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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“House of the Lord”

“Good, Good Father”

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – Libbi Campbell

“God is Love”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Abby Pluim

Message – Summer of Seeking: The Second Key

Scripture – Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9

We Respond to God

Prayer

“The Lord’s Prayer”

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

The Second Key

Luke 11:2

JESUS ADDRESSES PRAYER TO...

A. Jesus does not address God as _____

B. Jesus does not address God as _____

C. Jesus does not address God as Almighty Creator, _____, Judge, or

(See <https://www.gotquestions.org/names-of-God.html>)

D. Jesus does address God as _____

_____ -Hearted

He _____ (Gal. 4:4-7)

He _____ (Matt. 7:9-12, 6:32; Ps. 23:1)

_____ -Handed

He _____ (Ps. 23:3; John 10:2-4)

He _____ (Heb. 12:4-11; 2 Sam. 7:14)

APPLICATION: _____ your Father

Practical Next Steps:

1. Pray for 30 minutes this week.
2. Read and discuss a question and answer below each day with your family. Look up the Bible passages for better discussion.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
(<https://arc21.org/creeds-confessions>)

LORD'S DAY 45

116 Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us.¹ And also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.²

¹ Ps. 50:14-15; 116:12-19; 1 Thess. 5:16-18

² Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 11:9-13

117 Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for.¹

Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence.²

Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it,

God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord.

That is what God promised us in his Word.³

¹ Ps. 145:18-20; John 4:22-24; Rom. 8:26-27; James 1:5; 1 John 5:14-15

² 2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 2:11; 34:18; 62:8; Isa. 66:2; Rev. 4

³ Dan. 9:17-19; Matt. 7:8; John 14:13-14; 16:23; Rom. 10:13; James 1:6

118 Q. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically,¹ as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

¹ James 1:17; Matt. 6:33

119 Q. What is this prayer?

A. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.* For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.^{1**}

¹ Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

*This text of the Lord's Prayer is from the New Revised Standard Version in keeping with the use of the NRSV throughout this edition of the catechism. Most biblical scholars agree that it is an accurate translation of the Greek text and carries virtually

the same meaning as the more traditional text of the Lord's Prayer.

**Earlier and better manuscripts of Matthew 6 omit the words "For the kingdom and . . . Amen."

LORD'S DAY 46

120 Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

A. To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer—

a childlike reverence and trust that through Christ God has become our Father, and that just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.¹

¹ Matt. 7:9-11; Luke 11:11-13

121 Q. Why the words "in heaven"?

A. These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty as something earthly,¹

and to expect everything needed for body and soul from God's almighty power.²

¹ Jer. 23:23-24; Acts 17:24-25 ² Matt. 6:25-34; Rom. 8:31-32

Upcoming Events

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| Jun 18 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Special Music – Libbi Campbell
11:00am – Post-High Canoe Trip |
| Jun 19 | 9:00am – VBS
5:30pm – Alto Fire Dept. Training |
| Jun 20 | 9:00am – VBS |
| Jun 21 | 9:00am – VBS
5:30pm – Family Night |
| Jun 22 | 9:00am – VBS |
| Jun 23 | 9:00am – VBS |
| Jun 25 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pulpit Supply – Randy McDaniel, VBS Kids Sing, Summer JAM
11:00am – Worship Service at Celebrate Waupun |

To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

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: 6/18 Missionary Salary, 6/25 Regular Benevolence, 7/2 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 7/9 Missionary Salary. 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.

Run 4 the Fair – Grab your bike, walking shoes, or fast running shoes on Wednesday, August 9th at 7:30am (part of the Alto Fair) for a family event around the Fair Block for 4 miles finishing with a crowd of people cheering you on! This is a fun family event with no awards handed out. The starting line will be near the Alto Fire Department booth. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Waupun/Run4theFair> by July 14th. Cost is \$15 and includes a t-shirt. Kids 10 and under are free but do not receive a t-shirt (can order one). Sponsored by Alto Reformed Church.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, June 25th.

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).

School Supply Donations – REACH Waupun will once again be hosting the annual School Supply Distribution on August 8th. Last year REACH Waupun was able to help over 225 families with the supplies needed for school. We have found that collecting only monetary donations for us to purchase the supplies works the best and students receive exactly what is needed. We thank you in advance for your monetary donations. Checks should be made out to REACH Waupun, Inc. with “School Supply Distribution” in the memo and mailed directly to PO Box 302, Waupun, WI 53963. Please make your donations by July 22nd.

Fire Dept. Training at Church – The Alto Fire Department will be conducting a very large practice on Monday, June 19th. We will be having a simulated structure fire at the Alto Reformed Church. There will be multiple fire departments involved in the drill. We will be hauling a large amount of water from Saputo Cheese to the church. We will also have a large hose running down the east side of the road from Saputo Cheese to the church. Because of all the commotion, we are going to be closing county EE from Saputo Cheese to AS from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Firemen will be coming around to the people who live on EE to give you more info about the drill. We ask that you please avoid downtown Alto during the time of the drill.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Attention Post-Highers! Join us as we canoe down the Wisconsin River on Sunday afternoon, June 18th. And being that it's Father's Day, invite your dad too! Itinerary: 11am leave church, 11:45am lunch at Dairy Queen in Portage – on you, 12:30-3pm canoeing, 4pm back at church. Please let Miley know if you're going, and also if you have a canoe, kayak, paddles or life jacket. Directions will be given before we leave church.

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 signup at the Information Center.

Israel Trip – You are invited to join Alto Reformed Church to discover the beauty and splendor of our Christian roots as Pastor Doug Shotsky, Pastor Wayne Skaff and guide, Jane BenAri share in a life-changing experience as the word of God comes alive while we walk through the land of the Bible October 23-November 2, 2024. This will be Wayne's 56th trip to Israel. We will be visiting many new places and discoveries, and this will be trip of a lifetime and a "Bible comes alive" experience. The entire cost for the 11-day trip is \$5,399. The tour includes round trip airfare from Milwaukee, 4-Star hotels with double occupancy, breakfast and dinner daily, a deluxe tour bus, entrance fees and Israeli tour guide Jane Ben Ari. A \$500 deposit is due ASAP. Final payment is due June 15, 2024. All payments are 100% refundable until May 1, 2024. There is a brochure at the Information Center with more info and if you have more questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Doug at (740) 604-0476 or email jesusbuild@yahoo.com.

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.*

Heavenly Father, I praise you for adopting me as your sone through the death of your only begotten Son, Jesus. My understanding of "father" is blurred by the sin of man and I cannot grasp the significance of you calling me your child. I am overwhelmed to be called your son/daughter. Help me understand your fatherly love, wisdom and power. Help me walk in your ways. Be exalted in my life!
Amen

THIS WEEK... Pray for Diane Vande Zande as she recovers from surgery.

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

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, US

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