

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 or bring it to the coffee window to receive a welcome gift. 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.

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements
2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace
Greet one another

Praise Singing
"Come and Worship Medley"
"What Child is This?"

Congregational Prayer

Jr. Choir – "Hope for Everyone"

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Cody Mueller

Message – At the Core: The Future
Scripture – Luke 12:35-48

We Respond to God

Prayer
Offering – "The Lion and the Lamb"

Benediction
Closing Song – "Ring the Bells" chorus

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: Des Hull, Rachel Zeatlow, Ruth Brewer, Isaac Glewen

Greeters: (M) Larry & Betty Daane (N) Keith & Donna Bruins

(N. Ext) Steve & Pauline Peters **Benevolent offering** is for the Union

Video Tech: Oliver & Garrett Glewen

Parking Assistance: Brad Flier, Larry & Gloria Mulder **Sound:** Steve Chené

10:45am – Sunday School, Autopay Offering Meeting **5:30pm – Jr. Worship Team**

6:00pm – Jr. Choir **6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group**

This Week at the ARC: December 8th – 14th

Media Delivery: Jim Stelsel & Bill Bruins

Monday, December 9th

7:00pm – Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th

7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools

8:00am – Prayer Meeting

7:00pm – Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, December 11th

9:30am – Golden Lifers

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

6:00pm – K-5th Grade Christmas Program Practice

7:30pm – Sonshine Singers, Mixed Choir, High School Youth Group

Thursday, December 12th

6:00pm – Outreach Team Meeting

Saturday, December 14th

12:30pm – Drop & Shop

Next Sunday at the ARC

8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Mixed Choir Cantata

Ushers: Berwyn Van Buren, Isaac Glewen, Rich Kamphuis, Paul Bruins, Chas Glewen

Nursery: Julia Meinke, Angie Daane, Ashlan Bruins, Brayden Kok

Greeters: (M) Clark & Diane Harmsen (N) Jim & Karen Stelsel

(N. Ext) Milan & Bonnie Vande Zande

Benevolent offering is for Regular Benevolence

Video Tech: Zack & Elyssa Van Wyk **Media Delivery:** Miley Ter Beest & Randy Bruins

Parking Assistance: Jeff Kok & Bob Pluim **Sound:** Jason Mulder

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

Upcoming Events

- Dec 17** 7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools
8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec 18** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
5:45pm – Prayer Meeting
7:30pm – High School Youth Group Bridge Dinner
- Dec 19** 6:15pm – 4K Class Christmas Program
- Dec 22** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Sunshine Singers, WOW
10:45am – Christmas Eve Program Practice
5:30pm – Jr. Worship Team
6:30pm – Caroling in Alto

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're celebrating Christmas by putting ourselves into the story of the Birth of Jesus. Come pray, believe, and praise as we learn that Advent is for All! See you at 6:30! Jr Praise Band practice at 5:30pm, Jr Choir Practice at 6pm

High School – Wednesday is our Small Group Christmas parties! Talk to your coaches to know where you'll be meeting.

Christmas Card Distribution – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards starting Sunday, December 1st running through December 29th. 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

Drop and Shop – On Saturday, December 14th from 12:30-4:30pm the Outreach Team will be holding a free babysitting day for anyone wanting to go Christmas shopping without their children. This is an outreach event, so tell your friends outside of church. Get together a group of people to shop and drop all your kids off with us! This is a great way to get people in our building and offer a helping hand to our community. Interested in helping babysit? Sign-up for a 2-hour shift at the information desk. Questions? Contact Jessa TerBeest, Angie Daane, or Rachel Zeatlow.

Alto Christmas Caroling! – December 22nd at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited! Meet in the youth room. If you're willing to bring treats to make gift plates for our neighbors, please come at 6pm to put them together. Let's spread some Joy! Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

Women's Ministries Board – The Women's Ministries board is looking for two more members. Terms are only two short years, and the opportunity to work with a great group of ladies planning fun events throughout the year. If interested, please let Tiffany Arndt know.

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 **January 26th at 11am**. RSVP to Pastor Kevin or Megan.

Autopay Offering Changes – Effective February 1, 2020 the way the church receives offerings via autopay will be changing. If you currently give via autopay or would like to start giving via autopay we ask that you meet with Jason Vande Zande or Ned Derksen on Sunday, December 1st or Sunday, December 8th in the copy room during the Sunday school hour, so these changes can be explained and the required information gathered. If one of these times does not work for you, please contact Jason or Ned to arrange another time.

Love Offering – This year's recipient is the Jack & Marla De Jager family. 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). There are also donation boxes set out on the bulletin stands. An offering will be collected during the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 15th.

Did you see the mitten tree? We hope you'll take new and gently used mittens (the waterproof ones are best!) and put them on the tree to help our local school and food pantries keep kids warm this winter. In even higher demand are boots, boots, boots (especially middle school sizes), snow pants, and elastic waistband pants, so please share those as well. Thank you for your help helping the community. Donations will be collected through the end of December.

Christmas Carol Sing – First Reformed Church (422 W. Franklin Street, Waupun) will be hosting their annual Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 8th at 6pm. Join in an evening of singing Christmas carols and enjoying a variety of special musical selections. A free-will offering will be taken to support the Access for Recess adaptive playground at Meadow View Primary School in Waupun.

Address – 1LT Daniel Bruins, 113th EN BN (829 EVCC), APO AE 09366

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

Prayer Concerns since December 1st

*Concerns submitted since last week

1. Pray that we would be listening for God to speak by the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
2. As the RCA's Vision 2020 Task Force is leaning toward a "functionally diverse" future for the RCA, pray for the Alto 2020 Task Force, other RCA churches, our classis, and the Gospel Alliance to carefully consider next steps.
3. Pray for the farmers and the stresses they face.
4. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
5. Pray for those battling addictions, anxieties, worries & stress & for God to sustain & deliver them.
6. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
7. Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Bill Bruins, Marla De Jager, Annice Hopp, Faye Janey, Dawn Loomans, Lynette Loomans, Dorothy Mills, Deb Navis, Dave Rumley, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.
8. 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, Katherine Prange, Helen Straks, Warren & Kay Vande Zande. **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans. **Home:** Dayton Ter Beest. **Maple Crest Assisted Living:** Carol De Groot. **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning. **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans, Junice Vande Zande. **The Meadows Assisted Living:** Donna Kastein. **Spring Lake Apartments:** Jessie Klumpers.
9. Pray for: Aaron Zeatlow stationed in Nevada; Sebastian Hoenisch stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas; Mitch Miller (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Dan Bruins deployed to the Middle East.
10. Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ