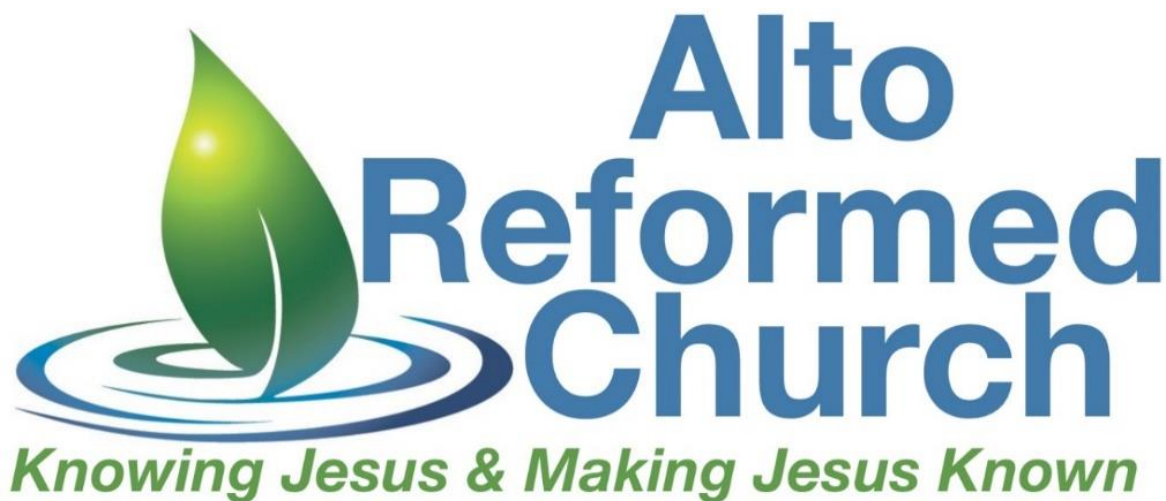


February 28, 2021



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Coby James, son of Marcus & Kelli Vossekuil

Sonshine Singers – “Who You Say I Am”

Praise Singing

*“Grace Greater than Our Sin” Hymn #482

*“Amazing Grace”(8am)/“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”(10am)

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Ministry Gifts

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-26

We Respond to God

Prayer

*“In Christ Alone”

Blessing

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



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

Sermon Notes: Fruit of the Spirit

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

What are Spiritual Gifts For?

1. The common good of the Body. (1 Cor. 12:7)
2. To Equip the Saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-13)
3. To serve one another. (1 Pet. 4:10)
4. The glory of God. (1 Pet. 4:10-12)

How do we discover our Spiritual gifts:

1. Pray and ask God.
2. Ask others.
3. Take a Spiritual gifts assessment.
4. Try some things out.

Pitfalls of Spiritual gifts:

1. Lack of contentment. (1 Cor. 12:15)
2. Coveting other's gifts. (1 Cor. 12:16)
3. Pride. (1 Cor. 12:21)
4. Complacency (Mt. 25:14-30)

Application:

1. **Pray and ask God what your spiritual gifts are.**
2. **Look over the spiritual gifts listed on the back of the insert and ask someone who knows you well, or that you trust to answer them for you.**
3. **Get involved. Consider serving as a Sunday School teacher, bible class teacher, youth coach, or connecting to another ministry within Body.**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Mercy: Special ability to show sympathy to suffering saints. Meals to the sick, hospital visits, phone calls to those hurting.

Service: Special ability to joyfully serve behind the scenes. Set up chairs, ushering, assist leaders.

Hospitality: Special desire to offer home, food, and lodging. Host missionaries, Bible studies, singles to dinner.

Giving: Special desire and ability to give above and beyond a tithe. Generosity toward youth mission trips, deacon fund offerings, para-church ministries, a suit for the pastor.

Administration: Special ability to orchestrate program details. Committee work, volunteer for church office, conference supervision.

Leadership: Special ability to preside or govern wisely. Boards of Christian ministries. Visible roles, elders, deacons, committee chairperson, run nursery program, fund-raising.

Faith: Vision for new projects that need doing and perseverance to see them through. Building programs, new ministries.

Discernment: Ability to detect error. Meet with teachers who may be teaching incorrectly, letters to the editor.

Knowledge: Spiritual ability to search and acquire Scriptural truth. Academic pursuits, writing, teaching.

Wisdom: Special insight into applications of knowledge. Counseling, teaching, discussion group leader, accountability groups, friendship.

Preaching: Special ability to rightly proclaim and expound God's truth. Preachers, lay preachers.

Teaching: Special ability to explain Scripture in edifying ways. Sunday school teachers, Bible studies, home groups, children, and youth programs.

Evangelism: Special ability to clearly present the gospel to non-believers. Sunday night church visitation program, share faith with contacts on your job, sponsor outreach events.

Apostleship: Special ability to begin new works. Missionaries, church planters, Christian service organizations

Shepherding: Unique ability to care for a flock of believers over the long haul. Pastors, elders, nursery program.

Encouragement: Special skill to inspire, encourage, and comfort. Being a friend, counseling, writing letters.

Tongues: Spiritual ability to speak in a language foreign to speaker.

Interpretation of Tongues: Spiritual ability to interpret the message of one speaking in tongues.

Miracles: Spiritual ability to actuate the supernatural intervention of God in ways beyond His ordinary working through the laws of nature.

Healing: Spiritual agency of God incurring illness and disease and restoring to health supernaturally.

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 28** High Schoolers return from Silverbrich Retreat
8:00am – Pastor Doug
9:00am – Congregational Meeting
10:00am – Pastor Doug, Baptism, Sonshine Singers
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 1** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Armor of God”
7:00pm – Deacon Meeting, Youth Bible Study
- Mar 2** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
1:30pm – Mission Circle
6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Mar 3** 6:00pm – Sonshine Singers
6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study – “For Women Only”
7:30pm – Bible Study – Galatians, High School Youth Group
- Mar 5** 5:00pm – Chili Supper
- Mar 7** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
9:00am – Sunday School, Women’s Bible Study – “Focus Reset Challenge”
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Men’s Chorus
5:30pm – Jr Praise Band
6:00pm – Jr Choir
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we’ll do a 10-minute devotional and then play games! See you at 6:30! Don’t forget that your items for the chili supper need to be at church on Wednesday night!

Junior praise band tonight at 5:30, **Junior Choir** at 6.

High School – Don’t forget to bring your chili supper items to church Wednesday night! We’ll set up for the chili supper and play games!

- **Juniors** and **Seniors** should each bring **5lbs of COOKED ground beef**
- **Sophomores** should bring **2 blocks of cheese (1 colby jack, 1 other variety) and 1 bag of shredded cheddar**
- **Freshmen** should each bring **3 large cans of chili beans and 2lbs COOKED elbow macaroni (in bags or disposable containers)**
- **8th graders** should bring **3 loaves of bread** (three different varieties, to eat with cheese and chili), and **3 large cans of tomato juice**
- **6th and 7th graders** should each bring **2-3 dozen bars or cookies** by 4:30 on Fri, March 5th.

Chili Supper/Bible Trivia – The middle and high school youth groups are joining up to do this annual fundraiser on Fri, 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. Today is the last day to sign up.

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.

Attention past and present Men's Chorus Members: Men's Chorus will sing "Alpha and Omega" next Sunday, March 7 during the 10am service. If you would like to be a part, please meet in the basement at 9:45 that morning to practice.

Bulletin Board News

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

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.

Food Pantry Donations - The Women's Ministry is collecting donations for the Waupun Food Pantry for the month of March! These are the current items needed: Tuna, Chicken Noodle Soup, Flavored Oatmeal, SpaghettiOs and Ravioli. Please bring in your donation items by March 28th to church and place them in the tote by the Children & Families Resource Center.

VBS Save the Date – Vacation Bible School will be June 21-25 at 9-11:30am!

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... Pray for the family of Craig Shoemaker. He went home to Jesus on Thursday. Pray for Connie Wiersema as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

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