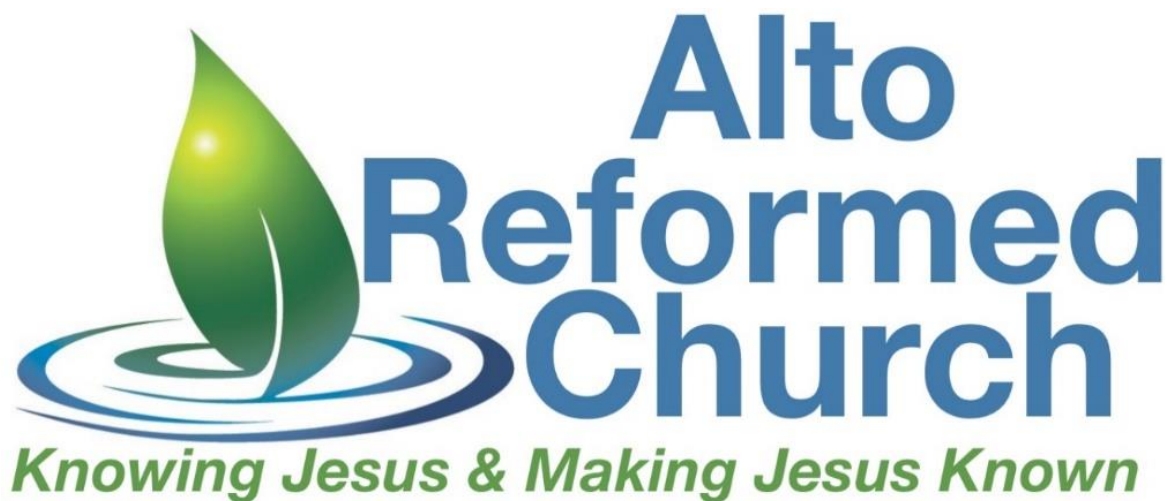


February 21, 2021



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “Thousand Tongues Medley”

Praise Singing

*“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

“Nobody Loves Me Like You”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: The Church

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

We Respond to God

Blessing and Sending Out of Kanon Smit

Prayer

*“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” Hymn #380

Blessing

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



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

Discipleship Essentials Chap. 20: The Church, United?

FOUNDATION: Parts are _____, Yet _____ (12-14)

PAUL CORRECTS OF TWO VIEWS

1. To Those Behind the Scene

Parts are Connected in spite of Feeling I _____ (15-16)

Parts are All Needed (17)

Parts are Arranged I _____ (18-20,24)

2. To Those in the Center of Attention

Parts are D _____ on Each Other (21)

Parts are Honored Differently (22-24)

Parts are not to be D _____ (25a)

Parts are to Care for Each Other (25-27)

QUESTION: Is diversity always good?

3. (Bonus) To Those Who are Deceived & Deceiving

Deceived - 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 6:9-10

Deceiver - 2 Cor. 11:3,4,13-15

Implications of #3:

Unity does not trump false teaching.

APPLICATION:

You are essential, so do your part.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEP:

Understand yourself better by doing 4 simple surveys.

Simply go to www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths and follow the instructions.

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 21** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
9:00am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Focus Reset Challenge”
10:00am – Pastor Kevin
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Feb 22** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Armor of God”
7:00pm – Meeting with Conservative Consistories, Youth Bible Study
- Feb 23** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”
- Feb 24** 6:00pm – Sonshine Singers
6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study – “For Women Only”
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Feb 26** High Schoolers leave for Silverbirch Retreat
- Feb 27** High School Silverbirch Retreat
- Feb 28** High Schoolers return from Silverbrich Retreat
8:00am – Pastor Doug
9:00am – Congregational Meeting
10:00am – Pastor Doug, Baptism
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – The Holy Spirit - what is it really? How are our lives different because of it? Let’s talk about it tonight at 6:30. Bring some of your friends from the Overnighter!

Junior Praise Band – 5:30pm, **Junior Choir** – 6pm

High School – Jesus told the disciples that it was better for Him to leave this earth and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Why is that? Let’s talk about it Wednesday night at 7:30.

Chili Supper/Bible Trivia – The middle and high school youth groups are joining up to do this annual fundraiser on Friday, March 5th from 5-8pm. Chili, bread and cheese, bars and cookies will be served throughout the night, the chili cook off competition will be judged at 6pm, and Bible Trivia will begin at 7pm. Bring a team of up to 8 people for some fun competition! If you have a team, sign them up at the information desk. All proceeds of this event will go toward both youth group’s retreats and upcoming events.

Opportunities to Get Involved

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.

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: 2/21 Regular Benevolence, 2/28 & 3/7 Missionary Salary.

Family Lent Devotionals – We invite you to join us in one of the family Lenten devotionals available at the Family and Children Resource Center. The devotionals range in length and age level depending on what works best for you or your family.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, February 28th.

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.

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

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, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren 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