

November 20, 2022

It Starts at Home 
Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids About God

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth." Psalm 127

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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – Psalm 23

Praise Singing

“Above All”

“Take My Life”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Message – It Starts at Home: Shooting Straight

Scripture – Psalm 127

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

“Cleanse Me” Hymn #473

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Benediction

Family Memory Work for November 30th

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. – Psalm 34:13

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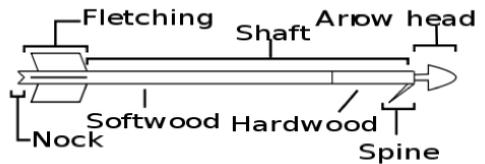
It Starts at Home: Shooting Straight Psalm 127

KEY PARENTING LESSONS FROM SOLOMON

1. Parents efforts to build a family without God at the center are _____! (127:1a)
 - a. Watchmen's efforts to guard are pointless without God's protection. (127:1b)
 - b. Employee's labor is pointless without God giving rest. (127:2)

2. Children are a _____ from God (127:3,5)
 - a. A heritage
 - b. A reward
 - c. A blessing

3. Children are like _____. (127:4)



APPLICATION: How to shoot straight:

- A. Know the target: Are you aiming for Godly p_____ and purpose or worldly happiness?
- B. Check your _____. Are you setting an example of godly purity and purpose?
- C. Check your _____.
 - i. Purity. Does your arrow need refining with loving God, loving others, speaking, listening, respecting, stealing...?
 - ii. Purpose: What do you know of your arrow's unique design/Personality? Use an Enneagram Test, assessme.org (see www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths.html), and other assessments to learn about you and your kids.



THE CHALLENGE: Shoot straight arrows! (1 Kings 11:1-13)

The Four Defining Personality Quadrants

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Is your bow in alignment with God's target?
2. What practical next step do you need to take to shoot arrows in the right direction?

Upcoming Events

Nov 20	8:30am – Prayer Meeting
Communion	9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir,
	10:45am – Sunday School
	5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
	6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
Nov 21	7:00pm – High School Bible Study, Men's
Bible Study	
	8:00pm – High School Band
Nov 22	8:00am – Prayer Meeting
	9:30am – Women's Bible Study
Nov 23	7:00pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov 27	8:30am – Prayer Meeting
	9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sunshine Singers
	10:45am – Sunday School
	5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
	6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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.



Youth News

Middle School – Come hungry tonight for our Bridge Dinner with the elders, 60+ members of the congregation, and small group leaders! We'll talk about Thanksgiving traditions and share what we're thankful for. See you at 6:30!

Monday Night Bible Study – We'll watch the Season 1 Finale episode of The Chosen at 7-8pm.

Monday Night High School band practice 8-9pm

High School – Thanksgiving Eve service from 7-8pm! Come listen to Jean Stelsel's testimony and join for worship.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Sunday School – Sunday school is available for everyone 3 years old – adult. Preschoolers should meet in the Sunbeamers room. K-5th grade should go to the basement for their snack (do not take a snack from upstairs) and singing and then break off into their classrooms. 6th-High School should meet in their classrooms. Young Adults (18-25) can meet in the prayer room. Adults can meet in the sanctuary for sermon discussion or in the consistory room for Sunday School Guide.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Friday, December 2nd at Dunkin Donuts and Friday, December 9th at Piggly Wiggly in Waupun. Please sign-up at the Information Center or contact Darryl Navis for more details. Seating is available.

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. Greeter, Media Delivery, Nursery, Parking Assistance, Sound Tech, Video Tech.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 11/20 Regular Benevolence, 11/23 Bread for the World, 11/27 Holiday Help, 12/4 Missionary Salary. If you feel led to give specifically towards the upcoming ceiling project, please put your check in a separate marked envelope in one of the offering boxes. The deacons are beginning to keep track separately of what has been contributed towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Newly Elected Consistory Members – The following people were elected at the congregational meeting. Elder: Bill Bruins, Mike Dobbratz, and Darryl Navis. Deacon: Eli Glewen, Brant McDowell, and Ryan Vande Zande.

Congrats to Marilyn Kamphuis as she celebrates her 83rd birthday on November 24th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, November 27th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Join us Wednesday at 7pm for a time of worship and listening to Jean Stelsel share her story of God's faithfulness.

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 November 13th through November 20th and you'll be able to take them home the same day. A percentage of the proceeds will come back to our benevolent fund. Any questions, please contact Lynnae.

Advent Resources – There are Advent activity bags available at the Children & Families Resource Center to use during the Advent season. The bags contain a calendar of simple activities to do through Christmas as well as some of the materials needed. These bags are perfect for families with kids elementary age or younger. Please take one bag per family.

Cookie/Bar Donations – We are asking for donations of cookies and bars for Caroling, Christmas in Alto, and the Sunday School Christmas Program. Please check the Information Center for the signup forms and more details.

Winter Gear – The elementary schools in Waupun are looking for donations of new or gently used girls and boys boots (size 12-3), snowpants (size 5T-10), mittens, gloves, girls leggings and boys joggers (size 4-10). Donations may be dropped off in the office at Meadowview Primary or Rock River Intermediate School.

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

We give you thanks for our children, their laughter, their love, and their faith. We rejoice in these gifts and that even if never had biological kids or they have left home, you give us the Church where children truly are a blessing from you. Forgive us for failing to love, disciple and point them in the right direction at times. Help us be godly examples of purity and purpose that point our children and the children in this church toward faith and life in you! Empower us with your Spirit to guide and lead them well.

THIS WEEK... Praise! Rich Kamphuis is cancer free!

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

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, deployed on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, stationed in the South China Sea

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:** Betty Bruins, Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Marion Tolsma, Marilyn Westerveld, **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **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