

**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
	11:30 AM	Call Meeting
	1:00 PM	Pioneers
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class
Monday:	8:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group
	5:00 PM	SLS Basketball at Balaton
	7:00 PM	Church Council
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
Wednesday:	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Saturday:	10:00 AM	SLS Basketball vs. St. James
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:30 PM	CLYF
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class
	7:00 PM	Annual Meeting

**CLOSE COMMUNION:** The Bible teaches that Holy Communion strengthens faith in Jesus. It also teaches that those who commune without first being instructed concerning it take it to the detriment of their faith. Since we only have first hand knowledge of the instruction received by the members of our synod, we ask that others speak with the pastor before approaching the altar. We ask this out of love for God's Word.

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank Pastor Tony Hansen for bringing us God's message of love this morning. He serves as the Dean of Students at Great Plains Lutheran High School. He is here so that Pastor Schreiner can be at St. John's Lake Benton. Pastor is serving as the vacancy pastor there and at Good Shepherd in Pipestone for the month of January. Those congregations will welcome their new pastor Dave Furno when he is installed on January 29, 2017. This is also an opportunity for Pastor Schreiner to serve in his role as circuit pastor and help with the transition and answer any questions they might have about things.

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

**CALL:** Don't forget that we will be having a voter's call meeting today after the late service. We will be calling for a preschool and lead teacher for our Early Childhood Center. Pray that God blesses us with a qualified servant who will feed His young lambs. Anyone is invited to attend the meeting and ask questions if you wish.

**PAINTING:** Starting on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, our sanctuary will get a bit of a facelift with a fresh coat of paint. This is really the last phase of work on the interior of our beautiful church. In 2013, for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary we installed new carpet and reupholstered the pews. Like anything there will be some who love it, some who are indifferent to it, and some who don't like it. I pray you are among the ones who LOVE it! May this be done to the glory of God!

**PIONEERS:** The Pioneers will meet today at 1 PM to begin work on pine cars, during which time they will also enjoy a movie and snacks. This month the kids will select a design template and trace on a wood block in preparation for cutting, weighting, sanding and painting. If parents wish to be involved with this project, it is certainly encouraged.

**AID:** Samuel School is looking for an aid to help out in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom. Limited remuneration will determine amount of time for the position. If interested speak to Mr. Festerling or Pastor for more details.

**CLYF:** Our plans are to take a BIG summer outing this year. It has been five years since we last took a Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) trip. We need to start planning now so at our next meeting on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> that will be the topic of discussion. We need both parents and CLYF members to attend the meeting! (This includes our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders.) Even if you are not sure if this is something you think you might want to take part in come and find out more about it. We will also be having a pizza lunch at our meeting. We will start at 12:30 in the church basement.

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$19,523 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6923

\$167 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$289

\$75 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$4 – Debt Reduction Fund    \$4 – Building Improvement Fund

\$22 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD December 2016: \$350,086.85

YTD December 2015: \$360,510.10

Annual Budgeted – 2017: \$360,000.00

**Interested in e-giving, check our website.**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord  
Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**Service of Word and  
Sacrament**

Opening Hymn #78

Liturgy page 26

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 72 on page 93

Second Lesson – see insert

Verse of the Day page 30

Gospel Lesson – see insert

Hymn of the Day #83

Sermon – Mathew 2:1-12

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Offering

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament pages 33-35

Distribution Hymn #79

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Closing Hymn #64

