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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Hymn #291

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – Stephanie Enders & Leighton VandeZande

“Egypt”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Spiritual Gifts

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

We Respond to God

Prayer

“If We Are the Body”

Benediction



Re-forming Me

Sermon Notes: Spiritual Gifts

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Crude Outline of 1 Corinthians up to this point.

Chpts. 1-6 Paul's greetings and addressing issues within the church he's heard about.

Chpts. 7-14 Paul's Response to issues the Corinthians had written to him about.

Chpt. 7 Marriage

Chpts. 8-14 Paul addresses issues of worship

- Eating meat sacrificed to idols.
- Giving up your rights, so you don't cause others to sin.
- Head coverings in worship.
- Gluttony and drunkenness during communion.
- Spiritual gifts.

"... not everyone has every gift, but we each have some gifts, and together we have all the gifts, and that's why we all need each other to function properly as a Body."

- Pastor Doug

"The answer to abuse (of spiritual gifts) is not non-use, but proper use."

- Jon Courson

2 Typical Views on Spiritual Gifts

1. *Abilities God has given us here on earth for the purpose of fulfilling what He has created me for. Examples would be intelligence, athleticism, musical ability, etc...*
2. *What are often referred to as "sign" gifts. They're called sign gifts because they're what many people think of as a SIGN of something supernatural happening in the natural. Examples would be healing, prophesying (as in foretelling the future), speaking in tongues, miracles, etc...*

Takeaways from what Paul is saying here about Spiritual Gifts

1. Spiritual gifts are given by the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 12:4 - *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.*

2. Everyone has spiritual gifts.

3. The purpose of spiritual gifts are for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7 - Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

4. God determines what gifts we receive.

1 Corinthians 12:11 - All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

5. The gifts we've received are meant to help us function as the part of the Body of Christ where God has placed us.

1 Corinthians 12:18 - But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

6. No one has all the gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:29-30 - 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

7. We should desire spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:31a - Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

8. Spiritual gifts without love are all in vain.

Chapter 13, we'll talk about that next week!

Application:

1. Pray for contentment, with who God has created you to be.
2. Eagerly desire, pray, and seek spiritual gifts.
3. Don't be afraid to try new things, you may discover gifts that God has given you that you didn't know you had!
4. Discover your gifts by asking those who know you the best, or take this online assessment provided by our church: www.assessme.org/8274.aspx
5. Be careful to not fall into the trap that "our church does it the right way".
6. Seek the Gift Giver more than the gifts.

Upcoming Events

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| Aug 21 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Special Music – Stephanie Enders
6:30pm – Middle School Pool Party at Kloosterboer's |
| Aug 22 | 6:00pm – Middle School Bible Study
7:00pm – High School Bible Study |
| Aug 23 | 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
10:30am – Intermediate Praise Band |
| Aug 24 | 6:30pm – Outreach Team Meeting |
| Aug 28 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Summer JAM |

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

Youth News

Middle School pool party tonight at Bob and Jodi Kloosterboer's! 6:30-8pm.

Last summer Bible Study tomorrow night! Middle School 6-7pm, High School/YA 7-8pm.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Road Rally – Mark your calendars, get your cars ready, and start brushing up on your puzzle solvin' skills! The 2022 Alto Reformed Church Road Rally is coming! Friday, September 30th, 7pm. \$5 per person. Food provided after. Can't wait to see you all there! If it's been a while since you've done it, or maybe you never have, let us know and we'll help you grab a team of 4. Otherwise, get your teams ready to go again! We can't wait to see who wins this year! Let's have FUN! Sign-up at the Information Center.

Calling all people who love to bake! We are going to start providing baked goods downstairs for the kids as a snack prior to Sunday School so we're looking to add to our list of volunteers who are willing to bake. This would entail baking 2 dozen bars/cookies once per month. If you are interested in helping or need more info, please contact Melene Kraemer at 210-8515.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 8/21 Missionary Salary, 8/28 Regular Benevolence, 9/4 Missionary Salary, 9/11 REACH Waupun.

Congrats to Burt Wiersema as he celebrates his 80th birthday on August 25th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, August 28th.

Discipleship Bible Study – ONE Waupun is once again offering the Downline Discipleship Bible study. We led this study 2 years ago and have seen tremendous impact in those that attended. We plan to offer this study to both men and women this time around. This 8-session study will be spread out during the months of September, October and November and will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 6 AM or Wednesday nights at 7 PM. To learn more or to sign up, go to www.onewaupun.com/grow/discipleship.cfm or talk to Mike Vander Berg (920-382-5559).

Community Table has started up again – Sign-up at the Information Center if you would be willing to donate. Please bring items to the Community Table (next to the food pantry on Mill St) by 10:30 on Friday, August 26th. Contact Peg Bresser at 382-9648 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Neighborhood Block Party – Join First CRC in their parking lot on Saturday, August 27 at 4-8pm for free food, fun and a good time.

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

Praise: Jesus, today we celebrate the Church. We thank you for the community of support you have given us all over the world, but especially right here in Alto. We are so grateful for all the different parts of the Body, for those who pray, those who serve, those who teach, those who give, those who bake, those who encourage... We rejoice that you have given us the Church!

Repent: Savior, forgive me for not always doing my part. I, too often, want to receive and not give my time, talent, or treasures. Change my heart.

Ask: Almighty God, we ask that you answer our prayers quickly...

- Bless the teachers preparing to start school, protect the students as they enjoy a bit more of summer, and encourage all the students heading to college.
- Provide the funds needed for the ceiling project and those who will do the work.
- Bring peace to our world, strengthen the oppressed, and restrain evil.
- 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: Lord 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 Dorothy Mills as she passed away. Pray for Rich Kamphuis as he began chemo this past week.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Faye Janey, Rich Kamphuis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

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 Bruins, Sharon Harmsen, Helen Straks, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande
Home: Margaret Hoekstra
Maple Meadows: Arlene Henning
Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans
Prairie Ridge: Annice Hopp, Glen Loomans

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