

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles February 2012

Worship

Sunday 10:30am
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00am
Holy Communion

Lent

Ash Wednesday 7:00pm
Thursday Evening 7:00pm
(March 1 to March 29)

Pastor

Rev. Russell Craig

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A Message from the Pastor

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

February is upon us and we are getting to that time of year when students go on "winter break". We all need to take a break now and then from whatever we do. Vacations and downtime give us a chance to rest and relax. We can then return to our daily tasks refreshed and renewed.

I don't know if any of you are heading south to get away from the winter weather, but I do know that God offers each of an opportunity to rejuvenate our spirits every week. The Lord invites you to come to His house, where He will encourage you with His Word and nourish you with His holy meal. Our Lord God invites to take a break with Him every Sunday.

Rev. J. K. Wilhelm Loehe was a Lutheran pastor in Bavaria during the early 1800's. He wrote this wonderful description of worship.

"In worship the congregation experiences its Lord most intimately. Here it lives in near proximity to its Groom in a heavenly life on earth, an earthly life in heaven. Worship is the most beautiful flower of earthly life. Just like land in the middle of an ocean, the Word and Sacraments stand in the inner life and worship of the congregation. You have one week behind you, a new week lies in front of you, between these two weeks is the day of Communion Sunday."

I do not know what happened to you last week and no one (except God) knows what will happen to you next week. But if you come to church on Sunday, be sure that God Himself will speak to you, forgive you, feed you, comfort you and strengthen you.

+Pastor Russ Craig

CHURCH NEWS

+ Wednesday Morning Holy Communion Resumes February 1st at 11:00am

Take time out of your busy week to be refreshed through God's Word and Sacrament. This is a brief, 30-minute service.

+ February 5th is SOUPer Bowl Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nationwide campaign to raise money for local ministries, especially food pantries and homeless shelters. Bring extra cash or your checkbook to church that morning (checks to "Christ Lutheran Church").

+ Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 11:00am and 7:00pm.

+ Bowling & Pizza, February 25th (6:00pm)

All are invited to enjoy a fun evening of bowling at Westlawn Lanes. \$3 per game and \$2 for shoe rental – cost for pizza still to be determined. A sign-up sheet will be posted. If you have any questions, contact Judy Bliven.

+ Annual Congregation Meeting Results

Christ Lutheran held the annual voters' meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012. Two major items were dealt with:

- (1) Approved the 2012 budget (which is \$7,946 below the 2011 budget).
- (2) Elected council members: Judy Bliven, Carol Fike, Brian Maki, and Michael & Vicky McDermott
- (3) Elected delegates to the Atlantic District convention (June 2012): Pastor Russ Craig, Mike McDermott (lay delegate), and Joe Fahd (alternate lay delegate).

+ Pastor Craig Elected Circuit Counselor

On January 21st, pastors and lay representatives from area LCMS churches met at Christ LC to discuss District issues, review overtures being submitted to the District convention and to elect Circuit Counselors for Circuit 1 (Schenectady & north) and Circuit 2 (Albany & south). Pending approval at the convention, Pastor Ben Bahr (SonRise LC, Pottersville) will serve Circuit 1 and Pastor Craig will serve for Circuit 2. A Circuit counselor is an advisor to local pastors and congregations, and facilitates communications with the District and Synod.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY - DECEMBER 2011

Income \$ 94,061.85

Expenses \$ 100,638.67

Difference - \$ 6,576.82

THANK YOU!!

From Pastor Craig: *Thank you to the Congregation and Christ Church Women for your Christmas gift.*

From Ruth Ahders: *Thank you to all for your Christmas and retirement gifts.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell
Betty Jane Casatelli
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Alan Kenyon
Hazel Lanza
Dorothy Siebert
Zamurs family



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)
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Reese & Sue Lane Frances (sister & brother-in-law of Sandy Smith)
Kurt Gerfin (son of Deacon Don Gerfin, Immanuel)
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)
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)
Katie Pandeliadis (seeking God's help with employment search)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Jim Thoman (friend of Larry Bohn)
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Sharon Willett (friend of Larry Bohn)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan
Paul Almstead, Gareth Lavell, and missionaries in Thailand

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Joan Long
2 Dennis Zunon
5 Karen Benedetto
11 James Way
25 Goodie Scherer
27 Joseph Fahd

Homeless Shelter Support

We are collecting donations for the *Homeless Shelter at First Lutheran Church, Albany.*

Please place items in the box located below the narthex bulletin board. Suggested items include ...

- Cereal
- Coffee
- Dry creamer
- Paper goods (towels, plates, cups, napkins, etc.)
- Aftershave (no glass bottles)
- 13-gallon trash bags
- Plastic wrap

Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center: Volunteers are Needed to Provide

1. One-to-one visits with residents on a regular basis.
2. Transport of residents to & from worship (Sunday 1:30 & 2:30).
3. Supervision/interaction with residents sitting outside.
4. Assistance at meals (lunch & dinner) – distributing bibs, passing out meal trays, etc..
5. Clerical assistance for Social Services, Rehabilitation.

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

February 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i> 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	6	7	8 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>Pie Sunday</i> 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	13 7:00pm Council	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 12:00pm Christ Women	15 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>	16	17	18
19 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	20 <i>Presidents Day</i>	21	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i> 7:00pm <i>Holy Communion</i>	23	24	25 6:00pm Pizza & Bowling at Westlawn Lanes
26 9:15am Lutheran 101 10:30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	27	28	29 11:00am <i>Holy Communion</i>			



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
5	Vinny DeMoor	Alan Fike Bea White	Sandra Smith	In loving memory of Berdella Smith
12	Lorraine Urbano	Joe Fahd Lorraine Urbano	Jean Alheim	In loving memory of husband, Walter, and daughter, Barbara
19	Mike McDermott	Mike McDermott Vicky McDermott	Nancy and Joe Fahd	In memory of loved ones
26	Lois Ruppert	Bill Spolyar Pat Spolyar		

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.