

November 17, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Covenant Partnership – Lucas Bresser

Mixed Choir – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Praise Singing

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn #30

“God of Angel Armies”

“Gratitude”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Elijah’s Survival Guide

Scripture – 2 Kings 1

We Respond to God

Prayer

Blessing

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Hymn #553 vs 1-2



Lucas Bresser has grown up in our church and is now a Senior at Waupun High School. He is active in the high school youth ministry, helps with the middle school group, plays cajon in the youth band, and serves on the audio/video tech team. We are grateful that he has formally committed to being a Covenant Partner with us.

Family Memory Verse – Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. –
Psalm 136:1

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.



ELIJAH'S SURVIVAL GUIDE

2 Kings 1

CORE TRUTHS TO STANDING IN FAITH AND TRUSTING IN THE POWER AND PROVIDENCE OF GOD:

1. Satan L _____

Baal-zebul = "lord of the _____" (2 Kings 1:2)

Typically, Satan says what you _____ to hear.

Satan _____ past sin and encouraged future sin, especially indulging in _____ and taking _____.

2. God L _____

_____ Messengers (vs3, 15)

_____ Messengers (vs5,6,10,16,17)

_____ Messengers (vs10,12)

Typically, God says what you _____ to hear.

-God _____ Ahaziah.

-God called Elijah to _____.

3. We L _____

a. Like Ahaziah, we are susceptible to lies when we are _____ or relationally _____, weary, or _____. (vs1,2; Col 2:8)

b. Like Captain 3, we should _____ and beg for _____ when we see God's power. (vs13,14)

c. Like Elijah, we should discipline ourselves to regularly seek God's counsel through His _____, Prayer, godly _____, and Circumstances. (vs9-13)

APPLICATION: If you are going to stand firm in the faith in a fallen nation you must...

- _____ Satan's lies
- _____ before judgement
- _____ God's Word

PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:

1. Identify lies. Ask God to reveal lies you are falling for right now.
2. Confess sin. Ask God to forgive you for believing the lies and walking in sin.
3. Commit yourself to daily Bible reading and prayer. Nurture your relationship with Jesus every day.

This Week's Events

- Nov 17** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
10:45am – Sunday School
11:30am – 5th Grade Christmas Program Practice
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 18** Megan – Vacation
- Nov 19** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Nov 20** Pastor Kevin – Out of Office thru 11/21
9:30am – Golden Lifers
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:30pm – Mixed Choir
6:45pm – Bible Class
7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Nov 21** 6:30pm – Equipping Adults Team Meeting
7:00pm – Women's Worship Praise Team Practice
- Nov 24** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Communion, Sonshine Singers
10:45am – Sunday School

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

Communion Statement:

Regarding whom may and 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 Corinthians 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 Covenant Partners.

Opportunities to Get Involved

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.

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: 11/17 Missionary Salary, 11/21 Bread for the World, 11/24 Regular Benevolence, 12/1 Missionary Salary. 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.

Newly Elected Consistory Members – The following people were elected to Consistory at the congregational meeting, Elder: Phil Loomans, Brian Tenpas, Scott Van De List, and Mark Zeatlow (2-year term) and Deacon: Lucas Bruins, Ned Derksen, and Ben Kraemer.

Congrats to Pat Vande Zande as she celebrates her 81st birthday on November 22nd.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, November 24th.

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.

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

The ONE Waupun Annual Men's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at the Green Lake Conference Center. Be sure to mark your calendars! To learn more or to register early, you can go to <http://conference.onewaupun.com>.

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

Praise: Lord Jesus, we praise you for giving your life for our sin. We thank you for taking the punishment we deserve to reconcile us to God. We exalt you above all else & praise your name.

Repent: Father, forgive us for rebelling against your Word and pursuing evil. Forgive me for dabbling in the sin of _____...

Ask: Holy Spirit, lead us and guide us into your mission. Give us a clear vision of what you desire for our church and for me, personally. Direct me in prioritizing what matters most. Help me accomplish your vision without losing track of the greater mission.

- Guide our consistory 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.
- Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the oppressed, encourage the weak, and bring peace to embattled nations.
- 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 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 healing for Brian Tenpas after having his kidney removed.

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, Brian Tenpas, 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
Griffin Boldt, Texas, 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