

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
	1:00 PM	Pioneers at Marshall Bowl
<i>Monday:</i>	5:30 PM	Board of Education
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<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>	4:15 PM	Samuel Basketball at Redwood
	7:00 PM	Mission Society
<i>Saturday:</i>	10:00 AM	Samuel Basketball at St. James
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Evangelism Committee
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	CLYF
	7:00 PM	Annual Meeting

CLOSE COMMUNION: According to the Scriptures, Holy Communion is only for repentant sinners, those who are instructed, those who are able to examine themselves, and those who are united in doctrine and practice. Therefore we lovingly practice Close Communion, meaning that only confirmed members of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church are invited, together with those members of sister WELS or ELS churches who have spoken to the pastor before the service.

PASTORAL ACT: *Funeral:* A Christian funeral and burial was given to June Skoog on Saturday, January 7th. God called her home on Monday, January 2nd at the age of 92.

TAKE DOWN: Since there was a funeral yesterday when we were going to take down decorations, we are asking people to come back or stick around after the late service to help put the decorations away. It shouldn't take that long. Thanks a lot.

MEETINGS: A reminder that the BPE meets at 5:30 PM tomorrow and council at 7 PM.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will take place next Sunday, January 15th at 7:00 PM.

PIONEERS: The Pioneers are going bowling at the Marshall bowl this afternoon. 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.

CLYF: We will be having a special meeting of **CLYF members and parents** on Sunday, January 15th after the late service to discuss our possible participation in the upcoming WELS International Youth Rally June 27 - 30. We need to have an idea of how many might wish to go to Knoxville, TN for the rally. At this meeting we will also be talking about cost and transportation. If you are even considering this we need you to attend this meeting. It is open to those who will be graduating from the 8th grade through those who will be graduating from High School this year.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Sunday, January 29! Potluck Lunch, Noon! Guest Preacher, Rev. Arnold Lemke!

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.

READING MATERIAL: The bottom shelf of the tract rack has copies of the Cougar Chronicle, Monthly Newsletter, and prior week's bulletins. You will also find Meditations, Forward in Christ and other publications put out by our synod on the other shelves. Please feel free to take a copy of any of them.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$13,680 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6205
\$353 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$154
\$0 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
\$103 – Debt Reduction Fund \$22,000 – Building Improvement Fund
\$583 – Other Receipts
Budgeted offerings: YTD December '11: \$313,178.27
YTD December '10: \$309,275.33
Annual Budgeted – 2012: \$322,681

The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 8, 2012

Service of Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn #91

Liturgy page 26

First Lesson – see insert

Psalms 2 on page 65

Second Lesson – see insert

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Gospel Lesson – see insert

Hymn of the Day #89

Sermon – Mark 1:4-11

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Closing Hymn #80

