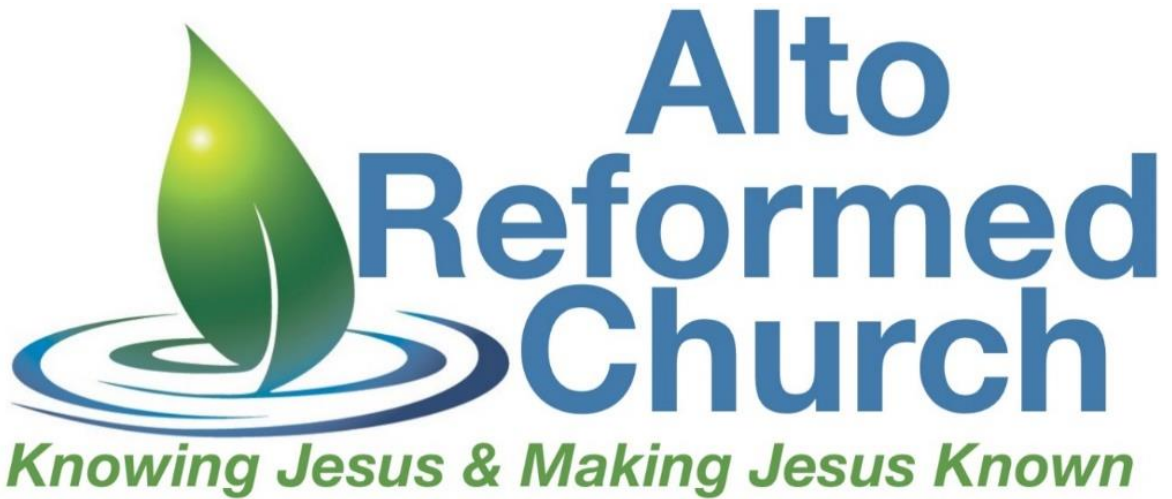


**April 11, 2021**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

\*"One Things Remains"

\*"Our God"

Congregational Prayer

\*"It Is Well (O My Soul)"

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message

Message – Living in Babylon: Yep, You are in a Different Land

Scripture – Jeremiah 29:4-14

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Jr. Choir – "Glorious Day"

Blessing

*\*songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



# Living *in* Babylon

## How to Thrive in an Anti-Christian Culture

Wk 1 - Yep, You Are in a Different Land

### A. Where are we?

D\_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD

### B. How did we get to Babylon?

D\_\_\_\_\_ to GOD

D\_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD

### C. What should we do in Babylon?

Five Keys to Faithful Living in Babylon

1. M\_\_\_\_\_
2. Seek P\_\_\_\_\_
3. Pray
4. Reject L\_\_\_\_\_
5. H\_\_\_\_\_ in God

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How has our nation become more anti-Christian since you were young?
2. What makes you most anxious about the future?
3. How has God's Word helped you remain stable through 2020?
4. With regard to the 5 Keys above, what is God calling you to do this week?

### WORTH READING:

"We Will Not Be Silenced" details the recent shift in culture and how Christians need to respond.

"Living Among Lions" is an engaging book telling the experiences of two conservative, celebrity brothers facing an unreceptive world.

# IF:GATHERING 2021

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## Women's Conference At Alto Reformed Church

Friday, April 16th, 2021

530-6pm: Registration/Check In

6-9pm: Worship, Sessions, & Breakouts

Speakers: Francis Chan, Lysa TerKeurst, Dr. Arnita  
Phillips, and others

Saturday, April 17th, 2021

8-830am: Registration

830am-12pm: Worship, Sessions, & Breakouts

Speakers: David Platt, Mike Todd, Jennie Allen,  
Christine Caine, and others

Register here:

<https://altoreformedchurch.breezechms.com/form/e5ac2a>

## *Upcoming Events*

- Apr 11** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
9:00am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting, Outreach Team Meeting  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir  
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band  
6:00pm – Jr Choir  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group Bridge Dinner
- Apr 12** 7:00pm – Youth Bible Study
- Apr 13** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
6:30pm – Mission Circle, Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”  
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Apr 14** 9:30am – Golden Lifers  
5:30pm – Family Night  
6:00pm – Bible Study – “Galatians”, High School Youth Group
- Apr 16** 5:30pm – If Gathering
- Apr 17** 8:00am – If Gathering
- Apr 18** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
9:00am – Sunday School  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir  
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band  
6:00pm – Jr Choir  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group, Book Study – “We Will Not Be Silenced”

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we’ve invited the 60 and older crowd in church to join us for dinner! We’ll have lasagna, salad, and dessert! It’ll be a great time of fun and fellowship. See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday is our annual service scavenger hunt where we go through Waupun and do acts of kindness for people! See you at 7:30!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Mission Circle Guest Night** – Join the Mission Circle on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church basement for a potluck. Bring a dish to pass (table service and dessert will be provided). The speakers will be, Marty & Lora Huizenga, sharing about their work with CCD in Jamaica. Everyone is invited to attend! If you’d prefer to skip the meal and just listen to Marty & Lora, please arrive around 7:15pm.

**Family Night** – Join us from 5:30-7:30pm on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for our spring family night. We’ll start the night out with pizza and have a family lesson on building strong foundations. Then we’ll move into activities and service projects that continue to focus on strong foundations.

**Vacation Bible School** for all 3 year olds – incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders is June 21-25! Registration will be open the month of May. We have volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and music CD’s available at the Children & Families Resource Center. Any questions, please contact Adrea.

## Bulletin Board News

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 4/11 Missionary Salary, 4/18 Regular Benevolence.

**Congrats** to Helen Straks as she celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cleaning Kit/Laundry Kit Donations** – For our family night on April 14<sup>th</sup> we will be putting together approximately 25 laundry and cleaning kits as our service project for the night. These will then be donated to the Waupun Food Pantry. We are looking for donations of the following items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, stain remover, laundry baskets, cleaning caddies, glass cleaner, all-purpose spray, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning cloths, toilet bowl brushes, dish soap, and any other cleaning supplies. Donations may be placed in the copy room.

### P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

**Ask:** Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for Annice Hopp as she has surgery on Tuesday to exchange her urinary stent. Pray for Gladys Kastein & family.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buiten, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuij, and Silas Willey.

#### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ