

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 23
Sunday: 114
Total: 137 Average: 144

Advent Mid-Week Worship: 57

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Alex LaVake & Eli Schaer
Sunday, 9:00am Addisyn Kottke & Aubrey Kottke
Wednesday, 7:00pm Swayne Stencil & Brinly Stencil

This Week's Calendar December 5 – 13

Saturday, December 5

7:00pm Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
In-House & Drive-In

Sunday, December 6

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion
In-House / Live-Stream / Drive-In
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

Monday, December 7

Tuesday, December 8

Wednesday, December 9

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00-12:00pm Quilting (Church Basement)
6:00pm Confirmation Class / Virtual
7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship / In-House & Drive-In
Council Meeting after Worship

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

9:00am Visitation Begins
11:00am Celebration of Elaine Mueller's Life

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

9:00am Worship - In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In
Baptism of Clara Linda Beilke
Installation of Crusaders for Christ Youth Group Officers
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed
6:00pm – 7:30pm Crusaders for Christ Christmas Caroling on the
Zenner Christmas Wagon

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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



Second Sunday of Advent

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December 5 & 6, 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 God, as people were filled with curiosity and went to hear John the Baptist preaching Your Word, so people come to this church today. For whatever reason they come, may they hear Your Word being taught among us. May they be brought to repentance by Your Law and lifted up by Your Gospel. Help us to include them by welcoming them with open arms. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Frank Koeller, Aspirus Medford Hospital

Mid-Week Advent Worship Continues this week, Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:00pm. We are not having our customary "Christmas Hymn Sing" before each Advent Service this year but are encouraging friends and family to come early and spend time in prayer as Christmas music softly plays in the background. The church will be open at 6:30pm.

Christmas Eve Worship: Another time of Worship has been added to Christmas Eve – 2:00pm, 4:00pm & the traditional Candlelight Worship Service at 7:00pm. To practice safe guidelines with social distancing, we are asking that everyone "reserve" their pew by signing up on the sheets on the table in the gathering area. Thank you very much.

Advent Devotion Books are on the table in the Narthex. Help yourself to a copy, and also one to share with a friend!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study continues each weekend after the morning worship service. We meet in the sanctuary and is also live-streamed. If you are watching on-line and have comments or questions during the Bible study, please send your comments or call Pastor Mark's cell phone (715)218-8814.

Lutheran Hour News: There are several dates available for 2021 for the sponsorship of The Lutheran Hour over WDLB-AM 1450 at 8:00am Sunday mornings. What better way to help spread the Word of God! A full sponsorship is \$94.00 per Sunday. Please contact Bonnie Beyreis of Tri9nity Lutheran Church, Spencer, at 715-659-4006 to request a date.

December School Chapel Project: During Advent the school children are collecting items for our local **Circle of Joy**. *Would you like to help too?* We are collecting the following items – **December 2nd** – **Dish Soap & Bar Soap**; **December 9th** – **Paper Products (toilet paper, klennex, paper towel)**; **December 16th** – **Crackers**. All donations received so far are on the table in the Gathering Area.

Santa Claus... Real or fantasy? Join us on-line Sunday, December 20th, after Worship, for the real scoop on Santa!

2021 Offering Envelopes are on the tables in the back of church. Please do not begin using them before January 1st.

Christmas Cards are for sale in the card rack in the Gathering Area. All individual cards are \$1.00. **Several boxes of Christmas Cards** are also available. Money for the boxed cards and individual cards may be placed in the pink box on top of the card rack. Thank you.

Scrip as Christmas Gifts: IMPORTANT... The LAST day to order scrip to receive in time for Christmas is Sunday, December 13th.

Trinity's Annual Cookies, Candy & More Sale will soon be here! Everything will be pre-packaged, and masks required to enter the sale. Come and do your Christmas baking with us on Saturday, **December 19th from 9:00am – 12:00pm**. If you are sharing your talents, please give Nathalie Fladvid a call at 715-257-7951. All donations are to be brought to the church kitchen by 3:00pm on Friday, December 18th.

The Church Nativity Set, nine pieces, is for sale! Proceeds will go to the Altar Guild to help purchase future items for beautifying our building. If interested please call Nathalie at 715-257-7951.

Christmas Morning & New Year's Eve Worship: Christmas Morning Worship, with Holy Communion, will be at 9:00am. We will be having a New Year's Eve Service this year, and that Service will begin at 7:00pm, with Holy Communion.

Homemade Soups To Go is being offered for pick-up at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Milan on Saturday, December 12th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Must be pre-ordered by calling 715-680-0078 no later than December 9th. Varieties include Chicken Dumpling, Chili, Cheesy Broccoli, and Cauliflower. Cost is \$7.00 a quart.

Pastor's Light Display will run each week through Christmas, Wednesday through Sunday, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Park your car on the street, tune your radio to 106.9, and listen to the music as the Christmas display "dances".

2021 Calendars: There are a few calendars left for taking on the table in the back of church.