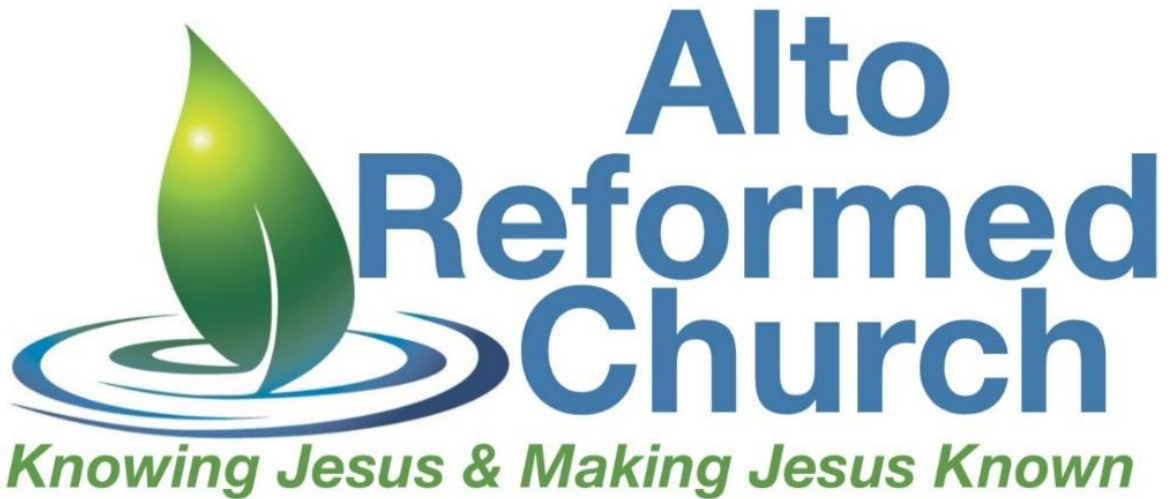


June 14, 2020



**The ARC Ministry Staff**

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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Gentry Owen, son of Chris & Kerry Quade

“We Believe”

“Mighty to Save”

Congregational Prayer

“Great is Thy Faithfulness

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message

Message – Connecting Well: Love & Submission

Scripture – Ephesians 5:21-33

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Love at Home” Hymn #573 vs 1-2

Benediction

## *Upcoming Events*

<b>June 16</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
<b>June 21</b>	9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Communion 10:45am – Congregational Meeting
<b>June 23</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
<b>June 28</b>	9:30am – Pastor Doug
<b>June 29</b>	7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
<b>June 30</b>	8:00am – Prayer Meeting

### **Who May/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 Cor. 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 active confessing members. For more information, check out “Discovering Membership” on our website or at the information table.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – bonfire and games tonight at 6:30-8pm on the church hill!

**Bible Study** – Monday at 6-7pm for middle school and 7-8pm for high school/young adult on the church hill. Bring your bible!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Congrats** to Vern & Roxy Schouten as they celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

**Congrats** to Marcella VandeBerg as she celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Jerry & Dorothy Mills as they celebrate their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Devotion Packets** are available at the Children & Families bulletin board area (across from the elevator) for families with 3 year olds – 5th graders. If you didn't already receive one, please feel free to pick one up.

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby.

### **Congregational Meeting Announcement – Why should we ordain Pastor Doug as a “ministry elder”?**

First off, it's important to note that the consistory approved changes to our by-laws in 2018 to create this role/office.

“[The Board of elders] Recommends individuals to the congregation for ordination as “ministry elders”. Elders are ordained to ministries such as teaching, care, prayer or church planting for the purpose of recognizing the call, gifting, and Christ-like leadership of the candidate. They do not serve on the consistory. However, they are part of the greater consistory. The congregation must affirm the candidates at a congregational meeting.” (Article VII.B.5.)

We did this for a few reasons...

1. to recognize individuals who are serving in a leadership role on behalf of Alto Reformed Church,
2. to communicate to the congregation and community the value of the individual's gifting and calling,
3. to encourage individuals to pursue spiritual development and ministry according to God's calling on their lives.
4. to acknowledge the individual's preparedness for pursuit of being ordained as a commissioned pastor in the RCA.

While Doug was ordained by the Southern Ohio Ministerial Association (SOMA), the RCA does not transfer that ordination. (Yes, we may leave the RCA, but we would very likely continue to work with Coram Deo, the organization overseeing the commissioned pastor track.) So, this is our current path towards pastoral ordination which Doug would like to pursue, and the consistory has encouraged him in ever since we first hired him.

It is my (Kevin's) hope that Doug will blaze a trail for others to follow. We have created a discipleship path called "Journey to 412" which takes young believers through many courses and prepares them for a life of ministry and spiritual maturity. This is an invaluable resource for all members and will help us develop and deploy ministry leaders, deacons, and elders for years to come. For those pursuing additional training, the commissioned pastor track is a great option. There is also the possibility of being ordained as a "minister of word and sacrament," but this requires a Master of Divinity degree from a seminary. At this point, Doug is ready to take the commissioned pastor track and being ordained as an elder in the RCA is the first step.

You are being notified now so any concerns about ordaining Doug may be brought to the elders attention. Please do so immediately.

Per our bylaws, this action requires a congregational vote. We will do this immediately after the service on June 21. Printed absentee ballots are at the church office. Your ballots must be placed in a sealed envelope with your signature on the outside. Please turn your ballots in to Megan or a member of the consistory prior to the congregational meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. *Absentee ballots are not to be used as a matter of convenience.* If you wish to email your ballot it must clearly identify who is voting, include one of the two options below, and be sent to [office@altoreformedchurch.org](mailto:office@altoreformedchurch.org) before June 21.

**Absentee Ballot**

*(Select ONE)*

**YES, ordain Doug Shotsky as a Ministry Elder of the RCA.**

**NO, do not ordain Doug Shotsky as a Ministry Elder of the RCA.**

Thank you for joining us in developing and deploying Christ-like leaders,  
Pastor Kevin

**Waupun Community Blood Drive** – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am-4:30pm at Central Wisconsin Christian School, 301 Fox Lake Road (please enter door #5). For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: Waupun

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

### *Prayer Concerns since June 7<sup>th</sup>*

\*Concerns submitted since last week

1. Pray that we would be listening for God to speak by the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.
2. As the RCA's Vision 2020 Task Force is leaning toward a "functionally diverse" future for the RCA, pray for the Alto 2020 Task Force, other RCA churches, our classis, and the Gospel Alliance to carefully consider next steps.
3. Pray for the farmers and the stresses they face.
4. Pray for the prayer requests in the silent prayer box.
5. Pray for those battling addictions, anxieties, worries & stress & for God to sustain & deliver them.
6. Pray for marriages to be strengthened.
7. Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Larry Bille, Harlan Bossenbroek, Sharon Harmsen, Ken Kamphuis, Ashlyn Mouw, Dave Rumley, Kevin Tenpas, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, and Silas Willey.
8. 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, Warren & Kay Vande Zande. **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans. **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest. **Maple Crest Assisted Living:** Carol De Groot. **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning. **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans, Junice Vande Zande. **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein. **Spring Lake Apartments:** Jessie Klumpers.
9. Pray for: Aaron Zeatlow stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch stationed in California, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas; Mitch Miller (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Dan Bruins deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii.
10. 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