

Christ Lutheran Church

1500 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203-3525

Chronicles May 2013

Worship

Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Holy Communion

Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Holy Communion
(no service on May 1st)

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A Message from the Pastor

Below is a portion of a message from Pastor Dien Taylor, Bronx, NY, addressing the bombings in Boston. While the two men who carried out this horrible act of murder and terror are no longer a threat, we know that sin and evil still prowls the world. But we do not give in to fear, because the One who defeated sin, death and the devil stands with us. Jesus, our God Shepherd, who laid down His life for you, will never forsake you. And He calls us to bring His hope to our families and communities.

+Pastor Russ Craig

In the Wake of Tragedy, Let Us Pray.

"For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love, for He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men." (Lamentations 3:31-33 ESV)

The tragedy of the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013 demonstrates how sin confronts all people throughout the world as many people were injured and have lost their lives during an event that should have been exhilarating and positive. And yet, the Lord-our "ever present help in time of trouble" (Psalm 46:1 ESV)-continues graciously to bring healing, hope and life to us through the Means of the Spirit. "Baptized for this moment," we are privileged in our respective vocations to share the comfort our Lord gives us in His Holy Word in anticipation of His glorious return as we proclaim the victory that is ours over sin, death and the devil through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord has called us to be present with others in their distress (Romans 12:15) as part of our witness, engaging in works of mercy and celebrating our life together.

In the wake of the deplorable acts of violence at the recent Boston Marathon, then, the Atlantic District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is "Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope."

I ask the people of the Atlantic District to pray and serve with the gifts our Lord has given to us. Let us pray for and with The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison as he leads us as the President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Let us also pray for New England District President Timothy Yeadon, Pastor Ingo Dutzmann and the saints of First Lutheran Church in Boston, Trinity Lutheran Church in Boston and the Brazilian Lutheran Ministry in Boston along with all the other pastors, commissioned rostered servants and people of God as they serve people in the Boston area and around the world who have been directly affected by this calamity.

Let us pray for the injured and bereaved as we pray for the family members and friends of those whose lives have been changed in this disaster. Let us pray for law enforcement workers, leaders in government, public servants, investigators, counselors, hospital workers and others who have been positioned to respond in this catastrophe. As our Lord Jesus Christ has called us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44), let us also pray for the individual or individuals responsible for this senseless act of violence, that our Lord would bring them to saving faith in Jesus Christ so that they would repent and believe the Gospel.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Our Lord's blessings to you always!

Paschal peace and hope in Christ Jesus,

The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor

First Vice President, Atlantic District, LCMS

Pastor, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Bronx, NY

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WORSHIP AT CLC

- + Sundays at 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
 - + Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. – Holy Communion
- This service will not be held on May 1st*

GOD'S WORD TO US

A new class studying the *Gospel of Matthew* will begin on Tuesday, May 7th.
There will be two sessions each Tuesday: 9:45 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

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CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

+ Ascension Day Worship Service with Bishop Benke

Thursday, May 9, is Ascension Day. All area LCMS churches are invited to attend a special service at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Whitehall Avenue. The service will begin at 7:00 P.M. and Rev. Dr. David Benke will be the preacher. Refreshments will be served after the service.

+ Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday, May 19

On Sunday, May 19th, we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day in which the Lord God poured out the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. Filled with the Spirit, they left the safety of the Upper Room and boldly proclaimed the Good News of forgiveness, salvation and life in Jesus Christ. During the worship service, we will also celebrate *the Rite of Confirmation for Steven Benedetto*.

+ Congregation Care Ministry

CLC volunteers keep in touch with our members who are unable to get to church on a regular basis. If you, or someone you know, would enjoy a friendly visit from a volunteer or Pastor, please contact Judi Terraciano or Pastor Russ. Judi may be reached at 464-1389. *A training session for all current volunteers (and others interested) will be held at 12:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 2. This class will be repeated on Tuesday, June 4, at 11:00 A.M. The topic will be "How to Be an Effective Listener".*

+ LCMS National Youth Gathering: July 1-5

Vinny DeMoor will be traveling with the young people from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Niskayuna, to the Synod's National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. One of the adult chaperons will be *Deacon Tom Craig*. Please keep all who are attending this event in your prayers.

+ Strawberry Fest: June 8

Christ Lutheran Church Women will hold their annual Strawberry Fest on Saturday, June 8th. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Joan Long.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2013

Income	\$ 27,333.75
Expenses	\$ 25,472.63

Difference	\$ 1,861.12

If You Will Be On Vacation ...

Winter is finally over and we all look forward to enjoying good weather by traveling and spending time with our families. If you will be away, remember that the ministries of our congregation go on. Please continue to provide your financial and prayer support even if you will not be able to attend Sunday or Wednesday worship.

♪ FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR ♪

The scripture references Acts 10:38; Acts 13:2-4; Romans 12:6-8 and 2Corinthians 3:17-18. The name of the hymn is *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*, one of the many hymns written for Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is often associated with fire. John the Baptist spoke of Jesus baptizing people with the Holy Spirit and with fire. When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, he appeared as tongues of fire resting on each believer. It is a reminder of the many Old Testament appearances of the Lord as a fiery presence – in the burning bush, leading Israel through the desert, inhabiting the Tabernacle and the Temple. Was this the Spirit's "celestial fire"?

The Latin original of this hymn dates back to the 9th or 10th century and was probably written by the Archbishop of Mainz, Rhabanus Maurus. Consequently, it has been used in worship for more than a thousand years.

Sharon

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Bradt
Madison Burrell
Betty Jane Casatelli
Carol Fike
Hilda Griessel
Herta Haupt
Alan Kenyon
Barbara Kunkel
Sandra Smith



Family & Friends

Melissa Bernard (sister of Madison Burrell)
Ed Beutel (brother of Bea White)
Ethan Bradt (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Erin Carhart (niece of Della & Joe Henstenberg)
Rylee Cavins (goddaughter of Sue Lawton)
Shirley Curry (widow of Pastor Kenneth Curry)
Jean Davis (sister of Anne MacIntosh)
Dustin Donovan (grandson of Virginia Bradt)
Bennett A. Faso (grandson of Joan Long)
Erma Fike (mother of Alan Fike)
Richard Freehling (brother of Judy LaHart)
Laura Langabeer (niece of Judy Zamurs)
Mary Jean Laraway (aunt of Nicole & Gabriel Gardner)
George Lipani (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Carl Madresse (brother-in-law of Bea White)
Trevor Mastro (great-grandson of Dorothy Van Deusen)
Harold Mathis (brother of Carol Fike)
Peter Noonan (nephew of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Vicky Quay (daughter of Joan Long)
Helen Timmers (aunt of Della Henstenberg)
Dan Urbano (grandson of Lorraine & Tom Urbano)
Ruth Varney (friend of Joe & Della Henstenberg)
Sharon Walsh (daughter of Phyllis Mattice)
Nathaniel Wasson (brother of Sarah Halbrend - in Afghanistan)
Sharon Willet (friend of Larry Bohn)
Richard Zink (father of Valerie Morales)
Our Armed Forces, especially those in Afghanistan
All who are recovering from Hurricane Sandy

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Doris Pleydle
9 Steven Benedetto
19 Linda Sickler
23 Vinny DeMoor
31 Arlene Giroux

MAY 2013

<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>No Worship Service</i> 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	2	3 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	4
5 10:30am Communion 2:00pm Slavic Church 5:00pm Council Dinner 6:00pm Micronesians 8:00pm GA	6 7:00pm Council	7 9:45am Bible study 12:00pm AI Anon 8:00pm AA 6:30pm Bible study	8 11:00am Communion 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:30pm GA	9 Ascension Day 7:00pm Worship Service at St. Matthew	10 7:00pm Slavic Church 7:00pm AA	11
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All newsletter articles and announcements must be submitted to Madison by the 20th of each month.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS	
Date	Lector	Communion		
5	Lois Ruppert	Sandy Smith	Judy Bliven Sandy Smith	In thanksgiving to God for my grandchildren, Elizabeth and Sammy. In loving memory of Elanor Smith.
12	Alan Fike	Bill Spolyar	Joan Long	In celebration of Victoria & Shannon's birthdays.
19	Lorraine Urbano	Pat Spolyar	Madison Burrell The Benedettos	In celebration of my brother, Vinny's, 16 th birthday
26	Linda Halbrend	Bea White	Linda Halbrend Christ Church Women	In loving memory of departed congregation members

*Flowers are provided, and part of the cost has been donated, by Emil J. Nagengast Florist.
If you would like to donate the altar flowers in memory of a loved one, to honor an event, or to praise God,
please sign-up on the flower chart posted in the narthex*