

**This Week:**

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Registration/Coffee Hour
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	1:00 PM	Pioneers
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:30 PM	Choir
	8:00 PM	SMSU Campus Ministry
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
	7:00 PM	Sunday School Teachers Meeting at SLS
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

**CLOSE COMMUNION:** In accordance with God's command in Corinthians, we at Christ practice close communion. This means that only members of our church or of one in fellowship with us may commune. Visitors are invited to speak with the pastor and find out why this is an act of LOVE.

**MUSIC TODAY:** We want to thank the students from Samuel grades 3-8 for beautifying our early service worship with song.

**CONFERENCE:** Pastor will be leaving this afternoon for a conference in Wisconsin. He will return late afternoon on Tuesday.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** Today is Education Sunday. Registration for Sunday School will take place between services in the basement. Even if you don't have children to register come down and enjoy our coffee hour. Sunday School and Bible Class will begin next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**BIBLE CLASS:** Adult Bible Class will resume next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> between services. Guest preacher Rev. Michael Dietz will conduct class with his topic being Christian stewardship with an emphasis on endowment funds. Jesus – Legend or Lord? That is the topic for class starting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. It is a video based study that will have us digging into such topics as history and archaeology which give us a secular look at Biblical times.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES:** We are excited to introduce a new Bible based professionally produced Sunday School curriculum this year. It is designed to be more appealing to the students while still getting the important truths across.

**PIONEERS:** The Pioneer youth group will be meeting today at 1:00 p.m. at Samuel school, and weather permitting, we will be traveling to Garvin Park where the kids will enjoy an afternoon of outdoor activities such as hiking, games, etc. Should weather prevent us from being outdoors, we will be staying at Samuel and have various activities planned for that as well. Depending on attendance drivers will be needed and as always, parents are always encouraged to spend this time with their children during these activities.

**COUNCIL:** A reminder that our council meeting is on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> as Pastor is at a conference this Monday.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** Just a reminder if you were unable to attend the meeting last Thursday, you have another opportunity this Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at Samuel in Mrs. Kotecki's classroom. Hope you can come and find out more about the program.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Christ Lutheran Church/Samuel Lutheran School will be celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the teaching ministry for Mr. John Festerling on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the 10:30 AM service. The anniversary celebration will continue in the church basement with a potluck dinner at noon.

**125<sup>th</sup>:** St. John's of Lake Benton will celebrate 125 years of God's grace with a special service on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with a 3:30 PM service. WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder will be the guest preacher.

<b>SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK</b>	
\$4,724 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$6462	
\$220 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$270	
\$50 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90	
\$2 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$2 – Building Improvement Fund
\$445 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD August 2016: \$206,487.33	
	YTD August 2015: \$204,633.91
Annual Budgeted – 2016: \$336,000.00	
<b>Interested in e-giving, check our website.</b>	

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**Service of Word and Sacrament**

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- Liturgy page 26
- First Lesson – see insert
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- Closing Hymn #516

