

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles September 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,

Psalm 128 speaks of the blessings God bestows upon those who fear and love Him. It ends with this wonderful verse, "May you see your children's children!"

Carole and I praise and thank God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for granting us this gift when John Craig "Jack" Kebea was born on July 29. By the Lord's grace we have been blessed to see, hold and love our children's children. All of the veteran grandparents told us how great this would be and our joy surpasses what we imagined it would be like.

Looking at Jack, memories of our first days as new parents come to mind. The happiness, fear, hopes, and the realization that we now had a little human being who depended on us for all his care. I see Patty and Brett coping with the same thoughts and emotions. Thankfully, my daughter and son-in-law are not alone. They have two sets of supportive families who are ready to help. More importantly, they have the Lord who is with them every minute of every day. And, while they may not think so at 3am when Jack won't stop crying, they do know that the Lord God is with them. They know because Jesus has been central to their own lives since birth.

Taking care of a child is a daunting task, but one filled with hope, love and uncountable blessings. Among all the responsibilities, the most important is God's call for you to raise your children to have a living faith in Jesus. Good hygiene, politeness, honesty, and working hard are all wonderful traits we want our offspring to have. But only faith in Jesus Christ has eternal and life-encompassing value. And it is your duty – and honor – to nurture the faith that God plants in the souls of your children and grandchildren. This is not something you can delay until they reach a certain age. It is not something you can look for someone else to do. It is your responsibility.

How do you fulfill this sacred duty? By making sure your children and grandchildren have been joined to Jesus in Holy Baptism. On October 30, I will pour water on my grandson's head and speak the words of Christ. Thereafter he will know that he is one redeemed by Christ and a saved child of the living God. But Baptism is only the beginning. Parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts, family and friends, have the ongoing job of nurturing your child's faith. How? By praying for them and with them. By reading the Bible together and teaching them about God. By bringing them to worship every week so they may hear God's saving Word among others who belong to Jesus.

Our children and grandchildren are wonderful gifts from God. May we do all we can to give the most wonderful gift – faith and life in Jesus.

+Pastor Russ Craig



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CHURCH NEWS

Adult Bible Studies Begin the Week of September 11

+ Sunday mornings, 9:15am: *The Epistles of Peter and John* (first session 9/11)

+ Tuesdays, 9:45am & 6:30pm: *Revelation* (first session 9/13)

Church Picnic September 18 !!!

Immediately following our worship service we have a church picnic. Please bring a covered dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and rolls will be provided by the fellowship committee. Dress casual and bring lawn games and board/card games. Any questions ask Judy Bliven.

“Heart-to-Heart as Our Parents Age” Workshop: September 17 (9:30am-12:30pm)

This 60-minute session (10:00-11:00am) is designed to help adult children start important conversations with their parents to help them make transitions with greater ease and dignity. Presented by Paula-Christy Heighton, this workshop is sponsored by the Capital District New York Chapter of Thrivent.

Pre and Post workshop events (9:30pm-12:30pm), include informational exhibits, activities and cooking demonstrations to promote healthy living. The registration deadline is Friday, September 2, 2011. To reserve a seat, call Dorothy Schultz (458-7231) or Joe Fahd (456-3126).

Deacon Tom Craig’s Niskayuna “Mission Trip”

For the past few years, Deacon Tom has done marvelous work with our young people – teaching confirmation, organizing fun events, and encouraging them to live their faith. Pastor Derek LeCakes has asked for Tom’s assistance in starting a program for the youth of Immanuel Lutheran. This will be a good opportunity for Deacon Tom to share his gifts and to gain ministry experience. We ask God to bless Immanuel LC through Tom, as Christ LC has been blessed.

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)
Deidre Chalkowski (daughter of Virginia Bradt)
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)
Sue & Reese Frances (sister & brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Vanessa Hannay (friend of Nicole Gardner)
Kelly Hoffman (friend of Nicole Gardner)
Elizabeth Jacobson (great-granddaughter of Dorothy VanDeusen)
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 September Birthdays

1 Gloria Maki	13 Elizabeth Zunon
3 Andrew Zamurs	14 Edith Gerhardt
7 Richard Smith	18 Janet Pomakoy
10 Carly DiSanto	21 Brian Flood



FINANCIAL REPORT: JULY 2011

Income	\$ 5,690.50
Expenses:	\$ 6,751.46
Checkbook Balance:	
6/30/11	\$ 4,267.79
7/31/11	\$ 3,206.83

♪ From the Music Director ♪

It is hard to believe that the summer is now ended and autumn is almost upon us. The Choir will be returning on September 11th, which by the way is also Grandparent's Day! If anyone is interested in "swelling the ranks", you are more than welcome.

A hymn which exhorts us to put the Lord first in our lives by giving Him our very best is "Give of Your Best to the Master", which in 1901 by Howard Benjamin Grose, born at Millerton, New York on September 5, 1851, the son of Henry Laurenz and Emma Louisa Seward Grose. He died at Ballston Spa, New York on May 19, 1939. He was educated at the University of Chicago and the University of Rochester and, like his father, became a Baptist minister in 1883. He served the First Baptist Church of Poughkeepsie, New York from 1883 to 1887 and the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1888 to 1890. He then served as President of the State University of South Dakota from 1890 to 1892 and in various other positions in universities until 1910.

The tune for this hymn named Barnard was written in 1864 by Charlotte Ailington Barnard who wrote over 100 secular ballads under the pseudonym "Claribel". It is believed that this hymn was first published under this tune in 1902 and has appeared in numerous hymnals since that time.

The chorus of the hymn tells us to "Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth; Clad in Salvation's full armor, Join in the battle for truth."

Sharon Calka

September 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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4 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	5 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	6 9:45am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	7 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	8	9	10 9:00am Deacon Training (Shepherd Rm)
11 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	12 6:30pm Church Council	13 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm Christ Women 6:30pm Bible Study	14 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	15	16	17 9:30am <i>Heart-to-Heart</i> Workshop
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
4	Len Ahders	Len Ahders Joe Fahd	Pastor & Carole Craig	In thanksgiving to God for the birth of our grandson, John Craig Kebea
11	Alan Fike	Alan Fike	Mary & Jeff LaPorte	In honor of all those we lost this day
18	Linda Halbrend	Bill Spolyar Pat Spolyar	For Christ Lutheran	In thanksgiving to God for all His blessings.
25	Lois Ruppert	Lorraine Urbano Bea White	Lois Gerhardt Jeff & Mary LaPorte	In memory of husband Ronald Wilke In memory of Kathleen Noonan