

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: -0-
Sunday: 133
Total: 133 Average: 144

Christmas Eve 2:00pm: 82 Christmas Eve 4:00pm: 149
Christmas Eve 7:00pm: 134 Christmas Eve 9:00pm: 17
Christmas Morning 9:00am: 123

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Sunday, 9:00am OPEN

This Week's Calendar January 3 – January 10

Sunday, January 3

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion
In-House, Live-Stream & Drive-In
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed
** Pastor and Kaye on "Virtual" vacation this week.*

Monday, January 4

Tuesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 6

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00am – 12:00pm Quilting
6:00pm No Confirmation Class
6:30pm School Choice Informational Meeting
7:00pm Board of Christian Education

Thursday, January 7

Friday, January 8

Church / School Office Closed

Saturday, January 9

7:00pm Worship / In-House & Live-Stream

Sunday, January 10

9:00am Worship / In House, Live-Stream, Drive-In
10:15am Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary / Live-Streamed
11:00am Virtual PTL Meeting
1:00pm LLL Meeting here at Trinity

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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



2nd Sunday After Christmas

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January 3, 2021
(No Saturday Worship this weekend)
Sunday Worship – 9:00am
In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Lord of all nations, by the light of a star, the Savior was revealed to the Wise Men. Grant that we may be a light today, so people may be led to Christ through our words and actions. May we bring them the great gift of the Gospel so they, with us, bow down to worship the Newborn King. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Week: Jean Balz, Marshfield Medical Center; Mavis Nehrbass, Aspirus Wausau Hospital

Holy Communion and Examinatin for Members and 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.

2021 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Gathering Area. Please be sure to stop and pick your envelopes up, and if possible, deliver any boxes to your family and friends. Thank you.

Annual Report: Please note... all Boards, Committees, Auxiliaries, please have your 2020 reports to the church office by Monday, January 18th. The Annual Report will be available at Voter's Assembly on Sunday, January 31st. As you are aware, beginning this year we are changing from a "calendar year" to a "fiscal year", extending our Spending Guide by six months to June 30th.

School Choice Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30pm in the Tech Lab. *Could your child(ren) qualify for free tuition at Trinity?* Information about how to apply for 2021-2022 School Choice vouchers will be shared. Current School Choice families are also welcome to attend if you have any questions on re-applying for the 2021-2022 school year.

Zone 10 LLL Rally: The Lutheran Laymen's League will meet at Trinity at 1 PM on the 10th in the church basement with each family picking a table. There will be no food. We will start with the President having the opening prayer, a business meeting and then discuss how we can help with the gathering of school kits for Orphan Grain train both for domestic and abroad. Anyone is welcome, there is no membership required. Call 257-7376 with questions.

Kick off 2021 with a Highlighted Bible! Perhaps you know someone who would appreciate a highlighted Bible. Each Bible has more than 300 encouraging, underlined verses that will give hope and strength for living closer to our Lord. You can find the Bibles on the table in the Gathering Area. *They are free!*

Quilting will begin for the new year this week, Wednesday, January 6th, in the church basement from 9:00am until 12:00pm, and continue each Wednesday thereafter. No special talent is needed, please join us 😊

THANK YOU to all who donated and supported our 2020 Cookies, Candy & More Sale! \$600 was deposited into our Church Worker Scholarship Fund and the balance will help the Altar Guild to help with worship expenses.

FOR THE YOUTH! Wisconsin State Bible Bowl will be Saturday, April 17th, 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, we reminded to go online and direct our Choice Dollars.

Trinity Lutheran Church Officers: Due to our change to the fiscal year, terms of offices have been extended to June 30th. Newly elected and re-elected officers will be voted on at the April Voter's Assembly, and installed in July.