

December 22, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Advent – Love

Sonshine Singers – “The Little Drummer Boy”

Praise Singing

“Manger Throne”

“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Jackie Tenpas

Message – When Christmas (or Life) Gets Derailed

Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-23

We Respond to God

Prayer

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Blessing

Family Memory Verse – Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” – Nehemiah 8:10

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.

When Christmas (or Life) Gets Derailed

Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-23

Joe Has His _____ (1:18-19)

JOE OBEYS GOD'S _____ PLAN

Joe Obeys 1.0 - The _____ the Family (1:20-25)

Joe Obeys 2.0 - The _____ to Egypt (2:13-18)

Joe Obeys 3.0 - The _____ Home (2:19-23)

Special Notes -

God spoke in _____ through an _____. (1:20; 2:13,19,22)

God was fulfilling _____. (1:23,2:15,23)

God was announcing the _____ (1:21,23)

APPLICATION

- _____ God...
_____ up
- Take _____ (Mat. 5:27-32, 19:9; 1 Cor. 7; Rom. 12:18)
- Take _____ (James 1:27, 1 Tim. 5:4, 1 John 5:15)

This Week's Events

- Dec 22** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
- Dec 23** Tim Vacation thru 12/31
Randy Vacation thru 12/30
- Dec 24** Office Closed: Christmas Eve
4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25** Office Closed: Christmas Day
- Dec 29** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Baptism – Calvin Bille & Asher Kraemer

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

Opportunities to Get Involved

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: 12/22 Waupun Food Pantry, 12/29 Brandon Food Pantry, 1/5 Regular Benevolence, 1/12 Missionary Salary. 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 Willy Jansma as he celebrates his 81st birthday on December 27th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, December 29th.

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

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.

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.

Items Needed for VBS – We are looking for donations of the following items for VBS: fake Christmas trees (any size, to borrow or keep), old canoe, canoe paddle, 4-person tent, gray sheets, old fishing net, lantern, brown pool noodles, Christmas spotlights (blue, pink, green, purple). Please contact Lynnae if you have any of these items to donate/loan.

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 healing for John Janey. Pray for the students, staff and families of Abundant Life Christian School.

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: **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

