

This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	11:30 AM	Take Down Christmas Decorations
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Tuesday:</i>	3:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
	4:00 PM	Samuel Basketball vs. True Light
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Wednesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<i>Thursday:</i>	4:00 PM	Samuel Basketball vs. Holy Redeemer
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship

CLOSE COMMUNION: At Christ Ev. Lutheran Church we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We believe that as we join our fellow members at the altar to partake of the Lord's Supper we are making a public confession that we are all in agreement with the teachings of this congregation, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and those church bodies with which the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod has formally established fellowship (1 Corinthians 10:16). We confess that in the Lord's Supper Christ's body and blood are truly present as well as bread and wine. Through the body, bread, blood, and wine connected with Jesus' promise in His Word we receive the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28). ***Out of Christian love and concern we would not wish to lead anyone to make that public confession before being thoroughly instructed in the teachings of our church (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).*** Therefore, if you are visiting us today please speak to our Pastor prior to the service.

COMING DOWN: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations today right after the late service around 11:30 AM. We can use your help.

GIVING ENVELOPES: Just a note as we begin a new year that it is very helpful for those who count and record weekly offerings to the church if you could use your offering envelopes if possible. It helps immensely making sure you get proper credit for your gift. Thank you!

SAMUEL BASKETBALL: The Cougars host True Light on Tuesday and Holy Redeemer on Thursday. Both games begin at 4:00 PM in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING CALL MEETING: Mr. Ryan Obry has accepted a call to serve as the principal at Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Early Childhood Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Mr. Obry will continue to serve here, at Samuel Lutheran School, through the remainder of the current school year. However, we need to begin the calling process for a new principal and upper grades teacher for next school year. A call meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 following the Annual Meeting already scheduled for that evening. **All voting members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend these very important meetings on January 22 beginning at 7 PM.** If you have any questions regarding the process of calling a new principal don't hesitate to ask Pastor Herold. He would love to talk with you about it!

PIONEERS: Pioneers will meet at the Red Baron Arena for open skate on January 22nd from 2-4 PM. Skate rental and admission will be paid for. We ask that if a parent/guardian will not be staying at the arena during the open skate, that a contact number be left in case of emergency. We hope to see you there!

ANNUAL REPORT: Just a reminder for all church related organizations that you can start getting your Annual Report together. The deadline is January 9th, 2023. Thank you!

*Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM.

SNOW REMOVAL: We are asking individuals and families to sign up for snow removal at church. This would be for the sidewalks and part of the driveway between the parsonage and church. Would you be willing to pick a week or two? Please check out the signup sheets by the bulletin board in the church narthex. Weeks will run Tuesday through Monday to be sure the weekends are covered. Snow blowers and shovels are available.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$6,626 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,308

\$110 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$404

\$560 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$0 – Building Improvement Fund

\$40 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD December 2022: \$364,375.07

YTD December 2021: \$355,817.64

Annual Budgeted – 2023: \$380,000.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Service Setting Two

Opening Hymn #384

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First Lesson – see insert

Psalms 45

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

Hymn of the Day #377

Sermon – Isaiah 42:1-7

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Closing Hymn #950

