

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Christmas Worship
	10:30 AM	Christmas Worship
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Middle School Fun Night at SLS
<i>Saturday:</i>	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

Close Communion: The Bible teaches that Holy Communion strengthens faith in Jesus. It also teaches that those who commune without first being instructed concerning it take it to the detriment of their faith. Since we only have first hand knowledge of the instruction received by the members of our synod, we ask that others speak with the pastor before approaching the altar. We ask this out of love for God's Word.

A Blessed Christmas: Pastor and Jennifer Schreiner along with all the faculty, staff and their families wish you a very Merry Christmas and express their thanks for the cards and gifts.

Special Thanks: Often times, but especially during this season of the year, many different individuals use their talents in enhancing our worship. While we try to recognize these individuals and groups, sometimes we might miss someone. So here is a blanket THANK YOU to anyone and everyone who enhances our worship.

Drawing to a Close: Looking ahead, don't forget that we are having a service on New Year's Eve at 7:00 PM. We pray that many of you will take advantage of this service to thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the year to come.

God's Gifts: I pray that you will prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and how you will respond as we close out another year. There is also no question that the church depends upon a strong financial finish to the year in order to make our budget. It's also a good time to consider what we will regularly and cheerfully return to him in the coming year. When was the last time you either as an individual or with your spouse took time to really look at and prayerfully consider your gifts to God?

Call: On Sunday, January 8th after the late service we will hold a call meeting to replace our retiring preschool teacher. We have asked the synod to supply us with a list of qualified candidates from which we can choose to fill this position. Pray that God, in his grace, leads someone to accept our call so that our program can continue to operate and God's love can continue to be shared with his precious lambs.

Are You Coming? Attention middle school students in grades 5-8—we are planning a “Fun Night” on Thursday, December 29th from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. Join us for games, snacks, devotion, fellowship, and FUN!

Aid: Samuel School is looking for an aid to help out in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom. This aid will need to prepare and organize materials for upcoming classes, monitor students to ensure they stay on task while the teacher is working with a different group, check student's work and offer feedback, and provide individual support when the teacher is not able to. Limited remuneration will determine amount of time for the position. If interested speak to Principal Festerling or Pastor.

Count Me In: Starting on Sunday, January 8th, Pastor will be conducting Adult Information Classes (AIC) for anyone who might be interested. These classes are mainly for those who are not currently members but might want to learn more about what our church teaches and believes and then join the church. They are also a great review for all members as well. We will meet Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 PM. If you think you might be interested speak to Pastor.

Posting: Any offerings given in 2016 offering envelopes will go on your 2016 giving statement if received by January 2nd. After that all donations will be posted to your 2017 contributions.

January Calendar: Don't forget that since the January newsletter has always been relatively “light” on the news side of things, you will find your January calendar on the back side of the December calendar so don't throw it away, just flip it over. We feel that we can easily convey all the information we need to for the month of January in the Sunday bulletins.

Annual Report: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 6th, 2017. Thank you!