
June Flame

ALGONA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Message from Pastor Russ

The Cross

We affirm the beauty of God's complete forgiveness that is offered to you through faith in Christ's life, death and resurrection. Sadly, many Christians today look at Cross merely as a "get out of God's eternal jail card". Many miss out that the Cross is also an invitation to a different kind of life.

Jesus certainly died FOR us. We tend to downplay that Jesus also invites us to die WITH Him. The Cross certainly brings us hope of eternal salvation. The Cross also stands in judgment of the values of this world system.

Here are some truths to consider about the Cross:

- **The Cross is central to our hope for salvation.** Colossians 1: **22** But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.
 - **Taking up our cross is essential for following Jesus.** Mark 8: **34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."
 - **Identifying with Christ's crucifixion is central to living the Christian life.** Galatians 2: **20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 - **The Cross repudiates human wisdom and redefines power:** I Corinthians 1: **18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
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- **The Cross is central to Christian ministry:** I Corinthians 2: **2** For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- **The Cross unifies God's people.** Ephesians 2: **15** His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, **16** and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.
- **Worship in heaven will focus on the Lamb who was slain for us.** Revelation 5: **9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Throughout church history, God's people have been enamored with human power and its trappings. But empires fade. Armies are eventually defeated. Governments come and go. Wealth disappears.

The Cross remains.

Pastor Russ

DO YOU ENJOY ORGAN MUSIC? Starting in June, Pastor Walt plans to play the organ on the third Saturday of each month.

WALK TO EMMAUS: Walk to Emmaus is a 72 hour retreat designed to immerse participants in the grace of God and basics of being a Christ follower. This is a wonderful time to invest in your relationship with God.

This summer's walks will be held in Humboldt:

Men's Walk – July 17-20 (Thursday evening – Sunday evening)

Women's Walk – July 24-27 (Thursday evening – Sunday evening)

Pastors Russ & Janelle Jacobsen will pay the full \$80 registration fee for anyone from Algona UMC who commits to attend an entire Walk. Talk to Pastor Russ and / or go to <https://www.iowawalktoemmaus.org/> for information and registration. You need a sponsor to attend. Contact Pastor Russ if interested.

If you have previously attended a Walk, please consider sponsoring a pilgrim and / or helping in one of the support roles.

SAVE THE DATE: ALGONA FIRST UMC HOMECOMING WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 27-28
– Special activities are in the works!

United Women in Faith



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Meeting

Executive @ 11:15am

General @ 12noon

Salad Bar Luncheon served by both circles.

Program: Lorna Leavitt(District & Conference E & I) “Honoring Our Eighties”

Bible Verse: Psalm 37:7 “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.”

Birthday's: Eloise Modrell(1) Janet Brandt(2) Rita Buffington (6) Vicki Bragg (10) Sandy Hoover (10) Julie Hayes (12) Jean Sabus (14) Jean Menning (19) Linda Ristau(23)

Charity Circle will NOT be meeting in June, July or August!



Missions

June's Mission of the Month is Layette Kits

The last several months, several ladies have been cutting & sewing layette kit items. We had some fabric from several individuals to help with these kits. The items that are sewn are gowns, receiving blankets, diapers, jackets and washcloths. It takes 6 ½ yards of new unwashed flannel to make one kit.

Last year we sent 16 kits. We may be able to send more if items are sewn over the summer. So, we are asking for donations so we can purchase more flannel when they're on sale for next year's kits. Also, we need to purchase 32 onesies in bulk, diaper pins, & \$2.00 per kit for diaper creme to complete this year's kits. You may have some new unwashed flannel at home you wish to donate or can give a monetary donation marked “Layette Ingathering”.

Hospitality



The SERVE Shelf is being stocked a couple times a day!
Food is flying off the shelves!

We can not provide this to our community without all of your help and donations.



Camp Firelight VBS July 14-16

5:30-7:30pm

Ages: Preschool-4th Grade

Volunteers Needed!

Camp Masters (they take the kids to there different rotations)

Decorator's (they will decorate different areas of the church)

Supplies Needed!

Pop up Tents
Camping Chairs
Small Canoe
Kayaks
Small Christmas Trees (pencil/pine/evergreen)
We will need these items July 8-16.

Please let Kim know if you we can borrow any of these items from you. Thank You!

Let Kim know if you would like to volunteer!



Thank You

Thanks for the recent prayers, well-wishes, texts, calls, and visits. Special thanks to Pastor Russ Jacobson. We could not be more blessed.

Rod and Janie Montang



DID YOU



LEAVE THESE IN THE KITCHEN?

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Finance & Stewardship

Column 1

1st Quarter

Income \$82,828.20

Expenses \$77,130.29

April

Income \$ 24,395.46

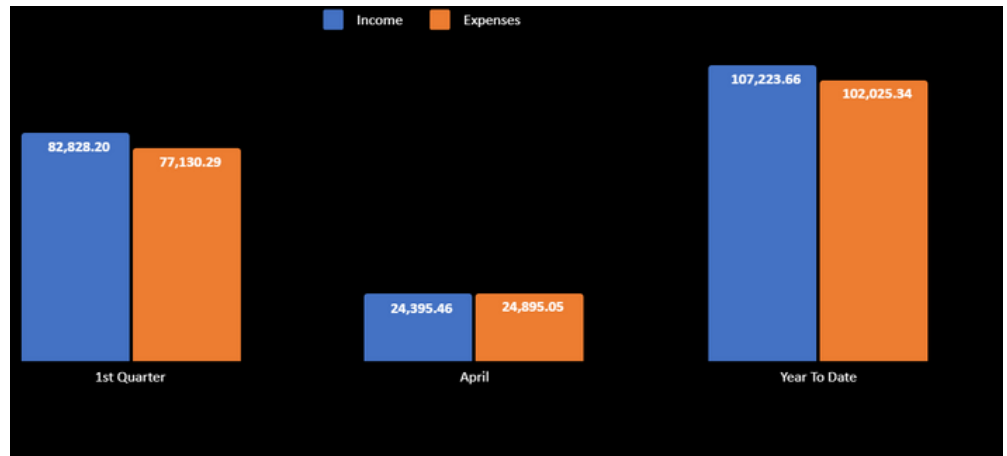
Expenses \$ 24,895.05

Year to Date

Income \$107,223.66

Expenses 4102,025.34

Difference \$ 5,198.32



Our stewardship in the church is much like those who like to garden or plant flowers. If we give of our time, talents, and resources, we do all the things necessary for our church to be successful. It's a challenge, a little bit of work, but most of all very rewarding. Your financial support is like the rain in a growing season. We thank you for your support in keeping our church financially sound and allowing us to grow in our mission and projects of the church. Your reward is all the great things our church is able to do for our congregation, the community, and beyond. The Finance and Stewardship Committee thanks our congregation for being supportive of the First United Methodist Church in your stewardship efforts now and into the future. We have many things going on throughout the year. We encourage you to get involved or continue supporting this church with your time and talents.





Anniversaries

Darin & Erin Leigh (6)
 Mark & Mindi Spear (15)
 Brian & Cari Connick (16)
 Robert & Jean Kent (17)
 David & Diane Nall (19)
 Brad & Sue Hicks(24)
 Mike & Bailee Geitzenhauer (28)



Birthday's

Steve King (1)	Sienna Fehr(11)	
Gene Sorenson (1)	Julie Hayes(12)	
Jaden Spear(1)	Mark Walker(12)	Jean Menning(19)
Todd Wilson (2)	Jean Sabus(14)	Darin Leigh(21)
Maggie Wartick (3)	Theodore Nerison(16)	Pay Meyers(27))
Rita Buffington (6)	Terry Olson(16)	Greta Bormann(28)
Lila Guenther (6)	Judy Weber(17)	Julie Grether(28)Carol Groen(29)
Vicki Bragg(10)	Jaden Zwiefel(17)	
Nancy Shiplier(10)	Laurie Moe(18)	
Seth Walker(10)		

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