

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	NO Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
<i>Monday:</i>	5:30 PM	Children's Service at Samuel
	10:00 PM	Candlelight Service
<i>Tuesday:</i>	9:30 AM	Christmas Worship
	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
<i>Friday:</i>	5:00 PM	Konietzko/Barker Wedding
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Wilmes/Wood/St. Aubin
	9:15 AM	NO Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

CLOSE COMMUNION: According to the Scriptures, Holy Communion is only for repentant sinners, those who are instructed, those who are able to examine themselves, and those who are united in doctrine and practice. Therefore we lovingly practice Close Communion, meaning that only confirmed members of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church are invited, together with those members of sister WELS or ELS churches who have spoken to the pastor before the service.

INSTALLATION: Newly elected council and board of education officers will be installed today. They are church council: Tom Gruhot, Craig Heil, Steve Paxton, and Justin Schultz; board of education: Brad Wendorff.

CHRISTMAS 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 10:00 PM at church. Our Christmas Day service will begin at 9:30 AM. Looking ahead, we also have services on New Year's Eve at 7:00 PM and New Year's Day at 9:30 AM.

BENEFIT: A benefit meal for the Zander family has been scheduled for Sunday, January 13th. Pastor Mark Zander has been experiencing some health issues which caused him to be hospitalized for close to two months. Proceeds from the meal will be used to help with their expenses. More details about the benefit will be forthcoming.

CHAIRS: Can you help take the chairs we will be using for the Children's service at Samuel back to church? Great – we knew we could count on you! We will meet at school at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 26th. If we have 75 people we will only have to take 2 chairs each!

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS (AIC): A new session of classes for those who wish to learn more about the Lutheran faith and possibly join our church will be held on Sundays starting in January. These classes are also open to members who might want a refresher. Our first class is tentatively set for Sunday, January 6th. Dates and times can be adjusted to meet schedules of class members. If you or someone you know are interested in these classes, please call Pastor.

YEAR END: As the year draws to a close the church council just wants to alert everyone to the financial picture of the church. While gifts to the Lord had been running ahead of last year, with the weather and lower offerings the past few weeks we are behind where we need to be. That means if we are going to make budget God's people will need to respond in kind. We are confident they will! May God bless you as you contemplate his blessings to you and cheerfully give as he has blessed you.

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 7th, 2013. Thank you!

*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20th at 7:00 PM.

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

\$6375 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6205

\$735 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154

\$0 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

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

\$423 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD November '12: \$268,653.27

YTD November '11: \$259,682.10

Annual Budgeted – 2012: \$322,681

**Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 23, 2012****Divine Service I**

Opening Hymn #703

Liturgy page 15 (CWS)

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 85 on page 97

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

Nicene Creed page 19

Hymn of the Day #39

Sermon – Luke 1:39-55

"Create in Me" page 21

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament page 22

Distribution Hymns #32 & 15

The Thanksgiving page 26

Closing Hymn #12

