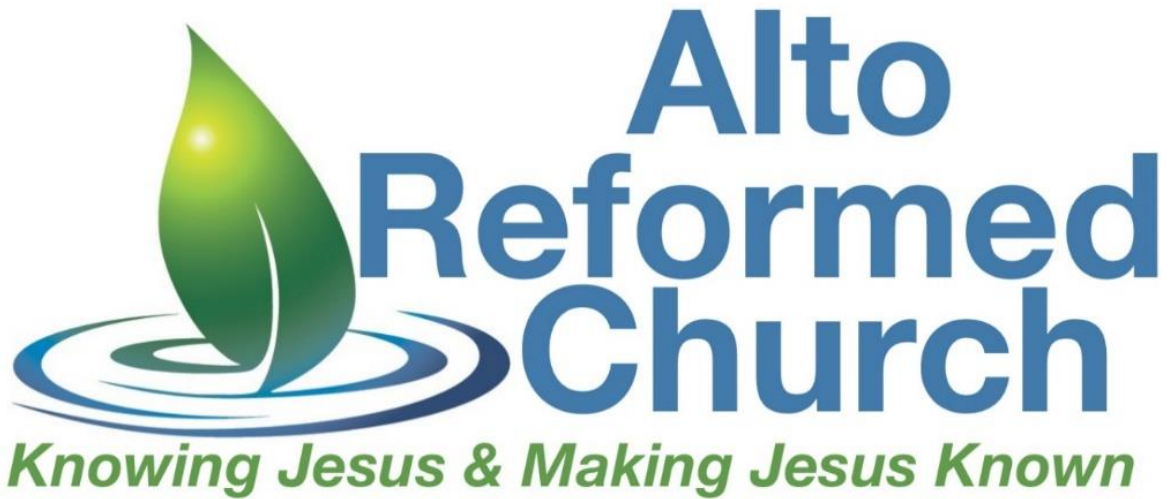


February 7, 2021



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "He Hideth My Soul" (10am)

Praise Singing

"Build Your Kingdom" (10am)

"Death Was Arrested" (10am)

"Living for Jesus" (8am)

Congregational Prayer

\*"Make Me a Blessing" Hymn #398 (8 & 10am)

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

Children's Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Justice

Scripture – Isaiah 58:6-7; Matthew 25:31-46

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

"Move" (10am)

Blessing

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



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

## Chapter 18 Justice, "That's not fair!"

"Our culture defines love as unquestioned and unconditional acceptance of ones behaviors, beliefs and values." -Doug

### JESUS ON JUSTICE: THREE ANSWERS

#### What are we to be preparing for?

*"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Mat. 25:31-33*

#### How should we be prepared?

***For** I was **hungry** and you gave me something to eat, I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink, I was a **stranger** and you invited me in, 36 I **needed clothes** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you looked after me, I was in **prison** and you came to visit me.' Mat. 25:35-36*

#### Why should we be prepared?

*"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Mat. 25:46*

### APPLICATION

Bring Justice by \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

### PRACTICAL NEXT STEP

1. Identify a need around you that most tears at your heart.
2. Identify what you have to give. How much time could you give? What abilities might you offer? What possession or finances could you give?
3. Do something!
4. What do you believe God is calling you to do to bring justice?  
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5. Who needs to hear the truth of hell? Pray for an opportunity to share with them and speak up.

## *Upcoming Events*

- Feb 7**            8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
                     9:00am – Sunday School  
                     10:00am – Pastor Kevin  
                     6:00pm – Jr. Choir  
                     6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Feb 8**            6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Armor of God”  
                     7:00pm – Youth Bible Study
- Feb 9**            8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                     4:30pm – Hospitality Team Meeting  
                     6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study – “Book of Joshua”  
                     7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Feb 10**          6:00pm – Sonshine Singers  
                     6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study – “For Women Only”  
                     7:30pm – Bible Study, High School Youth Group
- Feb 11**          6:00pm – Women’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Feb 12**          8:00pm – Middle School Overnighter
- Feb 14**          8:00am – Pastor Doug  
                     9:00am – Sunday School  
                     10:00am – Pastor Doug  
                     6:00pm – Middle School Youth Group, Crazy Cycle Marriage Night

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we’ll meet over at Bob’s barn (across from the church hill) to hang out and watch the Super Bowl and play some games, from 6:30-8pm.

Middle School Overnighter is February 12-13, 8pm to 8am. All attendees need to fill out a permission slip. Extras are available in the youth room. Cost is \$5.

No Junior Choir tonight or next week. Middle School Praise Band will begin Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30, Junior choir at 6pm.

**High School** – On Wednesday we’re putting together Valentines meal kits to bless couples coming to the Food Pantry. Some people will put together lasagnas and salads, some will make brownies, some will make encouraging notes. See you at 7:30!

Silverbirch forms are due Wednesday!

## *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. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the sanctuary. Please sign up at the Information Center or email Megan at [office@altoreformedchurch.org](mailto:office@altoreformedchurch.org)

**2021 Mission Trip to Manitoqua** – We have the opportunity to serve Camp Manitoqua through mission work during the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 2/7 Church Health Services, 2/14 Missionary Salary.

**Congrats** to Cal & Ruth Ann Flegner as they celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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. We will share information and take an advisory vote on February 28<sup>th</sup> at a 9am special congregational meeting. Please plan to attend. We are hoping to use Zoom for those unable to attend, but we are not sure voting will be permitted that way.

We will be offering activities/childcare for the kiddos during the congregational meeting. 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!

More information will be provided as the meeting gets closer.

– Your Elders

**4K Registration** – There are information packets available at the Children & Families Resource Center, in the mailboxes down by our 4K room, or at the Education Service Center in Waupun. Any questions, contact Adrea.

## 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 Ryan Van Hise as he heals from surgery.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Harlan Bossenbroek, Donna Bruins, Josie Buiters, Paul Elenius, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Jerry Mills, Dave Rumley, Heidi Schindel, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Craig Shoemaker, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuil, 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 – CCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ