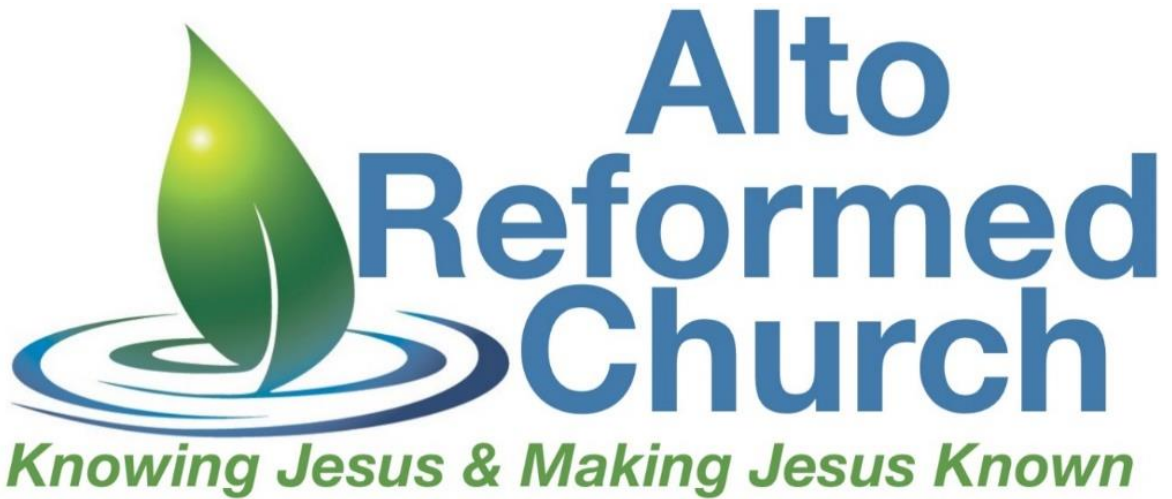


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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

The Apostle's Creed

Praise Singing

 "In Christ Alone"

 "Revelation Song"

 "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" Hymn #437

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Summer JAM – *Children 3 years old – incoming 5th grade are invited to the basement.*

Message – Identifying False Teachers

Scripture – 2 Peter 2:1-12

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

Blessing



Sermon Notes: 2 Peter Week 2: Identifying False Teachers

Key Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-12

What does Peter tell us false teachers look like?

"...the English word plastic is derived from the term false (plastos). In keeping with (the word's) roots, plastic originally had the connotation of something not completely authentic. After all, plastic items often look as if they are manufactured from another substance...Thus plastic at first glance "deceives" consumers. In a similar way, false teachers deal in phony doctrine. Their theology is not really based on biblical truth, but only molded by false reasoning to appear genuine."

-John MacArthur

1. They're secretive.

2 Peter 2:1b - They will secretly introduce destructive heresies...

"Destructive (apoleias) means 'utter ruin' and speaks of the final and eternal condemnation of the wicked...That this Greek word has the sense of damnation can be seen by its use to describe those who go through the wide gate in Matthew 7:13 (and)...its use to describe the fate of Judas in John 17:12...Peter marked those heresies as contrary to the gospel - They damn rather than save."

-John MacArthur

2. They deny Jesus is the only way.

2 Peter 2:1 - even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves.

3. They give Christianity a bad name.

2 Peter 2:2 - Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.

4. They're greedy.

2 Peter 2:3a - In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up.

5. They're arrogant.

2 Peter 2:11 - *Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.*

Application:

1. Start by asking yourself these questions:

A. Are you distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men? Are you tormented in your soul by lawless deeds you see and here? OR...

B. Are you numb and desensitized to these things?

2. Continually draw near to Jesus. All day. Everyday.

3. If you're interested in digging a little deeper into 2nd Peter, check out these resources:

- 20 Minute teaching from David Pawson, which is the last 20 minutes of a 40-minute video. Fast forward to 19 minutes and 56 seconds into the teaching where he begins on the book of 2 Peter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJyTe0NZNVY>

- About a 1 page article from Tim White entitled: "*Better Never to Have Known.*" This covers 2 Peter 2:20-22 and attempts to answer the question about what it means that it would have been better never to have known and fallen away.

<https://www.blogos.org/exploringtheword/better-never-known.php>

Upcoming Events

- Aug 8** 8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Communion
- Aug 10** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Aug 13** 5:30pm – Wedding Rehearsal
- Aug 14** 2:00pm – Wedding Ceremony of Brian Tenpas & Jackie Clark
 The congregation is invited to attend the ceremony.
- Aug 15** 10:00am – Outdoor Worship Service
 11:30am – Church Picnic & Car Show & Tell

Who May Participate In Communion?

“We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus to forgive their sins to participate in the Lord’s Supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. Check out “Discovering Membership” online or at the information table.

Youth News

Tuesday – Middle School service project: Serving a meal to the Alto Fair carnival workers. Meet at the West end of the booth tent at 4:45pm. Afterward we’ll go swimming at Bob and Jodi Kloosterboer’s house until 7pm.

Incoming 6th grade: Bring a salad (to serve 10)

Incoming 7th grade: 9x13 pan or crock pot of lasagna

Incoming 8th grade boys: 2 dozen bars or cookies

Incoming 8th grade girls: 1 gallon of chocolate or white milk, or two 2 liters of soda

Wednesday and Thursday – We’re still trying to fill a few more spots at our Iced coffee and cotton candy booths for the Alto Fair. Contact Jessa if you are not already signed up or if you’d be willing to take an extra shift.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 8/8 The Union, 8/15 Missionary Salary, 8/22 Regular Benevolence, 8/29 Brandon Food Pantry.

Congrats to Bev Kowalski as she celebrates her 85th birthday on August 14th.

Accepting School Supply Donations – Take advantage of the back-to-school deals and help us stock up on Operation Christmas Child supplies. We are looking for some more pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, binder clips, crayons/colored pencils/markers, notebooks, and erasers. Any items to donate can be placed in the tote by the Children & Families Area. Thanks!!

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic – Join us Sunday, August 15th at 10am for outdoor worship followed by the church picnic and a vehicle show and tell at 11:30am. The church will provide the sandwiches, chips, drinks, and tableware.

Please bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit on as well as:

Last name A-G: 2 dozen bars/cookies

Last name H-R: fruit/jello salad to serve 10 people

Last name S-Z: veggie/lettuce/pasta salad to serve 10 people

Check your church mailbox for more details.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Teacher Needs – We have openings for teaching/helping in multiple grades for both Bible Class and Sunday School this upcoming school year. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Adrea.

Sunday School Snack Servers – We are looking for volunteers to serve the cookies and juice to the kids before Sunday School (right after the church service) September – May. If you would like to be added to this schedule, please contact Adrea.

Alto Fair Booth – We are looking for volunteers to sit at the ARC's booth at the Alto Fair (Aug 11-12). This is a great way to catch a break in the shade and chat with a bunch of people as they walk through the booths. If you're able to help with this, please sign-up at the Information Center.

Summer JAM – All 3-year-olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service every 2nd Sunday of June, July & August. Kids will be invited to the basement before the sermon starts for games, activities or crafts focused around a Bible lesson just for kids (split into PreK & elementary groups).

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

Praise: Today, we rejoice in Your grace 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 us now for believing the lies of this world, for letting heresy creep into our minds and affect how we live. Reveal to us the lies which we have bought into and replace it with Your truth. I confess specifically that I...

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. •Give wisdom to our Classis as they have received our petition to transfer out of the RCA to ARC. Guide the Classis team which will meet with our consistory and church, and then make a recommendation to the Classis. Guide the RCA representatives as they prepare for the General Synod in October and the Classis representatives as they meet in November.

•Help us remain faithful to You.

Yield: We devote ourselves fully and completely to You as our Lord and Master. We will seek You above all and obey Your Word each day. We will abide in You!

THIS WEEK... Pray for Carl VanderKooi. His cancer had not spread but was close to the margins so he will be having 5 weeks of radiation to the tumor site starting mid September. Praise that Annice Hopp has returned to Prairie Ridge.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Ashley Bruins, Renee Bruins, Josie Buitter, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Dave Rumley, Tim Tenpas, Azyrah Ter Beest, 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, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Cora Hemp **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **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, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ