

Announcements

Mission of the Month HEIFER International

This Week's Schedule

January 18

Worship 9am
Adult Bible Study & High School Sunday School 10:15am

January 19

LHN 8:30-11:30am
ELO 9-2pm
Paper Magnolia's 10-12 noon
CCC Fellowship Rental 2-8pm

January 20

Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
Homestead 9am
Van Buren 10am
Missions 5:30pm

January 21

LHN 8:30-11:30am
ELO 9-2pm
Vine Meal 5:30pm
Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation 6:15pm
High School Youth Group Meal @ 6:15-6:30pm. Games
6:45pm. Bible Study 7-8:15pm

January 22

LHN 8:30-11:30am

January 23

ELO 9-11am
Office closes @ 12 noon

January 24

Worship 5pm



The gift of a goat provides milk, cheese and butter for nourishment. On small farms, goats are often the key to a family's survival.

Goat is \$120

Goats help families feed themselves

On small farms, goats are often the key to a family's survival. Give a goat to a family in need. Along with training and education in its care, each goat gift donation:

- Provides milk, cheese and butter for nourishment
- Boosts income through sales of extra milk
- Encourages better crop yields by creating fertilizer and clearing land

Goats are known for providing delicious milk, which can be used to create cheese that can be sold for income, in turn providing a family's children the opportunity to go to school. Goat milk is more easily digestible, and one animal can produce up to four gallons a day.

Goats are ideal for zero grazing, which means very little land is needed to raise them. Their natural curiosity and intelligence also makes them great pets for families with children.



Algona First United Methodist Church

January 17 & 18, 2026

WELCOME SERVE LOVE

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 136:1-3*

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Unison Opening Prayer

Creator and Redeemer, we come today not to be entertained, but to be engaged. Not to be impressed, but to be transformed. You are the one who gives breath to our lungs and hope to our hearts. We worship you because you are worthy—yesterday, today, and forever. Lift our eyes from our to-do lists, from our worries, from our weariness. Focus our hearts on your goodness, your mercy, and your truth. As we sing, let joy grow. As we pray, let faith deepen. As we listen, let your word root in our lives. Be glorified in all of it, Lord. Amen.

*Song #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Verses 1-4

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:6-12*

Unison Congregational Prayer

Heavenly Father, Guide our church as we venture into the community with the message of Your love. Just as Jesus reached out to those on the fringes, help us to extend Your hands and feet to the unseen and unheard in our midst.

Equip us, Lord, with wisdom to speak Your truth in love and grace, that we may be bridges and not barriers. Illuminate our path, that we might shine Your light into the dark corners of despair, bringing hope to the hopeless and love to the loveless.

Strengthen our resolve, that despite challenges and setbacks, our purpose remains unwavering — to share the transforming power of Your gospel. Let us be vessels of Your peace, unity, and reconciliation in a divided world. May our efforts ripple through the community, drawing hearts closer to You. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray, Amen.

*Song #327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

*Unison Offertory Prayer

Loving God, our Source and Sustainer, we're here together in the spirit of unity and purpose. We want to align our lives more closely with your divine plan. As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings, we pray that you will transform our hearts to become more like yours. Amen.

*Song #581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Children's Message

New Testament Reading See message notes

Message "Jesus' Priorities"

*Response #593 "Here I Am, Lord"

*Benediction

Go now, as people who bear witness to the power of God in the world.

Go, bearing God's peace to the places and people who you will encounter.

Go, as representatives of Christ's salvation, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Notes

Rootedness & Fruitfulness *Luke 3 & 4*

As we look to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we learn God's abiding priorities for life and ministry. There are no shortcuts to effective ministry. We must be rooted deeply in the life of God and active in sharing His love. See John 15:4-5.

Live in the Father's Love *Luke 3:21-22*

21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Live in Submission to the Father's Will *Luke 4: 1-13*

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. **7** If you worship me, it will all be yours" . . . **8** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'

Minister in the Power of the Spirit *Luke 4:14*

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.

Teach God's Word *Luke 4:15*

15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

Set People Free from Oppression and Poverty *Luke 4:16-21*

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Set People Free from Evil *Luke 4:31-37*

36 All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

Set People Free from Disease *Luke 4:38-40*

40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.

Maintain the Balance of Spiritual Rootedness & Ministry Expansion *Luke 4:42-44*

42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. **43** But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." **44** And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.