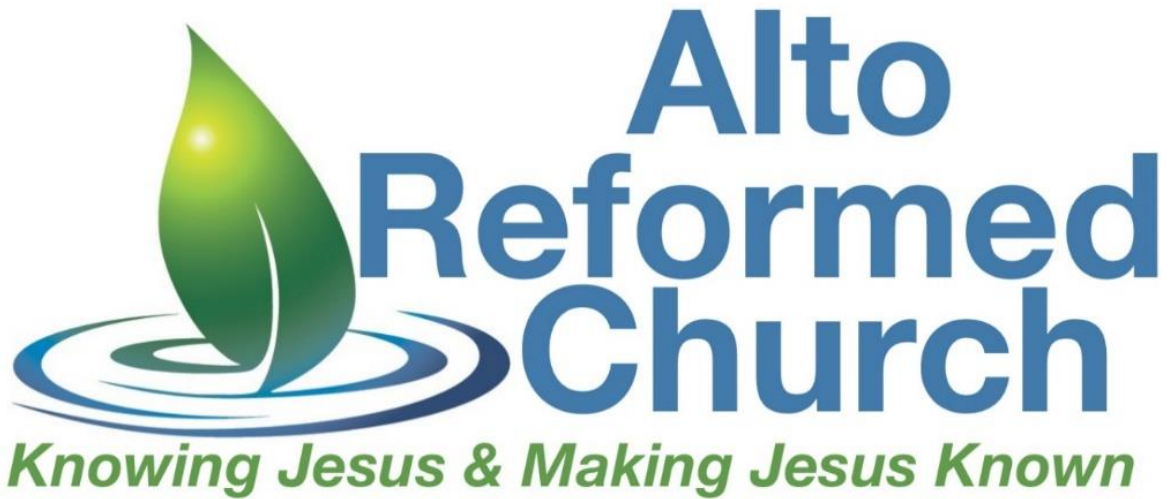


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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Harlee Kay, daughter of Micah & Laura Douma

Praise Singing

“Standing on the Promises” Hymn #601 vs 1, 3, 4

“Living for Jesus” Hymn #379 vs 1-3

Congregational Prayer

“Alleluia” Hymn #32 vs 1, 3, 4

We Hear God’s Word

Message – Grounded and Growing

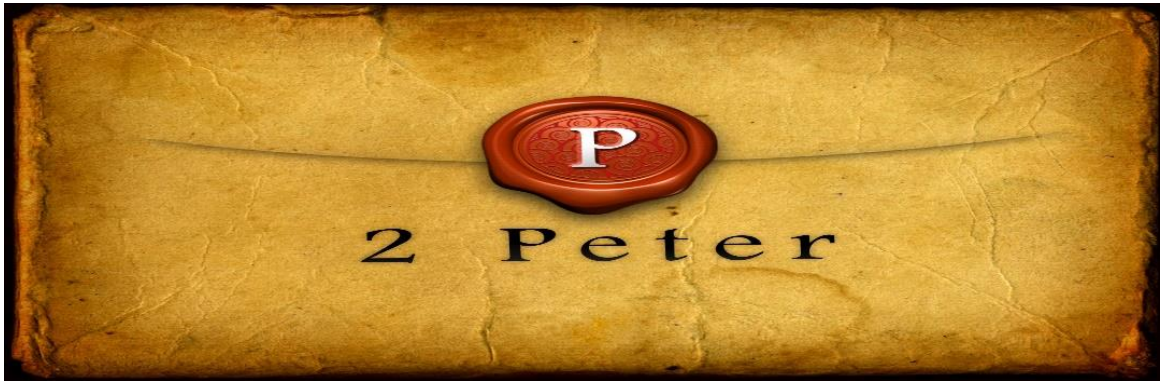
Scripture – 2 Peter 1:1-15

We Respond to God

Prayer

“10,000 Reasons”

Blessing



Sermon Notes: 2 Peter Week 1: Knowing and Growing

Key Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-15

Matthew 12:25 - Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.

2 Questions:

1. How can we grow?

A. Knowledge

Verse 2 - *Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the **knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

Verse 5 - *make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, **knowledge**...*

Verse 8 - *For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your **knowledge** of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

B. Effort

Verse 5 - *For this very reason, **make every effort** to add to your faith...*

Verse 10a - *Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election.*

2. What are the results/benefits?

A. What are the results of growing in knowledge:

1. We'll have an abundance of Grace and Peace!

2 Peter 1:2 - *2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.*

2. We'll have everything we need for a godly life!

2 Peter 1:3 - 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness

B. What are the results of Effort?

1. You will be effective and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

2 Peter 1:8 - For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. You will never stumble and you will receive a rich welcome into eternal life!

2 Peter 1:10b-11 - For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Application:

1. Spend time with God each day.
2. Invite someone over or out for a meal.
3. Know and Grow by making the effort to look into at least one of these resources this week.

50 minute sermon from John Miller: Is your faith growing? 2 Peter 1:5-11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYKVCw8oyQA&t=2435s>

50 minute sermon from David Guzik: Sharing the divine nature. 2 Peter Chapter 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HQJqG4gSjs>

Written Commentary from David Guzik on 2 Peter Chapter 1

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/2-peter-1/>

Upcoming Events

Jul 25	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Doug 3:30pm – Men’s Golf Outing 6:30pm – Middle School Bonfire
Jul 26	6:00pm – Middle School Bible Study 7:00pm – High School/Young Adult Bible Study, Deacon Meeting
Jul 27	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
Jul 28	7:30pm – High School Bonfire
Aug 1	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men’s Chorus

Youth News

Middle School – Games on the church hill tonight, 6:30-8pm! See you there!

Bible Study – Monday, 6-7pm for Middle School, 7-8pm for High School. Meet in the youth room.

High School – See you at hang out night on Wednesday, 7:30-9pm!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 7/25 WNWC/KLUV Christian Radio, 8/1 Missionary Salary, 8/8 The Union 8/15 Missionary Salary.

Congrats to Joyce Van Buren as she celebrates her 80th birthday today.

Congrats to Jerry Mills as he celebrates his 90th birthday on July 27th.

Congrats to Dayton Ter Beest as he celebrates his 97th birthday on July 27th.

AMEN articles are due today.

Accepting School Supply Donations – Take advantage of the back-to-school deals and help us stock up on Operation Christmas Child supplies. We are looking for some more pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, binder clips, crayons/colored pencils/markers, notebooks, and erasers. Any items to donate can be placed in the tote by the Children & Families Area. Thanks!!

Updated Contact Info – Willy & Carol Jansma have a new phone # 346-2179.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Teacher Needs – We have openings for teaching/helping in multiple grades for both Bible Class and Sunday School this upcoming school year. If you're interested or want more information, please contact Adrea.

Sunday School Snack Servers – We are looking for volunteers to serve the cookies and juice to the kids before Sunday School (right after the church service) September – May. If you would like to be added to this schedule, please contact Adrea.

Mission Circle & Golden Lifer Outing – Join the Mission Circle & Golden Lifers on Wednesday, August 4th at 9am for an outing to the Fairwater Historical Society and the Little White Schoolhouse in Ripon followed by lunch at the Ripon Family Restaurant. If you plan on attending, please sign-up at the Information Center.

Alto Fair Booth – We are looking for volunteers to sit at the ARC's booth at the Alto Fair (Aug 11-12). 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.

Summer JAM – All 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service every 2nd Sunday of June, July & August. Kids will be invited to the basement before the sermon starts for games, activities or crafts focused around a Bible lesson just for kids (split into PreK & elementary groups).

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

Praise: Today, we rejoice in Your grace shown to us on the cross. We praise Your name for dying for our sins so that we might walk in the light and have assurance of spending eternity with You in heaven. We give You thanks and praise for Your love and forgiveness.

Repent: Forgive us now for believing the lies of this world, for letting heresy creep into our minds and affect how we live. Reveal to us the lies which we have bought into and replace it with Your truth. I confess specifically that I...

Ask: We ask for healing, strength and peace for those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world. •Give wisdom to our Classis as they have received our petition to transfer out of the RCA to ARC. Guide the Classis team which will meet with our consistory and church, and then make a recommendation to the Classis. Guide the RCA representatives as they prepare for the General Synod in October and the Classis representatives as they meet in November. •Help us remain faithful to You.

Yield: We devote ourselves fully and completely to You as our Lord and Master. We will seek You above all and obey Your Word each day. We will abide in You!

THIS WEEK... Pray for Renee Bruins as she has surgery tomorrow to replace her aortic valve.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Harlan Bossenbroek, Ashley Bruins, Randy Bruins, Josie Buiters, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Tim Tenpas, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

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:** Sharon Harmsen, Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

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