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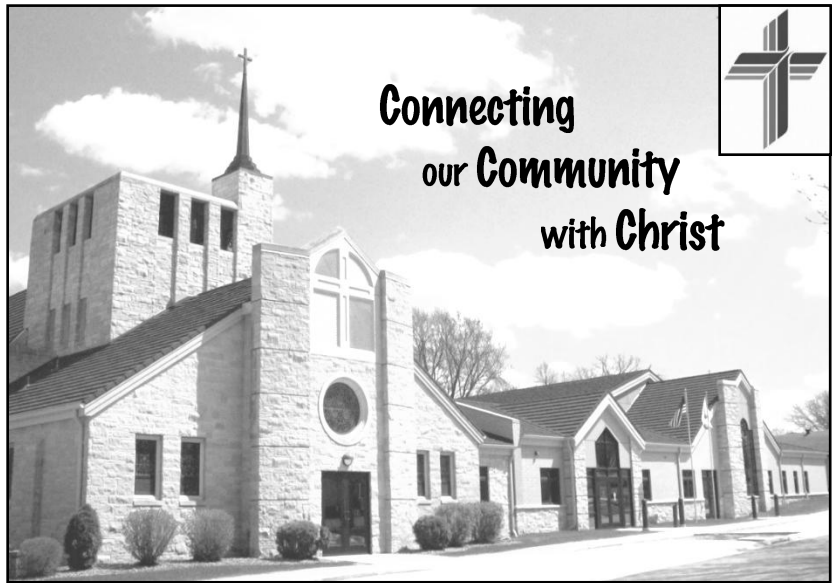
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Trinity Lutheran Church

Algona, Iowa | Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 7, 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 Ben Dose
Choir Director: Courtney Mondragon
Flute: Shelby Weier

5:00 PM
No Worship

8:00 AM

Greeters: LaRue Hanselman
Elders: Dale Yunginger, Matt Gerdis
Acolytes: Kellen Baker, Jraven Bell
Reader: Chandra McMahon

10:30 AM

Greeters: *Volunteers Needed*
Elders: Douglas McGuire
Acolytes: Zoe McGuire, Kirk Nielson
Reader: Jane Nettleton

Altar Flowers: LaRue Hanselman (*in memory of husband Vernon,
son Scott, & daughter Vicki*)

Lift High the Cross Sponsors: Helen Haas (*in memory of Harley*)

Organist: Pam Gogerty
Bell Director: Donna Gadbury
Conga Drums: Nick DePue

Ushers: Matt Gerdis
Rod Scuffham
Rita Scuffham
Will Struecker


Ushers: John Bilsten
Jayme Lentz
Logan Lentz
Volunteer Needed




TRINITY ALGONA

NEWS & NOTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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. 

Advent Services are Wednesdays, Dec 3, 10, & 17 at 6 PM. Theme: *Every Heart Prepare*. Midweek will follow! Devotion books available in narthex.

Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, Dec 21 at 10:30 AM in the Life Center. **Practices** will be in the Life Center Dec 7, 14, & 21 at 9:15 AM during the Sunday School hour and also on Saturday, Dec 20 (9-10:30 AM). 

Christmas Cookie Walk will be on 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!



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.

Giving Envelopes Changes: If you'd like to start receiving envelopes; or if you have envelopes but no longer need them, please contact the office.

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.

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.

WAYS TO SERVE

Adopt-A-Family: Trinity has adopted five families for Christmas. Donations may be placed in the shopping cart **by Dec 10**. Please bring cash & gift cards to the church office. See flyer for details

Christmas Cookies Needed for the LYF Cookie Walk on December 21. If you'd like to help with this fundraiser by baking your favorite Christmas cookies, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Melissa Divis (320-4661) if questions.

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 Lists – Additional Volunteers are 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: Church office 295-3518

Funeral Ushers: Church office 295-3518

If you would 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.

TASK Volunteers are Needed to help with our After School Program, 3:45 to 5:30 pm on school days, **especially on Wednesdays & Fridays**. Contact Marcia Kenne (200-9047) to volunteer.



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.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS & RESOURCES

Hospice of the Heartland! You're invited to attend Hospice of the Heartland's Lights of Life Ceremony Sunday, Dec 7 at 1 PM at Kossuth Regional Health Center. Pastor Dose is leading the Ceremony.



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!

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

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 Algonia 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!

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: Trauma, emotional distress, depression, anxiety, or family conflict negatively impact many people, including those within our church fellowship today. When it does, we are often left searching for answers without knowing where to find help, especially help that will share and incorporate the important tenants of our Lutheran Christian faith. Lutheran Family Service offers professional mental health counseling with master's prepared and licensed therapists who share your faith and world view, now available to all regardless of location through telehealth. Call us...it's why we're here! LutheranFamilyService.org

Stewardship Moment: Advent & Christmas Stewardship.

December 7: "Prepare the way of the Lord." Advent invites us to prepare our hearts and homes—not just spiritually, but through acts of kindness and generosity. *"A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"* — Isaiah 40:3



Thank You to all who gave monetary donations to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We collected \$955 for the Kossuth County Food Pantry! *"For I was hungry and you gave me food," – Matthew 25:35*

This Week at Trinity

Sunday – (December 7)

8:00 am Worship with communion
 8:00 am Live-Stream Worship (*YouTube, Facebook, Trinity App*)
 9:15 am Sunday School – (**Life Center**)
 9:15 am Adult Bible Class (**Sanctuary**)
 10:30 am Worship
 2:00 pm TLC Kids Sewing
 5:00 pm English for Spanish Speakers (*Online*)

Adult Bible Class in
 Sanctuary Sundays
 during December.

Monday

7:00 am & 9:30 am Women's Bible Study (*Conference Room*)
 5:30 pm **NO** Evening LWML Christmas Party

Tuesday

8:30 am & 1:00 pm Quilting (*Basement*)
 9:00 am Sunday Worship Re-Broadcast (*MC 3, AMU 918*)
 9:00 am Pastors at Winkle (*Our Savior – Swea City*)
 2:45 pm Good Sam Communion
 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

9:30 am Adult Bible Study (*Life Center*)
 5:00 pm **NO** Bell Choir
 6:00 pm Advent Worship
 6:30 pm Midweek (*Life Center*) & LYF (*Upper Room*)
 6:30 pm Choir

Thursday

8:30 am & 1:00 pm Quilting (*Basement*)
 6:30 pm **NO** Band of Brothers

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

In Our Prayers

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

Ongoing Health Concerns: Pam Narveson, Jim Pergande, Brett Carlson, Dr. Col. Ret. William H Bosworth, Iris Hackbarth, Delores Glawe, Roger Baas, John Holt, Violet Siefken, Henry Friedrich, 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Report for 11/30/25

Attendance: 82 (*Thanksgiving*)
 (*No weekend worship due to weather*)

Weekly Giving: \$ 25,104.08

Weekly Budget: \$ 11,105.00

WHEN HE SAYS,
 "THE KINGDOM OF
 HEAVEN IS NEAR,"
 HE MEANS JESUS,
 NOT A PLACE,
 RIGHT?



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YES,
 THAT'S
 RIGHT.



JESUS' PRESENCE IS THE REIGN OF
 HEAVEN AMONG US TO RESTORE US AND
 ALL CREATION. AND HIS PRESENCE
CONTINUES WHEN WE GATHER IN HIS
 NAME TO RECEIVE HIS GIFTS OF
 FORGIVENESS AND LIFE HERE IN CHURCH!



AH, SO IT
BECOMES
 A PLACE!



NO, IT
 BECOMES A
PEOPLE!



MATTHEW 3:1-12

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