

May 5, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sunbeamers – “It Is Good”, “Thank You, Lord”, “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

Praise Singing

“Great Things”

“How Great is Our God”

Congregational Prayer

K-5th Grade – “My Lighthouse” and “Lead a Life of Love”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Beware of Dogs

Scripture – Philippians 3:1-6

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Battle Belongs”

Blessing

The Elementary Praise Team:

We have included some Middle Schoolers on this team for scheduling reasons. Others will play with the High Schoolers next Sunday.

Keys: Pippy Glewen & Mara Bruins

Drums: Trase Mulder

Cajon: Jezara Ware

Bass: Joziah Ware

Baritone Ukulele: Stella Loomans & Addalyn McDaniel

Soprano Ukulele: Jolie Ware

Electric Guitar: Chael Bruins

Trumpet: Lily Hibicki

Alto Saxophone: Griffin Derksen

Leaders: Joe Ware, Elyssa Van Wyk & Kevin Van Wyk

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.

EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW



Beware of Dogs (Example #5 Dogs)

Philippians 3:1-6

A. UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE

The Gospel went “to the _____ first.” (Acts 3:26; Rom. 1:16)

The Gospel went to the _____. (Acts 8:5–25)

Peter went to the Gentiles. (Acts 10,11)

Paul was sent to the _____. (Acts 13:1–3; 22:21)

Paul went to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:26–28)

The Jerusalem Council affirmed the Gospel of _____. (Acts 15)

But the dissenters/_____ were not content. (Galatians)

B. WALK THROUGH THE PASSAGE

3:1 *Further, my brothers and sisters,
_____ in the Lord!*

*It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again,
and it is a _____ for you.*

² **Watch** out for those _____, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh.

³ For it is **we who are the circumcision**,
we who _____ God by his Spirit,
who _____ in Christ Jesus, and
who put no confidence in the flesh—

⁴ *though I myself have reasons for such confidence.*

*If someone else thinks they have reasons to put **confidence in the flesh**, I have more:*

⁵ *circumcised on the _____ day,
of the people of Israel,
of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrews;*

in regard to the law, a _____;

⁶ *as for zeal, persecuting the church;
as for righteousness based on the law, _____.*

C. APPLY THE PASSAGE

Identify Today's Dogs

Hebrew Roots _____

Roman Catholics

Misinformed _____

Misled _____

Worldly Seekers

Fight Today's Dogs

1. We easily become dogs and are deceived into believing that our efforts matter more than they do, so we must _____ **in God's** _____.
2. There are dogs in our midst and even though they are the family pet, we must _____ **their false** _____.
3. We are in a battle to stand on grace and confront false teaching, so we must _____.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

- Ask God for wisdom and discernment that you may identify false teaching in our culture and for courage to speak up in order to safeguard other believers.
- Watch “Baptism and Covenant Theology” at The Shepherd’s Church. www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqFz5wS2-JA&t=24s This is an excellent explanation to a congregation that has been practicing believer baptism and is shifting to covenant baptism.
- Read “The Unfinished Reformation: What Unites and Divides Catholics and Protestants After 500 Years.”
- Read “Transgender Meds for Kids? 4 Findings from New Report” and “The FAQs: More States Restrict Gender Procedures That Mutilate Minors” at www.TheGospelCoalition.org. This is a helpful explanation of how we are now seeing the destructive nature of transgender meds and surgeries.

This Week’s Events

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| May 5 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Sunday School Service, Pastor Kevin
10:45am – Last Sunday School session until fall (The Sunday School Guide class will still meet through summer)
3:00pm – Outdoor Range Day
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group |
| May 7 | 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
1:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle – <i>Bible Study #4</i>
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – <i>If you are interested in baptism or partnership, please contact Pastor Kevin.</i> |
| May 8 | 7:30pm – High School Youth Group |
| May 12 | 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Youth Service
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group |

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we’re talking about parts for the youth service next week and afterward we’ll do a short question and answer night and a game!

High School – Wednesday is youth service practice and assigning parts! See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Twists & Turns VBS – It's time to sign up for Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 10-14 at 9-11:30am. Please register your 3 year old through incoming 5th graders by May 14th using this link <https://forms.gle/rS8v4Y9UoT3LXtbY9>.

We couldn't do this without our fantastic volunteers! Volunteers (incoming 6th graders-adults) can sign up to help by May 14th using this link <https://forms.gle/A4xbDrVwDnALaeFg7>.

Any questions, please contact [Lynnae Loomans](#).

Outdoor Range Day – Young adults and parents with interested children are invited to a target practice session. Other events will follow this year but this event would be only for 22 rimfire shooting. Shooting supplies and targets will be made available. Please text Ned Derksen at 920-382-0098 if you are interested in attending and further details will be sent.

Date and Time: Sunday, May 5th from 3-5pm (weather permitting)

Location: Buwalda's Pork Chop Hill - W13420 Marshview Rd, Waupun

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: 5/5 Remember the Children, 5/12 Regular Benevolence, 5/19 Missionary Salary, 5/26 Mighty Oaks Foundation. 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.

Gift for Jessa – We would like to thank Jessa Wedel for her 11 years of dedication to the youth of our church. During the youth service next Sunday, May 12th the Deacons will be passing the offering plate to collect a free-will gift.

Congrats to Bob Kastein as he celebrates his 91st birthday today.

Congrats to Ron VandeZande as he celebrates his 82nd birthday on May 8th.

Congrats to Rollie Schroeder as he celebrates his 85th birthday on May 9th.

Donations for VBS – We are in need of tissue paper (any color) and empty 8oz water bottles. Donations may be placed in the tote at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center. We no longer need cool whip containers. Thank you!

VBS Snack Donations – We are looking for donations for snack items for VBS week. Please sign-up at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center if you are willing to donate.

Hymn Sing – Join us Sunday, May 19th at 6pm for a hymn sing. Bring your requests and join us as we worship in song.

Lost & Found – Please check the table in the lobby to see if we've found any of your lost items.

ONE Waupun – The next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast is on Saturday, May 18th at 7:30am. Come join us for some great food and fellowship!

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

Praise: Gracious Jesus, we boast in You alone. Our confidence and hope of eternal life with the Father is in Your grace which You revealed in coming to earth, loving people, teaching truth, dying for our sins, rising from the dead, and sending Your Spirit to dwell in us.

Repent: Merciful Savior, forgive us for acting like dogs and thinking our heritage, achievements, obedience, or zeal gets us to heaven. Forgive us for being weak in the face of lies and deception.

Ask: Almighty Lord, grant us wisdom to know what is right and courage to do what is right. Do not let us surrender to deceptions of misinformed conservative or misled liberals. Grant us boldness to be Your example!

- Guide our Consistory and Search Team in every decision so that Your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by Your grace and truth.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice. Uncover evil and deception in our leaders that they may lead us toward truth.
- 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: I will boast in You, Jesus. 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... Praise! Colton & Courtney Loomans welcomed a baby boy, Wren Timothy on April 29th. The families of Jim & Karen Stelsel and Paul & Audrey Elenius ask that you remember them in prayer in the death of their sister, Joyce (Stelsel) Frei last Sunday. Pray for healing for Kathy Buwalda's brother-in-law, Dave Ter Beest.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, and Harold VanRuiswyk.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Matt Saunders, nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

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, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins, 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