

**This Week:**

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Teen/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Call Meeting
	1:00 PM	CLYF
Monday:	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday:	10:00 AM	Pastors Study Club
Wednesday:	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	5:30 PM	Lenten Supper
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
	8:00 PM	Choir
Thursday:	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Friday:	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Teen/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion

**CALLS RETURNED:** Dear members of Christ Lutheran Church, Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege and honor of deliberating over two calls – my current call here at First Lutheran, and the call to serve at Samuel Lutheran School. It has given me the opportunity to reflect on my strengths and weaknesses and how they match up with what each place is asking me to do. My family and I have spent time in prayer and conversation seeking the Lord’s will. At this time, the Lord has led me to decline the call to Samuel Lutheran School. My thoughts and prayers will be with Christ Lutheran as they continue to seek a principal for their school. May God bless you as you continue to share the message of Christ crucified with a lost world.  
Yours in Christ, *Ben Schramm*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Spirit led your congregation to call me to teach Kindergarten at Samuel beginning next year. After spending many hours in prayer and talking to called workers at both congregations, the Lord has led me to return the call you have extended to me. Your congregation and school will continue to be in my prayers as you continue to look for a Kindergarten teacher.  
Your sister in Christ, *Brittni Wentzel*

**MEETING:** We will hold a call meeting this morning after the late service to call for a principal and possibly a kindergarten teacher. Everyone is invited to come and hear about the candidates.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Thank you to the families of Committee 5 for hosting our coffee hour this morning.

**MIDWEEK:** We hope you will join us for our midweek Lenten service. We will focus on the theme *Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests*. A baked potato supper will be served by our youth groups from 5:30-6:30.

**LILIES:** Today and next Sunday we will take our annual door offering to help cover the cost of the Easter lilies used to beautify our chancel on Easter Sunday.

**CLYF:** Our high school aged youth group will meet today at Samuel from 1-2:30 PM.

**SECURITY:** The recent school shooting has again brought school security to the minds and hearts of us all. As a church and school we are looking into what we can do to make sure everyone is as safe as can be without becoming prisoners ourselves. Security is not just about locking doors—it is also about trust. TRUST that God is still in control. As you know Samuel is not only our school but also the location for our church offices. That means that it needs to be accessible to members as well as anyone who wants to speak to the pastor. People know the church is a place they can go for help so we want to be able to offer that help to them. We are working at both of these areas very carefully and seriously. I hope the fact that we are aware of our needs and that we already have policies in place will put your mind a bit more at ease. These are tough things that we always hope we don't have to deal with living in a small town but the truth is Satan is alive and well. At the end of the day we always have to remember that we have a powerful and protective God who is always looking over us.  
Remember we are always safe in the arms of the Good Shepherd.  
*Pastor Schreiner*

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$6,944 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,039  
\$530 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$308  
\$0 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90  
\$5 – Debt Reduction Fund      \$0 – Building Improvement Fund  
\$51 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings:    YTD February 2018: \$54,212.52  
   YTD February 2017: \$51,616.59  
Annual Budgeted – 2018: \$366,000.00

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 18, 2018**

**Divine Service I**

- Opening Hymn #715
- Liturgy page 15 (CWS)
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalm 143 on page 118
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Apostles Creed page 20
- Hymn of the Day #122
- Sermon – John 12:20-33
- “Create in Me” page 21
- Offering
- Prayers and Lord’s Prayer
- Hymn #110
- Closing Prayer page 27
- Closing Hymn #129

