

**This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Teen and Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
<i>Tuesday:</i>	5:30 PM	Children’s Christmas Service at Samuel
	<b>9:00 PM</b>	Candlelight Service
<i>Wednesday:</i>	9:30 AM	Christmas Worship
	11:00 AM	Christmas Radio Broadcast
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Children’s Christmas Practice
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

**CLOSE COMMUNION:** As God's word commands 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.

**TROPICAL FUN:** Attention middle school students in grades 5 through 8 – we are planning a “Fun Night” during Christmas break on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 PM at Samuel. We are going with a tropical theme this year so wear your best tropical outfit or bright colors and flip flops to this tropical night of fun! Join us for games, snacks, devotion, fellowship, and FUN! Sign up on the sheet by the bulletin board by December 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** We hope you will join us Tuesday at 5:30 PM as our children lead us in worship at Samuel School. Then at **9:00 PM** at church our 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. Christmas Day we will celebrate the birth of our Savior with a song service at 9:30. This service will also air on KMHL 1400 AM and 101.7 FM at 11:00 AM.

**RESULTS:** At the voters meeting last Sunday we issued a call for a preschool director to Miss Deborah Schultz of Tawas City, MI. We pray God blesses her deliberations. The other order of business saw a motion to not sell the 410 Village property fail and then another motion was made to sell it and that motion passed. Representatives of the church will now be in deliberation with the interested party. May God continue to bless our church as we look to the future!

**SIGN-UP:** You have a number of opportunities to be a part of your church and all it does by signing up on the sheets by the bulletin board. For those in grades 5-8 you can sign up to come to Middle School Fun Night. We also need volunteers to remove snow from the church grounds. Lastly there are a few spots for you to help on the flower committee.

**DRAWING TO A CLOSE:** Looking ahead, don’t forget that we will be having a service on New Year’s Eve at 7:00 PM. We pray that many of you will take advantage of this service to thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the year to come.

**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?

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** This group will not meet December 23<sup>rd</sup> or December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL REPORT:** Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Thank you!

**AIC:** Pastor will be holding Adult Information Classes on Sundays starting January 5<sup>th</sup>. These classes are for those who might want to learn more about what our church teaches and believes. They can lead to possible membership. If you or someone you know might be interested watch for more details or speak to Pastor.

<p align="center"><b>SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK</b></p> <p>\$27,494 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$7,039  \$325 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$327  \$90 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90  \$0 – Building Improvement Fund  \$120 – Other Receipts</p> <p>Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2019: \$309,526.65  YTD November 2018: \$293,670.05  Annual Budgeted – 2019: \$366,000.00</p> <p align="center"><b>Interested in e-giving, check our website.</b></p>
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**Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 22, 2019**

**Divine Service II**

- Opening Hymn #703
- Liturgy page 28 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 24 on page 73
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Hymn of the Day #76
- Sermon – Matthew 1:18-25  
“Names tell us what to expect”
- Nicene Creed page 32
- Offering
- Prayer of the Church
- The Sacrament page 33
- Distribution Hymn #5 & #8
- The Thanksgiving page 37
- Closing Hymn #1

