

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
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<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Thursday:</i>	7:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting
<i>Friday:</i>	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Service
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:30 AM	New Year's Day Worship
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

COMMUNION FELLOWSHIP: Biblically, Holy Communion is a promise of God's peace with us and an outward sign of Christian's peace with each other. The Bible teaches that the peace with each other involves a willingness to forgive as we have been forgiven and also a "peace", or unity, of faith. So as not to judge hearts, that unity of faith can only be judged by our public confession, it is proper that those of the same denomination commune together. Those of our sister WELS/ELS congregations who may be visiting today are therefore welcome to join us at the Lord's Supper. Those visitors of other denominations we welcome to our worship today. We hope you also realize that refraining from Communion today would be in keeping with God's will.

REVELATION: Our next Bible Class will be held on Sunday, January 9th. At that time we will begin a study of the last book of the Bible—Revelation. Let's start the year off right – digging into God's Word.

MEETING: The Stewardship/Endowment fund board will meet on Thursday, December 30th at 7 AM at Gary St. Aubin's office.

END AND BEGIN: Remember you can end the old year and begin the new at God's house. Our New Year's Eve service will be at 7:00 PM and our New Year's Day service will be at 9:30 AM. The scripture lessons and sermon will be the same for both services.

2011 GIVING ENVELOPES: If you have not done so yet, please pick up your 2011 offering envelopes from the table in the narthex. You are encouraged to start using them with the first service in the New Year.

POSTING: Any offerings given in 2010 offering envelopes will go on your 2010 giving statement if received by January 2, 2010. After that all donations will be posted to your 2011 contributions.

TAKE DOWN: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at church on Saturday, January 8th at 10:00 AM. We hope a number of you will be able to lend a hand.

SNOW – SNOW: We have not even finished our first week of winter and the snow total is already up there! Can you and your family volunteer to take a week to shovel/blow at church or school? Please sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board.

WE CAN DO IT: What looked promising a month ago looks a bit bleaker today, but we can do it. With the weather and low attendance offerings are off sharply in December. If gifts are not up substantially over Christmas we will fall short of making our budget. We are confident that God's people will respond and return to him as he has blessed us. May God's gift of his Son be our motivation.

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 5th, 2011. Thank you!

*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 16th at 7:00 PM.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA AREA LUTHERAN CHORALE: The 30th season of the Southwest Minnesota Area Lutheran Chorale is set to begin in January, 2011. This is a group of men and women of the WELS and ELS congregations located in the SW area of Minnesota. Their Service Concerts this year will be held at Zion in Morton at 2:30 PM and at St. John's in Sleepy Eye at 7 PM on April 10th, 2011. Rehearsals will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls from 2–5 PM on the following dates: January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 13, 30. April 3 and 8 practices will be held at the concert sites. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Bryan Prell at 507-648-3601.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$6903 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6086
 \$56 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154
 \$45 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
 \$6 – Debt Reduction Fund \$5 – Building Improvement Fund
 \$19 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD November '10: \$255,295.92
 YTD November '09: \$243,570.69
 Annual Budgeted – 2010: \$316,450.00

**First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, December 26, 2010**

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #41
 Liturgy page 15
 First Lesson – see insert
 Psalm 2 on page 65
 Second Lesson – see insert
 Gospel Lesson – see insert
 Nicene Creed page 18
 Hymn of the Day #91
 Sermon – Matthew 2:13-23
 "Create in Me" page 20
 Offering
 Prayers and Lord's Prayer
 The Sacrament
 Distribution Hymn #38
 The Thanksgiving page 24
 Closing Hymn #52

