

ALGONA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**WELCOME SERVE
LOVE**

This Week's Schedule

March 8

- Worship 5pm

March 9

- Worship 9am
- Adult & High School Bible Study 10:15am
- Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall 12:30-3pm
- Church Chicks 5:30pm

March 10

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

March 11

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

March 12

- ELO 9-2pm
- LHN 9-11:30am
- Mat Weaving 3:30-5:30pm
- The Vine Meal/Worship 5:30pm
- Bells, Adult Bible Study, Kids Club, 5/6 Youth Group 7/8 Confirmation @ 6:15pm
- Youth School Youth Group & Choir 7pm

March 13

- LHN 9-11:30am
- Paper Magnolia's 1-3pm

March 14

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

Announcements

March Mission of the Month is a Lenten Journey to the cross that parallels with the Person Dignity Kits.

**CAMP OKOBOJI WILL BE
HERE ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 12!!!!**

Prayer Requests

Jean Sabus, Cindy Massey, Tom Larson, Bruce Thomas, Larry Johnson, Bob & Nita Boleneus (Nita is back in the hospital; she had another little stroke), Julie Hayes (knee surgery), Steve and Rose King, Dennis Leigh, Liz LeBlanc. The Jan Lindhorst Family

Order Of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Call to Worship *Psalm 117*
Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Unison Opening Prayer
Gracious God, we yearn for Your divine love to surround us like a gentle embrace. Fill us with Your compassion and mercy, and let us feel Your presence in every moment. Help us to seek Your love above all else, knowing that it is the greatest gift we could ever receive. Grant us the grace to share Your love with others and reflect Your love in all that we do. Amen.

***Song** *The Faith We Sing* #2173
“Shine, Jesus Shine” (Saturday)
“Soul On Fire” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:6-12*

Congregational Prayer #481
“The Prayer of Saint Francis”

***Song** #432 *“Jesus, Jesu” (Saturday)*
“Less Like Me” (Sunday)

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

Offertory Prayer
Lord Jesus Christ, we give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

***Song** #593 *“Here I Am, Lord” (Saturday)*
“Send Me” (Sunday)

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *See bulletin insert for readings from John 13*

Message *“Love Like Jesus”*

***Response** *The Faith We Sing* #2167
“More Like You”

***Benediction** *II Thessalonians 2:16-17*
May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Sermon Notes

“Love Like Jesus” John 13 The Overarching Plan

John 13: ¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

Mark 10: ⁴For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

The Shocking Example

John 13: ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him . . . ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

The footwashing was shocking to Jesus’ disciples, but not half as shocking as the notion of a Messiah who would die the hideous and shameful death of crucifixion, the death of the damned. The two events – the footwashing and crucifixion – are truly of a piece: the revered and exalted Messiah assumes the role of the despised servant for the good of others . . . The matchless self-emptying of the eternal Son, the eternal Word, reaches its climax on the cross” (D.A. Carson) No one is above serving.

The Enduring Command

John 13: ³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

I John 3: ¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.)

¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

“Each local church is the visible display of God’s kindness to its community. We don’t have any photographs of Jesus. The church is the photograph. The church is the picture of his love and mercy. There’s a picture frame around each church and a sign above us that says, ‘Come, see what God is like.’” (Carter & Wredberg