

August 20, 2023



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Goodness of God”

“You Are My King”

“Jesus We Just Want to Thank You” Hymn #86 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – Tricia De Jager

“Thy Will”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Abby Pluim

Message – Kanon Smit

“Leave it by the Well”

Scripture – John 4:1-30

We Respond to God

Prayer

Benediction

“Change My Heart Oh God”

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.

Upcoming Events

- Aug 20** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pulpit Supply – Kanon Smit, Special Music – Tricia De Jager
 12:00pm – Young Adult Hiking
- Aug 22** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 12:00pm – Mission Circle & Golden Lifers Outing
- Aug 27** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Special Music – Michael Loomans, Summer JAM
- To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

Youth News

High School Ministry (HSM) Kickoff is Wednesday, September 6th!

Middle School Ministry (MSM) Kickoff is Sunday, September 10th!

Soda & Water Donations for youth group: We'll be taking soda and water bottle donations – if you see it on sale and are willing to donate just drop it off on the youth room counter. Thank you!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Hey Young Adults! Join us TODAY, Aug 20th for hiking and cave exploring at the Ledge, located at the top of Breakneck Hill. We'll meet at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun at noon for you to buy your own lunch for our picnic at the Ledge. Bring flashlights and wear hiking clothes. Invite your friends!

Women's Book Club – Do you love to read and discuss what you are reading? Then please join us starting on Wed, Sept 6th at 6:30pm in the Consistory room for the first meeting of Alto's Women's Christian Classics Book Club. The Book Club will include a variety of genres; fiction, sci fi, biography, autobiography, theology and non-fiction. This will be a very casual (hot beverage, anyone?) weekly relaxed time of fellowship, laughter and discussion. Commitment time will be one to two chapters a week. All women are welcome. We will choose our first book at the first meeting. If interested please sign up at the Information Center.

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: 8/20 Missionary Salary, 8/27 Regular Benevolence, 9/3 Missionary Salary, 9/10 Regular Benevolence. 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.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, August 27th.

Congrats to Burt Wiersema as he celebrates his 81st birthday on August 25th.

Job Posting – The job description for the Associate Pastor position is available for your viewing at the Information Center.

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

Praise: Jesus, we are so thankful that we have the opportunity to come here each week to worship you, learn more about you, and spend time with fellow believers. We are grateful for your Word and how it teaches us how to be more like you.

Repent: Savior, forgive me for the times that I make other things a priority over you. Give me a desire to grow closer to you and to truly know you.

Ask: Lord, we trust you to hear our prayers and answer.

- Be with the students as they begin school over these next few weeks. Give them peace, courage, and wisdom. Make them a shining light for you, Lord, so their peers can't help but see you in them.
- Be with the students heading off to college. Help them to honor you in all they do. Give them wisdom.
- Be with the teachers and school staff. Make them a blessing to the students. Give them what they need each day to support the students and each other.

Yield: Jesus, I will come to you in prayer each day and strive to grow closer to you and know you more. I will leave the things behind that are keeping me from you.

THIS WEEK... Pray for students and teachers/staff as they begin school this week and next.

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

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;

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
Harbor Haven: 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