

November 10, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“House of the Lord”

“Creator”

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Stand Sunday

Congregational Prayer

Jr Choir – “Don’t Stop Praying”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Abby Plum

Message – Costly Decisions! How to Make Wise Ones

Scripture – 1 Kings 22

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Battle Belongs”

Blessing

Family Memory Verse – By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. – John 13:35

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.



Costly Decisions! How to Make Wise Ones

1 Kings 22

The Lesson in a Statement

Isaiah 48:16–19 (see Isa 49:10; 57:18; 58:11)

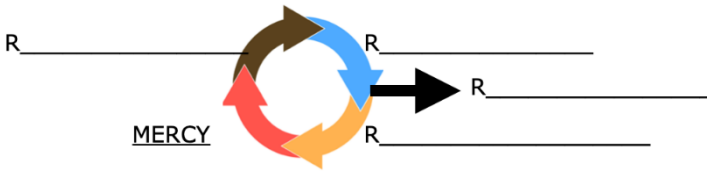
*¹⁸ If only you had _____ to my commands,
your _____ would have been like a river...*

The Lesson in a Storyline

A _____ (1 Kings 16-22; 2 Chron. 18-19)

The Storyline of Ahab's Mountain-making

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J _____ (1 Kings 22; 2 Chron. 16-21)

- He _____ Yahweh (5,7,43)
- He _____ Yahweh (4b,10,29,52-53)
- He was _____ by Yahweh (32-33)

M _____ (1 Kings 22:13-23)

- He revealed the influence of _____ and the power of _____.

The Lesson in a Simple Directive

Seek the _____ of the Lord.

(See Prov. 12:15; 15:22; Psalm 16:7; 73:24)

God guides us through His W _____, Prayer, godly C _____, and Circumstances.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS AND REFLECTION:

1. What decisions are you facing?
2. Search for Bible passages that may guide you and journal how they speak to your decision.
3. Pray over the decision. What seems to bring you peace?
4. Ask a godly believer what they think about your situation.
5. Reflect on your circumstances. What doors are closing and opening?

This Week's Events

- Nov 10** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir, Stand Sunday
 10:45am – Congregational Meeting, No Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 12** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women's Bible Study: 1, 2, 3 John
 1:30pm – Women's Mission Circle: Bible Study #8
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Nov 13** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Nov 15** 6:30pm – YA Friendsgiving
- Nov 17** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sun, Nov 10th immediately following the service. All Covenant Partners are asked to attend the meeting. Activities will be available for children in the basement and any non-Covenant Partners (adults/teens) are asked to help with the younger children.

The following people will be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Jim Ford, Al Kamphuis, Phil Loomans, Brian Tenpas, Scott Van De List, and Mark Zeatlow
Deacon: Lucas Bruins, Mike De Jager, Ned Derksen, Chris Enders, Ben Kraemer, and Marcus Vossekuij

Covenant Partners are asked to vote for 4 Elders and 3 Deacons. Please prayerfully consider who you will vote for.

At the 9/10/24 Consistory meeting to complete the Elder term of Randy McDaniel, a motion was made and supported to have the congregation vote for four Elders on the ballot at this year's congregational meeting. The top four vote getters will have their names put in the offering plate and whichever name gets drawn out will serve the 2-year term with the other three serving the 3-year term. Motion carried.

Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the absentee ballot box, signed and in an envelope prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are not to be used simply as a matter of convenience.

We thank all those who submitted nominees and those nominees that have prayerfully considered and engaged in this process. We ask that all Covenant Partners prayerfully consider who God desires to serve on the Consistory.

During the meeting:

PreK – meet in the Sunbeamers room (6th graders are asked to help in this room)

K-2nd grade – meet in the Orange (movie) or Olive (activities/crafts) room (7th graders are asked to help in this room)

3rd-5th grade – meet in the Youth room or 4K room (8th graders are asked to help in this room)

High Schoolers who are not Covenant Partners are asked to help in whatever rooms need additional help.

Opportunities to Get Involved

YA Friendsgiving – November 15th at 6:30pm. Young adults, let's celebrate Thanksgiving together with a Pie Tasting Competition.

Women's Worship Night – Please join us on Monday, December 2nd at 7pm for a night of worship and prayer as we “make room” for the savior of the world.

Volunteer Opportunities – If you would like to be added to or removed from any of the following volunteer positions, please sign your name on the form at the Information Center or email Megan at office@altoreformedchurch.org. Greeter, Hospitality Bakers or Servers, Media Delivery, Nursery, Parking Assistance, Sound Tech, Video Tech.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Fri, Dec 13th and Sat, Dec 14th at Piggly Wiggly. Please sign-up at the Information Center or contact Darryl Navis for more details. Seating is available.

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: 11/10 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 11/17 Missionary Salary, 11/21 Bread for the World, 11/24 Regular Benevolence. If you feel led to give specifically towards the parking lot 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 toward the project, which will be shown in the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Congrats to Betty Bruins as she celebrates her 95th birthday on November 11th.

Congrats to Ann Lemmenes as she celebrates her 80th birthday on November 13th.

Congrats to Karen Stelsel as she celebrates her 83rd birthday on November 14th.

Congrats to Reuben & Betty Hopp as they celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on Nov 15th.

Book Sale – Looking for a new devotion, a fun kids activity book, a prayer journal, or just not sure what to get for Christmas gifts this year? We are having a book sale sponsored by Reach Out. Books will be available for purchase in the lobby through November 27th and you'll be able to take them home the same day. Cash, card or check. Any questions, please contact Lynnae.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Join us on Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm for a time of worship and thanksgiving. Joel Buwalda will be sharing with us.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are available in the handicap entrance to pack on your own at home. If you would like to pack a box: please take a box and shipping label brochure, pack the box at home, and return the box to the handicap accessible entrance along with the \$10 shipping donation in the envelope provided by Nov 17th. Any questions, contact Renee Jurjens.

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast – The next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 16th at 7:30-8:30am at the Main Street Bistro at 5 West Main Street, Waupun. Todd will make us another great breakfast, we will be led in praise & worship by Mitchell Olthoff from Edgewood and we will be challenged by a powerful message.

Tribute Quartet – You're invited to the Tribute Quartet concert Sunday, November 24 at 6pm at Bethel Church, Brandon.

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

DEVOTIONS AFTER THE ELECTION... from Decaf (The Pour Over for Families)

REFLECT

It's understandable that this week's results would get to us, whether we feel jubilant or disappointed.

As America changes course, remember that our home country—heaven—is on the same course as ever. Just as many Americans view the outcomes of foreign elections with a certain level of detachment, Christians can view earthly political outcomes as secondary to the campaign of our eternal home. Heaven is where we hold our truest citizenship ([Philippians 3:20](#)).

Earthly political outcomes may majorly affect our daily lives, but on the timeline of eternity... it's just a blip. Model steadfastness for your children, not allowing political sea changes to consume your thoughts or direct your emotions. Focus on your main mission as an “ambassador for Christ” ([2 Corinthians 5:16-20](#)).

RESPOND

Discuss your thoughts and feelings about Tuesday's results as a family. Listen carefully to understand each other, then build each other up by remembering God's character and promises.

Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:20: “*We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.*” (CSB)

Pray for those who wanted a different election outcome, that they would have hope and comfort. And **pray that our nation's current and future leaders** will lead with wisdom, righteousness, and justice.

(Read the full Decaf post at decaf.thepourover.org)

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Julie Medema.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Jade Bresser, Renee Bruins, Bruce Buwalda, Barbara Gordon, Desarae Hull, Faye Janey, Lynette Loomans, Phil Loomans, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Scott Van De List, Jean Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Tom Winscher.

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 **Beaver Dam Rehab:** Faye Janey **Charleston House:** Brian Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld **Home:** Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma **Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins **Markesan Resident Home:** Margaret Hoekstra **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp, Eleanor Loomans

Missionaries: Bob & Amy Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ



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Together we can take the God-ordained responsibility for orphans, those in foster care, and those vulnerable to abuse and neglect in our community.

Learn how YOU can be involved
Please stop and talk with us after church or call or text.

Benita TerBeest (920) 979-5963
or Steph Lenz (920) 929-0224

Learn more about Stand Sunday at www.standsunday.com.