

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles May 2012

<p>Worship Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>Wednesday 11:00am Holy Communion</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</p> <p>church@clcalbany.org www.clcalbany.org</p>	<p>A Message from the Pastor</p> <p>Dear Saints of Christ,</p> <p>Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We continue to rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ's victory over sin, death and the devil throughout the season of Easter and, indeed, throughout our lives.</p> <p>At the same time, our risen Savior calls us to follow Him by serving and loving others just as He serves and loves us. St. John wrote, "In this is love, not that we have loved God but the He has loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:9-11)</p> <p>In striving to love as He loved us, a wonderful place to start is within our own church family. To improve our ability to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, Christ Lutheran will partner with The Lutheran Care Network and implement a Parish Health Ministry. TLCN wants to share its expertise and resources with local churches. A team of trained volunteers will minister with older members of our congregation, especially with those who are at risk of being isolated due to health issues. In addition to maintaining strong relationships with all of our members, the Parish Health Ministry will work with TLCN to help our members and their families connect with needed services. Over time, we hope to be able to reach out to our friends and neighbors who are not members of CLC.</p> <p>As this new ministry starts, I encourage everyone to prayerfully consider being involved in some way.</p> <p>+Pastor Russ Craig</p>
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CHURCH NEWS

+ Church Dinner to Honor Edith Gerhardt

On Saturday, May 19th, we will honor Edith Gerhardt for the service and love she has given during her lifetime to the glory of God. There will be a social hour at 4:00 and dinner at 5:00. Entertainment follows the meal.

RSVP by May 12th. Call Bev Lenox (843-9551), Judy Bliven (456-2734), Goodie Scherer (869-9311), or Sandy Smith (456-0247).

+ Parish Health Ministry Forming

The Lutheran Care Network (TLCN), which operates Good Samaritan Village in Delmar, has initiated the "Linking Care in Congregations for Older Adults" program. This is an outreach ministry of care and compassion by which congregations assist members to stay healthy and independent within their home and congregation for longer periods of time. Pastor Craig, Linda Halbrend, Sandy Smith and Judi Terriciano attended the TLCN training. Information about this ministry and how to be involved will be disseminated in the coming weeks.

+ Pastor Craig Away May 2-7

Pastor will be on vacation from the evening of Wednesday, May 2 until the afternoon of Monday, May 7. Deacon Tom Craig will lead Sunday worship. *If you have a pastoral emergency, call the church office (456-1530) and leave a message.* A pastor or deacon will then be contacted.

+ New Bible Studies in June

Our Bible studies provide opportunities to grow in the knowledge of the Lord and in friendship with brothers and sisters in Christ. The next studies will begin during the first week of June.

- Sunday, 9:15am: *Prayer-Speaking to God What Is In Your Heart* (starts June 6)

- Tuesday, 9:45am: *1 & 2 Samuel* (starts June 8)

+ 2013 LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston

Every three years, LCMS high school students gather to celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ. In August 2013, Vinny DeMoor will be attending with the youth of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna (Deacon Tom Craig, leader). Fund raising events will be scheduled and everyone is encouraged to support Vinny.

FELLOWSHIP

On St. Patrick's Day, more than a dozen CLCers gathered at O'Toole's Restaurant to enjoy a fun Irish-American lunch. Also in March, a group of 14 attended a production of "Jersey Boys" at Proctor's Theater.

Future events include a possible wine tasting and luncheon at the Grapevine Farms in Cobleskill, and a Tri-City Valley Cats baseball game.

CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN AND LWML

The regional Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convention will be held April 28-29 at the Best Western Airport. The women will vote on ten projects that LWML will support over the next two years. Mission grants will also be allocated.

Christ Church Women have donated \$150 toward the purchase of a new computer for the church office. Mark your calendars -- the annual Strawberry Fest is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY TO MARCH

Income \$ 21,367.25

Expenses \$ 22,624.08

Difference - \$ 1,247.83

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madison Burrell
Betty Jane Casatelli
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Alan Kenyon
Dorothy Siebert
Richard Smith



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)
Teresa Deane (friend of Goodie Scherer)
Carter Deeken (friend of Lois Gerhardt serving in Afghanistan)
Tammy, Jackson & Andrew Deeken
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Teresa Grice (mother of Judy Zamurs)
Ellen Klein (friend of Lois Gerhardt)
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Holli Pocaro (friend of Sandy Smith)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Marji Schwegler (cousin of Smith/Burrell/DeMoor families)
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Kyle Wagoner (friend of Madison Burrell)
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Karen Laverty
4 Doris Pleydle
9 Steven Benedetto
15 Beverly Lenox
19 Linda Sickler
23 William Boomhower
Vinny DeMoor
31 Arlene Giroux

♪ From the Music Director ♪

The hymn, "Thy Strong Word," was written in 1954 for Concordia Seminary, a school of theology for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, by Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976), a renowned Lutheran theologian, Concordia professor, author, poet, and hymn-writer.

The text is based on the motto of Concordia Seminary, "Anothen to Phos", which means "light from above." In six verses, the hymn explores the theme of light, with several verses including the refrain, "Alleluia, alleluia! / Praise to Thee who light dost send! / Alleluia, alleluia! / Alleluia without end!"

The hymn concludes with a Trinitarian doxology, "God the Father, Light-Creator / To Thee laud and honor be. / To Thee, Light of Light begotten, / Praise be sung eternally. / Holy Spirit, light-revealer, / Glory, glory be to Thee. / Mortals, angels, now and ever / Praise the holy Trinity!"

Ebenezer, the ponderous, rolling melody for this hymn, is traditionally called "Ton-Y-Botel" ("Tune in a Bottle") because of a legend that it was found in a bottle along the Welsh Coast. It was actually composed by Thomas J. Williams and first appeared as a hymn tune in 1890 in a Welsh hymnal entitled Llawlyfn Moliant.

Sharon Calka

MAY 2012

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	3	4 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	5 7:00pm Slavic Church
6 10:30am Service of the Word 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	7	8 12:00pm Christ Women 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	9 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	10	11 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	12 7:00pm Slavic Church
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20 10:30am Holy Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	21	22 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	23 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	24	25 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	26 7:00pm Slavic Church
27 10:30am Holy Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29 12:00pm Al Anon 8:00pm AA	30 11:00am Holy Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	31	1	2



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
6	Vinny DeMoor	n/a	Karen Benedetto and Goodie Scherer	In celebration of Steven's 12 th birthday
13	Lois Ruppert	Bill & Pat Spolyar		
20	n/a		Madison Burrell	In celebration of my baby brother, Vinny's, birthday
27	Alan Fike	Alan Fike Linda Halbrend	Sandra Smith	In memory of Eleanor Smith, Mark DeMoor & in honor of Vinny DeMoor for his birthday

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**.
If there is one donor the cost is \$27 and if there are two, the cost is \$13.50 each.