

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
<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
	5:30 PM	Advent Supper
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:00 PM	Mission Society Potluck Christmas Party
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Christmas Eve Practice
	11:00 AM	Christmas for Kids
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Mission Society
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

CLOSE COMMUNION: Because receiving the Lord's Supper together is an expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper that those of the same confession commune together. Since church membership is an individual's expression of confession, it is proper that members of congregations in fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask that those of other fellowships refrain.

ELECTIONS: The following were elected at the annual budget election meeting last Sunday. Steve Paxton, Justin Schultz, Tom Gruhot, and Craig Heil were elected to the Church Council while Brad Wendorff was elected to the Board of Education. We thank Mike Ellingson and Dan Herrmann who are going off the boards. A budget of \$432,836 was passed. We pray that the Lord of the church continues to bless the work that goes on through his church on earth. Newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday, December 23rd.

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.

MISSION SOCIETY CHRISTMAS: The congregation is invited to Mission Society's annual Christmas potluck on Thursday 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 15th 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 22nd, all of the children (PreK-8) will meet from 9-10:30 AM. Attendance is VERY important.

OCTOBER 13, 2013: Have you purchased your Anniversary ornament or apparel? They are available for the next couple weeks. We look forward to our anniversary celebration and thanking God for his goodness. We hope these memorabilia items help us focus on that. All proceeds are going toward the anniversary projects so please give generously.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: We will be hosting "Christmas for Kids", a one day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, December 15th for kids from Pre-K 3 year olds through 4th 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.

CAROLING: The congregation is invited to join the choir next Sunday, December 16th 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.

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

\$6057 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6205

\$156 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154

\$130 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$63 – Debt Reduction Fund \$3 – Building Improvement Fund

\$1091 – Other Receipts

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

YTD November '11: \$259,682.10

Annual Budgeted – 2012: \$322,681

**Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 9, 2012****The Common Service**

Opening Hymn #14

Liturgy page 15

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 25 on page 74

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #8

Sermon – Malachi 3:1-4

"Create in Me" page 20

Offering

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

Distribution Hymn #312

The Thanksgiving page 24

Closing Hymn #6

