

This Week:

<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
<i>Monday:</i>	5:30 PM	Children’s Christmas Service at Samuel
	9:00 PM	Candlelight Service
<i>Tuesday:</i>	9:30 AM	Christmas Worship
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Middle School Fun Night
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The altar flowers today are in memory of Harold Loe, given by his family.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: We hope you will join us Monday 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.

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. For a quick gift, a Hy-Vee card works great! We will be accepting donations through the end of December.

TROPICAL FUN: 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. 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 25th.

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?

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.

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 10th, 2019. Thank you!

<p align="center">SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK</p> <p>\$16,960 – Budgeted Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$7,039 \$15 – Mission Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$308 \$75 – Media Offerings ~ <i>Weekly need</i> - \$90 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund \$233 – Other Receipts</p> <p>Budgeted offerings: YTD November 2018: \$293,670.05 YTD November 2017: \$295,975.64 Annual Budgeted – 2018: \$366,000.00</p> <p align="center">Interested in e-giving, check our website.</p>
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**Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 23, 2018**

Divine Service II

- Opening Hymn #707
- Liturgy page 28 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 85 on page 97
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Hymn of the Day #24
- Sermon – Luke 1:39-55
- Nicene Creed page 32
- Offering
- Prayer of the Church
- The Sacrament page 33
- Distribution Hymn #20 & #5
- The Thanksgiving page 37
- Closing Hymn #12

