

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 69 Avg. Wkly Attn: 147
Sunday: 55
124

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Swayne Stencil & Brinly Stencil
Sunday, 9:00am Eli Paul & Kian Ellenbecker

This Week's Calendar October 17 - 25

Saturday, October 17

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion / In-House & Drive-In
Guest Pastor, Rev. Tom Myhre

Sunday, October 18

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion
In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In
Guest Pastor, Rev. Tom Myhre
7:00pm Evening LWML at Louetta's Hoome

Monday, October 19

6:00pm Board of Stewardship

Tuesday, October 20

Wednesday, October 21

9:00am School & Child Care Chapel with special Comfort Dog
Guests from Lutheran Church Charities K9
Comfort Dog Ministries
In-House & Live-Stream
3:15pm Staff Bible Study
6:00pm Confirmation Class (Virtual)

Thursday, October 22

8:30am – 9:00am Registration for Zone 10 LWML Fall Rally at St.
John High Steeple

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

7:00pm Worship / In-House & Drive-In

Sunday, October 25

9:00am Worship
In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In
Quarterly Voter's Assembly after Worship

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

*Our Mission – "Know Christ personally
and make Him known."*



"GIVE...
TO GOD THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21. NRSV

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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October 17 & 18, 2020

Saturday Worship – 7:00pm In House / Drive-In

Sunday Worship – 9:00am

In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus, who told us to be ready to forgive those who sin against us, grant us Your grace so we may gladly forgive as You have forgiven us, and in this way share with them Your forgiveness. Help us tell them not only that we forgive them, but also that You forgive them on account of Your cross. May they find in our treatment of them a reflection of the love and forgiveness You offer to all people so that by Your Spirit, they may repent and turn to You. Through Jesus Christ ...

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Michele Riemer, UW Hospital-Madison; Eugene Weise, Marshfield Medical Center

Holy Communion and Examination for Members & Guests: We believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. However, all who receive this gift must first examine themselves concerning matters of Biblical faith and Godly living, as St. Paul instructs us: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) Therefore, prior to celebrating Holy Communion, we ask that we prayerfully consider the following:

- Do I humbly acknowledge that I am a sinner and am I heartily sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior? Do I believe Jesus died on the cross to take away my sins and the sins of the whole world?
- Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper, I receive the true Body and true Blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in, with and under the bread and the wine?
- Do I believe that God, my merciful Father, forgives me all my sins for Jesus' sake?
- Do I desire by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word to live a life pleasing to Him?

We believe your "Yes!" to these questions affirms a common faith with confirmed Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to our Lord's Table of Holy Communion.

If you have any questions or doubts about what we teach and believe concerning the Lord's Supper, please visit with an Elder or Pastor prior to communing.

We Welcome Pastor Tom Myhre back to Trinity this weekend while Pastor Mark is recovering from surgery!

Can You Help? Our School Chapel Project through the end of October is to support Lutheran Church Charities K9 Comfort Dog Ministry. Two Comfort Dogs will be visiting our school on October 21st during Chapel and spend time with the students throughout the morning. This national human-care ministry launched in 2008 and embraces the unique, calming nature and skills of

purebred Golden Retrievers. They are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ. The Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. We are having a door offering both this weekend and next weekend to help raise fund for this ministry. Through school chapel offerings the students have raised \$288.45 so far! Thank you very much!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday, November 1st, after the morning worship service.

National Lutheran School Accreditation: We are in need of people to serve on subcommittees for the Accreditation process. Subcommittees include Purpose, Relationships, Leadership, Professional, Personnel, Teaching & Learning, Student Services, and Facilities. If you have an interest or want to learn more about our school in one of these areas, please contact Mr. Frick or any Board of Christian Education Member. This process will culminate in the Spring of 2022 with a visit from an outside team to verify our findings.

Our Fall Decorations have been purchased with memorials that were given to the Altar Guild in loving memory of "Marion Oldenhoff". *Thank you* to our Altar Guild for taking such good care of our church. It's always beautiful!

The Athens Circle of Joy will no longer be taking children's winter clothing, or any other items, including rummage sale items. **But...** is in need of deodorant, for both men and women, along with shampoo, conditioner, and canned chicken. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Quarterly Voter's Assembly will held after Sunday Morning Worship next weekend, Sunday, October 25th. Trinity will be changing their fiscal year end to June 30th, therefore we will be voting on extending our current Spending Guide six months. Terms of Officers will also be extended to June 30th. Other items on the agenda will include the quarterly financial report (a copy of which is available on the table in the back of church), choosing a congregation representative for the Circuit Forum, and the usual Board reporting.

Trick-or-Treat for Circle of Joy: The Crusaders for Christ Youth Group will be canvassing Athens during Trick-or-Treat hours on Saturday, October 31st from 3:00 – 5:00pm. Instead of asking for candy, they will be asking for donations of paper products and non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves at our Food Pantry here in Athens. To ensure that we stop at your house, please call the church office by Wednesday, October 28th to be put on the pickup list! Thank you 😊 You need not be a Crusader to join us, Simply meet in the school gym at 3:00pm to be put in a group with the youth.

LWML Fall Rally: The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Zone 10, Fall Rally will be held at St. John Lutheran Church (High Steeple) on Thursday, October 22nd. Registration will be from 8:30am – 9:00am.