

This Week:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:15 PM	Choir Caroling
Monday:	8:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
Wednesday:	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation at Samuel
	7:30 PM	Choir
Saturday:	5:30 PM	Children's Christmas Service at Samuel
	9:00 PM	Candlelight Service
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Christmas Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Christmas Worship with Holy Communion

COFFEE HOUR: Thank you to the families from Serving Committee 1 for hosting our coffee fellowship this morning.

INSTALLATION: Newly elected council and board of education officers will be installed today. They are church council: Karl Baumann, Wes Hoflock, Perry Schultz, and Lucas Tietz; board of education: Darik Lyons. We thank those who served in the past.

CAROLING: The congregation is invited to join the choir this afternoon when we go Christmas caroling for our shut-ins. We will meet at church at 2:15 PM and will return to church for refreshments when we are through caroling.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: We have numerous chances to worship the newborn Savior this Christmas season. On Christmas Eve our children will lead us in worship at 5:30 PM at Samuel School. The candlelight service will remind us of the promises God made to us and how he fulfilled those promises through the Christ Child. Candles will help us see the "Light of the World" Jesus Christ. This service starts at **9:00 PM** at church. Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year we will follow our normal service schedule with a service at 8:00 and 10:30. The 8:00 service will also be broadcast live on the radio on KMHL 1400 AM and 103.3 FM. The service will, of course, be a special printed service honoring the birth of the Christ child. The following Sunday is January 1st and those will be normal Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:30 as well.

RECESS: We will not have Sunday School or Bible class on December 25th and January 1st. Classes will resume on the 8th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT: Attention middle school students in grades 5-8—we are planning a "Fun Night" during Christmas break on Thursday, December 29th from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. Join us for games, snacks, devotion, fellowship, and FUN! Sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board by December 22nd.

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?

PLAN AHEAD: Starting in January 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. We will meet Sunday evenings from 6-7:30 PM. If you think you might be interested speak to Pastor.

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.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Please note this group will not meet on Monday, December 26th or January 2nd.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$6,909 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6462

\$360 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$270

\$75 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$48 – Debt Reduction Fund \$0 – Building Improvement Fund

\$272 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2016: \$287,651.90

 YTD November 2015: \$278,900.50

2015 YTD Actual: \$360,510.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 18, 2016**

Divine Service I

- Opening Hymn #702
- Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 24 on page 73
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Apostles Creed page 20
- Hymn of the Day #47
- Sermon – Isaiah 7:10-14
- “Create in Me” page 21
- Offering
- Prayers and Lord’s Prayer
- Hymn #705
- Closing Prayer page 27
- Closing Hymn #703

