

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	8:15 AM	Chapel at Samuel
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class at Church
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	JCM Christmas Program
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Christmas Eve Practice
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour Board of Education
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:45 PM	Caroling

CLOSE COMMUNION: In accordance with God's command in I Corinthians, we at Christ practice close communion. This means that only members of our church or of one in fellowship with us may approach the altar. Visitors are invited to speak with the pastor and find out why this is an act of LOVE.

ELECTIONS: The following were elected at the annual budget election meeting last Sunday. Mark Patzer, Geoffrey Stelter, Perry Schultz and Lyle Patzer were elected to the Church Council while Jon Doering, David Biastock and Brad Wendorff were elected to the Board of Education. We thank Cecil Naatz, John Paxton and Dan Haag who are going off the boards. A budget of \$415,922 was passed. We pray that the Lord of the church continues to bless the work that goes on through his church on earth. Newly elected officers will be installed either on Wednesday, December 14th or Sunday, December 18th.

PREPARATION: Our final service will be this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Our theme is "We Welcome Christ as Prophet, Priest and King". This week we will welcome Christ as our King.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Saturday, December 17th all of the children (PreK-8) will meet at Samuel from 9:00-10:30 AM to rehearse for the Children's Christmas Eve Service.

CANDY BAGS: There will be a free will offering taken today as you leave. This collection will help off-set the cost of the items used in the children's Christmas bags given out to every child on Christmas Eve.

CAROLING: The congregation is invited to join the choir next Sunday, December 18th when we go caroling for our shut-ins. We will meet at church at 2:45 PM and will return to church for refreshments when we are through.

2012 GIVING ENVELOPES: In past years you would have been asked to pick up your 2012 offering envelopes. Most of you know this year the envelopes are being mailed directly to your home monthly. They should be in your mailbox soon. You will recognize them as they will be in a yellow envelope with the church's return address on it. It is our prayer that God richly blesses this program so that we can all be better stewards of the gifts that God has blessed us with. As in the past please don't start using your "new" 2012 envelopes until the New Year and discontinue using your old set as the recording numbers may have changed. If you don't receive your envelopes and wish to just contact the office and you will be put on the mailing list.

GOD'S GRACE: While God's people here at Christ Lutheran have given generously during this past year, and we thank and praise God for that, we do predict that we will fall short of making the budget for 2011. It is no secret that the operation of the church relies heavily upon the offerings given in December. So we pray God would open up the hearts of his people that they recognize his goodness and return to him their first fruits.

SNOW REMOVAL: We are asking individuals and families to sign up for snow removal at church and at school. Would you be willing to pick a week or two? Please check out the signup sheets by the bulletin board in the church narthex. Snow blowers and shovels are available at both locations.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK	
\$5784 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$6259	
\$104 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$154	
\$10 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90	
\$74 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$4 – Building Improvement Fund
\$1467 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD November '11: \$259,682.10	
	YTD November '10: \$255,417.92
Annual Budgeted – 2011: \$325,476.00	

**Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2011**

**Service of Word and
Sacrament**

- Opening Hymn #15
- Liturgy page 26
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 71 on page 92
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Verse of the Day page 30
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Hymn of the Day #12
- Sermon – Isaiah 61:1-3
- Nicene Creed page 31
- Offering
- Prayers & Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament pages 33-35
- Distribution Hymn #5 & #3
- The Thanksgiving page 36
- Closing Hymn #6

