

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 36
Sunday: 127
Total: 163 Average: 158
Ash Wednesday 4:00pm – 50 Ash Wednesday 7:00pm - 66

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Addisyn Kottke & Autumn Diethelm
Sunday, 9:00am Colton Frandsen & Eli Schaer
Wednesday, 7:00pm Gavin Frahm & Garrett Frahm

This Week's Calendar February 20 - 28

Saturday, February 20

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, February 21

9:00am Worship with Holy Communion / Live-Streamed
10:00am Bible Study / Live-Streamed
7:00pm Evening LWML / Live-Streamed

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23

Wednesday, February 24

8:15am School Chapel / Live Streamed
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00am – 12:00pm Quilting
5:00pm – 6:30pm 4K & K Open House
6:00pm Confirmation Class
5:00pm – 6:30pm (or until the food is gone)
Lent Mid-Week Supper (Pasta, Red or White Sauce)
7:00pm Mid-Week Lent Worship / Live-Streamed

Thursday, February 25

10:00am Chapel at Athenian (Residents Only)

Friday, February 26

No School

Saturday, February 27

2:00pm – 4:00pm Visitation
4:00pm Celebration of Ken Zoicher's Life
7:00pm Worship

Sunday, February 28

9:00am Worship / Live-Streamed

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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



First Sunday in Lent

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February 20 & 21, 2021

Saturday Worship – 7:00pm

Sunday Worship – 9:00am

In-House / Live-Stream / Drive-Up

Bible Study after Sunday Morning Worship

PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, when You were tempted by the devil, You continually pointed to the Word, saying, "It is written". May we always be attentive to that Word, receiving through it the strength to fight off the devil's temptations. May we point others to that Word, through which they may be strengthened and gain certainty in the midst of the trials and temptations they face. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Marcy Scheithauer, Aspirus Medford 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.

2021 Lent Theme: What one shape most defines Christianity? The Cross, but why? The cross is a symbol of love because Jesus took our place on the cross. Why are there so many different shapes for crosses? Do these shapes have meaning? Why do some crosses have Jesus on them, and others not? During Lent and Holy Week we will be talking about the history and meaning of many of the shapes of the cross, and the special blessings that are to be found in these shapes. Join us in this educational sermon series that will help us all grow in our love for our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services continue each Wednesday at 7:00pm leading up to Holy Week.

2021 Lent Devotion Books are on the table in the back of church. Help yourself to a copy and share one with a friend or family member.

Mid-Week Lent Meals will be available (pick-up only) each Wednesday during Lent, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm (*OR UNTIL THE FOOD IS GONE*). Youth going on the Mission Trip this summer to Benton Harbor, MI will be hosting the first five meals and the final meal will benefit the Church Worker Scholarship Fund. This week's meal will consist of Pasta, served with Red or White sauce, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Matching Funds Reminder: Donations to the Major Building Repair Fund through Easter will be matched, up to \$40,000. *Thank you* for prayerfully considering helping us reach this goal! Keep in mind that these donations are to be above and beyond our regular giving.

Open House at Our School! Our school is hosting an Open House for those interested in learning more about our **4K / K Program**. This will be this week, Wednesday, February 24th from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00: Join us in person or live-streamed for our Sunday Morning Bible Study! Topic: The Book of Revelation.

LWML Please remember your \$5 dues help cover the cost of our Quarterly Bible Study. If you haven't done so, please get that to Kaye. Thank You! Evening LWML will meet this weekend, Sunday evening at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary and also Live-Streamed.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you are a Thrivent Member, please keep in mind that Choice Dollars are to be directed by March 31st.

School Choice Application Period is open, now through April 15th. Go online at www.dpi.wi.gov/choice to begin the application process. Questions? Please contact either Mr. Frick or Sara Paul.

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 715-257-7376 with questions.