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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “This I Believe Medley”

Baptism – Jett John, son of Chad & Lynnae Loomans

Praise Singing

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

“Jesus Loves Me”

“Victory in Jesus” Hymn #430

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Abby Pluim

Message – What Do You Do If Your Kid Hates Jesus?

Scripture – Luke 15

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Hymn #452 vs 1-2

Benediction

If you are newer to Alto Reformed Church, we invite you to fill out a Connection Card, located at the entrance to the sanctuary, and turn it in at the Fellowship Kitchen for a small gift.

What Do You Do If Your Kid Hates Jesus?

Luke 15

The Lost _____

The Lost _____

The Lost _____

The Party

_____ of extravagance

Music and dance of joy

Robe of _____

Ring of inheritance

Footwear of _____

(See *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Nouwen, p.112)

APPLICATION: Point Your Kid to Christ

Pray for your child: Nothing matters more than covering them in prayer, asking God to work in them to understand the truth and ask Jesus to be their Savior and Lord.

Teach your child about Jesus: It's not the responsibility of the SS teacher, Lynnae or me to lead your kid to Jesus, it's on you (Deut. 6:4-9, Eph 6:4). The goal is not simply for your child to pray a prayer for salvation, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Rom 12:1-2). You can do this. Here are some helpful resources.

1. Read a portion of the Bible passage from the sermon and ask: What was that about? Do you have a question? How should we apply this?
2. Revisit bible memory passages from Bible Class. Read a passage, memorize it, and discuss the above questions.
3. Read from a children's Bible like *The Jesus Story Book* or *The Big Picture Story Bible*. My favorite was always the *Play-and-Learn Bible* as it is very participatory.
4. Check out some awesome books in our library or get *The Church History ABCs*, *Reformation ABCs*, *Bible History ABCs*, or *Big Theology for Little Hearts series*.
5. Study the foundational beliefs of Christianity in the Apostle's Creed. The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 7 through 24 (<https://arc21.org/creeds-confessions>) with the Bible references is a helpful explanation of the creed. For younger children, *The Apostles' Creed: For All God's Children* is a simple, engaging tool. *Give Them Jesus* is a great resource for parents to use, which I just perused.

Ask spiritual questions: Kids will naturally say yes and Jesus, so you must ask deeper questions to see if they understand the gospel. What is sin? What have you done that is sin? What kind of punishment do you deserve? Will God punish you? Why/why not? How should we respond to Jesus dying on the cross? What does it mean to say Jesus is my Savior? What does it mean to say Jesus is my Lord? How do you know you will go to heaven?

Close the deal: Teach them to pray... “Jesus, I am sorry for my sin. I believe you saved me by dying on the cross for my sin. I surrender my life to you and I will follow you. Jesus, you are my Savior and Lord.”

Celebrate Your Kid Professing Faith: Your child may pray that prayer very early in life and they may pray it several times. Determining when to celebrate an authentic decision to follow Jesus can be hard, but if you see the child “return home with repentance” it should happen soon. Our church wants to celebrate with you. On May 7 and 14, we will rejoice with kids who have professed faith in Jesus. Send a message to office@altoreformedchurch.org and let us know that your child has professed faith in Jesus. Note that this is not tied directly to becoming a Covenant Partner/member of the church. If you have questions, contact Pastor Kevin or attend the discussion in the Sanctuary after the service. If your child wishes to become a Covenant Partner, they should plan to attend the class with Elders on April 23 from 5:30 to 7:30.

Upcoming Events

- Apr 16** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir, Baptism – Jett Loomans
10:45am – Sunday School
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
7:00pm – Men’s Chorus Program
- Apr 17** 5:30pm – Pinewood Derby
6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study
8:00pm – High School Band
- Apr 18** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Apr 19** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Apr 20** 7:30pm – Staff Reviews with Exec Team
- Apr 21** All Church Retreat
- Apr 22** All Church Retreat
- Apr 23** All Church Retreat
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pulpit Supply - Jim Lemmenes
10:45am – No Sunday School
5:30pm – Youth Partnership Class

To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're answering your questions and then heading upstairs to worship with the Men's Chorus. See you at 6:30 in the youth room!

High School – On Wednesday Libbi will be giving the lesson on how worship helps us thrive as Christians and how you can participate! See you at 7:30!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby, may be given online, or through autopay. For more info or to set up autopay, please contact Megan. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 4/16 Waupun Food Pantry, 4/23 Brandon Food Pantry, 4/30 Regular Benevolence, 5/7 Missionary Salary. If you feel led to give specifically towards the ceiling project, please put your check in a separate marked envelope in one of the offering boxes. The deacons are keeping track separately of what has been contributed towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Men's Chorus Program – Join us for the Men's Chorus Program this evening at 7pm.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Pinewood Derby Family Night – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Monday, April 17th from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun, free night. We'll have a meal at 5:30pm and races will start at 6pm.

Partnership Class – Ready to up your commitment to Christ and His church? Church membership, or as we call it covenant partnership, is a commitment every believer should take as it provides support for you and opens doors for you to grow and serve. Join Pastor Kevin to learn more on April 30th at 10:45am at his house. Lunch is provided. Family is welcome to come. Contact him with questions and to let him know you are coming.

Post-High Bags Tournament – Young Adults join us for a free bags tournament at The Rock Golf Club on Sunday, April 30th at 6pm. Signup at the Information Center or by contacting Andy Glewen (920-375-0213) or Caleb Glewen (920-904-0484).

Foster Care Awareness Event – Don't miss our upcoming Foster Care Awareness event on May 7th during the Sunday School hour! You'll hear personal experiences from some of our own foster families, as well as from individuals who are involved in our church's foster care ministry. So grab your coffee and join us in the sanctuary on May 7th at 10:45am. Everyone is welcome!

Newcomer's Lunch – We welcome all new families/individuals to join us May 7th at 11:30am after Sunday School for lunch in the basement. The main dish, tableware, and drinks will be provided by the ARC, all who attend may bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign up sheet located on the information desk. RSVPs will be needed by April 30th. Not a "new" member but still want to attend? Feel free to help sign up and join us in welcoming our newest faces.

VBS Volunteers Needed – We are looking for volunteers (incoming 6th grade-adults) to help with VBS June 19-23 at 9-11:30am. Please sign up at the Children & Families Resource Center. VBS registration will open for 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders in May.

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

Prayer for yourself... Lord, I rejoice in your grace shown to me on the cross. Forgive me for rejecting you and going my own way. Help me turn to you every day and obey your word. I will follow you. I will maintain a life of prayer, study your Word, participate in the Lord's supper, gather with believers regularly, use my spiritual gifts and financial resources to further the mission of Jesus through the local church, live a life pleasing to you and accept the spiritual guidance of the church leadership.

Prayer for your kids/grandkids... Spirit, move in my kids/grandkids. Open their eyes to see the destructiveness of sin and the truth of your word. Stir their hearts to trust you. Bless them with joy, peace, wisdom, and courage.

Prayer for your neighbors... Father, draw my neighbors to you. Reveal your love, grace, and truth to them. May I be a light of hope in their life. Guide me in building a bridge. What would you have me do to reach them this week?

Prayer for your church... Lord, I give thanks for the body of Christ surrounding me. Help me connect with and prioritize gathering with other believers. Help me build up the church and the Church, that your children are equipped to reach future generations. Bring healing, strength and hope to the listed below.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Pastor Kevin as he has hernia surgery on Monday.
Pray for good reports for Dusty Deming.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Cal Flegner, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Kevin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, John Hoekstra, Faye Janey, Isabel Kastein, Rich Kamphuis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Connie Wiersema, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;
Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Mitch Miller, US

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen
Charleston House: Brian Hemp
Beaver Dam Memory Care: Cora Hemp
Christian Home: Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, Marilyn Westerveld
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins
Maple Meadows: Arlene Henning
Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans
Prairie Ridge: Annice Hopp

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