

Algona First United Methodist Church



Welcome Serve Love

This Week's Schedule

April 19

- Worship 5pm

April 20

- Worship 9am

April 21

- ELO 9-2pm
- Finance 5:30pm

April 22

- Homestead 9am
- Mat Weaving 9-11:00am
- Van Buren 10am
- Prayer Devotions @ 12 noon

April 23

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

April 24

- LHN 9-11:30am

April 25

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

Announcements

Mission of the Month is Camping!

PDK Packing Party! April 30! Many hands make light work!

Scholarships are due June 1!

If you want RISEFEST tickets let Kim know.

Block Party May 21

5-7pm

Sign Up to help if you are able!

Please fill out the Membership Forms! One for each member of your family.

Prayer Requests

The Bob Diekmann , Bob Boleneus, Chuck & Shelly Robinson, Cindy Massey Families in the passing of their loved ones. Jean Sabus, Tom Larson, Bruce Thomas, Larry Johnson, Sandy Hoover, Steve and Rose King, Ed Matthews (Kris Petersen's brother, who lives in New York) Nancy Vance, Rod Montang's sister, who had a stroke, Trevin Wyllie, Pam Ridner's great nephew, he is 15 years old and has bone cancer.

Holy Saturday April 19, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come this day and open your hearts. Wait for the Lord.

People: We come from the darkness of loss and await God's word for us.

L: There is time. The Word will be given.

P: We will wait and pray.

***Opening Prayer & Affirmation** *Hymnal #882 "The Apostles' Creed"*

***Hymn** #504 *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

Unison Congregational Prayer

Lord, who sits with us in darkness and weeps with us, be present now and make your presence know. Our souls ache for Christ. We fear the darkness and the loneliness. We don't know what to do. There are so many times, in the midst of bright sunshine, that we have darkened our souls toward you, not heeding your word, but acting in ways that hurt and alienate others. Jesus came that we might understand the ways you want us to live. We have heard his words, seen the miracles, rejoiced at the healing; but we have chosen to believe those things are story and not truth. How foolish we are, Lord! Soften our hearts. Shine the light of your love into our lives once more. Forgive and heal us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #288 *"Were You There?"* Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Offering & Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, You willingly gave all for us. In doing so, You met our deepest needs. Lord, it is a privilege to give these tokens of our love back to You. Please use them to meet the needs of others. In deep gratitude we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** #361 *"Rock of Ages"*

Scripture Readings

Message *"Lessons from Holy Saturday"*

Response #282 *"'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies"*

Silent Benediction & Postlude

As the postlude is played, you are here encouraged to prayerfully reflect on the grief represented this Holy Saturday. Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

Lessons from Holy Saturday

Jesus Death Was Real: *The Life, Death, & Resurrection of Jesus Christ involved actual physical events that happened in space and time.*

John 19: ²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

I Corinthians 15:4 – "... He was buried ..."

The Apostles' Creed – "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried"

Our Grief is Honored:

John 11:25-26, 35 – Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ... Jesus wept.

Matthew 27:46 (Jesus is quoting Psalm 22:1) – about three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

Job 2: ¹¹ When Job's three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. ¹² When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. ¹³ Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was. – *This is a powerful example of letting people have their emotions. Never feel the need to apologize for your emotions including tears, anger, frustration, doubt, despair, and grief.*

Death is Harrowed ("Harrow" = "despoil"): *Some Christians emphasize that in the period of time between the Crucifixion and Resurrection Jesus announced release to the prisoners of hell. See Matthew 27:50-54. This was foreshadowed by the raising of Lazarus in John 11. Illustration: Consider depictions of Allied soldiers liberating concentration camps.*

The Apostles' Creed – "He descended to hell"

Ephesians 4:9 – (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?)

I Peter 3:18-19 – For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—

I Peter 4:6 – For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.