

This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Teen and Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
<i>Monday:</i>	10:00 AM	Pastors Study Club
	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
	6:30 PM	PTF Meeting at Samuel
<i>Wednesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	8:00 PM	SMSU Campus Ministry
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
	4:15 PM	SLS Volleyball vs. Redwood Falls
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Saturday:</i>	9:00 AM	Alzheimer's Presentation
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Teen and Adult Bible Class
	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.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank Pastor Michael Otterstatter, Vice President for Mission Advancement for leading our worship and conducting our adult Bible class today. A portion of our congregational mission offerings is used to support the four ministerial education schools we operate together as a synod. That includes Martin Luther College, which trains teachers and staff ministers for our synod's congregations and schools and also provides pre-Seminary training for men who are interested in enrolling at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to prepare for pastoral ministry in our church body. The work MLC is doing is critical for the future of our church body, humanly speaking. It appears that we will be facing a significant shortage of pastors and teachers in the coming years. Please keep the work of MLC in your prayers and ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more young men and women who are willing to consider the public ministry for their life's work.

CHRIST CYCLERS: I'm very happy to announce that 37 people took part in our Christ Cyclers ride. Ages varied from the very young to the...well let's just say not as young! A good time was had by all. Snack "dump" was also a hit. Looks like this might be an annual event so be ready to join us next year.

NEXT SUNDAY: Rev. Curt Seefeldt from the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine will be our guest preacher and leader at Bible study. Be sure to join us for our Bible study hour to learn more about their ministry.

ALZHEIMER'S SEMINAR: There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the bulletin board for the Alzheimer's seminar on Saturday. Please see the bulletin insert for all the details. We will be serving a light lunch at noon after the seminar.

PTF: The first PTF (Parents, Teachers, and Friends) meeting will take place tomorrow evening at Samuel at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the PTF is to support and promote Samuel Lutheran School. All parents, teachers and friends of Samuel are invited and encouraged to attend.

FLOAT: Both the church and school will be represented in the SMSU homecoming parade on Saturday, October 6th. It starts at 11 AM. We line up by Independence Part between 10:30-10:45. If you would like to walk alongside our floats we would love to have you.

READING MATERIAL: The bottom shelf of the tract rack has copies of the Cougar Chronicle, Monthly Newsletter, and prior week's bulletins. You will also find Meditations, Forward in Christ and other publications put out by our synod on the other shelves. Please feel free to take a copy of any of them.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$9,606 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,039
 \$390 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$308
 \$75 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90
 \$0 – Building Improvement Fund
 \$90 – Other Receipts
 Budgeted offerings: YTD August 2018: \$213,972.00
 YTD August 2017: \$218,053.35
 Annual Budgeted – 2018: \$366,000.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

**MLC Sunday
 Eighteenth Sunday after
 Pentecost
 Sunday, September 23, 2018**

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn #778
 Liturgy page 28 (CWS)
 First Lesson – see insert
 Psalm 31 on page 77
 Second Lesson – see insert
 Gospel Lesson – see insert
 Hymn of the Day #567
 Sermon – Matthew 9:35-10:8
 Nicene Creed page 32
 Offering
 Prayer of the Church
 The Sacrament page 33
 Distribution Hymn #310
 The Thanksgiving page 37
 Closing Hymn #579

