This Week:

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
Monday:	6:30 PM	PTF Meeting
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Wednesday:	8:15 AM	Chapel at Samuel
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class at Church
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
Thursday:	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:30 PM	JCM
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – PTF
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

"TAKE EAT, TAKE DRINK!": We're celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today. For reasons based solely upon Scripture we practice "close communion" in our Wisconsin Synod congregations. This has been the standard practice of those church bodies fully committed to the Doctrine of the Real Presence. We would ask that only those members of our Synod or those in complete fellowship with us to come forward for the Sacrament. Please speak with our Pastor before the service if you have any questions.

PTF: The PTF (Parents, Teachers, and Friends) will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 PM at school. All parents, teachers and friends of Samuel are invited and encouraged to attend.

MIDWEEK: This week Pastor Schliewe from St. John's/Peace in Vesta/Echo will be our worship leader. We will consider the theme *It's No Secret*.

SUPPER: We hope you will take advantage of the meals offered before every Lenten service. Our youth groups will be serving Chicken wild rice soup this week from 5:30-6:30 PM. There are still a few opportunities for you to contribute desserts for our meals in the coming weeks. Signup sheets are available on the table by the bulletin board.

COUGARS: The Samuel basketball team is in New Ulm this weekend for the annual MLC tournament. We will try to let you know how they are doing and what time they are playing this afternoon. GO COUGARS!

FAREWELL: The word "Alleluia" means "Praise you, the Lord". In our service it stands as a musical interlude between the Second and Gospel readings. The Alleluia also serves another purpose. It ratchets things up a notch as we proceed to the Gospel reading. During the Lenten season we observe a "Farewell to Alleluia" since this season is characterized by deep repentance and a more somber time. The Alleluia is brought back with much joy at Easter.

JUMP ROPE: As part of our playground push, this year Leap Day will be Jump Day. Students are asking parents and members to sponsor this activity. The children will be jumping rope for 30 minutes. Pastor Schreiner has agreed to jump for up to 15 minutes based on the amount of pledges received. Let's push him to the brink on this one! There are Jump Rope envelopes on the easel that you can use to donate. Donations will be accepted until Wednesday morning, February 29th. Join us in the gymnasium at 1:30 on Leap Day!

WOW! At the start of the month we were challenged to raise at least $5000 for our playground. Our members stepped up to the challenge wonderfully. At last count we were at $4664 with more still pledged. The support you have shown for your school is commendable. Just because February has ended does not mean that we are finished raising all the money needed to complete the playground. With over half of the money raised we are on the downhill portion of the total needed.

OWLS: The Minnesota Prairie OWLS will meet at St. John's in Renville on Tuesday, March 13th. The day begins with coffee and muffins and registration at 9:00 AM and devotion at 9:30 AM. A potluck dinner will follow at noon. Please bring your Meditations and donations for the Food Bank.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

$8533 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need - $6205*
$150 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need - $154*
$10 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need - $90*
$0 – Debt Reduction Fund $0 – Building Improvement Fund
$1093 – Other Receipts
Budgeted offerings: YTD January '12: $25,077.43
YTD January '11: $22,045.53
Annual Budgeted – 2012: $322,681

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 26, 2012

Divine Service I

Opening Hymn #746
Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
First Lesson – see insert
Psalm 6 on page 66
Second Lesson – see insert
Gospel Lesson – see insert
Nicene Creed page 19
Hymn of the Day #714
Sermon – Genesis 21:1-18
"Create in Me" page 21
Offering
Prayers and Lord's Prayer
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The Thanksgiving page 26
Closing Hymn #412

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