

This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Teen and Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:15 PM	Choir Caroling
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
<i>Tuesday:</i>	10:00 AM	Pastors Study Club
	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	5:00 PM	Confirmation at Church
	5:30 PM	BBQ Supper
	7:00 PM	Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry Christmas Program
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	5:30 PM	Children's Christmas Service at Samuel
	9:00 PM	Candlelight Service

COFFEE HOUR: Thank you to the families from committee four for hosting our coffee hour this morning.

CALL: On Sunday the voter's assembly called Mr. Craig Breitreutz to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Samuel. He currently serves as principal at St. John's, Baraboo, WI. We pray God blesses him and his family during his deliberation.

INSTALLATION: Newly elected council and board of education officers will be installed today. They are church council: Rick Kobylinski, Kevin Lee, Arlen Meyer, and Tom Werner; board of education: Mike Prah and Justin Schultz. We thank those who served in the past.

CAROLING: The congregation is invited to join the choir today when we go Christmas caroling for our shut-ins. We will meet at church at 2:15 PM and will return to church for refreshments when we are through caroling.

PREPARATION: Our final service will be this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The PTF of Samuel will be hosting a barbeque supper prior to the service at 5:30. If you would like to donate a pan of bars, there is a signup sheet on the table by the bulletin board.

CANDY BAGS: There will be a free will offering taken today as you leave. This collection will help off-set the cost of the items used in the children's Christmas bags given out to every child on Christmas Eve.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT: Attention middle school students in grades 5 through 8 – we are planning a "Fun Night" during Christmas break on Thursday, December 28th from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. Join us for games, snacks, devotion, fellowship, and FUN! Sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board by December 26th.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Since Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year we will follow our normal service schedule with a service at 8:00 and 10:30. At 5:30 PM our children will lead us in worship at Samuel School. The candlelight service will remind us of the promises God made to us and how he fulfilled those promises through the Christ Child. Candles will help us see the "Light of the World" Jesus Christ. This service starts at **9:00 PM** at church. Christmas Day we will celebrate the birth of our Savior with a song service at 9:30 AM. This service will also air on KMHL 1400 AM and 103.3 FM at 11:00 AM.

JCM: Jesus Cares Ministry will hold its Christmas service on Thursday, December 21th starting at 6:30 PM. The congregation is invited to attend.

GOD'S GIFTS: I pray that you will prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and how you will respond as we close out another year. There is also no question that the church depends upon a strong financial finish to the year in order to make our budget. It's also a good time to consider what we will regularly and cheerfully return to him in the coming year. When was the last time you either as an individual or with your spouse took time to really look at and prayerfully consider your gifts to God?

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK	
\$15,595 – Budgeted Offerings ~	<i>Weekly need - \$6,923</i>
\$210 – Mission Offerings ~	<i>Weekly need - \$289</i>
\$75 – Media Offerings ~	<i>Weekly need - \$90</i>
\$5 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$0 – Building Improvement Fund
\$3 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2017:	\$295,975.64
	YTD November 2016: \$287,471.90
Annual Budgeted – 2017:	\$360,000.00
Interested in e-giving, check our website.	

**Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 17, 2017**

Divine Service I

- Opening Hymn #705
- Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 71 on page 92
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Apostles Creed page 20
- Hymn of the Day #702
- Sermon – Isaiah 61:1-3
- “Create in Me” page 21
- Offering
- Prayers and Lord's Prayer
- Hymn #5
- Closing Prayer page 27
- Closing Hymn #15

