

January 21, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “In Christ Alone”

Praise Singing

“Only a Holy God”

“Before the Throne of God Alone”

“This is My Father’s World”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Go & Tell: What to do in Jerusalem?

Scripture – Psalm 78:1-8

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Jesus Have it All”

Blessing

If you are newer to Alto Reformed Church, we invite you to fill out a Connection Card, located at the entrance to the sanctuary, and turn it in at the Fellowship Kitchen for a small gift.

Go & Tell

Sharing Our One and Only Hope

What to do in Jerusalem
(Psalm 78:1-4, Mat. 28:19-20, Act 1:8)

THREE KEYS TO GOD'S MISSION

1. God designed the _____ to perpetuate faith. (Ps. 78:4; Gen. 17:7; 18:19; Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 6:4)

2. God calls the believers to share God's _____ with _____ . (Ps. 78:1-4, 9-72)

What has he done...

Biblical Stories:

Personal Stories:

3. God's goal is that the next generation would _____ God. (Ps. 78:7, 1 Tim. 2:3-4)

APPLICATION:

Commit to sharing faith _____ with someone younger than you.

Who? _____

PRACTICAL NEXT STEP:

1. A _____ the Go & Tell Workshop: Session 1 at 10:45 in the sanctuary.
2. B _____ for whoever God puts on your heart. (Beg, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share)
3. C _____ sin as we prepare to come to the Lord's Table next Sunday.

RESOURCES ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE:

List of Pregnancy Centers in Wisconsin - www.chooselifewisconsin.com/pregnancy-resource-centers

Some helpful videos on defending the pro-life position - whatwouldyousay.org
whatwouldyousay.org/choice-personhood-and-back-alley-abortions-common-objections-to-the-pro-life-position/

This Week's Events

- Jan 21** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 3:30pm – Young Adult Group
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:00pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Jan 23** CCCD Mission Trip Group Returns
 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
- Jan 24** 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – NO Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, NO Men's Chorus
- Jan 28** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers, Communion
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

Communion Statement:

Regarding whom may and should participate in Communion... "We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves." (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

"Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don't do it in a way that isn't worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You'll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord's supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as Covenant Partners.

2024 Executive Committee	
Kevin Van Wyk, Pastor	Andy Derksen, Chair of Deacons
Bill Bruins, Vice President	Ryan Vande Zande, General Treasurer
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2024 Consistory	
Elders:	Deacons:
Dewey Bille, 2024, Clerk	Tom Bruins, 2024, Equipping Adults Team
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Joel Ruis, 2026, Worship Ministry Team	Jason Mulder, 2026, Worship Ministry Team

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is movie night! Come in your comfy clothes, and we'll provide the popcorn and ice cream. See you at 6:00!

High School – Wednesday Corey Ruis will be sharing his testimony in a lesson on what it means to lack nothing. See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Go & Tell Workshop – Join us in the sanctuary during Sunday School for the next 4 weeks (1/21-2/11). This workshop will provide you with the tools to “*be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.*”

Young Adults – Join us for bowling at Juds on Sunday, January 21st at 3:30pm (time may change if the Packers win today). See you there!

Waupun Ice Fest – Our church will be joining other churches and ministries in Waupun in offering free hot chocolate and bite-sized desserts to all those that visit us during the Waupun Ice Fest. We will be serving all those that visit us inside at the Main Street Bistro at 5 West Main St in Waupun from 10am-4pm on Saturday, February 17th. Be sure to stop in and see our sculpture and to warm up with a hot chocolate along with many bite-sized desserts. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! The Outreach Team is requesting volunteers from the congregation to assist at our table for the event. We need two people at any given time. Please sign-up at the Information Center.

All Church Retreat – Join us for our the All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 19-21. Brochures with information are in your church mailbox or at the Information Center. Register by March 31st or contact Megan to get help with registration. Any questions, reach out to Lynnae or Jessa.

Save the Dates! – Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School will be June 10-14 at 9-11:30am for all 3 year olds-incoming 5th graders. Camp Manitoqua will be June 17-21 for all incoming 3rd-8th graders. More details to come.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby, may be given online, or through autopay. For more info or to set up autopay, please contact Megan. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 1/21 Union, 1/28 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 2/4 Missionary Salary, 2/11 ONE Waupun. If you feel led to give specifically towards the ceiling project, please put your check in a separate marked envelope in one of the offering boxes. The deacons are keeping track separately of what has been contributed towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Construction Notice – The “new part” of the sanctuary is closed through Feb 2nd for ceiling repairs and hardwood floor refinishing. The rest of the sanctuary will remain open. Overflow seating will be available in the Youth Room if seating in the sanctuary becomes full.

Sound of Freedom – You’re invited to a movie night at Bethel Church in Brandon on Sunday, January 28th at 5:30pm featuring Angel Studios “Sound of Freedom” based on the true story of a federal agent who embarks on a dangerous mission to save children from traffickers. The event is free with no reservations needed followed by a time of fellowship/discussion.

ONE Waupun Men’s Conference – Register for the ONE Waupun Men’s Conference today! Our theme this year is “Living in the Deep End of the Pool of Grace” and will feature messages from John Lynch, speaker & author from Phoenix, AZ, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University from Sioux Center, IA. Mitchell Olthoff from Edgewood Community Church will lead us in praise and worship. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small ground discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30am-3:30pm. Register early at www.onewaupun.com and receive a free book authored by John Lynch.

Trophies of Grace Sportsmen’s Dinner – You’re invited to The Rock Golf Club in Waupun on Saturday, March 2nd at 4pm-7:30pm for the Trophies of Grace Sportsmen’s Dinner featuring speaker Chris Wells. Chris is an avid outdoorsman and is a self-proclaimed “America’s Bass Pro Wannabee”. He combines a blend of humor, passion, and integrity to convey his concern for people in their faith journey. The evening will include a whitetail display, dinner, and door prizes. Ticket cost is \$50 (includes dinner & door prizes). Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trophies-of-grace-sportsmens-dinner-tickets-794938160437>. Questions or interest in sponsoring this event contact trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com

2024 District Lists & Ministry Team Assignments are available at the Information Center if you’d like to have a copy of either.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, January 28th.

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

Praise: Mighty God, we rejoice in your powerful deeds. From creation to the exodus, from the incarnation to the cross you have revealed your love and grace to us. In answered prayer, we've seen your strength and sovereignty. We praise you for your wonderful works

Repent: Forgive us for keeping silent about our faith and valuing our comfort more than your mission.

Ask: Renew our passion for your mission to reach the lost. Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing. Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day. Guide and lead our national and world leaders to bring justice and peace to all.

Yield: I will seek to share my faith. I will maintain a life of prayer, study your Word, participate in the Lord's supper, gather with believers regularly, use my spiritual gifts and financial resources to further the mission of Jesus through the local church, live a life pleasing to you and accept the spiritual guidance of the church leadership.

THIS WEEK... Pray for safe travels as the mission group returns home on Tuesday.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Sadie Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Rick Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, and Harold VanRuiswyk.

Military Personnel:
Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Matt Saunders, stationed in east Africa, nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen
Charleston House: Brian Hemp
Beaver Dam Memory Care: Cora Hemp
Christian Home: Elaine Daane, Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma,
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins, Don Vande Zande
Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans
Prairie Ridge: Annice Hopp

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