

## Announcements

Mission of the Month is  
CWS Blankets.  
They are \$10/Blanket



If you want to buy a poinsettia In Honor Of or In  
Memory Of someone this Christmas; sign ups are  
in the office or in the back of the sanctuary.  
The Price is \$23  
Orders are due Monday!

Sign Up to host the Nativity!



### This Weeks Schedule

#### November 30

Worship 9am

#### December 1

LHN 8:30-11:30am

ELO 9-2pm

Tacos 4 Tots in the PM  
Hospitality Meeting 4pm

#### December 2

Mat Weaving 9-11:30am  
Homestead 9am

Van Buren 10am

Prayer Devotions 12 noon  
AKTION CLUB 5pm

#### December 3

LHN 8:30-11:30am

ELO 9-2pm

Vine Meal 5:30pm

Bells, Christmas Program Practice & Confirmation 6:15pm  
Choir & High School Youth Group 7pm

#### December 4

LHN 8:30-11:30am

UW in Faith Executive Meeting 11:15am  
General meeting 12 noon

#### December 5

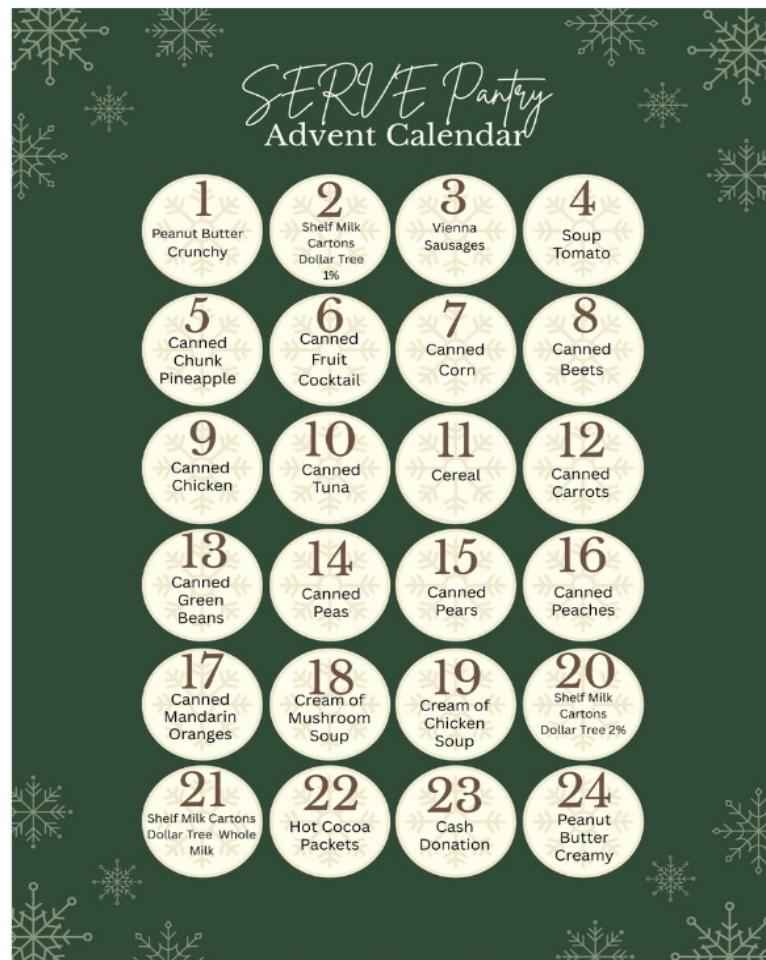
ELO 9-10am

Office closes 12 noon

#### December 6

Men's Breakfast 8am in Fireside Room  
Worship 5pm

## December Mission of the Month is our SERVE Shelf



## Algona First United Methodist Church

November 29 & 30, 2025

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Welcome Serve Love

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Call to Worship & Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Reader: Today, we light the candle of hope. By the Spirit of comfort, we are energized to hope in God's promise to be with us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is Savior.

**People: Our faithful God, grant us the strength to wait with hope. Teach us to be still and know that You are working in our lives, even when we cannot see it. Fill our hearts with Your peace during this Advent season. Amen.**

#### Opening Prayer & Song #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*Song #62 "All Creatures of Our God and King" Verses 1, 5, 7

#### Unison Old Testament Reading

Psalm 100 For giving grateful praise.

**1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.**

**2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

**3 Know that the Lord is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his[a]; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

**4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

#### Unison Congregational Prayer

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your grateful servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. Above all we thank you for your immeasurable love; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we will show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives. Help us give up ourselves to your service, and to walk in a way that is pleasing to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

\*Song #66 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#### Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

#### Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering & \*Doxology

##### \*Unison Offertory Prayer

**As we come before you today, O Lord, we bring our offerings of thanksgiving to honor and praise your holy name. We give thanks for your countless blessings and grace that you have showered upon us. May these offerings be a symbol of our gratitude and devotion to you, our loving and faithful God. Amen**

\*Song #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Verses 1, 4, 5

#### Children's Message

#### New Testament Reading

**Message "The Importance of Gratitude"**

\*Response #2036 "Give Thanks"

##### \*Benediction Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Sermon Notes

##### **Make the Choice to Be Grateful**

##### **A Lack of Gratitude is at the Core of Disrespect toward God:**

Romans 1: 21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

##### **A Heart of Gratitude reflects a Respectful Response to God:**

Psalm 100: 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**... Reflects & Reinforces a Negative Outlook on Life:** I Timothy 3: But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unhol

**.. Fosters a Joyful Outlook on Life:** Psalm 100: 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**.. Takes Blessings for Granted:** Deuteronomy 8: 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

**... Acknowledges Good Things as a Gift:** James 1: 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

**.. Leads to Complaining that Negatively Impacts Others:** Numbers 14: That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. 2 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" 4 And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

**... Leads to Positivity that Sets an Example for Others:** Luke 17: 15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"

**Do you want to have a more positive outlook on life? End your day by remembering the good things you experience and begin your mornings with praise:** I Thessalonians 5: 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.