May 21, 2023



The ARC Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor – Kevin Van Wyk
Equipping Adults Pastor – Doug Shotsky
Equipping Youth Director – Jessa Ter Beest
Equipping Children & Families Director – Lynnae Loomans
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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Covenant Partnership - Drew & Stephanie Pluim

Praise Singing

"Blessed Be Your Name"

"King of Kings"

"Goodness of God"

Congregational Prayer

Mixed Choir – "Faith & Trust Medley"

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Amber Gordon

Message – Storytime: My Story. Your Story.

Scripture – Acts 22:3-23

We Respond to God

Prayer

"I Love to Tell the Story" Hymn #650 vs 1-2

Benediction



Meet Drew and Stephanie Pluim!

These two were married just 8 months ago and are ready to partner with us in ministry. Drew works at Waupun Equipment, B&B Dairy and Lemmenes Custom Farms while Stephanie now works for SSM Health. Drew has followed Jesus from a young age, thanks to his parents. Stephanie has helped him recommit to that walk. She also decided to follow Jesus at a young age and enjoyed being involved in the church. At the age of 16, a serious car accident made a big impact on her life and drew her closer to Jesus. We're excited to have them join us!

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.

Upcoming Events

May 21 8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:00am - Consistory Meeting

9:30am - Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir

10:45am - Equipping Adults Team Meeting

May 23 8:00am – Prayer Meeting

6:00pm - 4K Graduation

May 25 Last Day of 4K

9:30am - Funeral Visitation

11:30am - Funeral

May 28 8:30am – Prayer Meeting

9:30am - Pastor Doug

10:45am - Send off for the Shotsky's

To view the church calendar, go to <u>www.altoreformedchurch.org</u>

Youth News

Middle School – We're on a little break until summer starts up! See you Sunday, June 4th for a bonfire and games!

High School – Summer Bible Studies start Monday, June 5th, but don't forget that there's student-led Bible study happening at the Union on Thursday nights 7-9pm for 7th-12th graders!

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: 5/21 Waupun & Brandon Food Pantry, 5/28 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 6/4 Missionary Salary, 6/11 Bible League International. 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 Ron & Jean Vande Zande as they celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on May 23rd.

Congrats to Donna Henker as she celebrates her 88th birthday on May 27th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, May 28th.

Send off for the Shotsky's – We would like thank Doug and his family for all the ways they have blessed Alto. On May 28th, Doug's last Sunday at Alto, join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Area of the basement to wish them well in their next season of Ministry. You are also invited to designate a gift to the Shotsky's and place it in an offering box by 11am this Sunday, May 21st. We will give the gift on May 28th and thank them for their service. – The Consistory

2022 Statistics & Financial Report - The report is available at the Information Center.

Christian Home Volunteers – The Christian Home in Waupun is looking for volunteers to enrich the resident's lives. They are looking for people to play card/board games, sit with residents on the patio or take them for a walk in their wheelchair, help with outings, etc. If interested, please contact Linda Kroeger at 324-7648.

Opportunities to Get Involved

VBS Registration – VBS registration is open! Put on the full armor of God and learn how to be a part of God's kingdom. Sign your child up to join us for Keepers of the Kingdom VBS June 19-23 at 9-11:30am. Register your 3 year olds - 5th graders by May 23rd at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSctqK_AFvQyfk3x2lZZBzn7P64RAzFmBstNj0tqM7Pl bK4rwg/viewform

Volunteer signups (incoming 6th – adult) and snack donation signups are available at the Children & Families Resource Center.

Women's Bible Study – Join us for a study on Colossians Thursdays at 9:30am this summer on the church hill. Feel free to bring your kiddos to play on the playground while we meet. Dates will be June 1st, 8th, 15th, July 13th, 27th, and August 3rd. This study is designed where you can miss a week and not be lost. Sign-up at the Information Center by May 23rd. Book cost will be \$10.

Post-High Dodgeball and Kickball Night – Sunday, May 21st at 6pm. Cookout and ice cream at the Alto Community 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 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

Praise: Almighty King of the Universe, we praise and honor you above all else. You are enthroned in splendor, crowned with majesty, and exalted above all. We anxiously await your glorious return as the conqueror of sin and death.

Repent: Forgive us for neglecting you and just doing what we want. Cleanse us from our pride and sin.

Ask: Holy Spirit, we ask that you...

- Convict our hearts each day this week of pride and sin in our lives.
- Bring peace to war-torn nations and strengthen the oppressed.
- Bring healing, strength and peace to those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

Yield: Lord Jesus, because I want to be a godly example to these students, I will maintain a life of prayer, study your Word, participate in the Lord's supper, gather with believers regularly, use my spiritual gifts and financial resources to further the mission of Jesus through the local church, live a life pleasing to you and accept the spiritual guidance of the church leadership.

THIS WEEK... Pray for the family of Bryan & Kendra Ter Beest and Mitch & Rose Redeker as Kendra's dad/Rose's brother passed away. Pray for Joe Ware as they found a few large lymph nodes in his chest and his white blood cell count was low. Pray for the family of Arlene Henning as she passed away.

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. Connie Wiersema, 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