

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles

August 2011

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul encourages every Christian to “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice*” (Philippians 4:4). I’ve often said that my favorite book of the Bible is the one I am studying at that moment., but this verse from Paul is probably number one on my list. The Lord Jesus was born, died and rose again so that you and I “*may have life and have it abundantly*” (John 10:10).

Paul was not preaching some sort of theology of glory in which believers are guaranteed health, wealth, and a problem-free life. During his ministry he was harassed, threatened, imprisoned, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and eventually executed. Paul had times of gloom, exhaustion, loneliness and trial. Yet even during the worst of times, he rejoiced in the Lord.

How could Paul maintain such an attitude? By knowing that true life is found in being a child of God the Father united to Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He knew that Jesus died and rose again for him. He knew that Jesus came down from heaven to save him from sin, death and the power of the devil. Paul recognized every day the steadfast love of God and trusted Jesus’ promise to never forsake him.

“*The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything*” (Philippians 4:5-6). Too often we worry about everything, but that shows our lack of trust in God. Paul learned to trust the Lord completely and in doing so he found genuine contentment, peace, and joy. He still had fears, tears, and difficult times, but he faced these in the context of Christ’s never-ending love. We, too, are called by Christ to trust Him and really believe that He is our Savior and Lord. Jesus died for all sinners and through the gift of faith gives us His forgiveness and eternal life. We need not fear anything because our future is secure in Him. Because of Jesus, we are free to be content with what we have or don’t have. Because of Jesus we are free to appreciate and enjoy all the blessings God gives us.

In my readings, I came upon these wonderful words of encouragement from a pastor: “There is nothing you can do that will make God love you more and there is nothing you can do that will make God love you less”.

In the midst of your daily struggles, God loves you completely. As you grapple with temptation and sin, God loves you completely. In sickness and in health, God loves you completely. In times of loss and in times of plenty, God loves you completely.

“*Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again, Rejoice*”.

+Pastor Russ Craig



A congregation of 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. If you are interested, please speak with Ruth Ahders or Pastor Craig.

Summer Adult Bible Studies Continue

The Book of Acts: Mondays at 6:30pm and Tuesdays at 9:45am.

Introduction to Lutheran Teachings: Wednesdays at 9:45am and 6:30pm.

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

The cost of tickets is \$7.00 for reserved seats. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Judy Bliven.

Have a Good Memory? Your Help is Requested

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

Welcome to Christ LC!

For the past several years, a congregation with roots in the Ukraine and other Slavic countries has used our facilities. Now a fellowship of Christians from Micronesia (Southwest Pacific islands) has begun worshipping here on Sundays at 6:00pm.

Saturday Men's Fellowship

After six years of filling spirits with God's Word and stomachs with great breakfasts, our Saturday morning men's group is ending. We praise God for the faithful and faith-filled leadership of Len Ahders. He devoted himself to providing the men with good food, heart-felt prayer, uplifting songs to the glory of God, and insights into Holy Scripture. We thank Len for his work for the Lord and our congregation. We also thank the men who participated each month. By the Holy Spirit, they were strengthened in friendship, encouraged each other in faith, and glorified God.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Larry Bohn
Madison Deon
Betty Jane Casatelli
Carol Fike
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
George & Harriet Klotz
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)
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Wade DeBruin (friend of Benedetto family)
Margaret Ehrhardt (mother of Kathryn Ehrhardt)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Evan Kimmerer (friend of the Fahd family)
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
Teresa Langabeer (sister of Judy Zamurs)
Doug Lawton (friend of Phyllis Mattice)
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Doris Shumway (mother of Joe Fahd)
Michael Terraciano (stepson of Judi Terraciano)
Jim Thoman (friend of Larry Bohn)
Dan Urbano (grandson of Tom & Lorraine Urbano)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq & Afghanistan

Happy August Birthdays

1 Michael Hoffstetter	17 Tom Okure
6 Patricia Spolyar	28 Virginia Bradt
11 Anne MacIntosh	Betty Jane Casatelli
14 Victoria MacIntosh	Phyllis Mattice

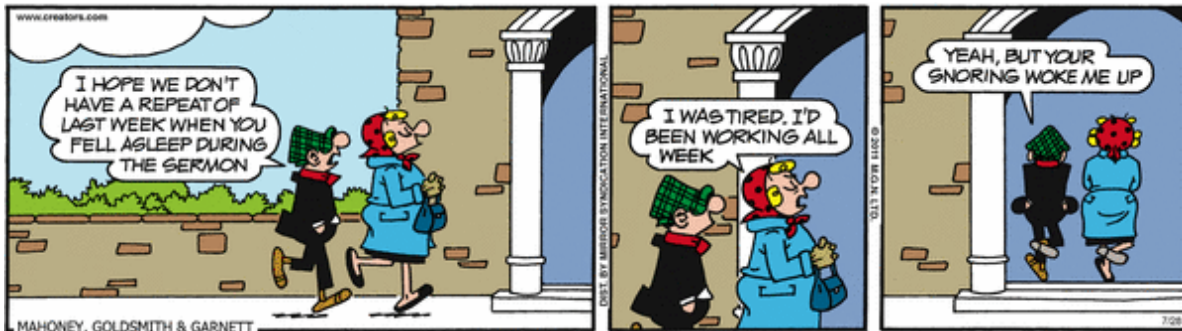


FINANCIAL REPORT: JUNE 2011

Income	\$ 4,748.50
Expenses:	\$ 6,450.56
Checkbook Balance:	
5/31/11	\$ 5,969.85
6/30/11	\$ 4,267.79

Coming in September

- + Sunday morning adult Bible study: *The Epistles of Peter and John*
- + “Heart-to-Heart as Your Parents Age” workshop (sponsored by Thrivent): Saturday, Sept. 17
- + Weekday adult Bible study (Tues. 9:45am & 6:30pm): *Revelation*



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
7	Deacon Tom	Bea White	Michael & Vicky McDermott Joe & Nancy Fahd	In memory of Michael McDermott Sr. and Susan Agcaoli In memory of Nancy's mom Bessie Friebel
14	Lois Ruppert	Joe Fahd Len Ahders	Karen Benedetto & Goodie Scherer	In loving memory of Dad and husband Don Scherer
21	Deacon Tom	Alan Fike	Jim & Kay Way Jean Alheim	To the glory of God on 62 nd anniversary In memory of anniversary
28	Lorraine Urbano	Linda Halbrend Bill Spolyar	Arlene Giroux Barbara & David Kunkel	In memory of Wilfred J. Giroux In memory of loved ones