

This Week:

Today:	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
Monday:	9:30 AM	Christmas Worship
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Wednesday:	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Middle School Fun Night
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship
	7:00 PM	New Year's Eve Worship

CLOSE COMMUNION: Because receiving the Lord's Supper together is an expression of unity of faith this side of heaven, it is proper that those of the same confession commune together. Since church membership is an individual's expression of confession, it is proper that members of congregations in fellowship with each other commune together. Therefore we invite those of sister WELS/ELS congregations to join us for communion today. On the same basis we cordially ask that those of other fellowships refrain.

PASTORAL ACT: *Baptism:* Today Delilah Sage, infant daughter of Ryan and Rebecca (nee Studniski) Palmer will become a child of the Christ Child at the late service. What a Christmas gift our God gives to her and all who have been baptized.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: We hope you will join us tonight 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.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE: Looking ahead, don't forget that in addition to our regular Sunday morning services 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.

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.

SPECIAL THANKS: Often times, but especially during this season of the year, many different individuals use their talents in enhancing our worship. While we try to recognize these individuals and groups, sometimes we might miss someone. So here is a blanket THANK YOU to anyone and everyone who enhances our worship.

JANUARY CALENDAR: Don't forget that since the January newsletter has always been relatively "light" on the news side of things, you will find your January calendar on the back side of the December calendar so don't throw it away, just flip it over. We feel that we can easily convey all the information we need to for the month of January in the Sunday bulletins.

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?

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 8th, 2018. Thank you!

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$8,658 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6,923

\$0 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$289

\$225 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$0 – Debt Reduction Fund \$0 – Building Improvement Fund

\$302 – 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.

**Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 24, 2017**

Divine Service II

- Opening Hymn #707
- Liturgy page 28 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalms 89 on page 98
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Hymn of the Day #24
- Sermon – Luke 1:26-38
- Nicene Creed page 32
- Offering
- Prayer of the Church
- The Sacrament page 33
- Distribution Hymn #38
- The Thanksgiving page 37
- Closing Hymn #46

