

We have come here today to magnify and worship our wonderful Lord. We are so happy that you have joined us, and we want to welcome you. We hope you will be blessed through God's Word and feel His presence here. If you are a visitor, please take a moment to fill out a Connection Card (found in your pew) and place it in the offering plate. Join us for coffee, juice, and snacks in the lobby after the service.

Preparation: You are encouraged to pray silently asking God to soften your heart to hear His voice.

December 2, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent

We Approach God

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Rachel Zeatlow

Welcome & Announcements

*Greet one another

*Praise Singing

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Hymn #120

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Hymn #137

“The First Noel” Hymn #131

Congregational Prayer

Men's Chorus – “O Holy Night”

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Beth Ann Redeker

Message – What Child? Called to Care

Bible Passage – Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:20; 2:13-14, 19-20

We Respond to God

Prayer

Offering – “It's Christmas”

*Benediction

*Closing Song – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymn #143 vs. 4

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

Nursery: Carrie Flegner, Liam Glewen, Lucas Bresser, Taylor Daane

Greeters: (M) Ann Boerson & Darlene Ter Beest (N) Joyce Van Buren & Annice Hopp
(N. Ext.) Clark & Diane Harmsen

Benevolent offering is for Missionary Salary **Video Tech:** Larry & Ruthie Brewer

Parking Assistance: Bob Pluim & Reuben Hopp **Sound:** Ken Daun

10:45am – Sunday School 6:45pm – Middle School Youth Group Home Groups

This Week at the ARC: December 2nd – 8th

Tape Ministry: Gary Navis & Phil Loomans

Monday, December 3rd

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

Tuesday, December 4th

7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools

8:00am – Prayer Meeting

12:30pm – Women's Missionary Circle – Cost of meal is \$4

7:00pm – Elders' Meeting - *Incoming Elders are asked to attend. If you would like to discuss baptism, please contact Pastor Kevin.*

Wednesday, December 5th

9:30am – Golden Lifers

5:15pm – 5th Grade Christmas Program Practice

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

6:00pm – Youth Praise 2 – wind instruments only, meet in green room

6:30pm – Bible Class, Mixed Choir

7:30pm – Sonshine Singers, Men's Chorus, High School Youth Group

Friday, December 7th – Saturday, December 8th

High School Girls Retreat

Next Sunday at the ARC

8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am – Pastor Kevin, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Jr. Choir

Ushers: Dwaine Vande Berg, Mark Zeatlow, Ben Kraemer, Bob Kloosterboer

Nursery: Des Hull, Amber Vande Berg, Casey Flier, Katherine Braskamp

Greeters: (M) Ted & Julie Medema (N) Alvin & Doris Harmsen

(N. Ext.) Reuben & Betty Hopp

Benevolent offering is for Girls'/Guys' Retreats **Video Tech:** Liam Glewen

Parking Assistance: Burt Wiersema & Milan Ter Beest **Sound:** Steve Chené

Tape Ministry: Bob Pluim & Kathy Flier

10:45am – Sunday School 3pm – Task Force

6pm – Jr. Choir 6:45pm – Middle School Youth Group

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 10** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
 8:00pm – High School Bible Study at Pizza Ranch
- Dec. 11** 7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools
 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting – *Incoming Elders & Deacons are asked to attend.*
- Dec. 12** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 5:45pm – Prayer Meeting
 6:00pm – K-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice
 7:30pm – Mixed Choir, High School Youth Group Bridge Dinner
- Dec. 16** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Mixed Choir Cantata
 10:45am – Sunday School
 7:00pm – Sunday School Christmas Program

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is home groups! Meet at your assigned house at 6:45pm. There will be no Jr. Choir tonight.

High School – See you on Wednesday night at 7:30 to talk more about Jesus' sacrifice He made for you and me in coming to Earth to rescue us!

Bible Study will be 7-8 at Pizza Ranch tomorrow (Monday) night where we'll be discussing the question: Is Hell real? Why would God send someone there?

Old Stone Church Christmas Service – Join us on Sunday, December 9th at 3pm for a half hour Christmas service at the Old Stone Church just north of Alto. The youth from Alto Reformed will lead us in singing traditional Christmas carols, scripture, and Christmas readings. Dress warm because there's no electricity!

Christmas Card Distribution – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards starting Sunday, December 2 running 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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Dec. 14th & 15th at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun. Please sign-up at the information desk.

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.

Election Results from the Nov. 11th Congregational Meeting:

Elders: Jack De Jager, Reuben Hopp, Gary Navis

Deacons: Joel Bruins, Cory Kok, Chad Loomans

Congrats to Alvin Harmsen as he celebrates his 81st birthday today.

2nd Offering 12/9/18 – Next Sunday, we'll be taking a 2nd offering during the service. This offering will be for Marty Huizenga's trip to the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Jan.

Sunday School Christmas Program – The PreK-5th grade program is December 16th at 7pm. K-3rd grade, please check your mailboxes today for your program parts. 4th grade, you will be the nativity, so you don't have speaking parts.

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.

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.

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.

Yarn Donations – Inmates at the WCI crochet hats & mittens for Head Start School Children. Crocheted baby blankets are also donated to domestic abuse shelters. If you have any yarn that you'd like to donate, please contact Karen Erickson at Waupun Correctional Institution at 324-5571 x1219 to arrange a pick up time.

Christmas Carol Sing Invitation – First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm. Begin the Christmas Season with an evening of singing Christmas Carols and enjoying a wide variety of special musical performances. Special musical numbers will be presented by: New Generation Singers, Joel & Tonya Bruins Family, Cara Schmitt and Reegan Aylesworth, Lakeisha and Vanessa Heeringa, Dan & Carleen Vande Zande, Jon Schmaltz, Cheryl Ross, Jessa Ter Beest, Wayne Tavs, Roy & Lori Lemmenes Family, Sue Reichhoff, and John De Vries. A free will donation will be received for C.A.R.E. of Dodge County.

MPTC and Alto Reformed Church are having a CPR/AED Heartsaver Class! Come and join us! Heartsaver First Aid and Adult CPR/AED Heartsaver® First Aid and Adult CPR AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches students critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first aid, choking or sudden cardiac arrest emergency in the first few minutes until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Students learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock, and other first aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and AED use. Training Date: Sat, Jan 12th at 8am-12pm at Alto Reformed Church. Attendance includes a certified instructor, upfront consultation time to clarify training goals and objectives, supplemental materials and handouts to support training outcomes, registration and record keeping of all participants, and evaluation feedback upon conclusion of the training. The deadline for inclusion in the class is Dec 14th. If you are interested in attending, please call Cathy Vande Berg, RN at 557-1725.

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

Prayer Concerns since November 25th

*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, Chera Duvall, Andy Glewen, Annice Hopp, Pearl Johnson, Jerry Medema, Hazel Mulder, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Sylvia Schouten, Marion Tolsma, Carl Vanderkooi, Bonnie Vande Zande, 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, Miley Ter Beest – Youth for Christ