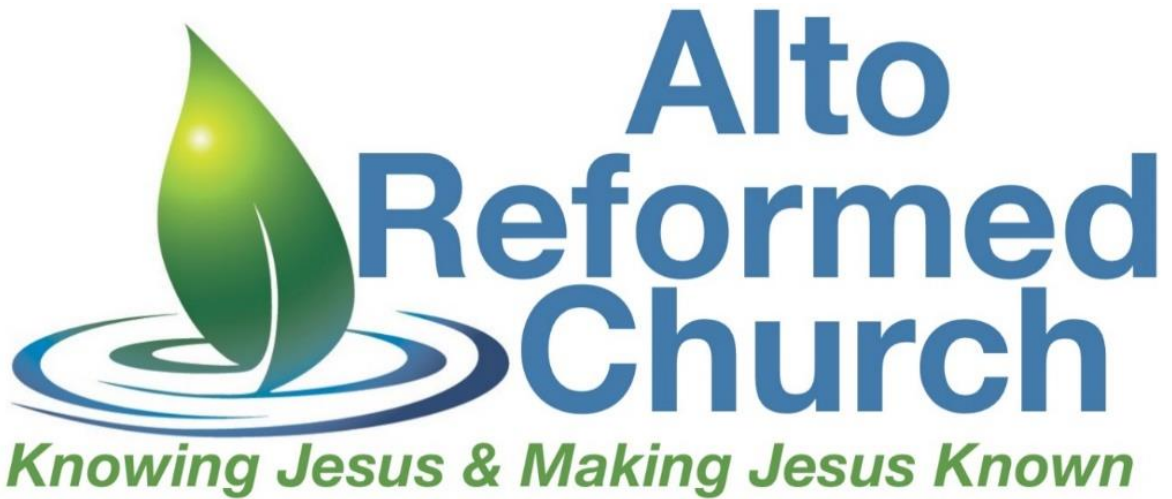


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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

*"We Believe"

*"Yes, I Will"

Congregational Prayer

*"Blessed Assurance" Hymn #416

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Witness

Scripture – Acts 1:8, John 4:1-30

We Respond to God

Prayer

Jr. Choir – "God So Loved"

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

Sermon Notes: Witness

Key Scriptures: John 4:1-30 & Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Q: What is Jesus asking of us when He is asking us to be His witnesses?

A: To put it simply, to tell others what we've seen and what we've heard.

Greek word for witness used in Acts 1:8

martus (mar'-toos) - : a witness; an eye- or ear-witness.

James 4:7-8a - 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Application:

1. Write your story.
 - a. Where have you seen and heard God at work throughout the history of your life?
 - b. This is a great way for us to be reminded of all of the ways God has been so faithful.
2. Share your story.
 - a. Don't make it awkward, and don't be afraid or ashamed.
 - b. You don't have to tell your life story, but speak of God's activity in your life as naturally as that of anyone else in your life.
3. Draw near to God.
 - a. If you haven't seen or heard God at work in your life; draw near to Him and you can be sure you will.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational Meeting: It is with sad, yet hopeful hearts that we seek your wisdom in discerning God's will for Alto Reformed Church regarding leaving the Reformed Church in America and joining the Alliance of Reformed Churches. This is a huge decision for our congregation and the consistory values your input, so please participate as best you can.

When: Sunday, February 28th at 9am

What information will the meeting cover? Please use the attached information (available at the Information Center) to prepare for the meeting. During the meeting Pastor Kevin and the consistory will review this information and answer questions. We will then be taking an advisory congregational vote which will be reported to the classis if the consistory approves a motion to transfer.

How can I attend? You may attend either in person or on Zoom.

What is the Zoom info? You may join the Zoom meeting by clicking this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89502215016?pwd=ZnITS1h5NkdJZ1VQNk9mVFN5ZXZyUT09> or by calling +1 312 626 6799.

How and when can I vote? Members of the Alto Reformed Church may vote either in person at the meeting or via paper or email absentee ballot beginning February 21st. Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the box on the ledge of Megan's office window up until midnight on February 28th. To vote via email, please email your vote to Megan at office@altoreformedchurch.org by midnight on February 28th. Paper and email absentee votes must have the voters name written on the envelope if paper or typed if email. The results will then be tabulated and reviewed by the elders on Tuesday, March 2nd and the consistory soon after that. The ballot will request your response to two points:

1. I support the proposed motion to leave the RCA and join the ARC. Yes or No
2. What questions or concerns do you have?

Can I ask questions/comment during the meeting if I attend via Zoom? Yes, you may do so using the chat feature and a staff member will then ask your question for you. We do ask that everyone keep their microphones muted to prevent any feedback/distractions.

Is childcare available during the meeting? We will be offering activities/childcare for the kiddos during the congregational meeting in place of Sunday School. Here is a look at where you can bring your child(ren):

- Nursery for all children up to 3.
- Sunbeamers Room for all children ages 3 through 4K.
- Olive Room for all K-2nd graders.
- Orange Room for all 3rd-5th graders.

Anyone 6th grade and older who would be willing to help out in one of these areas should contact Adrea Daane so we can get volunteers assigned to rooms. If you haven't contacted her before the meeting, feel free to meet her downstairs for a last-minute placement. Any questions, feel free to ask!

Upcoming Events

- Feb 14** 8:00am – Pastor Doug
 9:00am – Sunday School
 10:00am – Pastor Doug
 6:00pm – Middle School Youth Group, Crazy Cycle Marriage Night
- Feb 15** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Armor of God”
 7:00pm – Youth Bible Study
- Feb 16** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Joshua”
- Feb 17** 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 21** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
 9:00am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Focus Reset Challenge”
 10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Baptism

Youth News

Middle School – I hope you're all caught up on sleep from our Overnighter! Tonight we're babysitting some kiddos during the Crazy Cycle Marriage event, 6-8pm. So, come to play games and watch a short video, but please be here by 6pm!

High School – Wednesday is the Ash Wednesday service. Meet at church at 6:30 to help open doors and usher for the service. The service will run 7-8pm.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Valentine Marriage Night – *The Crazy Cycle in Marriage* will address the struggle every marriage faces, and the issue is usually not the real issue. Stephanie and I, Kevin, found these four short videos refreshing and helpful during our mini spiritual retreat this past fall. We hope you will join us for a special Valentine's evening with your spouse. Free childcare will be provided and there is no cost to attend. Join us Sunday, Feb. 14th at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please sign up at the Information Center or email Megan at office@altoreformedchurch.org

2021 Mission Trip to Manitoqua – We have the opportunity to serve Camp Manitoqua through mission work during the week of March 21st – March 26th. There are opportunities available for nearly all levels of ability whether young or old, so if the Holy Spirit is speaking to you to go, then know the Lord can use you there. More details are available at the Information Center.

The elderly in our community desire your help! There is a significant need in and around Waupun for a variety of services for the elderly. Some of these services include house cleaning, moving/downsizing, lawn/landscaping services, home repairs, snow removal, technology help and more. To that end, the ONE Waupun ministry is organizing the ongoing efforts to connect those in need with those that are able to donate some of their time. We plan to start offering these services to the seniors in Waupun soon; however, we first need to generate a list of people that are willing to serve. Even if you can only help occasionally, it all helps. We need both men and women volunteers. Also, we realize that some of you may be reluctant to serve right now because of COVID, but please fill out this survey with the idea that this virus should be less of a concern in the coming months. To learn more about this service and to sign up as a volunteer, please go to www.onewaupun.com and click on the “Service” link at the top of the page. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Pastor Doug.

Women's Mission Circle – Join the Women's Mission Circle on Tues, Mar 2nd at 1:30pm. Cathy Vande Berg will be the guest speaker talking about women's heart health. Everyone is invited. If you are not a member of Women's Mission Circle, please RSVP to Donna Bruins at 346-5216.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 2/14 Missionary Salary, 2/21 Regular Benevolence, 2/28 & 3/7 Missionary Salary.

Congrats to Ron & Helene Daane as they celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Feb 14th.

CCCD – The Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf is looking for sponsors for kids. For more details go to <https://www.cccdjamaica.org/sponsor-student> . To purchase the dryer angels that Marty talked about last Sunday go to <https://mygreenfills.com/products/dryer-angel> .

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

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Praise! Brant & Bridgette Flier had a baby boy Beckett Robert.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Donna Bruins, Josie Buiten, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Craig Shoemaker, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuij, Bette Walstra, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East;
Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and
for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

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