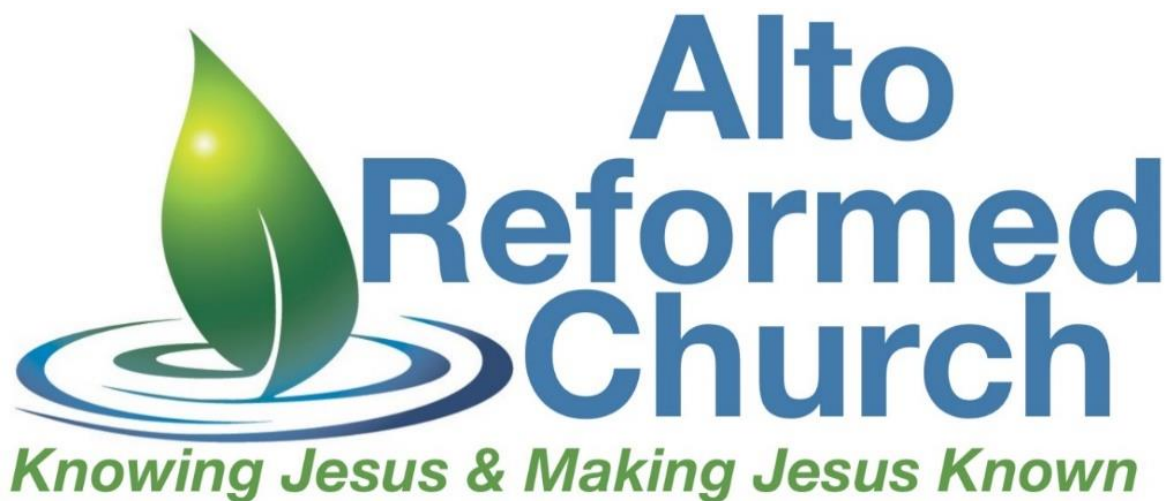


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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Ezekiel Lee, son of Eric & Beth Ann Redeker

Praise Singing

\*“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

\*“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Congregational Prayer

“No Longer Slaves”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Love

Scripture – John 13:34-35, John 15:12-13, Proverbs 3:11-12, Matthew 5:43-48,  
& Romans 5:8-10

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

\*“Your Love Awakens”

Blessing

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



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

## **Sermon Notes: Love**

**Key Scriptures: John 13:34-35, John 15:12-13, Proverbs 3:11-12, Matthew 5:43-48, & Romans 5:8-10**

**John 13:34-35** - 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### **God Loves:**

#### **Sacrificially**

**John 15:12-13** - 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

### **With Discipline**

**Proverbs 3:11-12** - 11 My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, 12 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

### **His Enemies**

**Matthew 5:43-44** - 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

### **Application:**

- 1. What would the others observe when watching you interact with others?**
- 2. Pray for someone you really struggle with. Ask God if He would have you to bless them in some way.**

## *Upcoming Events*

- Jan 31** 8:00am – Pastor Doug, Baptism  
9:00am – Sunday School  
10:00am – Pastor Doug  
6:00pm – Jr. Choir  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Feb 1** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting, Youth Bible Study
- Feb 2** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in membership or baptism, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Feb 3** 6:00pm – Sonshine Singers  
6:30pm – Bible Class  
7:30pm – Bible Study, High School Youth Group
- Feb 4** 7:00pm – Auditing Committee Meeting
- Feb 6** 8:30am – No Regrets Men's Conference
- Feb 7** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
9:00am – Sunday School  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin  
6:00pm – Jr. Choir  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight is question and answer night! You've asked some great questions and we're excited to discuss them with you! See you at 6:30!

**Junior Choir** 6-6:30 tonight, open to all high school and middle school students.

**High School** – On Wednesday we're talking about sacrifice. What does Jesus' sacrifice mean to you, and how can you be a living sacrifice in your own life? See you at 7:30!

**Soda/Water Bottle Donations** – If you would be willing to donate 2 cases of water bottles or 2-24 packs (or 4-12packs) of soda to youth group this year please sign up at the information desk. We really appreciate your donations and your support! Donations can be brought to the youth room Sunday mornings or Sunday or Wednesday nights before youth group.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Sonshine Singers** will be starting up again on Wednesdays at 6-6:30pm starting February 3<sup>rd</sup>. All 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate. Sonshine Singers will sing during the 10am services on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, and April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**No Regrets Men's Conference** – The No Regrets Conference is a men's conference intended to help jump-start ministry to men in your local church community. It's a one-day event that transforms men's lives by empowering them to walk in loving, trusting obedience of Jesus Christ. Men will be encouraged to be who God created them to be and to walk in step with the Holy Spirit on a moment-by-moment basis. Join us here at Alto Reformed Church on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

at 8:30am-12:30pm for this free event. To sign up, email Megan or register at <https://forms.gle/5zescSa8yXfwESBZA>

**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: 1/31 Gideons International, 2/7 Church Health Services, 2/14 Missionary Salary.

**Congrats** to Don & Sharon DeMotts as they celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**ATTENTION All Treasurers:** Please bring in your checkbook registers, statements, treasurer's report (filled out), and savings books to Megan's office by January 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest. The audit committee will be meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Grief Support** – If you are struggling to find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one, we wanted to let members of Alto Reformed Church know of an opportunity to be a part of Grief Support Group called **Grief Share** at Edgewood Community Church in Waupun. The group meets on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 beginning January 12, 2021. You can join the group at any time. If you would like more info, go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130062>, or contact Pastor Mike Giebink at (920) 324-5007 ext. 106.

**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 healing for Heidi Schindel. Pray for healing for Donna Bruins after knee replacement surgery.

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