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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “I Believe”

Praise Singing

“We Believe”

“Mighty to Save”

“Build My Life”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Message – Go & Tell: Poking Bears

Scripture – Psalm 78:5-22

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

“What a Beautiful Name”

“Nothing But the Blood” Hymn #249

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

Go & Tell: Poking Bears Psalm 78

We must learn the art of poking the bear, so it moves in the right direction, but does not attack.

_____ - Love = _____

THREE KEY LESSONS FROM PSALM 78

1. The Command was to teach their children the _____. (Vs. 5-6; Deut. 6:6-9; Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2)
2. The Goal was for their children to _____ God and _____ laws. (Vs. 7)
3. The Problem was that the past generation was _____. (Vs. 8-22)

APPLYING PSALM 78 TODAY

OUR CHALLENGE: Not _____ our children to _____ and rebellion.

The _____ is easily riled up.

THE SOLUTION: _____ the _____ (younger generations).

Law + Love = Faithful _____

B _____ /Begin with Prayer

Listen

E _____ /Encourage

Serve

S _____ (stories & commands)

Three Fundamental Questions For Sharing:

A. Acknowledge guilt. Are you guilty, sinful, and r _____ ?

B. Believe grace. Do you believe God offers you grace, s _____, and redemption?

C. Choose gratitude. Will you trust God and choose gratitude, surrender, and r _____ ?

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

1. Identify a younger person who needs Jesus. _____

2. Commit to BLESS them. What specific action will you take this week?

3. For more on the commands and biblical ethics check out my upcoming AMEN Newsletter article.

This Week's Events

- 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
- Jan 30** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
- Jan 31** 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Feb 4** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
 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
Jerry Medema, Assistant Vice President	Ben Leonard, Benevolent 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 Ashlan Bruins will be sharing her testimony with us! See you at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is A-teams! Check with your coaches to see where you'll be meeting.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Go & Tell Workshop – Join us in the sanctuary during Sunday School (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 volleyball at the Alto Community Center on Sunday, February 18th at 3:30pm. Bring your friends!

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 Manitouqua 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: 1/28 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 2/4 Missionary Salary, 2/11 ONE Waupun, 2/18 Missionary Salary. 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.

Congrats to Don & Sharon DeMotts as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb 1st.

Congrats to Connie Wiersema as she celebrates her 82nd birthday on Feb 1st.

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 today.

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

Praise: Mighty God, we rejoice in your law. We give thanks for your wisdom and your guidance. Your commands are good and right, so we rejoice in this gift you have given to us.

Repent: Forgive us for rebelling against your commands and neglecting to share your wisdom with the next generation in a way that leads them to faithful obedience.

Ask: Renew our passion for your mission to reach the next generation. 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 know, obey and share your commands. 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 Ardyce Tenpas as she recovers from a minor brain bleed earlier this week.

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