

December 15, 2024



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Welcome & Announcements

Advent – Peace

Praise Singing

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymn #120 vs 1, 3, 4

“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn #121

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” Hymn #134

Congregational Prayer

*Mixed Choir Cantata –
“The First Noel: Celebrating the Birthday of a King”*

Directed by Rosemary Tschinkel

Pianist – Jenny Glewen

Narrated by Jack De Jager

Sound Tech – Jason Mulder

“The Birthday of a King Medley”

“Glory, Glory in the Highest”

Soloist – Adrea Daane

“The First Noel”

“Jesus, Born on This Day”

Soloist – Tricia De Jager

“Light of the Stable”

“In the First Light”

“Jesus at the Center”

“Birthday of a King Finale”

Prayer

Blessing

Family Memory Verse – Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. – Matthew 7:7

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.

This Week's Events

- Dec 15** Pastor Kevin on Vacation thru 12/20
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Mixed Choir Cantata
10:45am – Sunday School
6:30pm – PreK-5th Grade Christmas Program
- Dec 17** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec 18** 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:45pm – Bible Class
7:30pm – Middle & High School Bridge Christmas Party
- Dec 20** 6:30pm – YA Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Dec 21** Tim Vacation thru 12/31
- Dec 22** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers

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

Opportunities to Get Involved

YA Ugly Christmas Sweater Party – Young adults, come join us in your best ugly Christmas sweater or onesie for food raffle, games, and a Yankee Swap gift exchange Friday, December 20th at 6:30pm.

Men's Bible Study on Mondays starting January 20th at 6:30pm for 6 weeks.

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: 12/15 Missionary Salary, 12/22 Waupun Food Pantry, 12/29 Brandon Food Pantry. If you feel led to give specifically towards the parking lot 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 toward the project, which will be shown in the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Congrats to Margaret Hoekstra as she celebrates her 91st birthday on December 16th.

Congrats to Larry Daane as he celebrates his 81st birthday on December 18th.

2025 Offering Envelopes – Covenant Partners, please take your offering envelopes from the table in the lobby.

Christmas Card Distribution will run through Dec 22nd. As a fundraiser, the youth group students will pass your Christmas cards out to the church mailboxes so you don't have to! This fundraiser will help raise proceeds for spring and summer events. There will be a table in the Lobby with a box to put the cards in, and a donation box which we minimally ask for what would have been spent on stamps. Any further donations are gratefully appreciated.

Directory Updates – If your address or other contact/directory information changed in 2024, please contact Megan to ensure your directory listing gets updated. Thanks!

Love Offering – We will be giving a love offering to multiple anonymous recipients. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday School class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white offering boxes through Dec 24th. You can find more info in your church mailbox.

Sunday School Christmas Program – Join us on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30pm as the PreK-5th graders present the Christmas program "Chosen Too: Jesus Chose You". If you would be willing to bake treats for fellowship after the program, please sign up at the Information Center.

Christmas Eve Service – Join us at 4pm on Tuesday, December 24th for the Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Dinner – We invite anyone who has no plans for Christmas to the Wesley Center in Waupun for a homecooked meal on December 25th at 12-1:30pm. Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations.

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

Praise: Lord Jesus, we praise you for giving your life for our sin. We thank you for taking the punishment we deserve to reconcile us to God. We exalt you above all else & praise your name.

Repent: Father, forgive us for rebelling against your Word and pursuing evil. Forgive me for dabbling in the sin of _____...

Ask: Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us into your mission. Give us a clear vision of what you desire for our church and for me, personally. Direct me in prioritizing what matters most. Help me accomplish your vision without losing track of the greater mission.

- Guide our consistory 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.
- Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the oppressed, encourage the weak, and bring peace to embattled nations.
- 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 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 strength & healing for Lowell Glewen. Praise, Paul Elenius' surgery went well.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: JoAnn Bille, Jade Bresser, Bruce Buwalda, Barbara Gordon, Bennett Hull, Desarae Hull, Travis Hull, Faye Janey, Stephanie Levey, Lynette Loomans, Phil Loomans, Tim Loomans, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Brian Tenpas, Jodi Vande Berg, Scott Van De List, Carl VanderKooi, Jean Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, Shirley Westra, and Tom Winscher.

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
Griffin Boldt, Texas, 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
Christian Home: Sharon Harmsen, Bob & Bev Kastein, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins
Markesan Resident Home: Margaret Hoekstra
Prairie Ridge: Annice Hopp, Eleanor Loomans

Missionaries: Bob & Amy Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ