

**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
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation at Church
	5:30 PM	Chili Supper
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	12:00 PM	Ladies Aid Christmas Potluck
	6:00 PM	Mission Society Potluck
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Christmas Eve Practice
	11:00 AM	Christmas for Kids
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Committee 3
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

**CLOSE COMMUNION:** In accordance with God's command, we at Christ practice close communion. This means that only members of our church or of one in fellowship with us may commune. 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. Todd Konietzko, Kevin Lee, Brian Onken, and Gary St. Aubin were elected to the Church Council while Darik Lyons was elected to the Board of Education. We thank Tom Werner and Mike Prah who are going off the boards. A budget of \$423,702 was passed. We pray that the Lord of the church continues to bless the work that goes on through his church on earth.

**THANK YOU:** We thank those who came to put up the Christmas decorations – it looks beautiful.

**PREPARATION:** We hope you will be able to join us for our second midweek Advent service on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. What a great time to remember what's really important this time of year. The PTF of Samuel will be hosting a chili supper prior to the service starting at 5:30. If you would like to donate a pan of bars there is a signup sheet on the table by the bulletin board.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Please join the students of Samuel for their Christmas Concert this afternoon at 3:00 PM. Christmas goodies and coffee will be served in the cafeteria following the concert.

**A DAY OF POTLUCKS:** The congregation is invited to the rescheduled Ladies Aid Christmas potluck at noon on Thursday and then return for the Mission Society's annual Christmas potluck at 6:00 PM at the church. Tableware and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a free will offering taken.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE:** Next Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> grades K-8 will meet at Samuel School from 9:00-11:00 AM to rehearse for the Children's Christmas Eve Service. PreK students are asked to be there from 10:00-11:00 AM and meet in their classroom. The following Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, all of the children (PreK-8) will meet from 9-10:30 AM. Attendance is VERY important.

**COOK:** We are still looking to hire a cook out to Samuel. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Mr. Festerling as soon as possible.

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:** We will be hosting "Christmas for Kids", a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It will run from 11:00 AM (right after our first children's Christmas practice is over) until 1:30 PM. There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex at church or you can call or email the office to register.

**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	
\$10,993 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$6154	
\$104 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$231	
\$20 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90	
\$45 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$4 – Building Improvement Fund
\$53 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD November '13: \$276,491.00	
	YTD November '12: \$268,729.27
Annual Budgeted – 2013: \$320,000	

**Second Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 8, 2013****Service of Word and  
Sacrament**

Opening Hymn #23

Liturgy page 26

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 130 on page 114

Second Lesson – see insert

Verse of the Day page 30

Gospel Lesson – see insert

Hymn of the Day #47

Sermon – Isaiah 11:1-10

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Prayers &amp; Lord's Prayer

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Closing Hymn #6

