February 27, 2022



#### The ARC Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor – Kevin Van Wyk Equipping Adults Pastor – Doug Shotsky Equipping Youth Director – Jessa Ter Beest Equipping Children & Families Director – Adrea Daane Office Administrator – Megan Vande Zande Youth/Worship Intern – Zack Van Wyk

> N3697 County Road EE Waupun, WI 53963 920.346.5505 office@altoreformedchurch.org www.altoreformedchurch.org

### We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements Sonshine Singers – "Ask, Seek, Knock"

Praise Singing "Graves into Gardens" "Hymn of Heaven" "Be the Center"

**Congregational Prayer** 

## We Hear God's Word

Children's Message - Beth Redeker

Message – Five Magnificent Moves to Re-forming Me: #1 Infant to Adult Scripture – 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

# We Respond to God

Prayer "Take My Life"

Blessing

Memory Verse for March 9th

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. – Psalms 25:5



Five Magnificent Moves to Re-forming Me: #1 Infant to Adult 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

#### **KEY POINT**

This is a scathing attack on the \_\_\_\_\_ believer, because the goal is maturity not just \_\_\_\_\_

#### **EVIDENCE OF IMMATURITY**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ Like Infants

2. They \_\_\_\_\_ Like Infants

3. They \_\_\_\_\_ Like Infants

# Summary: This is a scathing attack on the immature believer, because the goal is maturity not just conversion.

#### THREE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Should we measure our spiritual maturity?

Why don't we want to measure/examine ourselves?

How do we measure our maturity? Can we?

#### APPLICATION: G\_\_\_\_\_

How will you progress toward spiritual maturity?

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Honestly, how do you measure other believers to determine if they are fit to be elders?
- 2. Where/when has the church helped you evaluate yourself?
- 3. What keeps you from evaluating your progress toward spiritual maturity?
- 4. What should we be measuring in the life of a believer? List as many as you can and then consult the Spiritual Growth Assessment, our membership vows, draft of possible new covenant, and the Belgic Confession. (These will be available in the Sermon Discussion Class in Prayer Room.)
- 5. Use the Spiritual Growth Assessment to determine what areas you need to grow in?
- 6. What are you doing to nurture growth? What specifically will you do this week?

	Upcomíng Events
Feb 27	High Schoolers return from Silver Birch
	8:30am – Prayer Meeting
	9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
	10:45am – Sunday School
	5:30pm – MS/HS Praise Team
	6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
Feb 28	6:30pm – Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study – "Elijah"
	7:00pm – Deacon Meeting, High School + 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Bible Study
Mar 1	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
	9:30am – Women's Bible Study – "In His Image"
	1:30pm – Women's Mission Circle
	7:00pm – Elder Meeting – If you are interested in baptism or membership,
	please contact Pastor Kevin.
Mar 2	9:30am – Golden Lifers
	7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service
Mar 3	6:30pm – Equipping Adults Team Meeting
Mar 6	8:30am – Prayer Meeting
	9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men's Chorus
	10:45am – Sunday School, Women's Bible Study – "Resisting the Rush"
	5:30pm – JH/HS Praise Team
	6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

# Youth News

**Middle School** – Tonight we're talking about the rest of the disciples and how Jesus called them out of a life of just going through the motions of their faith. Does he do that with us?

Girls Bible Study will finish up Monday night, 6:30-7:30pm after being snowed out last week.

**High School** – This week is our Ash Wednesday service so we'll attend together from 7-8pm. Meet in the youth room at 6:45.

# **Opportunities to Get Involved**

**Men's Bible Study –** The guys just wrapped up a 5-week bible study called "Fight" and enjoyed it so much they decided they're going to continue meeting for another bible study (topic to be announced soon). They'll meet for another 5-weeks on Mondays at 6:30-7:30pm starting March 7<sup>th</sup> so join in at any time.

**Golden Lifers –** The Golden Lifers start meeting again on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am in the fellowship area of the basement. They'll meet each Wednesday through April. Join them for a yummy breakfast and bible study.

Ash Wednesday – Join us for the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

**Pinewood Derby Family Night** – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun, free night. We'll have a meal at 5:30pm and races will start at 6pm. Not racing a car? We'll have other family friendly activities too. Sign-up and grab a car kit with instructions at the Children & Families Resource Center by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes range from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to adult. Needing to borrow a scroll saw to make your car or a scale to weigh it? Let Adrea know.

**All Church Retreat –** Join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch April 22-24. Check your mailbox or the Information Center for the brochure with all the details! Register online at <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HjVwj-14Eyrbq-</u> mvrDK62pUY0FxSnD9w15E2xeE hgk/edit?ts=61d8670e by March 31st or contact Megan to get

# Bulletín Board News

help with registration. Any questions, reach out to Pastor Doug, Adrea, or Jessa.

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 2/27 Missionary Salary, 3/6 Missionary Salary, 3/13 Waupun & Brandon Food Pantries, 3/20 Missionary Salary.

AMEN articles are due today.

**Food Pantry Collection** – During the month of February we are collecting feminine hygiene products for the Waupun Food Pantry. The food pantry will coordinate with the Waupun Area Jr/Sr High School to distribute these products to girls in need. Donations may be placed in the tote in the copy room.

**Trophies of Grace Sportsmen's Dinner** – You're invited to the Rock Golf Club in Waupun on March 5 at 4pm for the Trophies of Grace Sportsmen's Dinner featuring speaker Jim VanSteenhouse. The evening will include a whitetail display, dinner, door prizes, and Jim will share about his near-death experience that changed his life completely. Ticket cost is \$40 (includes dinner & raffle). Tickets may be purchased at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trophies-of-grace-sportsmens-dinner-tickets-</u>

226317420497?fbclid=IwAR1p8C0m\_NdvhFy9Zjs18tOpnO9PekLlj8nbXIAI7ow28GFZ8W9IFjRK4Yw or by emailing trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com

**Free Concert!** – On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm the Judson University Choir will share their incredible worship concert at Emmanuel Waupun. Come hear this 45-member choir raise the roof in praise! You will be inspired! Concert location is Emmanuel Waupun, 400 W. Brown St., Waupun

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

**THIS WEEK**... Pray for the family of Gerald Mills as he passed away on Tuesday. Pray for the family of Jon Cunningham as his mother passed away.

#### **PRAYER FOR UKRAINE & RUSSIA**

Below is a prayer authored by <u>Rev. Gerard D. de Vuyst</u>, a longtime Reformed Pastor/Equipper in Ukraine. He is currently in Grand Rapids, MI teaching for a year as "Missionary in Residence" at Calvin Theological Seminary. Consider using this in your individual prayers and/or part of your communal prayer on Sunday.

Heavenly Father, we come to you with heavy hearts as we see movements toward war in Ukraine. We pray that you would be merciful on the people of Ukraine and Russia and end this war. Grant wisdom to world leaders to effectively stop evil. Allow for the truth to be known, for lies to be shown for what they are, and for evil-doers to be thwarted.

Lord, we pray for those who have already lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Comfort and provide for the needs of those who have been displaced. Lord, we ask for mercy and we seek justice. We pray that you would be at work in both.

We pray for the day when all wars will cease and when your peaceful reign will come fully. But in the meantime, we pray that you would use us to facilitate the coming of your kingdom here and now. Help us to take action to bring peace, to care for the victims of war, and to work for justice. Help us to live according to the principles of your Kingdom today, and to remain faithful until your Kingdom comes fully at your return. Grant courage to your church in Russia, in Ukraine, and here to speak truth to power and to prophetically proclaim the truths of your Kingdom as well as the day of grace that still remains for those who repent.

Lord, we pray for Vladimir Putin. We pray that you would change his heart and work your miracle of salvation in his life. If he continues in his wicked ways, we pray that you would restrain his evil and have mercy on those who suffer because of it.

In all these things, we trust you, because you are our loving Father. We ask that you would keep us faithful by the power of your Spirit and that you would be with your church in Ukraine – that in times of war it would faithfully follow you and represent you before the nations. Heal the wounds, we pray, both physical and the wounds of the heart.

Reconcile the nations with you and with each other by the power of the cross of our reigning Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.