

December 16, 2018 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Jenna Bille

Welcome & Announcements

“A Christmas Alleluia” – Mixed Choir

*Praise Singing

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Hymn #155 vs. 1, 2, & 5

“Ring the Bells” Hymn #146

“Joy to the World!” Hymn #135

*Greet one another

Congregational Prayer

Offering – “Hope for Everyone” video

(loose offering is for the Mixed Choir)

Mixed Choir Cantata – “Come Let Us Adore”

Directed by Mary Bruins

Pianist – Jenny Glewen

Narrated by Jack De Jager

Sound Tech – Jason Mulder

“It’s Christmas *with* Away in a Manger”

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Soloist – Sharon DeMotts

“Midnight Clear (Love Song) *with* It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

“Close to Christmas”

“Adore”

“A Christmas Alleluia”

“Noel”

Soloist – Tonya Bruins

“A King Like This”

“It’s Christmas *with* Away in a Manger *and* Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Prayer

*Benediction

We would love to pray with you! If you would like prayer, please join our prayer leaders at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Today at the ARC

Ushers: Larry Daane, Matt McDowell, Andy Derksen, Corey Flier

Nursery: Sarah Bruins, Sarah Zeatlow, Winton Glewen, Elyssa Van Wyk

Greeters: (M) Barry & Deb Ter Beest (N) Ron & Helene Daane
(N. Ext.) Larry & Donna Kok

Benevolent offering is for Regular Benevolence **Video Tech:** Zack & Elyssa Van Wyk

Parking Assistance: Gary & Marlene Navis **Sound:** Jason Mulder

10:45am – Sunday School **7:00pm – Sunday School Christmas Program**

This Week at the ARC: December 16th – 22nd

Tape Ministry: Miley Ter Beest & Brian Tenpas

Monday, December 17th

7:00pm – High School Bible Study at Pizza Ranch

Tuesday, December 18th

7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools

8:00am – Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, December 19th

11:30am – Golden Lifers: Bring a dish to pass & meet at the Mill. Table service & dessert provided.

5:30pm – Youth Praise 2

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

7:30pm – High School Youth Group Bridge Dinner

Next Sunday at the ARC

8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers

Ushers: Berwyn Van Buren, Kirk Van Buren, Rich Kamphuis, Paul Bruins

Nursery: Sheila Schultz, Olivia DeVries, Drew Sauer, McKenna Cunningham

Greeters: (M) Rich & Charlene Kamphuis (N) Paul & Debbie Bruins
(N. Ext.) Jerry & Sue Medema

Benevolent offering is for Missionary Salary **Video Tech:** Rylan Bruins & Marla De Jager

Parking Assistance: Vern Schouten & Brian Tenpas **Sound:** Chad Loomans

Tape Ministry: Burt Wiersema & Scott Van De List

6pm – Jr. Choir **6:45pm – Christmas Caroling**

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 24** 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service
 5:00-6:30pm – Christmas Eve Meal
 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 26** 5:45pm – Prayer Meeting
- Dec. 30** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Youth Praise 2, Baptism, New Member

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're greeting at the Sunday School Christmas Program! Meet in the youth room at 6:30 (6:20 if you want your candy for Bible reading!)

High School – Wednesday is our Bridge Christmas Party! We'll have snacks, a Christmas devotional, and fun games! See you at 7:30!

Soda Donation – Thank you to everyone who donated soda to youth group this past semester! If you'd be willing to sign up for the Spring semester the dates are listed on the information desk. Thank you so much!

Christmas Card Distribution – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards through December 30. We will pass your addressed Christmas cards (first and last names if possible) out to the correct church mailboxes - all we ask is that you donate the money you would have spent on stamps to the youth group in the box on the table. Thank you so much for your support!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Video Tech – If you are interested in being a video tech, please contact Steve Chené at (262)903-7424. This includes running the PowerPoint during the service and/or operating the camera. We are looking for volunteers in 6th grade or older.

Bulletin Board News

Thinking about joining church? – Read over the Discovering Membership packet (found at the info desk or on our website) then join Pastor Kevin & Stephanie at their home for brunch on Sunday, **January 20th** at 11am following the worship service. RSVP to Pastor Kevin or Megan.

Congrats to Margaret Hoekstra as she celebrates her 85th birthday today.

Pictures – If you did not have your pictures delivered to your house, please take your free 8x10 from the table in the lobby.

Christmas Caroling – Next week Sunday, December 23rd from 6:45-8pm, is our annual Christmas Caroling night around Alto! Meet in the youth room and dress warm! If you can bring some Christmas treats/cookies to make plates for passing out to the houses we visit, please come at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome! We hope we'll have lots of voices to celebrate the birth of our Savior and outreach to our community!

Let's Celebrate Christmas Together! – Join us for supper at church on December 24th any time between 5-6:30pm between our 4pm and 7pm Christmas Eve services. The meal is provided...no need to bring anything. No need to sign-up. Transportation provided if needed. Any questions? Please call Peg Bresser 382-9648 or Gloria Mulder 346-5343.

Family Fellowship Night – Too many holiday treats for the kids? Come let them burn it off at the Alto Community Center on January 4th any time after 5:30pm for family fellowship night! Please bring a snack/salad/sweet dish to pass; sandwich and drink will be provided (we'll eat at 6pm). Sign up at the info desk. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Love Offering – We are once again collecting offering for the Christmas Love Offering (formerly known as white gift). White boxes are available at each of the sanctuary entrances for your donations and donations will be collected during Sunday School as well. You can find information on the recipients in your church mailboxes.

Clothing & Hygiene Donations – Through December we will be collecting hygiene items along with adult/child hats, mittens, scarves, coats, snow pants, boots, socks, and clothing. These items will be split between the Waupun elementary schools (Rock River Intermediate & Meadow View Primary) and Mineral Street Ministries in Milwaukee. Items can be new or gently used. Please place donations in the totes in the lobby.

Christmas Day Meal – You're invited to a free dinner served at noon on December 25th at the Wesley Center in Waupun. Please call 318-2744 to make a reservation. Transportation is available in the Waupun area.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – If you would be willing to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Mobile Station in Waupun on December 22nd, please contact Darryl Navis at 346-5236.

Bethel Reformed Church's Cantata – Bethel Reformed Church, Brandon mass choir will be presenting the cantata "Good News from Home" on Dec. 16th at 6:00pm with fellowship following and also on Dec. 23rd at 9:30am during their morning service.

Greetings from Char & Dave Alexander, recently of Taiwan, now retired in Holland, MI – For some, if not all of the 37 years that we served as Reformed Church in America Missionaries in Taiwan, Alto Church provided a Partner in Mission Support share, which enabled us to live without anxiety about where the next month's salary would come from or how our children would be educated while we served the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan in different jobs over the years. The Taiwan portion of that life ended on July 31st, when we got onto a plane toward our retirement, and the final paycheck came on September 30th. This is likely our last Christmas Card to Alto Church as "your Taiwan missionaries." We want to use this occasion to thank you for the support, the prayers, the care and concern that you showed for so many years, and to wish you God's fullest blessing at Christmas this year and evermore.

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

Prayer Concerns since December 9th

*Concerns submitted since last week

1. Pray for the working of the Holy Spirit in our church family and for people to be saved!
2. Pray for the teachers in our community and the stresses they face.
3. Pray for the RCA leadership to stand firm on Biblical Authority.
4. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
5. Pray for Aaron Zeatlow stationed in Nevada.
6. Pray for Sebastian Hoenisch, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder. He's a Marine stationed in San Diego.
7. Pray for those battling anxieties, worries and stress and for God to sustain and deliver them.
8. Pray for those battling addictions.
9. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
10. Pray for leaders of our country and for the troops still overseas.
11. Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Elaine Daane, Chera Duvall, Andy Glewen, Annice Hopp, Pearl Johnson, Jerry Medema, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Sylvia Schouten, Carl VanderKooi, and Silas Willey.
12. Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home:
Anchor Communities (Brandon): Dale Kastein. **Anchor Community (Fox Lake):** Doris Daane. **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen. **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Eleanor Loomans, Katherine Prange, Helen Straks, Mike Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande. **Evergreen:** Glen & Sharon Loomans. **Home:** Mary Marquardt, Dayton Ter Beest. **The Homestead:** Merle Navis, Sylvia Schouten. **Maple Crest Assisted Living:** Carol De Groot. **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning. **Marvin's Manor:** Junice Vande Zande. **The Meadows Assisted Living:** Donna Kastein. **Spring Lake Apartments:** Jessie Klumpers.
13. Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Erika – Eurasia, Jersey Hoffner – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ