
24	Judy & John Zamurs	In memory of departed loved ones
31	Len & Ruth Ahders Bea White	to celebrate son Scott's birthday Robert White's birthday

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

To donate flowers for a specific Sunday, signup on the flower chart in the narthex and submit a Flower Dedication Form to the church office .If you have questions, please contact Ruth Ahders,

JULY 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 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	4 HOLIDAY	5 9:45am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	6 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	7	8	9
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