



Love

December 4, 2022

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Covenant Partnership – Drew Hopp

Baptism – Weston Drew, son of Drew & Jennifer Hopp

Advent Reading – Love

Men's Chorus – “Glory to God in the Highest”

Praise Singing

“The First Noel”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Joel Ruis

Message – What are we waiting for?

Scripture – Luke 1:1-4

We Respond to God

Prayer

Benediction

“Away in a Manger” Hymn #128 vs 3



Meet the Hopp Family!

Drew and Jennifer have one son; Weston (9 months), who will be baptized. They live in Waupun and started attending just a few months ago. Jennifer is a pharmacist and Drew works at the Walmart Distribution Center. Drew is joining us as a Covenant Partner. He came to Christ through Edgewood Church. God has worked in Drew to instill a desire to care more about his family, prayer and learning about Jesus. Cody Mueller is a cousin. Welcome the Hops!

Family Memory Work for December 7th

Let us love one another for love comes from God. – 1 John 4:7

Sermon Notes: What Are We Waiting For?

Key Scriptures: Luke 1:1-4

Advent - the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.

What Are We Waiting For?

A descendant of Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 1:1, Acts 3:24-25

A descendant of David

2 Samuel 7:8a & 11c-13, Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:32

A ruler to be born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-4, Matthew 2:1-6

A man from God born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-31, Matthew 1:22-23

A Savior

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Luke 2:11, Matthew 1:21, 1 Timothy 1:15, 2 Timothy 1:10, Acts 4:12, Acts 13:23, 1 John 4:14, John 4:42

Application

- 1.** If you have never accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, do it TODAY! It's what you've been waiting for!
- 2.** Re-read through these scriptures this week. Meditate on them. If possible, talk about them with your friends or family.
- 3.** Watch this lesson about so many more of the prophecies that Jesus fulfilled! It will grow your faith to see that Jesus was indeed the one who was predicted to come!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mED1b6znvGA>

Upcoming Events

- Dec 4** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:10am – Shepherd Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Men’s Chorus
10:45am – Sunday School
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Dec 5** 7:00pm – High School Bible Study, Men’s Bible Study
8:00pm – High School Band
- Dec 6** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
12:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Dec 7** 12:00pm – Golden Lifers
5:15pm – 5th Grade Christmas Program Practice
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:30pm – Mixed Choir
6:45pm – Bible Class
7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Dec 11** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Jr Choir
10:45am – Sunday School
5:00pm – Caroling around Alto
6:00pm – Christmas in Alto

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight Libbi will be teaching on Jesus’ example for us while he lived on earth. See you at 6:30!

Monday Night Bible Study – Come watch The Shepherd, a Chosen Christmas episode (not the same one as last year), from 7-8.

High School Praise Band practice 8-9 Monday night.

High School – Wednesday night is our Bridge Christmas party! Come celebrate Jesus’ birthday with snacks, birthday cake, games and Christmas worship. 7:30-9!

Before School Bible Clubs are happening at schools near you! Laconia - Thursday mornings 7:17am in the auditorium (high school), Waupun - Friday mornings 7:17am in the room off the Library (7th-12th), Fond du Lac HS Friday mornings 7am.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Sunday School – Sunday school is available for everyone 3 years old – adult. Preschoolers should meet in the Sunbeamers room. K-5th grade should go to the basement for their snack (do not take a snack from upstairs) and singing and then break off into their classrooms. 6th-High School should meet in their classrooms. Adults can meet in the sanctuary for sermon discussion or in the consistory room for Sunday School Guide.

Volunteer Opportunities – If you would like to be added to or removed from any of the following volunteer positions, please sign your name on the form at the Information Center. Greeter, Media Delivery, Nursery, Parking Assistance, Sound Tech, Video Tech.

Women's Worship Night – Please join us on Monday, December 19th at 7pm for a night of worship and prayer as we “make room” for the savior of the world. Not just for celebrating Christmas, but making room in our lives for his presence, salvation, redemption, and peace. We can't wait to worship with you!

Golden Lifers Christmas Potluck – Join us Wednesday, December 7th at noon for a potluck and guest speaker Renae Lind. Bring a dish to pass. Dessert, coffee, and table service will be furnished.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 12/4 Missionary Salary, 12/11 Christian Home Chaplain, 12/18 WNWC/KLUV Christian Radio, 12/25 Food Pantries. If you feel led to give specifically towards the upcoming ceiling project, please put your check in a separate marked envelope in one of the offering boxes. The deacons are beginning to keep track separately of what has been contributed towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Christmas Card Distribution starts today and goes through Christmas morning. The youth group students will pass your Christmas cards out to the church mailboxes so you don't have to! Just leave them in the white box on the table in the fellowship hall. All we ask is that you'd make a donation to the youth group in the amount you would have spent on stamps. Thanks!

Cookie/Bar Donations – We are asking for donations of cookies and bars for Christmas in Alto and the Sunday School Christmas Program. Please check the Information Center for the signup forms and more details.

Love Offering – This year we will be giving 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 December 24th. You can find more info in your church mailbox.

Christmas Carol Sing – Begin your Christmas Season by attending the annual Christmas Carol Sing at First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) on Sun, Dec 4th at 6pm. Join in an evening of singing your favorite Christmas Carols and enjoying a variety of local performers as they share their musical selections. A free will offering will be taken for Waupun Holiday Help.

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

Praise: Lord Jesus, we rejoice that you came to this earth to bring us peace. We thank you for bringing peace to our hearts through your death on the cross, resurrection from the dead, and sending the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. We rejoice in the rest you give now and the hope of eternal rest with you.

Repent: Forgive us Lord for letting the pressure around us stir anxiety and worry within us.

Ask: Help us rest in you and seek your help. Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing. Renew our passion for your mission and lead us forward.

- We pray for those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- We pray for our nation and world; the leaders, the poor, the brokenhearted, and the persecuted.

Yield: Today, I surrender my life to, you, the Prince of Peace. You are my Lord and King, whom I will follow and obey.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Carrie Seibel's brother-in-law, Jonny.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Cal Flegner, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Doris Harmsen, Kevin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Faye Janey, Isabel Kastein, Larry Mulder, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen
Charleston House: Brian Hemp
Beaver Dam Memory Care: Cora Hemp
Christian Home: Betty Bruins, Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Marion Tolsma, Marilyn Westerveld,
Maple Meadows: Arlene Henning
Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans
Prairie Ridge: Annice Hopp

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