

# Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

## Chronicles

October 2011

### **Worship**

Sunday 10:30am  
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am  
Holy Communion

### **Pastor**

Rev. Russell Craig

### **Deacon**

Thomas Craig

### **Secretary**

Ruth Anders

### **Music Director**

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

Dear Saints of Christ,

What pops in your head when you see the date October 31st?

Probably the majority of people only know this as Halloween, a special day and night for costumes and candy, tricks and treats. For us good Lutherans, the last day of October is also very special – it is Reformation Day, our commemoration of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church in 1517.

Luther hoped to start an academic debate about repentance, God's forgiveness, the sale of indulgences, and other matters within the Roman Catholic Church. The Church authorities were in no mood to talk and saw this young friar as a threat. Eventually, Luther was declared to be a heretic and kicked out of the Roman Church, but he was not silenced.

Luther had spent much of his life worrying himself sick over trying to do enough good works that would make up for his sins. That's what the people had been taught. For them God was distant and angry. If you wanted to get into heaven, you had to confess every single sin, do all sorts of good deeds, travel to holy shrines, pray to dead saints for help, fast and mortify your body. What a terrible burden!

Martin lived under that burden until he studied God's Word, the Holy Bible. Instead of hearing more about how bad he was and how he had to earn heaven, he found forgiveness, grace, and mercy, all freely given by God to sinners because of what Jesus accomplished through the cross and empty tomb. Yes, we are sinners, who cannot save ourselves, but God is full of grace and love and He saves us. Through His wondrous gift of faith, God rescues from sin, death and the power of the devil.

In the epistle reading for Reformation Sunday, St. Paul concisely states the truth of our sinful condition and the truth of God's gracious love for us.

*"There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:23-24)*

Martin Luther had been oppressed in bondage to sin. In the Bible, he found that he was saved by God's grace through faith on account of Christ. May each of us treasure this Good News that we have been set free through Jesus, and *"if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* (John 8:36)

**+Pastor Russ Craig**



A congregation of the Atlantic District + Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

## CHURCH NEWS

### Adult Bible Studies

+ Sunday mornings, 9:15am: *The Epistles of Peter and John*

+ Tuesdays, 9:45am & 6:30pm: *Revelation* (no class sessions on October 4<sup>th</sup>)

### Flood Relief

LCMS World Relief and Human Care will provide long-term assistance to communities recovering from recent flooding. At this time, the greatest need is for monetary donations. If you wish to contribute, make your check out to "Christ Lutheran Church" and write "Flood Relief" on the memo line. Cash donations may also be made. Please place your offering in an envelope marked "Flood Relief".

### Altar Guild Help Needed

Please see Sandy Smith if you can help with the altar.

### 2012 Flower Chart is Now Available

A new flower chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Remember: (1) Two donors may sign up for any week and (2) Submit a Flower Dedication Form to the church office.

### LWML Sunday

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate the ministry of the Lutheran Women Missionary League. LWML is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS and is dedicated to supporting the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Reformation Sunday

Deacon Bob Fricke will be our guest preacher on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> while Pastor Craig baptizes his grandson at Bethlehem Lutheran. Deacon Bob is no stranger to CLC having assisted Pastor Graser. For the past 13 years, he has served as the chaplain for Good Samaritan.

### Good Samaritan Nursing Center Needs Volunteers to provide ...

1. One-to-one visits with residents on a regular basis (once a week is ideal).
2. Transport of residents to and from religious services (Sundays 1:30 and 2:30 PM).
3. Supervision/interaction with residents sitting outside during the day.
4. Assistance at meals (lunch and dinner) – distributing bibs, passing out meal trays, etc.
5. Clerical assistance for Social Services, Rehabilitation.
6. Playing organ or piano for religious services (Sundays 2:00pm).

If you can provide any of these services, please call Norrine Cooke at 518-439-8116 ext. 252.

### Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes Coming Soon

Our congregation has been a strong supporter of this ministry and all are encouraged to continue this year. Shoeboxes and information about items to place in them will be distributed soon. Your filled boxes must be returned to church no later Sunday, November 13 at 12:00 noon.

## ♪ From the Music Director ♪

The hymn of the month started out as a children's marching song, but sadly is considered by some denominations as being too "militant" and has been removed from their hymnals. That hymn is "Onward Christian Soldiers."

It was written in 1865 by the Rev. Sabine Baring-Guld minister of the Established Church at Horbury, England. The children of his church were going to march to a neighboring village to join in a Whitmonday festival at another church. They were going to walk through beautiful country lanes, past green meadows and hills dotted with sheep that looked like big gray stones and he thought they should have a song to march by. Not finding anything suitable, he resolved to write it himself. By the next morning "Onward Christian Soldiers" was ready for the children. They learned it quickly and marched to the next village joyfully singing the refrain.

These first children did not have the lively music that we use today. They had another tune, St. Albans, that did not have the marching spirit of the present tune, St. Gertrude. This was composed six years later, in 1871 by Arthur Sullivan. He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1883 in recognition of his musical ability and attainments.

In 1920, in connection with the sixth World's Sunday School Convention held in Washington, D.C., it had been specifically arranged that this hymn be sung in Sunday Schools in every important part of the world on Sunday, May 22, 1910. For this great occasion, the hymn was translated and printed in more than one hundred languages and dialects.

Dr. Baring-Gould died in 1924 at the age of 90, after having written more than one hundred volumes.

*Sharon Calka*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Larry Bohn  
 Madison Deon  
 Betty Jane Casatelli  
 Carol Fike  
 Hilda Griessel  
 Herta Haupt  
 Alan Kenyon  
 George & Harriet Klotz  
 Dorothy Siebert

*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)  
 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)  
 All who are recovering from flooding  
 Our Armed Forces, especially those in Iraq & Afghanistan



**Happy October Birthdays**

5 Lois Ruppert	11 Lorraine Urbano
9 Diane Flood	19 Thomas Craig
Sarah Huehn	18 Janet Pomakoy
10 Duane Stenzel	24 Mary LaPorte

**FINANCIAL REPORT: AUGUST 2011**

Income	\$ 7,662.00
Expenses:	\$ 7,493.91
Checkbook Balance:	
7/31/11	\$ 3,206.83
8/31/11	\$ 3,374.92

## October 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						<b>1</b> 9:00am Deacon Training (Shepherd Rm)
<b>2</b> <i>LWML Sunday</i> 9:15 Bible Study 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Church Council	<b>4</b> No Bible study classes today	<b>5</b> 11:00am <i>Communion</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am Deacon Training (Shepherd Rm)
<b>9</b> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Columbus Day</i> Office closed	<b>11</b> 9:45am Bible Study 12:00pm Christ Women 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> 11:00am <i>Communion</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Finance committee	<b>18</b> 9:45am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 11:00am <i>Communion</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15am Bible Study 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:45am Bible Study 6:30pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> 11:00am <i>Communion</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i> No Bible study this morning 10:30am <i>Service of the Word</i>	<b>31</b>					



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
<b>2</b>	Lois Ruppert	Len Ahders Joe Fahd	Loretta Flanders Phyllis Mattice	In memory of loved ones
<b>9</b>	Len Ahders	Alan Fike Linda Halbrend	Christ Church Women	To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His blessings
<b>16</b>	Alan Fike	Bill Spolyar Pat Spolyar	Barbara Kunkel	In memory of loved ones
<b>23</b>	Linda Halbrend	Lorraine Urbano Bea White	Judi Terraciano	For parents Blanche and Walter Hewitt and brother Richard Hewitt, Jr.
<b>30</b>	Lois Ruppert	---	Pastor & Carole Craig	In praise and thanksgiving to God on the baptism for our grandson John Craig Kebea

*Flowers are provided, and part of the cost has been donated, by Emil J. Nagengast Florist*