

**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
<i>Monday:</i>	4:00 PM	SLS Volleyball at Redwood
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting at Hardware Hank
	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	8:20 AM	Chapel at Samuel
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	7:30 PM	Choir
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – 4 Volunteer Families
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

**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.

**SINGING TODAY:** We thank Calleigh Stavig for singing and Christina Schreiner for accompanying in both services today. Calleigh will be singing hymn #777 as a solo but you are invited to follow along so as to learn the hymn. In the early service she will sing v. 1-3 of hymn #778 and the congregation will join in on v. 4 & 5. Samuel students in grades 3-8 will sing with her during the late service. This hymn will be sung in place of the Psalm. We thank all our singers.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The board will meet Tuesday morning at 7 AM at Hardware Hank.

**WINDOW DECALS:** Have you purchased your Christ Lutheran window decal yet? They look great and are only \$10.00 with proceeds going to the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund. If you need help putting it on your car we will assist you. The decal will last up to five years and will not harm your vehicle in any way. They can be used on the outside window of your vehicle or framed and hung on a wall or sat on a shelf. (They adhere to outside of the frame glass.)

**RESTORATION:** Work has begun on restoring the “Rose” window in the balcony. Sleepy Eye Stained Glass has been contracted to do the job. Sections of the window will be removed, taken off site, restored and reinstalled. The process will take about two months. Funding is from the Hal Loe memorial.

**MUSIC TO THE LORD:** It’s not too late for you to add your voice to our senior choir. We practice Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30 in the balcony at church. On an average we sing for worship service about once a month. If you like making music to the Lord, join us next Wednesday night.

**MITE BOX:** Have you ever wondered what becomes of the money that you give on those MITE BOX Sundays? What happens to the money that you put in that basket at the entrance of church? The mite box collections taken by our congregation are a part of a much larger picture of mission work in our synod. This past week a total of \$575.00 was sent by our church’s LWMS to our Minnekota District treasurer. She will send this money to our national Lutheran Women’s Mission Society (LWMS). This money is then used to support missions that our synod mission subscriptions cannot cover. Some of these missions are Thailand Projects, Caribbean Missionary Conferences, and Multi-Ethnic Seminary Programs to name just a few. You may now be thinking-“But how can \$575.00 help all those missions?” As I said earlier, our money is just a part of a much larger picture. This past June, at our national LWMS convention held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, money was given to the following missions: Home Mission project-Summer Student Assistants and World Mission project-Thailand projects. Each mission project received \$31,063.45. That is a total of \$62,126.90!!—Money given on “Mite Box Sundays” in 884 congregations with active LWMS groups over the course of one year. As this year’s theme stated “Our God Reigns” opening the hearts of congregation members throughout our synod to support the LWMS missions. Thank-you for your generous gifts. To learn more about LWMS, check out the article in the October newsletter.

<b>SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK</b>	
\$6281 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$6205	
\$160 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$154	
\$25 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90	
\$5 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$25 – Building Improvement Fund
\$153 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD August ‘12: \$189,898.79	
YTD August ‘11: \$183,555.54	
Annual Budgeted – 2012: \$322,681	

**Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
MLC Sunday  
Sunday, September 23, 2012**

**Divine Service I**

Opening Hymn #733

Liturgy page 15 (CWS)

First Lesson – see insert

Hymn #778

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #770

Sermon – 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Offering

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

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Distribution Hymn #741

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Closing Hymn #749

