

This Week:

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| Today: | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | NO Sunday School and Bible Class |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| Wednesday: | 7:00 PM | New Year's Eve Worship |
| | 6:30 PM | Confirmation Class |
| Thursday: | 11:30 AM | Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV |
| | 6:30 PM | Jesus Cares Ministry |
| Friday: | 8:30 PM | Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV |
| Saturday: | 10:30 AM | Samuel Basketball vs. Nicollet |
| | 8:00 AM | Worship and Holy Communion |
| Sunday: | 9:15 AM | Sunday School and Teen/Adult Bible Class |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship and Holy Communion |
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NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP: We pray that many of you will take advantage of this service tonight at 7:00 PM to thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the year to come.

POSTING: Any offerings given in 2017 offering envelopes will go on your 2017 giving statement if received today. After that all donations will be posted to your 2018 contributions.

ISLAM: How much do you know about the Muslim religion? Is Islam a religion of peace? Does the Qur'an contradict the Bible? There is much most of us don't know about the second largest and fastest growing religion. I hope you will join us for a new Bible class starting on January 7th that will give us a glimpse into this religion and the people who hold to it. Class is held in the church proper starting about 9:20.

ICE SKATING: The Christ Lutheran Pioneer youth group and the Samuel Lutheran PTF are sponsoring a night of ice skating at the Red Baron Ice Arena on Friday, January 12th at 7:00 PM. Open skating runs from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. While friends and family are welcome to attend, admission will be paid by the Pioneer and PTF groups for only the youth members of Christ Lutheran Church or Samuel Lutheran School. Admission also includes the skate rental. Please send some money for drinks and snacks (optional) from the vending machines at the arena. Note that this replaces the meeting for Pioneers that would normally be held the second Sunday in January.

STUDIO 1: We have been informed by the local TV access station Studio 1 that the days and times our church service will air have changed! Starting in January if you want to catch the broadcast you will need to tune in either on Thursday at 11:30 AM or Friday evening at 8:30 PM. If you know of anyone who watches please be sure to tell them about the change.

CLYF: Be sure to get his event on your calendar. On Friday, January 26th we are going to be traveling to Brookings to watch a Brookings Blizzard hockey game. Puck drops at 7:05. I would think we will leave Marshall about 5:00. We will finalize details at a later date – for now just plan on attending!

SNOW REMOVAL: We are asking individuals and families to sign up for snow removal at church and at school. Would you be willing to pick a week or two? Please check out the signup sheets by the bulletin board in the church narthex. Snow blowers and shovels are available at both locations.

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that it is time to submit your Annual Report. The deadline is January 8th, 2018. Thank you!
*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st at 7:00 PM.

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. We will also save the cost of postage for the month.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$13,254 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$6,923

\$150 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$289

\$75 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

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

\$0 – 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.

**First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday, December 31, 2017**

Morning Praise

- Opening Hymn #41
- Liturgy page 45
- Psalm 111 on page 106
- Lesson – see insert
- Seasonal Response
- Hymn of the Day #78
- Sermon – Luke 2:25-40
- Te Deum page 48
- Offering
- Hymn #77
- Kyrie page 50
- Prayers & Lord's Prayer
- The Blessing page 51
- Closing Hymn #608

