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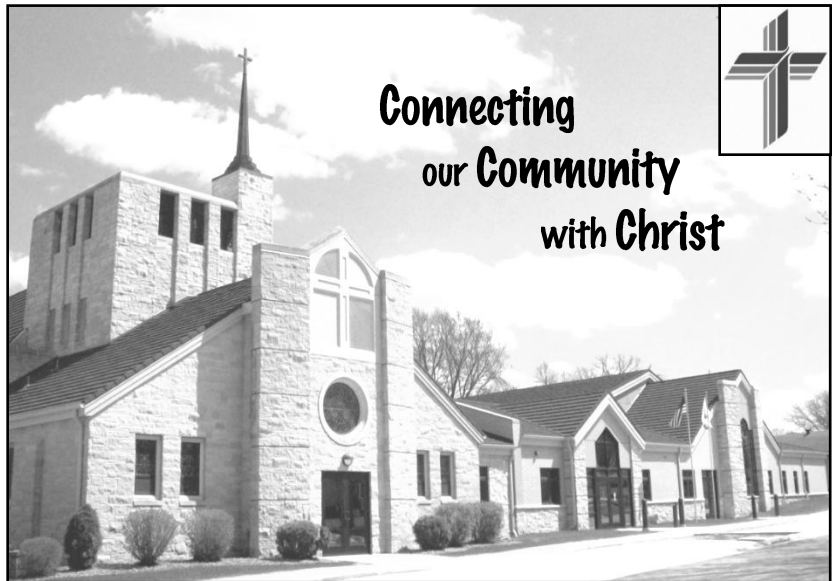
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Trinity Lutheran Church

Algona, Iowa | Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

Organist: Pam Gogerty

5:00 PM

Elder: Matt Metzen

8:00 AM

Greeters: Paul & Marcia Kenne

Elders: Kurt Hankins, Matt Gerdis

Acolytes: Beckett Riedesel, Hannah Jenson

Reader: John Kern

10:30 AM –

Greeters: *Volunteers Needed*

Elders: Douglas McGuire, Mike Tietz

Acolytes: Karsyn Riggert, Leandra Trauger

Reader: Jane Dreyer

Altar Flowers: Paul & Marcia Kenne

Lift High the Cross Sponsors: Kate Samp

Ushers: Ron Bichel

Kathy Bichel

Tom Terwilliger

Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Merrill Friedrich

Kay Friedrich

Logan Studer

Mike Weier



TRINITY ALGONA

NEWS & NOTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Christmas Decorations Will Be Removed

TODAY immediately following the 10:30 service. Please consider staying to help – many hands will make the job go quicker! And Please do not remove decorations from the sanctuary or the narthex until **AFTER** the late service. Thank you!

Sunday School resumes next week!

Midweek Class resumes Wednesday (*Life Center*).



Trinity's Annual Meeting is January 18 at 12:30 PM with a **Soup Luncheon** beginning at 11:30 AM. Packets will be available soon.

Holy Communion will now be celebrated at all weekend worship services (per elders' decision).



SUPPORTING GOD'S WORK

Any Donations received after **Dec 31** will be included in your 2026 giving statement.

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

Food Donations Needed for Annual Meeting!

Please sign up in the narthex to bring desserts, buns, crackers, or milk. Please have food donations in kitchen by 9AM Sunday, January 18.

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

Year-End Reports: The new year is here! If you're responsible for a 2025 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

Youth Service Opportunity! Youth (grades 5-12) and parents are needed to help with the meal for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 18 at 11:30 AM.

- Adults to help prep Sunday 9:30-10:30 AM
- Youth to help serve during luncheon
- Adults to help supervise
- Older youth to help with childcare during meeting

Please sign up on the link provided in the Flocknote message you received or contact Melissa Divis directly to sign up.

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

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!

May God's love Light your way and
lead you into a new year that
Shines with His special joy.
Happy New Year!



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: The beginning of a New Year can bring feelings of anticipation, excitement, and hope as we start with a clean slate, our resolutions to keep. Still looking for ideas that will bring new life to your New Year? How about one of these: read from Scripture 15 minutes every day; go to church every Sunday; set aside 20 minutes at the end of the day to pray; join a Bible Study group; memorize a new Bible verse each week. Don't give up! It takes 6 weeks of doing something repeatedly to make it a habit. Happy & Blessed New Year to you and your family!

LutheranFamilyService.org

Thank You from the Trinity Youth Board to those who purchased poinsettias to help decorate the front of the church during our Christmas Services. You are welcome to take your poinsettia home to enjoy.

Thank You to all that participated in the Christmas Cookie walk to support Trinity's Youth. Special thanks to those who baked goodies as well as those that stopped by to grab a tray to take home and share with your families this holiday season. The money we raised will be used to help plan a few youth/family fellowship opportunities in the new year.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday – (January 4)

8:00 am Worship with communion
8:00 am Live-Stream Worship (*YouTube, Facebook, Trinity App*)
9:15 am **NO** Sunday School – (*Sanctuary*)
9:15 am Adult Bible Class (*Life Center*)
10:30 am Worship with communion
11:30 am “Un-Deck the Church Halls”
5:00 pm English for Spanish Speakers (*Online*)

Monday

7:00 am & 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study (*Conference Room*)

Tuesday

8:30 am Quilting
9:00 am Sunday Worship Re-Broadcast (*MC 3, AMU 918*)
1:15 pm Homestead Communion
5:30 pm Learning Spanish (*As Arranged with Participants*)
7:00 pm Evening Bible Study (*Fireside Room*)

Wednesday

9:30 am Adult Bible Study (*Life Center*)
6:30 pm Midweek (*Life Center*) & LYF (*Upper Room*)
7:00 pm **No** Choir

Thursday

8:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Band of Brothers

Saturday

5:00 pm **NO** Worship (wedding)

Sunday

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

In Our Prayers

Those Battling Cancer: Vicki Piedras, Jamie PeCoy, Missy Rash, Joyce Gerber, Ian Shankland, Frank Rusch, Wayne Anderson, Connie Moss, Julie Mack, Bradley Bjuström, 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, John Holt, Violet Siefken, Henry Friedrich, Vicki Boelman, Leah Edwards, Gene Sorenson, Pastor Bruce Boyce, Etta Pergande, Bill Dau, Gladys Johnson, Janine Kraft

Condolences: family of Phyllis Olson, family of David Palmersheim (nephew of Janet Wiltgen), family of Bonnie Riggert

Recovering from Surgery: Phil Ruger (friend of Janet Wiltgen)

Trinity Shut-Ins

Trinity / St. John’s Partnership

Trinity’s Missionaries & Missions

Peace & Unity for our Nation

Collect of the Day: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stewardship Report for 12/28/25

Attendance: 218 (*Christmas Eve – 4pm*)

182 (*Christmas Eve – 7pm*)

90 (*Christmas Day – 76 (12/28 – 9am)*)

Weekly Giving: \$ 41,660.64

Weekly Budget: \$ 11,105.00



THESE GIFTS
THAT THE MAGI
BRING THE
BABY JESUS...



THEY ARE HEAVY WITH SYMBOLISM:
GOLD BECAUSE JESUS IS A KING,
FRANKINCENSE BECAUSE HE IS
GOD AND MYRRH, BECAUSE JESUS
IS A MORTAL HUMAN BEING.*



*ORIGEN, CONTRA
CELSUS 1.40



SOME THINK THAT THE
VALUE OF THESE GIFTS
FINANCED THE HOLY
FAMILY’S ESCAPE TO
EGYPT



THUS INTRODUCING
THE SACRED
TRADITION OF THE
GIFT RECEIPT!

