

Serving others & Giving to the poor:

Ephesians 4: 11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Matthew 6: 2 When you give to someone in need . . .

Taking Sabbath & Retreats:

Exodus 23: 12 “You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but on the seventh day you must stop working. This gives your ox and your donkey a chance to rest. It also allows your slaves and the foreigners living among you to be refreshed. Luke 5: 16 But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

There are other spiritual practices. Resources abound to grow in these areas. Are there one or two practices that grab your attention? Ask the Lord to show you a few practical steps. Talk about your journey with others.

Algona First United
Methodist Church

Experience God’s Grace

Prevenient: Drawn to the
Father’s loving embrace.
Justifying: Jesus dying in my place
Sanctifying: The Spirit’s strength to run the
race.
Glorification: God’s love shines
forever upon my face.



Welcome Serve Love

This Week’s Schedule

- August 9
- Worship 5pm
- August 10
- Worship 9am
- August 11
- ELO 9-2pm
- August 12
- Homestead 9am
 - Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
 - Van Buren 10am
 - Prayer Devotions @ noon
- August 13
- ELO 9-2pm
- August 14
- Paper Magnolia’s 1-3pm
 - SPRC 5:30pm
- August 15
- ELO 9-10am
 - Office closes @ noon

Announcements

- Block Party/Vine Kick Off
- September 10
- 5-7pm
- Sign up to help if you are able.
- Christian Ed Training Day for all Teachers & Volunteers.
- September 7 @ 6pm
- Mission of the Month– Food Packaging
- Confirmation Parent Meeting for 7th & 8th Grader’s
- August 17 @ 6pm
- Looking for people who are interested in helping out with our Wednesday Night Kid’s Ministry! If interested , contact the church office.
- 515-295-7241

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *Romans 12:1-2 The Message*
So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Unison Opening Prayer
Loving God, help us to see each new day as an opportunity to grow in Your grace. Holy Spirit, take away any negative attitude. Guide me into the way that leads to life. Make me sensitive to Your promptings – eager for the presence and power of Your sanctifying grace. May your love be seen in and through me wherever I go. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

***Song** *#400 Come, Thou Found of Every Blessing” (Saturday) “Your Grace Is Enough” (Sunday)*

Old Testament Reading *Proverbs 2:1-10*

Congregational Prayer *Hymnal #891 “Prayer of Confession”*

***Song** *#419 “I Am Thine, O Lord” (Saturday) “I Will Follow” (Sunday)*

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**
Father God, you are the maker of heaven and earth. Accept the tithes and offerings we present to you today. May our sincere desire to be faithful stewards bring joy to your heart. Please help us to be diligent savers and wise spenders. Help us to learn and apply biblical principles of stewardship so we can continue blessing others and supporting ministries. Amen.

***Song** *#395 “Take Time to Be Holy” (Saturday) “Send Me” (Sunday)*

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *Philippians 4:4-9*

Message *“Means of Grace: Adjusting Our ‘Sails’ to ‘Catch the Wind’ of God’s Spirit”*

***Response** *The Faith We Sing #2152 “Change My Heart, O God”*

***Benediction** *II Peter 3:18 The Message*
Grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ. Glory to the Master, now and forever! Yes!

Grow in Sanctification through Practicing the Means of Grace

Definition: The means of grace are concrete spiritual disciplines set apart by God as the most reliable way we grow in sanctifying grace. Grace is God’s absolutely free gift. We do nothing to merit grace. That said, through spiritual practices we put ourselves in the way of receiving God’s grace. As sails are adjusted to catch the wind, so we may adjust our lives to be more responsive to God’s working in our lives.

“By ‘means of grace’ I understand outward signs, words, or actions ordained of God, and appointed for this end – to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey . . . preventing, justifying, and sanctifying grace . . . The chief of these means are prayer, whether in secret or with the great congregation; searching the Scriptures (which implies reading, hearing, and meditating thereon) and receiving the Lord’s Supper, eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of him; and these we believe to be ordained of God as the ordinary channels of conveying his grace to the souls of men. – John Wesley

Public Worship & Communion:

Hebrews 10: 23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good-works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. I Corinthians 11: 26 For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

Fellowship saturated by God’s Word:

Acts 2: 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. Colossians 3: 16 Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

Study & Meditation of God’s Word:

II Timothy 3: 15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to-prepare and equip his people to do every good work. Psalm 1: 2 But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

Prayer:

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying. 18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. See Matthew 6:5-15

Fasting: “Fast from things of earth to feast on the things of the Spirit.” Matthew 6: 16 “And when you fast . . .