

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles January 2012

<p>Worship Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>The Wednesday 11:00am worship will not be held during January.</p> <p>Pastor Rev. Russell Craig</p> <p>Secretary Madison Burrell</p> <p>Music Director Sharon Calka</p> <p>Custodian Fritz Herzog</p> <p>Office: (518) 456-1530 church@christlutheran.cc</p>	<p>A Message from the Pastor</p> <p>Dear Fellow Saints of Christ,</p> <p>The Gospel reading for January 1st is only one verse in length:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel when He was conceived in the womb.</i> (Luke 2:21).</p> <p>The name of our Savior tells us His identity and His mission. "Jesus" is a version of "Joshua", which means "God saves". Jesus is God the Son, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, and He came to save us (even you! even me!) from our sins.</p> <p>Jesus has other titles which also teach us about Him.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Immanuel ... God is with us Lamb of God ... who takes away the sin of the world Christ ... the Anointed One Word of God ... who became flesh and dwelt among us King of kings ... Lord of lords.</p> <p>"Jesus" is the name above all names. In His name we are forgiven, we pray, and we live. May we keep the precious name of Jesus in our hearts, in our thoughts and on our lips throughout the year ahead.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+Pastor Russ Craig</p>
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CHURCH NEWS

***** Annual Congregation Meeting: January 22 *****

Please plan on attending our annual congregation voters' meeting on Sunday, January 22nd, right after our 10:30am worship service. The major agenda items are approval of the 2012 budget and the election of Council officers and directors.

Lutheranism 101: Begins Sunday, January 15

If you are new to Lutheranism or want to refresh your understanding of what our church teaches, plan on attending this 8-week course. In addition to the Bible, this course will be based on two books – *Lutheranism 101* and a study guide, *Lutheranism 101: The Course*. Classes will be held before Sunday worship at 9:15am. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Craig, so that the books may be ordered.

January Hiatus for Weekday Worship and Bible Study

Wednesday morning Holy Communion and Tuesday Bible studies will not be offered during January. Both will restart in February.

*** New Year Transitions ***

1. **Deacon Tom Craig** served CLC as our Deacon, confirmation instructor, youth leader and worship leader. In August 2011, he began assisting with youth ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, and his work there is going very well. Tom has transferred his membership to Immanuel.
2. **Ruth Ahders** has been our church secretary for five years. She retired at the end of December and looks forward to enjoying more time with Len, Ben, and Baxter, their dog.
3. We welcome our new church secretary, **Madison Burrell**, who will start work on January 3rd. Madison grew up at CLC and is the granddaughter of Sandy Smith.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2011

Income \$ 81,205.10

Expenses \$ 91,386.96

Difference - \$10,181.86

Confirmation Picture Assistance

Judy Bliven has been diligently working on organizing photographs of past confirmation classes. At this point, she has identified everyone except three girls in the 1966 class. The girls first names are Dana, Deborah and Joyce. It is unknown if they are sisters, cousins, etc. If anyone knows who the three Walker girls were and where they might have come from (Guilderland, Colonie, Albany, etc.), please contact Judy Bliven at 456-2734 or by email at jbliven1@nycap.rr.com.

♪ HYMN OF THE MONTH ♪

The Hymn of the month for January 2012 is “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”. It was based on Luke 2:13-14 and written in 1849 by Edmund Hamilton Sears. Mr. Sears is the author of two Christmas carols that are mirror images of each other and were written fifteen years apart.

Mr. Sears was born in Sandisfield, Massachusetts on April 6, 1819 and attended Union College in Schenectady, then Harvard Divinity School. He was ordained in the Unitarian ministry and chose to devote himself to small towns in Massachusetts, where he had time to study, think and write. At age 24, he wrote “Calm on the Listening Ear”, a Christmas carol based on the song of the angels in Luke 2. It proved very similar to the more famous carol he would write later and has the same meter and theme and can be sung to the same tune.

Fifteen years later, he wrote its more famous twin, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”. This carol is unusual in that there is no mention of Christ, of the newborn babe or the Savior’s mission. Sears, after all, was Unitarian. The author’s only focus is the angelic request for peace on earth. Notice again the date of the hymn. It was written as the clouds of civil strife were darkening the United States, setting the stage for the War Between the States.

Edmund Sears became well-known because of his hymns and books. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1871, and took a preaching tour of England where he was met by large congregations. He died in Weston, Massachusetts on January 16, 1876.

Sharon Calka

2011 Poinsettia List – Christ Lutheran Church

The poinsettias which beautified the sanctuary this Christmas were given by the following members and friends.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Our loved ones, by Lois Ruppert and the Flood family

Wallace Smith, Mark DeMoor, and beloved deceased, by Sandra, Vinny, and Maddie

Husband Robert White, by Bea White

Wilfred J. Giroux, by Arlene B. Giroux

C. Huehn, Joyce Huehn, and Janet Tuller by Sarah, Ruthie, Aerial, Matt, Nancy, and Bruce

Wilfred J. Giroux and Olav, Elsa, and Martha Halbrend, and Edna and Arthur Nottke, by the Halbrend family

Loved ones, by Phyllis Mattice and Loretta Flanders

Son, Christopher T. Snyder, by Mom, Dad, and Bob

Pastor Alfred Graser and Tyler Paul Smith, by Jean Graser and family

Departed loved ones and friends, by Joe and Della Henstenberg

Ron Wilke, by Lois Gerhardt

Departed loved ones, by Nancy and Joe Fahd

My father, Casimir F. Calka Jr., my grandparents, Casimir & Bernice Calka, and Henry & Edna Bank, by Sharon Calka

Their parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Gerhardt, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Bender, and daughter Grace Ruth,

by Pastor Arthur & Edith Gerhardt

Harry and Dolores, by the Schildt family

Family and friends, by Jeff and Mary LaPorte

John Scherer, by Karen, Mike, and Steven Benedetto

My dear husband Roy and all our family, by Virginia Matthews

Gerald Lawton, father, by Susan Lawton

Husband Don, and loved ones, by Goodie Scherer

Husband Cliff, by Joan Long

Other Designations:

In thanksgiving to God for the gift of a Savior, and for our family, by Pastor and Carole Craig

In grateful thanksgiving for the many blessings received in 2011, by Susan Lawton

The many blessings we have received, by Lois Gerhardt

In honor of the choir, by Sharon Calka

To Granma and Granpa Craig, Merry Christmas! I love you!, by Jack Kebea

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell
Betty Jane Casatelli
Carol Fike
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Alan Kenyon
Dorothy Siebert



Family & Friends

Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Rylee Cavins (goddaughter of Sue Lawton)
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)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Sue & Reese Frances (sister & brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
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)
Robert Mosall (friend of Sandy Smith)
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Cheryl Rivers (sister of Joan Long)
Jim Thoman (friend of Larry Bohn)
Dan Urbano (grandson of Tom & Lorraine Urbano)
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan
Paul Almstead and missionaries in Thailand
Brenda Lavell (mother of Thailand missionary Gareth Lavell)

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Earl MacIntosh III
5 David Klingstrom
8 Linda Halbrend
11 Lori Zeh
12 Ruth Ahders
13 Madison Burrell
15 Earl MacIntosh
16 Della Henstenberg
18 Herta Haupt
23 Matthew Laverty
26 Nicole Gardner
Hilda Griessel
Hazel Lanza

January 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	2 7:00pm Church Council	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	9	10 12:00pm Christ Women	11	12	13	14
15 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21 10:30am Circuit Forum (Fellowship Hall)
22 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Communion</i> 11:45am Annual Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24
29 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Communion</i>	30	31	<i>Wednesday Holy Communion returns on February 1st</i>			



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
1	---	TBA	Mary & Jeff LaPorte	In memory of loved ones
8	Alan Fike	Alan Fike Bea White	Sandra Smith Vinny DeMoor	Happy Birthday Madison and Berdella
15	Lorraine Urbano	Joe Fahd Lorraine Urbano	Judy Terraciano	In memory of husband Carmine, and step-son Michael Terraciano
22	Mike McDermott	Mike McDermott Vicky McDermott		
29	Lois Ruppert	Bill Spolyar Pat Spolyar	Linda Lambert	In memory of deceased family members

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

The 2012 Flower Chart has been posted on the narthex bulletin board. Remember to sign-up and submit a dedication form.