

**This Week:**

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – L. Mitzner/Noble/D. Schultz
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Budget/Election Meeting
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation at Church
	5:30 PM	Spaghetti Supper
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	12:00 PM	Ladies Aid Christmas Potluck
	6:30 PM	JCM
<i>Saturday:</i>	10:30 AM	Church Decorating and Chili Dump Lunch
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	3:00 PM	Christmas Concert at Samuel

**COFFEE HOUR:** Thank you to Larry and Sue Mitzner, Nick and Mary Noble, and Darlene Schultz for hosting our coffee fellowship this morning. Would you be willing to host an hour with some of your church member friends? Call the church office to arrange a date.

**VOTERS:** The Budget/Election meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 PM at church. Copies of the proposed budget and agenda are on the table by the bulletin board.

**ADVENT:** Today we enter a new church year with the beginning of Advent. This also means our first mid week Advent service will be held this Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**SUPPER:** Be sure to join us for a Spaghetti supper from 5:30-6:30 PM Wednesday before the first midweek Advent service. If you would like to donate a pan of bars there is a signup sheet on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

**LADIES AID CHRISTMAS:** Join us on Thursday at noon for our annual Potluck Dinner as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. There will be a lot of fellowship and music. Please bring a dish to pass.

**TREEMENDOUS:** That is what we will all say when we look at our church all decorated for the Christmas season. Guess what? You get a chance to make that happen! Next Saturday starting at 10 AM we will put up the Christmas decorations here at church. It usually takes a couple hours so come when you can. The more hands the quicker it will go and the sooner we can dig into lunch. Bring your favorite chili recipe – everything else is provided by the church.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Please join the students of Samuel for their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. Christmas goodies and coffee will be served in the cafeteria following the concert.

**COOK:** We are still looking to hire a cook out to Samuel. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mr. Festerling as soon as possible.

**GIFT IDEAS:** Just a reminder that we are selling our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbooks at church and school during the weeks prior to Christmas so be sure to pick a few up for anyone that you know likes to eat. They make great gift ideas. Another great gift idea is the Hy Vee and County Fair gift cards. While you get full face value our youth group gets 5% of every dollar sold. Best part about a gift card is you don't have to wrap it!

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:** We will be hosting “Christmas for Kids”, a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run from 11:00 AM (right after our first children’s Christmas practice is over) until 1:30 PM. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex at church or you can call or email the office to register.

**NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE:** Our publishing house is your source for gospel-focused books and gifts, ideal for your Christmas giving. If you think you might be interested in placing an order, there are some special books highlighted in a flyer that you can take from the easel in the narthex.

<b>SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK</b>	
\$3808 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$6154	
\$50 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$231	
\$60 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90	
\$5 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$0 – Building Improvement Fund
\$21 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD November '13: \$261,049.53	
YTD November '12: \$268,653.25	
Annual Budgeted – 2013: \$320,000	

**First Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 1, 2013**

**The Common Service**

Opening Hymn #472

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First Lesson – see insert

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Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #206

Sermon – Matthew 24:37-44

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Offering

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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Closing Hymn #9

