



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 23, 2018 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “Joy to the World”

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Keri Kastein

\*Greet one another

\*Praise Singing

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn #133

“Angels We Have Heard on High” Hymn #132

“Glory in the Highest” Hymn #162

Congregational Prayer

### **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message – Bill Loomans

Message – What Child? Fear & Faith

Bible Passage – Galatians 5:6, Luke 1:29-31, Matthew 1:20

### **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Offering – “Make Room”

\*Benediction

Closing Song – “Away in a Manger” Hymn #128 vs. 3

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:** 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

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

## *This Week at the ARC: December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Tape Ministry:** Burt Wiersema & Scott Van De List

### Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

5:00pm – 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Meal

7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

## *Next Sunday at the ARC*

**8:30am – Prayer Meeting**

**9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Youth Praise 2, Baptism, New Member**

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

**Nursery:** Steph Buwalda, Owen Harmsen, Grant Braskamp, Ruth Brewer

**Greeters:** (M) Larry & Gloria Mulder (N) Jim & Karen Stelsel

**Benevolent offering** is for Regular Benevolence **Video Tech:** Liam Glewen

**Parking Assistance:** Miley Ter Beest & Burt Wiersema **Sound:** Eric Redeker

**Tape Ministry:** Ron Daane & Jerry Medema



## *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 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11am following the worship service. RSVP to Pastor Kevin or Megan.

**Congrats** to Katherine Prange as she celebrates her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** – Members please take your offering envelopes from the table in the lobby.

**Calendar** – Please have any additions/changes to the January calendar to Megan by Wed.

**AMEN** – Articles are due next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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** – Tonight 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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 25<sup>th</sup> at the Wesley Center in Waupun. Please call 318-2744 to make a reservation. Transportation is available in the Waupun area.

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

### *Prayer Concerns since December 16<sup>th</sup>*

\*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 family of Pam Bruins (Steve Navis' sister). She passed away earlier this week.
3. Pray for the teachers in our community and the stresses they face.
4. Pray for the RCA leadership to stand firm on Biblical Authority.
5. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
6. Pray for Aaron Zeatlow stationed in Nevada.
7. Pray for Sebastian Hoenisch, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder. He's a Marine stationed in San Diego.
8. Pray for those battling anxieties, worries and stress and for God to sustain and deliver them.
9. Pray for those battling addictions.
10. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
11. Pray for leaders of our country and for the troops still overseas.
12. 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, Kevin Tenpas, Carl VanderKooi, and Silas Willey.
13. 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.
14. Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Erika – Eurasia, Jersey Hoffner – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ