

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 45
Sunday: 57
Total: 102 Average: 143
Advent Mid-Week Worship: 54

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Abby Diethelm & Ava Ford
Sunday, 9:00am Natalie Salber & Garrett Frahm
Wednesday, 7:00pm Chance Schienbeck & Michael Meyer

This Week's Calendar December 12 – 20

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

9:00am Contemporary 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
6:00 – 7:30pm Crusaders for Christ Christmas Caroling on the Zenner
Christmas Wagon

Monday, December 14

Tuesday, December 15

Wednesday, December 16

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00-12:00pm Quilting (Church Basement)
3:15pm Staff Bible Study
6:00pm Confirmation Class / Virtual
7:00pm Advent Mid-Week Worship / In-House & Drive-In

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 20

9:00am Worship In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In
Baptism of Dawson Richard Kilinski
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed
7:00pm Evening LWML / Virtual or in the Sanctuary

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



Third Sunday of Advent

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December 12 & 13, 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 You blessed John the Baptist to be a prophet to the people of his day, bless us with the willingness and zeal to share Your Word with people around us. By Your Holy Spirit, may Your way be prepared as we share Your Word, that people will receive You as Lord and King. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Frank Koeller, Aspirus Medford Hospital; Ray Baumgartner, Marshfield Medical Center

Holy Baptism: Clara Linda Beilke, daughter born to Chaise and Jamie Beilke on October 13, 2020, will be baptized before our altar this weekend, Sunday, December 13th, during the 9:00am Worship Service. Godparents for Clara are Nicole Woodmansee and Matt Natzke. Welcome, Clara into God's Kingdom!

Installation of our Crusaders for Christ Youth Group Officers will be during the Sunday Morning Worship Service this weekend. Officers are – President, Ava Ford; Vice President, Natalie Salber; Secretary, Sy'Rih Hartwig; Treasurer, Brinly Stencil; Scrapbooker, Ben Hartwig; Activity Coordinator, Autumn Diethelm, and Prayer Warrior, Eli Paul. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they fulfill their responsibilities.

Christmas Caroling: The Crusaders will be going caroling Sunday evening from 6:00pm – 7:30pm on the Zenner Christmas Wagon. Youth are to meet in the parking lot and leave on the wagon at 6:00pm. Their first stop will be to sing outside the windows at Athenian.

Mid-Week Advent Worship: This coming week will be our last Advent Service, Wednesday evening at 7:00. Church doors will be open at 6:30pm for friends and family to come early and spend time in prayer as Christmas music softly plays in the background.

Christmas Eve Worship Services will be at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm. 2:00 & 4:00 will be the same service, and 7:00 & 9:00pm will be the traditional Candlelight services. 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. Note that the 4:00 service is full. Thank you very much.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study continues each weekend after the morning worship service in the sanctuary and is also live-streamed.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family Project: We've once again adopted two families for Christmas this year. Family 1 is a dad with two children, and

Family 2 is a mom, dad, with three children. The sign-up-sheets describing what each of the family members could use are on the table near the couches. Please sign your name by the item you want to adopt then tear off the strip as a reminder of what you have adopted. Thanks for sharing the love of Jesus with these families in our community! Please have all your wrapped donations into the church office by Tuesday, December 22nd, and also tape to the outside of the wrapped box the slip you originally tore off so we know who the gift is for. Thanks again.

December School Chapel Project: During Advent the school children have been 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!

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 this weekend, **Sunday, December 13th**.

Trinity's Annual Cookies, Candy & More Sale will be next weekend! 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 will be at 9:00am, and New Year's Eve at 7:00pm.

Pastor's Animated Christmas Light Display is taking place at the parsonage every 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”.