

**True Seeking of God involves
Repentance and Growth in Character:**

Isaiah 55: **6** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. **7** Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. See II Chronicles 7:4.

True Seeking is Wholehearted:

Jeremiah 29: **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

This Week's Schedule

January 4

Worship 9am

January 5

LHN 8:30-11:30am

Blood Drive 12:30-5:30pm

January 6

Mat Weaving 9-11:30am

Homestead 9am

Van Buren 10am

Prayer Devotion 12 noon

January 7

LHN 8:30-11:30am

ELO 9-2pm

Vine Meal 5:30pm

Bells, Kids Club, Confirmation
6:15pm

Senior High 7pm

January 8

LHN 8:30-11:30am

January 9

ELO 9-10am

Office closes @ 12 noon

January 10

Worship 5pm



**Algona First United Methodist
Church**

January 3 & 4, 2026
Welcome Serve Love

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *Jeremiah 29:13-14*

Reader: You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity.[b] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Opening Prayer #405 "Seek Ye First" *Verse 1*

***Song** #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Old Testament Reading *Psalms 34:1-10*

Congregational Prayer *Hymnal #607*
"A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

***Song** #451 "Be Thou My Vision"

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Offering & *Doxology HEIFER International

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, on this first Sunday of a New Year, we gladly offer ourselves to You. Thank You for the opportunity to service You. Use these tithes and offerings to advance your Kingdom in 2026. We look forward to this New Year with joy and anticipation. Amen.

***Song** #301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Children's Message

New Testament Reading Luke 2:21-40

Message "Seeking Hearts"

The Lord's Supper

***Response** *The Faith We Sing* #2162
"Grace Alone" Verse 1

*Benediction

God says: "Behold, I am making everything new!" In this new year, let us move forward with the confidence our new life in Christ gives, with a new song in our hearts and on our lips, with the new way before us, and with our eyes fixed on the horizon when Christ will return and make a new heaven and a new earth. **All: Amen.**

Sermon Notes

Seeking God in 2026

Simeon and Anna are wonderful examples of seeking God (Luke 25-38). Let's follow their example in this New Year!

True Seeking is a Heart of Worship:

Psalms 27: 4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

True Seeking is the Soul's Proper Response to God:

Psalms 63: 1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

True Seeking Requires Faith:

Hebrews 11: 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.