

**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
	3:00 PM	Christmas Concert at Samuel
	5:00 PM	AIC
<i>Monday:</i>	6:00 PM	Elder's Meeting at Samuel
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	10:00 AM	Pastor's Study Club
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class at Church
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship – Choir to follow
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Children's 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

**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.

**PREPARATION:** We hope you will be able to join us for our final midweek Advent service on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. What a great time to remember what's really important this time of year.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE:** Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Advent, will be a service of lessons and carols. What a wonderful way to hear and sing about the way of Salvation in the Advent King.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE:** Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2011 GIVING ENVELOPES:** The 2011 envelopes are in the narthex. We ask that you would pick them up today but do not start using them until the first service in January. At that time please stop using your 2010 envelopes if you have any left, as your number may have changed. If you do not find a set of envelopes with your name on them please let a councilman know so that one can be issued to you. Thank you!

**ENCOURAGING:** That might be the best word to describe the offerings given by our members to support the work of the Lord at Christ. For the first time in many years we are within reach of making our budget! We are within reach but it will still take a huge December to make it. The good news is, by God's grace we can do it. There is no reason to believe that the members will not respond as they have in past years to the glory of God. If we all take this to God in prayer and ask him to open our hearts to support the Gospel work at Christ I know he will bless us. He has promised to do so.

**ENDOWMENT:** With the end of another year fast approaching some might be thinking of taking advantage of our newly established Congregational Endowment Funds for a year-end tax deductible charitable gift. If you are thinking along these lines, speak to Pastor and he can direct you how to give. What a great way to thank God for another year of his abundant blessings! For more information on our Endowment Funds be sure to pick up a brochure from the tract rack.

**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.

**GIFT WRAPPING:** Need some extra help with holiday gift wrapping? Bring your unwrapped gifts to Samuel on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and 10:30 AM and they will be wrapped for you by the PTF. This is open to anyone who would like to have a gift wrapped and is free of charge. (Donations will be accepted).

**USHERING:** We are in need of ushers for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If you can volunteer please speak to Mike Ellingson.

**CAROLING:** The congregation is invited to join the choir next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$5501 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6086

\$180 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154

\$25 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$70 – Debt Reduction Fund      \$25 – Building Improvement Fund

\$1542 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD November '10: \$255,295.92

YTD November '09: \$243,570.69

Annual Budgeted – 2010: \$316,450.00

**Third Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 12, 2010****Divine Service I**

Opening Hymn #703 (CWS)

Liturgy page 15 (CWS)

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 146 on page 120

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

Nicene Creed page 19

Hymn of the Day #27

Sermon – Matthew 11:2-11

“Create in Me” page 21

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament page 22

Distribution Hymn #741  
(CWS)

The Thanksgiving page 26

Closing Hymn #12

