

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S LOVE

Attendance: Saturday: 55
Sunday: 129
Total: 184 Average: 157
Wednesday - 65

ACOLYTES SERVING THE LORD

Saturday, 7:00pm Natalie Salber & Autumn Diethelm
Sunday, 9:00am Eli Paul & Garrett Frahm
Wednesday, 7:00pm Kiam Ellenbecker & Swayne Stencil

This Week's Calendar March 13 - 21

Saturday, March 13

6:15pm Baptism of Silas Gabriel Garcia
7:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 14

9:00am Contemporary Worship / Live-Streamed
10:00am Bible Study / Live-Streamed
PTL / Board of Trustees

Monday, March 15

6:00pm Board of Stewardship

Tuesday, March 16

Wednesday, March 17

Bethesda Workday
8:15am School Chapel / Live Streamed
9:00am Child Care Chapel
9:00am – 12:00pm Quilting
3:15pm Staff Bible Study
5:00pm – 6:30pm (or until the food is gone) Cheesy Potato & Taco
Soup / Grilled Cheese Sandwiches / Salad / Dessert
6:00pm Confirmation Class
7:00pm Mid-Week Lent Worship / Live-Streamed

Thursday, March 18

10:00am Chapel at Athenian (Residents Only)

Friday, March 19

Saturday, March 20

7:00pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 21

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

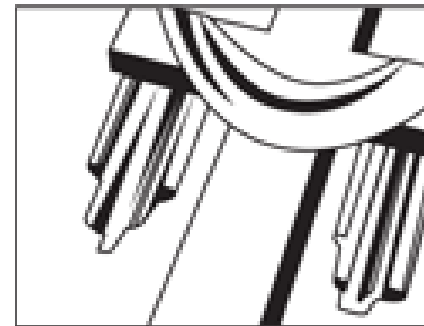
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHILD CARE

Athens, Wisconsin

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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

FOURTH
Sunday in Lent



Fourth Sunday in Lent

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March 13 & 14, 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

Heavenly Father, You are a loving Father who welcomes home the erring and sinful. May we have that heart as well. Enable us to welcome people You lead to this congregation, so they find open arms and a willingness to accept them, regardless of their past, their reputation, or their sin, just as You welcome us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord . . .

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Hospitalized this Past Week: Ray Baumgartner, Marshfield

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Punke, as she was called to her heavenly home this past week, Thursday, March 11th, 2021. The Celebration of Dorothy's life will be here at Trinity Saturday, March 20th, with visitation beginning at 9:00am until the time of the Service, at 11:00am. Internment will follow at the Athens Lutheran Cemetery. Dorothy's Confirmation Verse was Isaiah 43:1 – "*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine.*" Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!

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 are 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 evening at 7:00 leading up to Holy Week. Please join us! Due to being a school night, services last approximately 35-40 minutes.

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.

Worship Time Change: Please note that Saturday Worship on March 27th has been changed to **4:00pm**. This change was made because of a request by our high school students. The Athens High School Prom / Homecoming is that day, and this time change will make it easier for students to join us for worship before taking part in the evening activities.

Mid-Week Lent Meal: Pick-up only, 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 Cheesy Potato Soup and Taco Soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad and dessert.

Reminder... The last Mid-Week Lent Meal on March 24th will be a **Bulk Chili Sale** (pre-orders only) to benefit the Church Worker Scholarship Fund. Call with your **Pre-Order** by Monday, March 22nd. Call your order in to either Kaye (715-218-1663) or the church office (257-7526).

Door Offering: Most of us know Bill & Lori Blake and are aware of the struggles they are facing. At our Council Meeting this past week it was decided to have a door offering to help the family. The door offering will be on Saturday, March 27th and again on Sunday, March 28th. Please keep Bill & Lori in your prayers. Thank you.

Important Dates to Note: Budget Committee Meeting will be Thursday, April 15th; Church Council will meet a week later than normal, Wednesday, April 21st; and Voter's Assembly will be after Worship on Sunday, April 25th.

Nominations for Office are to be turned in to the church office before Monday, April 5th. With Trinity changing from a Calendar Year to a Fiscal Year, terms of office will begin July 1st. Nominations are being accepted for the following positions – Church Secretary, Youth Coordinator, Board of Elders, Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees and Board of Stewardship. If you would like to run for any of these positions, or have someone you wish to nominate, please call the church office before April 5th. Voting will take place during our April Voter's Assembly after Worship on the 25th. Thank you.

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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00: Join us in person or live-streamed for our Sunday Morning Bible Study! Topic: "Stuff they didn't teach me in Sunday School."

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.