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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“How Great Thou Art” Hymn #111

“10,000 Reasons”

“Goodness of God”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

All 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to go to the Fellowship Area of the Basement for Summer JAM.

Message – Bread & Broomsticks (Key #5)

Scripture – Luke 11:3

We Respond to God

Prayer

Special Music – Joel & Tonya Bruins & Family

“Jesus Does”

Benediction

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.

Summer of Seeking

A Practical Look into the Lord's Prayer

Bread & Broomsticks (Key #5)

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day 50

125. Q. WHAT DOES THE FOURTH REQUEST MEAN?

A. "Give us today our daily bread" means, Do take care of all our physical needs so that we come to know that You are the only source of everything good, and that neither our work and worry nor Your gifts can do us any good without Your blessings. And so help us to give up our trust in creatures and to put trust in You alone.

The Confusing Reality of Bread & Broomsticks

Bread = _____ (Luke 12:22–30; Psalm 21:1–7; 23:1; Philippians 4:18–19)

Broomsticks = _____ (Luke 12:31; 2 Kings 18:19–21; Psalm 37:4, 34:9-10)

APPLICATION: D _____ **on him. By**

A _____: (Luke 11:5–13; 18:1–8; James 4:2–4; 5:17–18)

G _____: (Luke 12:32–34; 6:38)

T _____: (Philippians 4:6)

Upcoming Events

- Jul 23** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Special Music – Joel & Tonya Bruins family,
Summer JAM
3:30pm – Men’s Golf Outing
- Jul 24** 6:00pm – Middle School Bible Study
7:00pm – High School Bible Study
8:00pm – High School Band
- Jul 25** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Jul 26** 10:00am – Elders Zoom Meeting with UMV Network
7:30pm – High School Bonfire
- Jul 30** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Baptism – Nylah Gordon, Communion
6:30pm – Middle School Bonfire

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.

Youth News

Monday Night Bible Study tomorrow night! 6-7pm middle school, 7-8pm high school

High School Praise Band practice 8-9pm Monday

High school bonfire and games Wednesday, 7:30-9pm

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: 7/23 Brandon & Waupun Food Pantries, 7/30 Missionary Salary, 8/6 REACH Waupun, 8/13 Union. 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 Joyce VanBuren as she celebrates her 82nd birthday on July 25th.

Congrats to Dayton Ter Beest as he celebrates his 99th birthday on July 27th. If anyone would like to send him a birthday card, they may be sent to the Christian Home.

Congrats to Rollie & Barb Schroeder as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 27th. They'll be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Go Dutch Solutions in Waupun on Saturday, July 29th any time between 2-4pm. The congregation is invited to help them celebrate!

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, July 30th.

Summer JAM – All 3-year-olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, & 8/27. Kids will be invited to the basement before the sermon starts for games, activities or crafts focused on a Bible lesson just for kids (split into PreK & elementary groups).

Opportunities to Get Involved

Attention Post-Highers – Don't miss our next event on Sunday, July 30th! Join us at Andy and Jenny Glewen's (N2997 Marshview Rd., Waupun) at 6pm for swimming, a bonfire and wiffle ball. Invite your friends!

Alto Fair Booth – We are looking for volunteers to sit at our church's booth at the Alto Fair (Aug 9-10). This is a great way to catch a break in the shade and chat with a bunch of people as they walk through the booths. If you're able to help with this, please sign-up at the Information Center.

CCCD Mission Trip – Marty Huizenga is organizing a mission trip to the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf in Jamaica January 16-23, 2024. Cost is \$720/person (\$100 off for married couples). If you are interested in attending, please contact Marty or sign up at the Information Center by August 13th so Marty can begin reserving plane tickets.

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

The Lord's Prayer

(an easy to understand translation of Mat. 6:9-13, compiled from the NIRV, NET, NLT, & ERV)

Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us the food we need for today. Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us. Keep us from sinning when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one. For the kingdom and all power and all glory are yours forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, I praise You, that You invite me to trust You and to commit all my plans to You. I praise You Lord that You alone are worthy of my trust... Thank You that You have always provided for me exactly what I have needed. Though at times I may not understand Your ways, I ask that You strengthen my heart with deeper faith as I continue to call on You for what I need. (Based on Prov. 3:5–6.)... Thank You for inviting me to come boldly into the throne room to ask You for specific needs. I've been taught along the way that persistence can be annoying. Oh Lord, I now realize that You love persistence and You honor perseverance. Fill me with renewed determination in my prayer life... Holy Spirit, when it feels like my prayers aren't being answered, strengthen my faith and my determination to keep asking until You say, "Stop." (Based on Heb. 4:16 and the story Jesus told in Luke 11:1–4.)

Becky Harling, [*Our Father: A Study of the Lord's Prayer \(A 6-Week Bible Study\)*](#) (Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2023).

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Betty Bruins, Marilyn Westerveld, and Jodi VandeBerg.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Cal Flegner, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Kevin Harmsen, John Hoekstra, Faye Janey, Isabel Kastein, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Carl VanderKooi, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;

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: Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma, Marilyn Westerveld
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins
Harbor Haven: 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