

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
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
<i>Wednesday:</i>	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	BBQ Supper
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry Christmas Program
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 PM	Children's Christmas Practice
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Teen and Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion

INSTALLATION: Newly elected council and board of education officers will be installed today. They are church council: Mark Patzer, Lennis Kennedy, Ryan Palmer, and James Hartke; board of education: Adam Baumann. We thank those who served in the past.

CALLS: Last Sunday God the Holy Spirit led us to call Kathleen Siverly of Lake City, MN to be our preschool teacher/director and Kristy Lendt of Aberdeen, SD to be our kindergarten teacher. We pray God's blessings on them as they deliberate their calls. On Monday God blessed us with a midyear graduate from MLC, Cassandra Davis, to be our first and second grade teacher. She will be starting her work among us in January. We are excited to welcome her to Christ and Samuel.

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 sign-up sheet on the table by the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Sunday School December 23rd and 30th. Sunday School will resume on January 6, 2019.

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE: Next Saturday, December 22nd grades Preschool-8 will meet at Samuel School from 9:00-10:30 AM to rehearse for the Children's Christmas Eve Service.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: We have numerous chances to worship the newborn Savior this Christmas season. On Christmas Eve our children will lead us in worship at 5:30 PM 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.

JCM: Jesus Cares Ministry will hold its Christmas service on Thursday, December 20th starting at 6:30 PM. The congregation is invited to attend.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: This group will not meet Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

PANTRY SHOWER: As a way of welcoming our new teacher Miss Cassey Davis, we will be having a food and pantry shower. We have a box located near the TV at church for you to drop off your items. We will be accepting donations through the end of December.

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 27th 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.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$6,103 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,039
 \$270 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$308
 \$295 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund
 \$288 – Other Receipts
 Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2018: \$293,670.05
 YTD November 2017: \$295,975.64
 Annual Budgeted – 2018: \$366,000.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

**Third Sunday in Advent
 Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Divine Service I

Opening Hymn #702
 Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
 First Lesson – see insert
 Psalm on page
 Second Lesson – see insert
 Gospel Lesson – see insert
 Apostles Creed page 20
 Hymn of the Day #443
 Sermon – Philippians 4:4-7
 "Create in Me" page 21
 Offering
 Prayers and Lord's Prayer
 Hymn #540
 Closing Prayer page 27
 Closing Hymn #1

