

## OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 27  
Sunday: 155 Advent Mid-Week: 32  
Total: 182 Average: 144

### ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Nick Pittman & Aleah Frahm  
Sunday, 9:00am Swayne Stencil & Colton Frandsen  
Christmas Eve 2:00pm (Open); 4:00pm Addisyn & Aubrey Kottke  
Christmas Eve 7:00pm Gavin & Garrett Frahm; 9:00pm (open)  
Christmas 9:00am Eli Schaer & Chance Schienebeck

### *This Week's Calendar* December 19 – 27

#### Saturday, December 19

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

#### Sunday, December 20

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion  
In-House / Live-Stream / Drive-In

10:15am Baptism of Dawson Richard Kilinski  
Bible Study "The Real Scoop on Santa"  
Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

7:00pm Evening LWML in the Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

#### Monday, December 21

#### Tuesday, December 22

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream  
Last day of school before Christmas Vacation!

#### Wednesday, December 23

9:00am Child Care Chapel

#### Thursday, December 24

2:00pm & 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship  
7:00pm & 9:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship  
(NOTE: 4:00pm & 7:00pm Worship will be Live-Streamed)

#### Friday, December 25

9:00am Christmas Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In

#### Saturday, December 26

NO WORSHIP

#### Sunday, December 27

9:00am Worship In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In  
Baptism of Henry Robert Hoff  
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE**

**Athens, Wisconsin**

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**

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



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**December 19 & 20 2020**

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

**Sunday Worship – 9:00am**

**In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In**

## **PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP**

*Gracious Lord, in the midst of uncertainty, You assured Joseph that the child to be born of Mary would be Your Son, the Savior of the world. How often we encounter people with uncertainties about Jesus and salvation. Use us to speak the Gospel to them and to take their doubts away, so they may call Him Immanuel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .*

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**Hospitalized this Past Week:** Frank Koeller, Aspirus Medford Hospital; Kathy Brice, Aspirus Wausau Hospital

**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.**

**Holy Baptism:** Dawson Richard Kilinski, son born to Corey and Dina Kilinski on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, will be baptized before our altar this weekend, Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:00am Worship Service. Godparents for Dawson are Jessica Gruna & Ashley Bartelt. Welcome, Dawson into God's Kingdom!

**Twenty-Five Years Ago...** God called Carl Kuck to his heavenly home. Thank you to Randy & Kathy for remembering their father in a very special way.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Live-Streamed:** The 4:00pm and 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Services will be live-streamed. Drive-In is available at all four Christmas Eve Worship Services.

**Christmas Adopt-A-Family Project:** This was our 5<sup>th</sup> year to adopt families, and we adopted two local families to help them with their celebration of Jesus' Birthday. Through your love and support, we are able to make their Christmas a bit brighter! ***Thank you!*** Please have all your wrapped donations into the church office by Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and also tape to the outside of the wrapped box the slip you originally tore off so we know who the gift is for.

**December School Chapel Project:** During Advent the school children have been collecting items for our local **Circle of Joy**. All donations received so far are on the table in the Gathering Area. ***WOW!***

**Santa Claus... Real or fantasy?** Join us on-line this weekend, Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped to make our **Annual Cookies, Candy & More Sale** a success this weekend!

**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".

**FOR THE YOUTH!** Wisconsin State Bible Bowl will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Camp Luther. *Are you interested in joining the challenge and fun of learning about the Books of Romans and James?* Youth in grades 7 – 12 are welcome to join in! If interested, or to answer any questions, please either call our Youth Coordinator, Renell Wassmann (715-257-9022), or the church office (715-257-7526).

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** As 2020 comes to a close, it's a reminder to go online and direct your Choice Dollars.