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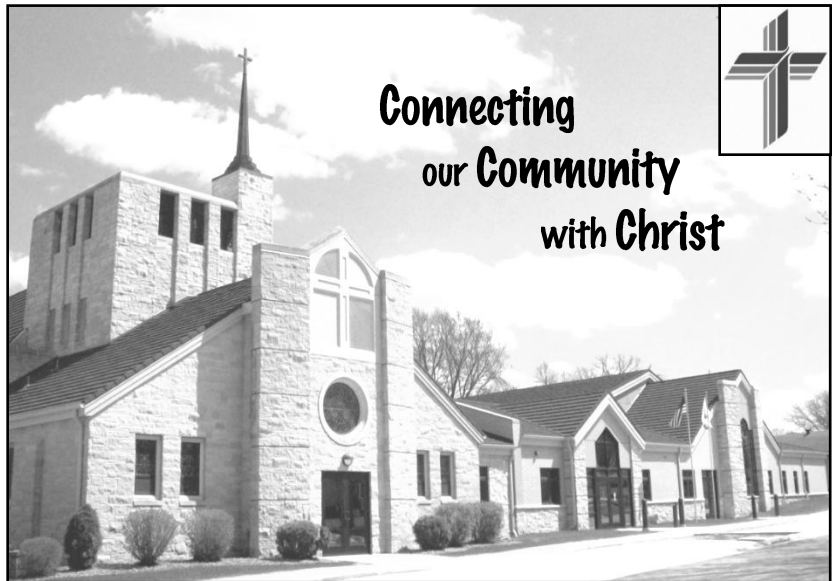
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Algona, Iowa | Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



**Connecting
our Community
with Christ**



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 21, 2025

SUMMER SCHEDULES:

Worship Times

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

Adult Bible Class &

Sunday School

Sunday 9:15 AM

Sunday Radio Ministry

(KLGA 92.7)

The Lutheran Hour
7:05 AM

Lift High the Cross
8:30 AM

Trinity on TV

MediaCom Ch. 3
AMU Ch. 918
Tuesday 9 AM

Preacher: Pastor Briton Nelson

Pianist: Donna Gadbury

5:00 PM

No Worship

NO Saturday Services will take place during Advent. Join us at 8 or 10:30 AM on Sundays and for Advent services at 6 PM on Wednesdays.



8:00 AM

Greeters: Matt & Karla Kenne

Elders: Mike Tietz, Matt Gerdis

Acolytes: Michayla Klein, Braxton Hager

Reader: Moni Westling

Ushers: Matt Gerdis

Rod Scuffham

Rita Scuffham

Will Struecker

10:30 AM – **Kids' Christmas Program** (*Life Center*)

Greeters: *Volunteers Needed*

Elders: Matt Metzen

Acolytes: Kids' Christmas Program

Reader: Kids' Christmas Program

Ushers: John Bilsten

Jayne Lentz

Logan Lentz

Volunteer Needed

Altar Flowers: Joyce & Jim Grandgenett (*in memory of our parents*)

Lift High the Cross Sponsors: Steve & Wanda Schwier (*our anniversary*)



TRINITY ALGONA

NEWS & NOTES FOR DECEMBER 21, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Christmas Program is Today, Dec 21 at 10:30 AM in the Life Center.

Christmas Cookie Walk is Today, December 21 between services in the office hallway. Let us do your holiday baking! Free Will donations support Trinity youth activities. We appreciate your support!

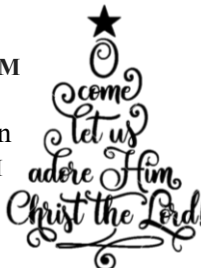
Christmas Season Worship:

Christmas Eve – Dec 24, 4 & 7 PM

Christmas Day – Dec 25, 9 AM

Christmas Eve will rebroadcast on
Algona TV Mon, Dec 29, 7 PM
& Tues, Dec 30, 1 PM

New Year's Eve – Dec 31, 6 PM



Saturday Worship will resume January 3 at 5 PM.



SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK

Any End of Year Donations must be received in the church office **by 12 Noon on Dec 31** to be included in your 2025 giving statement. Any donations received after this time will be included in your 2026 giving statement. Please keep this in mind if mailing checks.

2026 Giving Envelopes are available in the narthex! If you'd like envelopes and are unable to find yours; or if you have envelopes but no longer need them, please contact the church office.

Thank You to all who support God's work here at Trinity. Give online via trinityalgona.org/give, via our app, or text TrinityAlgona to 888-364-4483.

Flat Sheets and Old Tattered (well-loved) Quilts are needed by TLC Quilters. Thanks sew much for helping us help others in need!

IOWAY Donations can be placed in the bin in the office lobby. Items always needed: Adults & Children – hats, mittens, socks, & underwear; Hygiene Items – wash cloths, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, & toothbrushes.

WAYS TO SERVE

Youth Board Members Needed! If interested, please contact Melissa Divis or one of the pastors.

Year-End Reports: The end of the year will be here soon. If you're responsible for a report for the annual yearbook, please email it to the church at office@trinityalgona.org by January 12. Please contact the office with any questions.

2026 Church Volunteer Needed! If you'd like to serve, make adjustments, or be taken off the 2026 schedules (or if you have questions), please contact the appropriate coordinator: **Ushers** – Merrill Friedrich (320-4739), **Greeters** – Michelle Stone (361-0714), **Altar Guild** – Kate Samp (320-4797), **Lay Readers or Funeral Ushers** – Church office (295-3518). If you'd like to serve in any other way, please contact the church office so we can connect you with the appropriate person! Thank you to all who serve to help our services run more smoothly!



Sponsor Altar Flowers or Lift High the Cross radio broadcast for 2026 – sign up in the narthex.

A Food Box is located on the north side of the church. Members are invited to add food (no non-food items please) to help out those in need.

TLC Quilters invite you to join them in the basement to help with their many projects on Tuesdays & Thursdays, anytime from 8 AM – 3 PM. No experience needed - just a willing heart!

YOUTH

TASK (Trinity After School for Kids) has begun for Kgtn Prep (PM) – 5th Grade. Find registration materials at trinityalgona.org/task or church office. Contact Marcia (200-9047) for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

Update Contact Information (for yourself or your family) by contacting the church office. Please

check your info in our Annual Reports & Directory so updates can be made before the new edition.

For Emailed Bulletins & Calendars, email office@trinityalgona.org

For Flocknote Messages, text TrinityAlgona to 84576 or visit Flocknote.com/TrinityAlgona

MISCELLANEOUS & RESOURCES

The Outdoor Nativity Set has been replaced. If you're interested in the old figurines, please call Marley Helmers (320-5369).

Advent **Devotion Books** are available in narthex.

Did You Know? The tree in the Life Center is decorated with ornaments given by families of our church. If you are new to Trinity or have never had the opportunity to donate one, please bring an ornament to the church office. Thank you!



Gifts of Appreciation from our congregation are customarily given to our Pastors on Christmas Eve. If you wish to take part in this remembrance, please drop off any monetary gift at the church office or give to any of the Elders (Matt Metzen, Mike Tietz, Kreg Haukap, Doug McGuire, Duane Berninghaus, Kurt Hankins, Matt Gerdis, Aaron Siefken, Dale Yunginger) **by Dec 23**. Thank you!

Friendship Register Tips: Please include your children (if present) as well as any family members serving during the service (acolytes, ushers, sound board, etc) and be clear about which service you are attending. Don't forget to greet your neighbors and welcome our visitors following the service!

Walk in the Life Center (open by 7AM) where it's warm & dry! A mile is about 22 laps!



Adverse Weather updates can be found on Algona Radio or our Facebook page.

Learning Spanish & English for Spanish Speakers will meet as arranged. Contact Lyle (320-6929) if questions or for more info!

Christmas Cards are on display in the card case area (church basement near elevator).

Pastoral Care on Demand - Need Prayer, Scripture, Communion, Absolution, or a listening ear? Call or text Pastor Nelson (608-464-5548) or Pastor Dose (712-790-0716) anytime for a visit.

Hospitalized? Please let us know if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit.



Building Healthy Families: Here's a simple yet challenging Christmas week question for your contemplation: How has the fact that Jesus was born over 2000 years ago impacted the life you're living today? Read aloud the Luke 2 Christmas story together, ponder this question, and encourage your family members to share their answers. From the funny response of a preschooler, the shoulder shrug of a teenager, or the wise words shared by an older person, it will be interesting to see how each individual family member answers. Remember, even those who don't answer are still listening! *"She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."* *Matthew 1:21* A Blessed Celebration of Jesus' Birth to you from your partners at **Lutheran Family Service!** LutheranFamilyService.org



Stewardship Moment: Advent & Christmas Stewardship.

December 21: "Let every gift reflect the love of Christ." As we exchange gifts this season, may our giving to the church reflect our love for God and neighbor. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give... for God loves a cheerful giver."* — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank You to all who donated gifts, gift cards, etc. for our adopted families. Your generosity will help these families have a brighter Christmas this year!



This Week at Trinity

Sunday – (December 21)

8:00 am Worship with communion
 8:00 am Live-Stream Worship (*YouTube, Facebook, Trinity App*)
 9:00 am Cookie Walk (*Office Hallway*)
 9:15 am Sunday School – (**Life Center**)
 9:15 am Adult Bible Class – (**Sanctuary**)
 10:30 am Worship – Kids Christmas Program (*Life Center*)
 5:00 pm English for Spanish Speakers (*Online*)

Monday

7:00 am & 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
6:00 pm Choir

Tuesday

8:30 am **NO** Quilting
 9:00 am Sunday Worship Re-Broadcast (*MC 3, AMU 918*)
 5:30 pm Learning Spanish (*As Arranged with Participants*)
 6:30 pm New Member Class (*Conference Room*)
 7:00 pm Evening Bible Study (*Fireside Room*)

Wednesday – Christmas Eve

9:30 am **NO** Adult Bible Study (*Life Center*)
 6:30 pm **NO** Midweek (*Life Center*) & LYF (*Upper Room*)
 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday – Christmas Day

9:00 am Christmas Worship
 Church Office Closed

Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday

5:00 pm **NO** Worship (*Advent Schedule*)

Sunday

9:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Live-Stream Worship (*YouTube, Facebook, Trinity App*)
 9:15 am **NO** Sunday School / Adult Bible Class
 5:00 pm English for Spanish Speakers (*Online*)

Adult Bible Class in Sanctuary
 Sundays during December.

In Our Prayers

Those Battling Cancer: Vicki Piedras, Jamie PeCoy, Missy Rash, Joyce Gerber, Ian Shankland, David Palmersheim, Frank Rusch, Wayne Anderson, Connie Moss, Julie Mack, Bradley Bjstrom, Ryan McGuire, Jason Breig, Jane Nettleton

Ongoing Health Concerns: Terry McGuire, Zayn Feaster, Pam Narveson, Jim Pergande, Brett Carlson, Dr. Col. Ret. William H Bosworth, Iris Hackbarth, Delores Glawe, Roger Baas, John Holt, Violet Siefken, Henry Friedrich, Vicki Boelman, Leah Edwards, Gene Sorenson, Pastor Bruce Boyce, Etta Pergande, Bill Dau, Gladys Johnson, Janine Kraft

Trinity Shut-Ins

Trinity / St. John's Partnership

Trinity's Missionaries & Missions

Peace & Unity for our Nation

Collect of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Stewardship Report for 12/14/25

Attendance: 83 (*Advent 12/10*)

96 (8:00) – 65 (10:30)

Weekly Giving: \$ 6,811.93

Weekly Budget: \$ 11,105.00

