

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	NO Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	8:15 AM	Chapel at Samuel
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<i>Thursday:</i>	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:30 PM	JCM
<i>Saturday:</i>	10:00 AM	Take Down Decorations
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	1:00 PM	Pioneers at Marshall Bowl

CLASS: Next Sunday both Sunday School and the Adult Bible classes will resume. In the adult study we will be looking at the book of Galatians. How about a New Year's resolution to get into Scripture even more at the Sunday morning study?

POSTING: If you would like today's offering credited to your 2011 statement, it needs to be in a 2011 envelope or duly noted.

TAKE DOWN: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations at church next Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 AM. We hope a number of you will be able to lend a hand.

PIONEERS: The Pioneers are going to go bowling at the Marshall bowl next Sunday, January 8th. Pioneers should be dropped off at the lanes by 1:00 PM and picked up at that location at 3:00 PM. The Pioneer program will pick up the cost of shoes and bowling. Anything more, like pop and popcorn will need to be paid for by the children.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: Our two women's groups want to take the start of a New Year as an opportunity to invite the ladies of the congregation to join us. "Joining" us does NOT mean you have to "join" – just come and see what we do as a service to the church. If after visiting you want to join – GREAT! The Ladies Aid meets at 1:30 PM this Thursday and Mission Society meets at 7:00 PM on January 12th. Please be advised both groups serve "goodies" at their meeting so be sure to leave room for a treat.

LAST CHANCE: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that it is time to submit your Annual Report for 2011. The deadline is January 6th, 2012. Thank you!

*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at 7:00 PM.

125th ANNIVERSARY: Plans are already underway for our anniversary celebration in 2013. In order to make this a truly memorable event we are asking the members to provide us with historical memorabilia such as pictures, articles, etc., especially relating to the last 25 years. A special project for our anniversary will be compiling a new church cookbook. Please submit your recipes via email to the church or drop them, along with any memorabilia in the box on the table by the bulletin board. Please be sure to include your name on everything submitted.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Starting today you should be using your 2012 offering envelopes. As with anything new, there may be a few glitches that need to be worked out. The stewardship committee is excited about the upside of having envelopes sent directly to homes. We understand that a few members did not receive their envelopes as early as others. If you do not receive your new mailing of the next month's envelopes by the last Sunday of the month, contact the church office; we have extra "emergency" sets available.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA AREA LUTHERAN CHORALE: The 31st season of the Southwest Minnesota Area Lutheran Chorale is set to begin. 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 Sanborn at 2:30 PM and at St. John's in Fairfax at 7 PM on March 18th, 2012. Rehearsals will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls from 2–5 PM on the following dates: January 15, 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; and March 11 and 16. The March 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

\$25,753 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6259
 \$40 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154
 \$50 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
 \$10 – Debt Reduction Fund \$5 – Building Improvement Fund
 \$105 – Other Receipts
 Budgeted offerings: YTD November '11: \$259,682.10
 YTD November '10: \$255,417.92
 Annual Budgeted – 2011: \$325,476.00

**First Sunday after Christmas
 Sunday, January 1, 2012**

The Common Service

Opening Hymn #70
 Liturgy page15
 First Lesson – see insert
 Psalm 11 on page 106
 Second Lesson – see insert
 Gospel Lesson – see insert
 Apostles' Creed page 19
 Hymn of the Day #76
 Sermon – Luke 2:21-40
 "Create in Me" page 20
 Offering
 Prayers and Lord's Prayer
 Hymn #78
 Closing Prayer page 25
 Closing Hymn #77

