

Announcements

Mission of the Month HEIFER International

This Week's Schedule

January 25

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

January 26

LHN 8:30-11:30am
ELO 9-2pm
Ad Board 6:30pm

January 27

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

January 28

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 6:45. Bible Study 7-8:15pm

January 29

LHN 8:30-11:30am

January 30

ELO 9-11am
Office closes @ 12 noon

January 31

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 24 & 25, 2026

WELCOME SERVE LOVE

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together in the name of the One who bids us come. We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love. We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

All: Come, let us worship!

Opening Prayer

O God, You are the source of all compassion. We recognize your presence among us in our life and worship, and ask your gentle Spirit to constantly open our hearts to the ways of justice and peace. We ask all of this in your Name, because you alone are holy, our true justice and peace. Amen.

***Song** #73 "O Worship the King"

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 145:8-16

Unison Congregational Prayer

We pray for a compassionate heart. Help us to be more understanding and empathetic towards others. Let us see the world through the eyes of those who are suffering and be moved to action. May our compassion lead us to help and support those in need.

Thank you for Your compassion towards us. Help us to reflect that same compassion in our interactions with others. May we learn to listen deeply and to respond with kindness and care to those who are hurting. Thank you for the opportunities to practice compassion. Help us to seize those moments and to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Help us to extend compassion to ourselves, understanding that we too are deserving of care and kindness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Song** #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

*Unison Offertory Prayer

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. May these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us. in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Song** *The Faith We Sing #2175 "Together We Serve"*

Children's Message

New Testament Reading See message notes for readings from Luke 5

Message "Jesus' Plan to Impact the World"

***Response** *The Faith We Sing #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

*Benediction

Pastor: Go today with gentleness in your heart and mercy and kindness on your lips. Be a community that builds bridges restores sight, binds wounds, forgives trespasses, and loves generously in the same way that God has with you. May the Spirit of God show you the way to empathy that will make us whole again as a people, united by our common need for God and for each other.

All: We pray this in the name of the loving Father, Jesus, his Son, and the guiding Spirit, Amen.

Sermon Notes

Jesus' Strategy to Impact the World Luke 5

Minister to Many, but Always Be Training a Few

8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Touch Individual Lives with Compassion

Luke 5: 12-13

12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." . . . **13** Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

Stay Rooted in God's Heart

Luke 5:15-16

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. **16** But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Minister to the Whole Person, Value Creativity

Luke 5:17-26

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. **19** When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. **20** When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

See People with God's Eyes

Luke 5:27-32

27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, **28** and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. **29** Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. **30** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" . . . **31** Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Practices for Life Changing Ministry:

- Focus on Relationships
- Meet Needs
- Be Creative
- Value People whom Others Overlook or Reject
- Break "Rules" & Expect Religious People to be Uncomfortable
- Multiply Spiritual Workers See *Matthew 9:35-38, II Timothy 2:2*

Stay Anchored in the Presence, Passion & Power of God