

This Week’s Schedule

October 25
Worship 5pm

October 26
Worship 9am
Adult Bible Study(Fellowship Hall) & High School Sunday School(Basement) @ 10:15am
Church Chicks @ 5:30pm

October 27
LHN 8:30–11:30am
ELO 9–2pm
Hospitality Meeting 4pm
Ad Board Meeting 6:30pm

October 28
Mat Weaving 9–11:30am
Homestead 9am
Van Buren 10am
Prayer Devotions @ 12 noon

October 29
LHN 8:30–11:30am
ELO 9–2pm
Vine Meal 5:30pm
Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation @ 6:15pm
High School Youth Group 7pm

October 30
LHN 8:30–11:30am

October 31
ELO 9–10am
Office Closes @ 12 noon
Trunk or Treat 5:30–7pm

November 1
Men’s Breakfast 8am @ Church.
Worship 5pm

Announcements

Trunk or Treat

October 31
5:30–7pm

Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child
Packing Night November 12
6:15–7pm

Food Pack Event

November 9
2 Shifts

Chicken & Biscuits
Luncheon

November 13
11am–1pm
Tickets \$11


The United Women in Faith
**CHICKEN
&
BISCUIT
*Luncheon***
**NOVEMBER 13
11AM-1PM**
DINE IN - CARRY OUT
ADULT \$11
AGES 6 & UNDER \$2
Algona 1st UMC
201 East Nebraska Street
Cards & Brooms Available to purchase


Algona First United Methodist Church
invites you to our
**FOOD
PACK
EVENT!**
NOVEMBER 9, 2025
THIS IS FOR ALL AGES & GROUPS!
LET’S COME TOGETHER TO FEED THE HUNGRY!
**10,000 MEALS STAYING RIGHT HERE IN
ALGONA!**




**SIGN UP FOR A
SHIFT!**
**1ST SHIFT:
12:45-2:45 PM**
**2ND SHIFT:
3-5 PM**
**CALL 295-7241
TO GET SIGNED UP!**

ALGONA 1ST UMC INVITES YOU TO
**TRUNK
OR TREAT**
**OCTOBER 31
5:30-7PM**
Everyone is
welcomed!
Call the church office to register your trunk! 515-295-7241
FREE HOTDOGS, POPCORN & DRINK
201 E. NEBRASKA ST. ALGONA, IOWA

Algona First United Methodist
Church

October 25 & 26, 2005

Welcome Serve Love

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Unison Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are worthy of all honor and praise. Help us to love as you do and to act wisely so that others will be drawn to your salvation and hope. May we build each other up and encourage each other today as we give you all the glory!

*Song #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Saturday)
“10,000 Reasons” & “Mighty to Save” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 36:24-28

Unison Congregational Prayer

We pray for transformation in our lives. Help us to grow and change in ways that reflect your love and grace. May we be open to the process of transformation, trusting that you are working in us for our good. Thank you for the ways you transform us and make us new. Help us to embrace change with faith and hope. Guide us to let go of old habits and patterns that do not honor you. Help us embrace new ways of being that align with your will. Help us to see the potential for transformation in every situation, knowing that you can bring good out of even the most difficult circumstances. May our lives be testimonies of your transformative power, inspiring others to seek their own transformation.

Thank you for the hope and promise of transformation. Help us to trust in your work in our lives and to welcome the changes you bring. In Jesus Name. Amen.

*Song #417 “O For A Heart to Praise My God” (Sung to Hymn #57)
(Saturday) “We Are” (Sunday)

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Stewardship Celebration

Offering & *Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

As we present our offerings today, we are reminded of your great love for us. Your love knows no bounds and is beyond measure. Help us to reflect your love in all that we do, including our giving. May these gifts be used to spread your love to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need. Thank you for your love that never fails us. Amen.

*Song The Faith We Sing #2149 “Living for Jesus”
(Saturday) “Send Me” (Sunday)

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading Ephesians 5:1-20

Message “Transformed by God’s Love”

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

*Benediction Attributed to Benedict of Nursia, circa 480-547

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on You; eyes to behold You, ears to listen for Your word; a heart to love You; and a life to proclaim You; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon Notes

A Wonderful Summary of Core Christian Truth (5:1-2)

1 Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Standard of Love: “Follow God’s example”

The Security of Love: “as dearly loved children”

The Source of Love: “as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us”

Our New Ethic: Let go of things that choke out love (5:3-7)

3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Humans are designed to worship. What we worship defines us. If we put anything at the core of our being besides God, we do harm to our souls. Love will not flourish where God has been evicted.

Our New Existence: Live in God’s light (5:8-14)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Our New Energy: Live in the power of the Holy Spirit (5:15-20)

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have a new purpose. Place your life continually under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Nurture Spirit-uality with fellowship, the Word, worship and gratitude.