

**April 7, 2024**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "It's Still the Cross"

Praise Singing

"Majesty" Hymn #1

"Revelation Song"

"Goodness of God"

Congregational Prayer

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

Children's Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Light Up the Darkness (Example #2 Paul & the Philippians)

Scripture – Phil 2:12-18

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

"Graves Into Gardens"

Blessing

*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.*

# EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW



## Light Up the Darkness (Example #2 Paul & the Philippians)

Phil 2:12-18

### What Makes Lights \_\_\_\_\_ (15)?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - **God is working in you!** (13; Eph.2:8-10; 1 Cor. 15:1-11)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - **Believe Jesus is Lord!** (17; Rom. 10:9-10))
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - **Work out Salvation** (12c; Matt. 5:16; James 2:18-22; 1 Cor. 9:24–27)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ (12a) the word of life (16) to \_\_\_\_\_ (15a,b)
  - B. Not \_\_\_\_\_ (14; Exod. 15:24, 16:6-9; 1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Thes. 5:12-13)
  - C. Not \_\_\_\_\_ (14; Rom. 14:1; 1 Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:23; Titus 3:9)
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ out your life/an offering/sacrifice (17; Num. 28:3-8; Gen 35:14; Hos. 9:4; 2 Tim 4:6)
  - E. \_\_\_\_\_ (17b,18)

### What Makes Lights \_\_\_\_\_/Shine Brighter?

\_\_\_\_\_ (12) and \_\_\_\_\_ (15b)...

We all have trials and certainly have a corrupt world pushing on us, BUT we are children of \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Thes. 5:2–11)

### What Happens When You Shine?

Workers can \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ efforts. (16b; Mat. 25:21)

#### APPLICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ now to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:** Assuming you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, here's how you can shine...

A. Study the Bible. I feel like I am beating a dead horse, but this is the foundation of following Christ. He is the Word and you will not follow his will if you don't know it. Never before has the Bible been so easy to access (i.e. the Bible app) nor has there ever been so many great resources to understand it (start with the Life Application Bible or another study Bible). Start with Paul's letter to the Philippians.

B. Shut your mouth. Grumbling and arguing comes from a hurt heart. Be slow to speak, so that God has time to heal your heart and guide your words.

C. Serve others. Paul longs for us to take action. You have gifts and abilities that can bring your attention and glory or bless others and glorify God. What do you love to do?

\_\_\_\_\_ Do it!

D. Rejoice. What good do you see that is good? Make a list! Count your blessings. Then sing some great worship songs.

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### RESOURCES:

- Video from the Cox family regarding the state taking their son...  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBYeklnPhlY&t=248s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBYeklnPhlY&t=248s) Read more on Cox family at the Daily Citizen of Focus on the Family.
- Data on how ethical Americans perceive people in different careers...  
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/608903/ethics-ratings-nearly-professions-down.aspx>
- Light in the Darkness by BILLY GRAHAM & FRANKLIN GRAHAM. Available on RightNow Media thought Alto's account.

### *This Week's Events*

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| <b>Apr 7</b>  | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting<br>9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus<br>10:45am – Sunday School<br>5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band<br>6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group                                    |
| <b>Apr 8</b>  | 6:00pm – Executive Team Meeting<br>6:30pm – Search Team Meeting  |
| <b>Apr 9</b>  | 8:00am – Prayer Meeting<br>6:00pm – Women's Mission Circle, Elder Meeting – <i>If you are interested in baptism or covenant partnership, please contact Pastor Kevin.</i><br>7:00pm – Consistory Meeting |
| <b>Apr 10</b> | 9:30am – Golden Lifers<br>5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band<br>6:20pm – Jr Choir<br>6:30pm – Mixed Choir<br>6:45pm – Bible Class<br>7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus                         |
| <b>Apr 12</b> | 6:00pm – Chili Supper & Bible Trivia   |
| <b>Apr 13</b> | 8:00am – Outdoor Church Clean-up   |
| <b>Apr 14</b> | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting<br>9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir<br>10:45am – Sunday School<br>5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band<br>6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group  |

To view the church calendar, go to [www.altoreformedchurch.org](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight Randy McDaniel will be bringing a lesson on God's promise of wisdom! See you at 6:30! Please also remember to bring your assigned ingredient for the chili supper tonight or Wednesday!

Seniors - 1 box of Saltines, 1 family sized can tomato soup, 2 lg cans of chili (not kidney) beans

Juniors - 2 variety blocks of cheese

Sophomores - 5lbs COOKED ground beef

Freshmen - 2lbs COOKED elbow macaroni (in bags or disposable containers)

8th graders - 3 loaves of bread (three different varieties, to eat with cheese and chili)

7th graders - 1 bag of shredded cheddar and 3 large cans or bottles of tomato juice

6th graders - 2 dozen bars or cookies by or on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**High School** – On Wednesday, Randy will be teaching on wisdom. Please also bring your assigned ingredient for the chili supper! See you at 7:30!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Mission Circle Guest Night** – The Mission Circle invites you to join them Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fellowship Area of the Basement for a potluck and guest speaker, Maylee Kok, from Youth for Christ. Please bring a dish to pass. Everything else will be provided.

**Pinewood Derby Family Night** – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun, free night. We'll have a meal at 5:30pm and races will start at 6pm. Sign-up and grab a car kit with instructions at the Children & Families Resource Center by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes range from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to adult. Want to check the weight of your car? Stop in by Lynnae or Megan. Don't want to race a car? Join us anyway.

## *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: 4/7 Awaken Kids, 4/14 Missionary Salary, 4/21 LIFE 102.5 Christian Radio, 4/28 KLUV Christian Radio. 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.

**Outdoor Church Cleanup** – Guys, if you are able, please join us for outdoor church cleanup on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Bring any yard cleanup tools you have.

**Donations for VBS** – We are in need of empty 8oz water bottles & empty cool whip containers. Donations may be placed in the tote at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center.

**Food Pantry Donations** – During the month of April we will be collecting donations for the Waupun & Brandon Food Pantries. Waupun is in need of everything except canned green beans and corn. Brandon is in need of cream soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and hand lotion. Donations may be placed in the tote by the Information Center.

**Men's Chorus Program** – Join us for the Men's Chorus program on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**ONE Waupun** – The next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast is on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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

**Praise:** We rejoice that you sent the true light, the Word of God, Jesus into this world that we may see your truth and grace in flesh. He was the ultimate example of sacrificial love for us and we thank you for Him and the followers like Paul and the Philippian believers who lived as examples of light in this warped and cooked world.

**Repent:** Forgive us for following the prince of darkness instead of you. We have loved darkness, choosing selfish pleasure over selfless love. Forgive us.

**Ask:** Lord Jesus, help us shine like the stars in the sky, walk blameless, hold to your Word, pour out our lives for you, and rejoice in all you are doing. Help us follow your example!

- Guide our consistory and search team in every decision so that your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by your grace and truth.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice. Uncover evil and deception in our leaders that they may lead us toward truth.
- Bring healing, strength and peace to those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

**Yield:** I will shine like the stars, Jesus. 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.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the family of Wally Nelson, Carrie Bruins' dad, as he has passed away.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Dewey Bille, Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Melene Kraemer, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Jackie Tenpas, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, and Harold VanRuiswyk.

**Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Matt Saunders, nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel  
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

**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:** Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon Harmsen, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, **Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins, Don Vande Zande **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