

**August 28, 2022**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“O, How I Love Jesus” Hymn #176

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” Hymn #102

“Glorify Thy Name” Hymn #52

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

*At this time, children 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the basement for Summer JAM.*

Message – Why We Do. What We Do.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“The Family of God” Hymn #334

Benediction



# Re-forming Me

**Sermon Notes: Why We Do. What We Do.**

**Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**

*...it is not "love versus the gifts" that Paul has in mind, but "love as the only context for gifts"; for without the former, the latter have no usefulness at all - but then neither does anything else in the Christian life. -Gordon Fee*

***Paul's Checklist of Love (verses 4-5) – What our hearts should look like on the inside, and our actions on the outside.***

**1. Love is Patient** - *makrothyméō* ("showing divinely-directed patience") is "longsuffering" because it only expresses anger *as the Lord directs* (i.e. is the opposite of being "quick-tempered").

**2. Love is Kind** - *chréstos* - to show oneself mild, to be kind, use kindness; (full of service to others), gentle.

**3. It does not envy** - *zēlóō* – properly, to bubble over because *so hot (boiling)*; (figuratively) "to burn with zeal";...absolutely, to be heated or to boil...with envy, hatred, anger<sup>4</sup>. *God determines what gifts we receive.*

**4. It does not boast** - *perpereúomai* (from *perperos*, "a braggart") – to act as a braggart, i.e. a "show off" who needs too much attention.

**5. It is not proud** - *physióō* – properly, inflate by blowing; (figuratively) swelled up, like an egotistical person spuing out arrogant ("puffed-up") thoughts.

**6. It is not rude** - *asxēmonéō* – to act unseemly (literally, "improperly"); (figuratively) to lack proper form and hence thought of as unseemly (indecent, unbecoming)..

**7. It is not self-seeking** - *zētei* - to seek to further the profit or advantage of one.

**8. It is not easily angered** - *paroksýnō* - to irritate, provoke, rouse to anger.

**9. It keeps no record of wrongs** - *logízomai* (the root of the English terms "*logic, logical*") – properly, *compute*, "take into account"; *reckon* (come to a "bottom-line")  
*Kakon* - what is contrary to law, either divine or human, wrong, crime...

*God doesn't want us to love others, so they'll love us. He wants us to love others, so they'll love Him. - Pastor Doug*

### Application:

1. Memorize or write down verses 4 & 5 to keep with you as a reminder of God's desire for our motives and actions.
2. Spend time this week in prayer with this list. Thank God for where He has helped you to do well, and ask God to help you in areas where you struggle.
3. Be patient. Remember that just by being patient your motives and actions will typically be more loving in a God glorifying manner.
4. Remember that even if you don't "feel like" doing the action, the right motive always boils down to wanting to obey God. Motives aren't thoughts and feelings, they're why we're doing what we're doing.

### *Upcoming Events*

<b>Aug 28</b>	8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Summer JAM
<b>Aug 29</b>	7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
<b>Aug 30</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
<b>Sept 4</b>	8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus

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

### *Youth News*

**High School Ministry (HSM)** will kick off on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9pm. Any and all high school age students are invited! We'll meet on the church hill for a cookout and cotton candy and then play some Auto Version: Hide and Seek!

**Middle School Ministry (MSM)** will kick off on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm. Any and all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited! We'll meet on the church hill for Color Wars! White t-shirts and paint will be provided.

**Monday Night Bible studies** for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and High School will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 7-8pm starting September 19<sup>th</sup>! We'll watch *The Chosen* and discuss the stories of Jesus that are found in the Bible.

**Check out the calendar** in your mailbox for more details on this semester of youth ministry or grab one from the information desk!

**Soda/Water** – All Seniors and Juniors are asked to bring in a 24 pack of mountain dew, all Freshman and Sophomores are asked to bring in 2 12 packs or a 24 pack of any other variety of soda. All Middle School students are being asked to bring in a case of water bottles. Anyone else desiring to donate soda can drop it off in the youth room at any time. Thanks!

## *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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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: 8/28 Regular Benevolence, 9/4 Missionary Salary, 9/11 REACH Waupun, 9/18 Missionary Salary.

**Congrats** to Audrey Elenius as she celebrates her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Julie Medema as she celebrates her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Ann Boerson as she celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**Sample Nomination Ballots** for Elder and Deacon are in your mailbox. Prayerfully consider who you will nominate. We will be nominating during the service on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. You can bring any absentee nominations (please use the Sample Nomination Ballot) to the church office prior to September 12<sup>th</sup> in an envelope with your name on it.

**Dishes and Lost & Found** – Please check the table in the lobby for any dishes or other items that you may have left behind. Items will be donated if not collected soon.

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

**Praise:** Today, we rejoice in Your love shown to us on the cross. We praise Your name for dying for our sins so that we might walk in the light and have assurance of spending eternity with You in heaven. We give You thanks and praise for Your love and forgiveness.

**Repent:** Forgive me now for not loving You or others as I should. I've been hurtful and mean. Forgive me for my lack of love.

**Ask:** We ask for healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

- Bless the teachers and students as they return to school.
- 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.
- Make us a people known for love and help us reconcile with others.

**Yield:** I devote myself fully and completely to loving You and others. 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.

**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