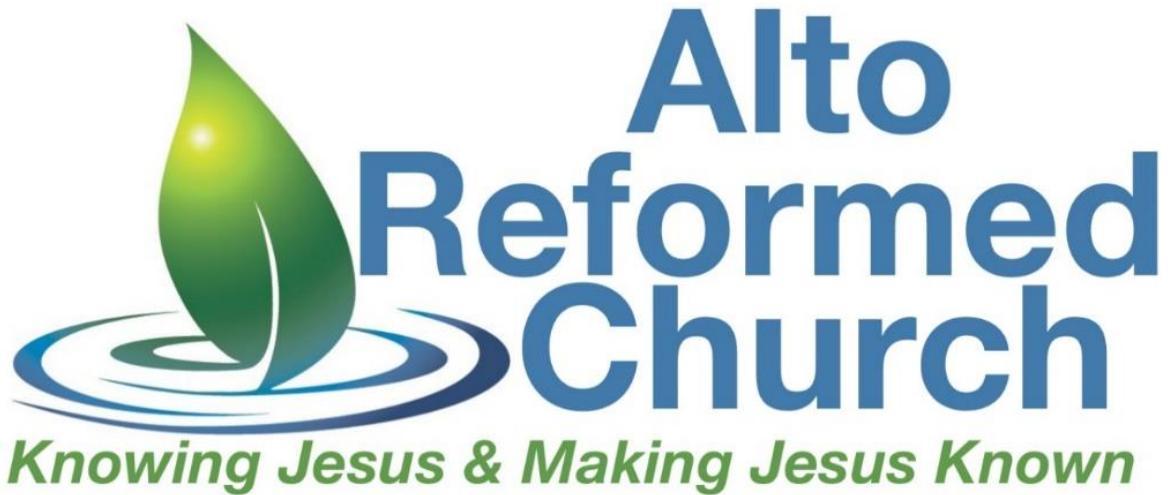


July 4, 2021



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "America, the Beautiful"

Praise Singing

"This I Believe"

"King of Kings"

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Life Essential #1 from 1<sup>st</sup> John (Part 1 of 3)

Scripture – 1<sup>st</sup> John 5 (also 1:1-4; 2:18-28; 4:1-6, 9-10, 15-17)

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

"We Believe"

Blessing

# Life Essential #1

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### THREE LIFE ESSENTIALS

Because God has revealed his great love for us in Jesus Christ,

- #1 Believe \_\_\_\_\_
- #2 Obey commands
- #3 \_\_\_\_\_ others

### THREE REALITIES FOR BELIEVERS:

A. Believers will face \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

B. Believers are indwelt by the Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Believers have \_\_\_\_\_ evil and death.

**APPLICATION: Believe \_\_\_\_\_!**

### PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

1. Know the Word of Life. (1 John 1:1) To not know God's Word thoroughly is immensely dangerous as you are wide open to false teaching.
2. Read 1 Peter before July 11 and 1 John for July 18.
3. Start the "Journey to 412" today. This is a versatile, yet extensive path to help you grow to maturity. It is a long journey, but you will be grateful as the truth saturates your mind. The flier is available at the information table and at [www.altoreformedchurch.org/resources.html](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/resources.html).

## *Upcoming Events*

<b>Jul 4</b>	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
<b>Jul 5</b>	Office Closed
<b>Jul 6</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting 6:30pm – Women's Mission Circle – <i>Bible Study #8</i> 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – <i>If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.</i>
<b>Jul 8</b>	Lifest
<b>Jul 9</b>	Lifest
<b>Jul 10</b>	Lifest
<b>Jul 11</b>	8:30am – Sunday School Guide Class 9:30am – Pastor Doug

## *Youth News*

No youth hangouts or Monday night Bible studies this week or next. If your student is attending Lifest make sure they are at church by 7:45am Thursday!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 7/4 Missionary Salary, 7/11 Regular Benevolence, 7/18 Waupun Food Pantry, 7/25 WNBC/KLUV Christian Radio.

**Congrats** to Harold & Barb Van Ruiswyk as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Arlene Henning as she celebrates her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CCCD Van Fund** – We are collecting donations for a new van for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf. The goal is to collect a total of \$20,000. Donations should be labeled CCCD van fund (on the envelope or check memo) and may be placed in the offering boxes in the lobby.

**Tough Questions?** Coming in September, we will be addressing your questions and you've already shared some doozies... Why did the church fail so miserably to stand against Hitler? How can someone say the Bible says women should not be elders/ministers? Is cremation wrong? If someone accepted Jesus as their Savior at some point in their life, can they be unsaved if they get lax in attending church and not spending time in prayer or reading the Bible? Submit your questions to [office@altoreformedchurch.org](mailto:office@altoreformedchurch.org) or put a note in Pastor Kevin's box or text 319-464-4673.

**Baskets** – Thanks to those who donated baskets for VBS decorating. You may pick up your baskets from under the mailboxes.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Summer JAM** – All 3 year olds – incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

**Men's Golf Outing** – Join us for a fun afternoon of golf on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at The Rock Golf Club in Waupun. 9 holes of golf (including cart) + meal = \$40. Sign-up individually or as a group at the information desk or by contacting Joel by July 18<sup>th</sup>. If you'd rather not golf, but still want to join in you're invited to join us for the meal, just talk to Joel Bruins 948-0938.

**Summer Celebration** – The Summer Celebration is Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5-7pm at McCune Park. Invite your friends and join us for food, fellowship, bounce houses, kickball, and a homerun derby! If you would be willing to bring a pan of bars, 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. 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.

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

**Praise:** Today, we celebrate the freedom we have because of your grace and the sacrifice of many who have given their lives. It is because of your example of laying down your life for us, that others have stood, and we now worship freely.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we have taken freedom for granted, lived selfishly, and lacked appreciation for your grace and the sacrifice of others. Forgive us for allowing this self-centered culture to influence our own hearts and minds.

**Ask:** Father, instill gratefulness in our hearts that we may praise You and honor those who have given their lives. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call to speak truth in love. •Grant our consistory wisdom and discernment as we move to affiliate with a new denomination. •Guide the leaders of the RCA and ARC to honor you in all that goes on. •Bless the students, parents, teachers, and administrators as they finish the school year. •Bring Your hope, peace, and healing to those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender our hearts to You. You are our Lord and Master, and we will obey Your Word. Amen.

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

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Harlan Bossenbroek, Ashley Bruins, Randy Bruins, Josie Buitter, 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