

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 40
Sunday: 150
Total: 190 Average: 146

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Malaina Telschow & Ava Ford
Sunday, 9:00am Gavin Frahm & Garrett Frahm

This Week's Calendar January 16 – January 24

Saturday, January 16

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion / Sanctity of Life Sunday
In-House & Drive-In

Sunday, January 17

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion / Sanctity of Life Sunday
In-House, Live-Stream & Drive-In

10:00am Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary / Live-Stream

7:00pm Evening LWML in Sanctuary / In-House & Live-Stream

Monday, January 18

All Annual Reports due to the Church Office

6:00pm Board of Stewardship meeting

Tuesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 20

Bethesda Workday

8:15am School Chapel / In-House & Live-Stream

9:00am Child Care Chapel

9:00am – 12:00pm Quilting

3:15pm School Staff Bible Study

6:00pm Confirmation Class

7:00pm Accreditation Kick-Off Meeting in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 21

Friday, January 22

5:30pm – 6:00pm Light the Night for the Unborn (in Wausau)

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

9:00am Worship / In House, Live-Stream, Drive-In

10:00am Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary / Live-Stream

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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



Sanctity of Life Sunday

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

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January 16 & 17, 2021

Saturday Worship – 7:00pm

Sunday Worship – 9:00am

In House / Live-Stream / Drive-In

Adult Bible Study Sunday after Worship / Live-Stream

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

O Lord Jesus, Your Son, our Savior Jesus, was rejected at His hometown synagogue, but Your Spirit has caused us to believe in Him as our Savior and King. Bless us, so visitors to our place of worship in no way feel rejected or left out but welcomed and invited to be among Your family. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Allison Riske Halvorsen.

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.

Sanctity of Life Sunday: On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Regan issued a proclamation designating January 22nd as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. January 22, 1973 was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized the abortion-on-demand in all 50 states. Churches around the United States use this day to celebrate God's gift of life and commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and also to commit themselves to protecting human life at every state. We honor this Sunday in our prayers this weekend.

Altar Flowers today are given by Ellen Czech in observance of Sanctity of Life Sunday. *Thank you, Ellen!*

Stand Strong for the Unborn Pro-Life Signature Ad will be printed in the City Pages on January 22nd. Sign your name in support to the list on the table in the gathering area. All names will be included in the paper. Donations to help cover the cost of the ad may be placed in the envelope. Thank you.

Light the Night for the Unborn Walk will once again be held at the Courthouse on Friday, January 22nd, from 5:30pm – 6:00pm. All are welcome to join in and show their support.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: This morning's Bible Study will be a special Sanctity of Life Sunday Bible Study. Please join us, either in person or on-line!

Annual Report Reminder: 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.

Kick-Off Meeting! We have decided to have an Accreditation Kick-Off meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm in the church. This is for all who have already volunteered to serve on the steering committee or a subcommittee. We also welcome anyone else who is interested in helping out with accreditation to attend. We will meet together to review the process of the self-study, then break up into subcommittees to set future meeting times. Feel free to invite and bring other people who you would be great resources to help with this project!

NEW Debt Fund Match! Beginning now, and running through Easter Sunday, all donations (above and beyond our general giving) to the Debt Fund will be matched, up to \$40,000 by a generous family. Trinity continues to be blessed in so many ways! Please be sure to indicate "Debt Fund" on your offering envelope.

Ash Wednesday: At our Church Council Meeting this past week it was decided that it would be best to have two Worship Services on Ash Wednesday, one at 4:00pm and the other at 7:00pm. Holy Communion will be offered at both services. Just as we did at Christmas, there are sign-up sheets to reserve your pew on the table in the gathering area. Thank you for helping us follow the suggested guidelines for social distancing.

Thrivent Members: As 2020 has come to a close, please remember to go online and direct your Choice Dollars.

Gently Used Supplies Needed: There is a box in the gathering area for any gently used school supplies (notebooks with a few pages missing, etc.) or excess office supplies, also pens/pencils (that write) with names on. LLL is gathering for OGT and Open Door. This is NOT to be confused with the gathering of school supplies that starts in summer. This will go until the end of March. Call 715-257-7375 with questions.

Stewardship Thought: We believe that time belongs to God and that we are to use with care the time which has been entrusted to us.