

**October 13, 2024**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “He is Exalted with We Bow Down”

Praise Singing

“I Thank God”

“Holy Forever”

“Agnus Dei” chorus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Covenant Partnership – Susanna Van Wyk, Kaysie Smith

*(Immersion Baptism for Kaysie to follow the service at Kloosterboer’s pool)*

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Adrea Daane

Message – Disillusioned by Promises

Scripture – 1 Kings 18:1, 41-46

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Promises”

Blessing

Family Memory Verse – Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. –  
Psalm150:6

*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.*



## DISILLUSIONED BY PROMISES

1 Kings 18:1, 41-46

### THREE KEY LESSONS ON PROMISES

#### I. GOD GIVES \_\_\_\_\_

A. Specific Conditional Promise to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Kings 18:1; see Deuteronomy 11:13–21)

B. Specific Conditional Promises to \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:33)

2. Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:24–25; John 14:1-3)

3. Indwelling \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:49, Ephesians 1:13–14)

4. Answered \_\_\_\_\_ (Mat. 7:8-12, 18:19; 21:22; John 14:13, 14; 15:7, 16; 16:23, 24; James 1:5–8; 4:2, 3; 5:16; 1 John 3:22; 5:14, 15)

#### II. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAITH

Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ & a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:7, Galatians 3:22-26)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ had to remain faithful

B. \_\_\_\_\_ must remain faithful to

#### III. GOD KEEPS \_\_\_\_\_

A. God sent \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God sent his \_\_\_\_\_, but we wait for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### APPLICATION/THE CONDITION:

\_\_\_\_\_

During hardship the world \_\_\_\_\_ (42a), but believers \_\_\_\_\_ (39,42b)

- \_\_\_\_\_ /Trusting God will answer (41);
- \_\_\_\_\_ for God to answer (36-37, 42-43, James 5:16b–18);
- \_\_\_\_\_ in faithful obedience (43b-44).

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When you pray, what does your body position communicate to God?

2. What prayer do you struggle to believe God will answer?

3. What does God want you to pray for?

4. How have you misinterpreted biblical promises like these?

God will rescue you from storms of life, if you keep your eyes on Jesus. (Matt. 14:30-33)

God will work out everything for your good. (Romans 8:28)

God will prosper you. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Read this article to better understand how to interpret.

<https://bible.org/article/misquoting-god-verses-commonly-misunderstood-mischaracterized-or-maligned-part-ii>



Susanna (Webster) Van Wyk was married to Ian in May and works as a nanny and coaches basketball. She trusted in Jesus at the age of four when her brother told her about hell. She recommitted as a teen and later spent 2 years at Nicolet Bible Institute at Silver Birch Ranch. She sings on a praise team.



Kaysie Smith is engaged to Liam Glewen and works in healthcare. A couple years ago she decided to follow Jesus after a friend helped her understand that Jesus was what she really needed. She is now involved in the young adult ministry at church.

## *This Week's Events*

- Oct 13** Middle Schoolers return from Silver Birch Ranch  
8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir, Covenant Partnership – Susanna Van Wyk, Kaysie Smith  
10:45am – Kaysie Smith's baptism at Kloosterboer's pool, Sunday School  
11:30am – Foster Care Team Meet & Greet  
Tim Professional Development through 10/20
- Oct 14** 6:00pm – Exec Team Meeting
- Oct 15** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Women's Bible Study: 1, 2, 3 John
- Oct 16** 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 Alto Chase, Men's Chorus
- Oct 18** Megan Vacation
- Oct 20** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Baptism – Ellis Montsma, 3 Minutes for Missions: Preston & Jersey Sheldon  
10:45am – Sunday School  
3:30pm – Pumpkin Palooza  
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

To view the church calendar, go to [www.altoreformedchurch.org](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Alto Chase** – Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the High School Youth Group will be holding its annual Alto Chase/Persecution Night. This night gives the kids a chance to experience what it was like for the early Christians to have to hide to be able to worship God, while constantly being in fear of the Romans who were hunting them down to persecute them for not worshipping Caesar. If you're interested in participating (adults act as Romans and tag the kids) we'd love to have you, just let Randy know! We will meet in the Alto Reformed Church basement at 7:30pm.

**Pumpkin Palooza** – Invite your friends and join us for an afternoon of fun and games on the church hill Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30-5:30pm. We are also looking for volunteers to help with games, etc – if willing, please sign-up at the Information Center.

**Halloween Heist** – Young Adults, come October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. For those who are fans of Brooklyn 99, you will recognize this game! Teams of two come dressed in your Halloween costumes and get ready for some food, a raffle, and a modified version of King of the Hill game.

**Lunch at The Community Table** – Our church is serving at the Community Table on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up at the Information Center if you would be willing to donate. Please bring items to The Community Table (next to the food pantry on Mill St) by 10:30am on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Peg Bresser at 382-9648 if you have any questions. Thank you!

## *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: 10/13 Regular Benevolence, 10/20 Missionary Salary, 10/27 St. Jude, 11/3 Remember the Children. 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 Jean Vande Zande as she celebrates her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday today.

**Congrats** to Darryl & Deb Navis as they celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary today.

**Parking Lot Project** – The parking lot renovation project is scheduled for the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be no access to the parking lot during that entire week. You may enter the church using the west doors. All Wednesday evening activities are canceled October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Snow Plowing Bids** – We are accepting bids for snow plowing for the parking lot (excluding sidewalks). Bids are due to the church office in a sealed envelope. Bids are due by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Donations** – During the month of October we are collecting donations for the Brandon & Waupun Food Pantries. Requested items include: jelly, crackers, canned chicken, gravy, applesauce and anything else for food and/or paper products. Donations may be placed in the tote below the church mailboxes.

**Mission Backpack** – Now through Oct 27<sup>th</sup> we are collecting non-perishable individually packaged items. We will use these items to pack the Ziploc bags that will be placed in students backpacks throughout the school year for Mission Backpack. You can help pack these bags at our Mission Backpack Family Night on Wed, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. We will start the night out with pizza and then we'll move into packing bags. Our goal is to pack 600 bags. Donation needs are posted on the Children & Families bulletin board. Feel free to reach out to Lynnae with any questions. All donations can be dropped off in the totes located by the Children & Families bulletin board. Information about Mission Backpack can be found in your church mailbox or at the Children & Families Resource Center.

**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 November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast** – Our next ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30–8:30am. We will once again be meeting at the Main Street Bistro at 5 W Main Street, Waupun. Plan to join us and take along a friend or neighbor.

## 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 and 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 the family of Cena Kamphuis as her mom passed away. Pray for healing and discernment for Jean Vande Zande as she was diagnosed with colon cancer and meets with the doctor on Monday.

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| <p><b>Healing:</b> 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, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Joyce VanBuren, Jodi Vande Berg, Scott Van De List, Jean Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Tom Winscher.</p> | <p><b>Military Personnel:</b><br/>                 Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;<br/>                 Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry &amp; Gloria Mulder;<br/>                 Matt Saunders, nephew to David Grulich &amp; Rosemary Tschinkel<br/>                 Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel &amp; Pamela Ruis</p> | <p><b>Shut-ins:</b> Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: <b>Barrett House:</b> Lowell Glewen <b>Beaver Dam Rehab:</b> Faye Janey <b>Charleston House:</b> Brian Hemp <b>Christian Home:</b> Sharon Harmsen, Barrie &amp; Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld <b>Home:</b> Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma <b>Christian Homestead:</b> Betty Bruins <b>Markesan Resident Home:</b> Margaret Hoekstra <b>Prairie Ridge:</b> Annice Hopp, Eleanor Loomans</p> |
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**Missionaries:** Bob & Amy Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ

