

# Algona First United Methodist Church



Welcome Serve Love

## This Weeks Schedule

March 29

- Worship 5pm
- ESL Fellowship Supper 4-8pm

March 30

- Worship 9am
- Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am
- Church Chicks 5:30pm

March 31

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am

April 1

- Homestead 9am
- Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
- Van Buren 10am
- Prayer Devotions @ 12noon
- AKTION Club 5pm

April 2

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am
- Mat Weaving 3:30-5:30pm
- Vine Worship/Meal 5:30pm
- Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation, Adult Bible Study 6:15pm
- Choir & High School Youth Group 7pm

April 3

- LHN 9-11:30am
- UWF Executive Meeting @11:15am
- General Meeting 12 noon

April 4

- ELO 9-10am
- Office close @ 12noon

April 5

- Men's Breakfast 8am@ Louscher Farmhouse
- Worship 5pm

## Announcements

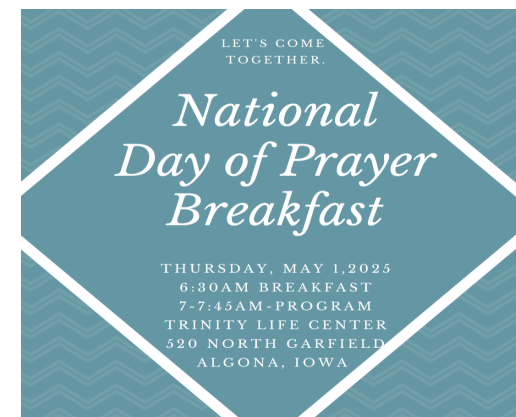
Mission of the Month is PDK Kits

Scholarship Applications are due June 1!

If you are not receiving daily emails & want to receive them contact the office. [algonaumc@gmail.com](mailto:algonaumc@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

Jean Sabus, Cindy Massey, Tom Larson, Bruce Thomas, Larry Johnson, Bob & Nita Boleneus, Steve and Rose King, Ed Matthews(Kris Petersen's brother, who lives in New York) Rosemary Dunn in the passing of her sister, Barbara Jergens & The Jan Lindhorst Family



# Order of Worship

## Welcome & Announcements

**Unison Call to Worship**  
**Holy Spirit, rain down on this place. Let our souls drink your goodness. Let our hearts overflow. Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!**

**Responsive Unison Opening Prayer**  
Leader: When the world divides us  
**People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**  
Leader: When the world calls us orphaned  
**People: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**  
Leader: When the world leads us astray  
**People: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!**

**\*Song #61** *“Come, Thou Almighty King” (Saturday)* *“Holy Spirit Come” (Sunday)*

**Upper Room Bell Choir**  
*“A Merry Heart,” by Cynthia Dobrinski.*

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 36:25-27*  
<sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup>I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

**Congregational Prayer**  
**We aren’t ready, Holy Spirit. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge Your presence. But You have challenged us to come alive again with Your love and words of healing mercy.**

**Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that in Christ we are beloved and have been given us we need to proclaim the Good News. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Song #64** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (Saturday)* *“Soul on Fire” (Sunday)*

## Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

## Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

## Offering & \*Doxology

**\*Offertory Prayer**  
**Holy Spirit, we thank you for coming upon the Church and inhabiting the lives of Christian disciples. We offer you these financial gifts in gratitude and to express our desire for all your gifts to us to bear your fruit in our lives. Amen.**

**\*Song** *The Faith We Sing* #2128 *“Come and Find the Quiet Center” (Saturday)* *“Holy is the Lord” (Sunday)*

## Children’s Message

## New Testament Reading

*John 16: 5-16*

## Message

*“The Holy Spirit”*

**\*Response** #393 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

**\*Benediction** *John 16:33*  
“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

# The Essential Ministry of the Holy Spirit

**The Holy Spirit Brings Us Spiritual Life** John 3: ‘Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit . . . Titus 3: ‘But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ‘he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ‘whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ’so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**Jesus is Present in our Lives through the Holy Spirit** John 14: <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you . . . John 16: <sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

**The Holy Spirit Comforts Us** John 14: \*But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**The Holy Spirit Guides Us into Truth** John 15: <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me . . . John 16: <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

**The Holy Spirit Transforms Our Character** Galatians 5: <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control.

**The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Witness & Ministry** Acts 1: <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth . . . I Corinthians 12: <sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**A Key to Christian Maturity & Effective Service is to Learn to Live in the Strength of the Holy Spirit.** Galatians 5: <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit . . . Ephesians 5: <sup>17</sup>“Be filled with the Spirit.”

**Dear Father, I need You. I hunger and thirst for a more vital relationship with You. I admit that I have been in control of my life. As a result, I have sinned against You. Thank You for forgiving my sins through Christ's death on the cross for me. I now confess and turn from my sins and surrender the control of my life to the Lord Jesus. By faith I invite You to fill me with the Holy Spirit as You commanded me to be filled. You promised to fill me if I ask according to Your will. I pray this in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**