



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 9, 2018 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### **We Approach God**

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Jane Chené

Welcome & Announcements

\*Greet one another

\*Praise Singing

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Go, Tell It on the Mountains”

Congregational Prayer

Jr. Choir – “Light of the World”

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

Children 3 years old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed for Walk Out Worship in the basement.

Message – What Child? Called to Support

Bible Passage – James 1:27; Luke 2:7, 16-17; Matthew 2:11

### **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Offering (1<sup>st</sup> plate = regular offering, 2<sup>nd</sup> plate = supplies for CCCD) –

“While You Were Sleeping”

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song – “Go, Tell It On the Mountains” 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:** 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

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

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

## *This Week at the ARC: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Tape Ministry:** Bob Pluim & Kathy Flier

### Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools

8:00am – Prayer Meeting

7:00pm – Consistory Meeting - *Incoming Elders & Deacons are asked to attend.*

### Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am – Golden Lifers

5:45pm – Prayer Meeting

6:00pm – K-5 Sunday School Christmas Program Practice

7:30pm – Mixed Choir, High School Youth Group Bridge Dinner

## *Next Sunday at the ARC*

**8:30am – Prayer Meeting**

**9:30am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Mixed Choir Cantata**

**Ushers:** Larry Daane, Matt McDowell, Andy Derksen, Corey Flier

**Nursery:** Sarah Bruins, Sarah Zeatlow, Winton Glewen, Elyssa Van Wyk

**Greeters:** (M) Barry & Deb Ter Beest (N) Jim & Carol Parrish

(N. Ext.) Larry & Donna Kok

**Benevolent offering** is for Regular Benevolence **Video Tech:** Zack & Elyssa Van Wyk

**Parking Assistance:** Gary & Marlene Navis **Sound:** Jason Mulder

**Tape Ministry:** Miley Ter Beest & Brian Tenpas

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

## *Upcoming Events*

- Dec. 17** 7:00pm – High School Bible Study at Pizza Ranch
- Dec. 18** 7:30am – Prayer Meeting for our schools  
8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec. 19** 9:30am – Golden Lifers  
5:30pm – Youth Praise 2  
5:45pm – Prayer Meeting  
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Dec. 20** 6:15pm – 4K Class Christmas Program
- Dec. 23** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sunshine Singers  
6:00pm – Jr. Choir  
6:45pm – Middle School Youth Group Caroling
- Dec. 24** 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service  
5:00-6:30pm – Christmas Eve Meal  
7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we're talking about the greatest sacrifice of all! See you at 6pm for Jr Choir and 6:45 for youth group!

**High School** – On Wednesday we're talking faith and grace. What does that mean for your rescue? See you at 7:30!

**Old Stone Church Christmas Service** – Join us on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 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*

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

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

**Pictures** – If you did not have your pictures delivered to your house, please take your free 8x10 from the table in the lobby.

**Sunday School Christmas Program** – The PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade program is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, please check your mailboxes today for your program parts. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please call Cathy Vande Berg, RN at 557-1725.

**Thank you** for your support and prayers as we traveled to Minneapolis to volunteer with the processing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Keith, Joyce, Johan and Renee and I (Henriet) were once again very inspired by the full circle stories that we heard about and the main reason why we pack shoeboxes each year. Thank you for being a part of this and we hope more people can join us next year in Chicago!

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

### *Prayer Concerns since December 2<sup>nd</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 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, Elaine Daane, 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