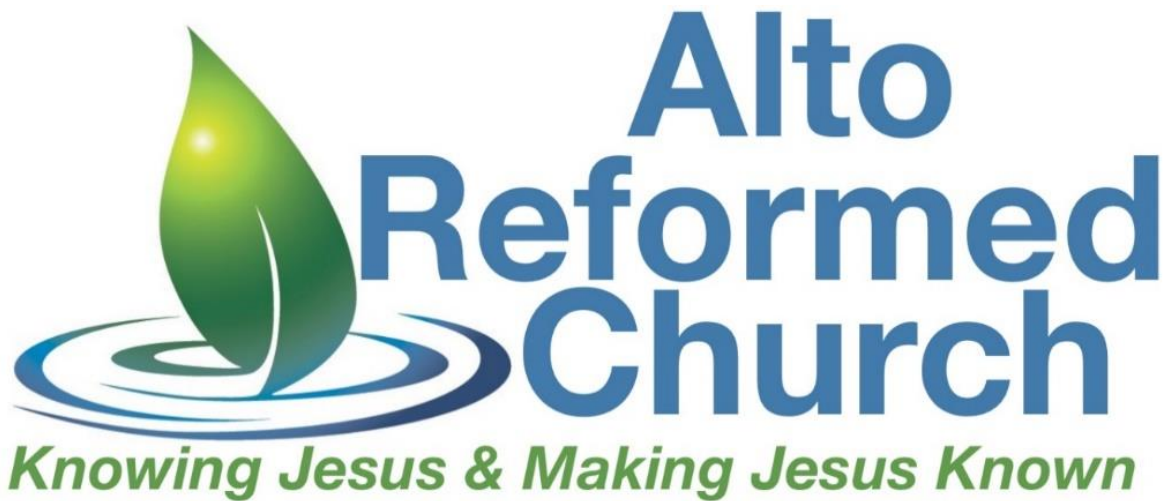


October 18, 2020



The ARC Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor – Kevin Van Wyk

Equipping Adults Pastor – Doug Shotsky

Equipping Youth Director – Jessa Ter Beest

Equipping Children & Families Director – Adrea Daane

Office Administrator – Megan Vande Zande

N3697 County Road EE

Waupun, WI 53963

920.346.5505

office@altoreformedchurch.org

www.altoreformedchurch.org

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

*"Lord, I Need You"

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Hymn #553

Congregational Prayer

"I Need Thee Every Hour" Hymn #514

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Prayer

Scripture – Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8

We Respond to God

Prayer

"Desert Song"

Blessing

**songs played at both 8am & 10am services*



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

Sermon Notes: Prayer

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:5-13, & Luke 18:1-8

The Bible is “the standard of truth in all matters of faith and practice.

2 Basic Questions:

1. WHAT IS PRAYER?

Discipleship Essentials definition of prayer - “Prayer is transparent dialogue. It is a conversation with God in which we address him and in quiet are addressed by him.”

Pastor Doug’s edited definition - “Prayer is transparent dialogue. It is a conversation with God in which we address him and...are addressed by him.”

Greek word for prayer used in Luke:

4336 *proseúxomai* (from [4314](#) /*prós*, "towards, exchange" and 2172/*euxomai*, "to wish, pray") – properly, to exchange wishes; *pray* – literally, to *interact with* the Lord by switching human *wishes* (ideas) for *His wishes* as He imparts faith ("divine *persuasion*"). Accordingly, praying (4336/*proseuxomai*) is closely inter-connected with [4102](#) /*pístis* ("faith") in the NT.

“The most common Greek word translated “prayer” in the New Testament is the word *proseuche*. This particular word and its various forms is used approximately 127 times in the New Testament...The word *proseuche* is a compound of the words *pros* and *euche*. The word *pros* is a preposition that means *toward*, and it can denote *a sense of closeness*. For example, one scholar says the word *pros* is used to portray the intimate relationship that exists between the members of the Godhead. John 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was *with* God...” The word “with” is taken from the word *pros*...The word *euche* is an old Greek word that describes a *wish, desire, prayer, or vow*. It was originally used to depict a person who made some kind of vow to God because of some need or desire in his or her life.”

- Rick Renner

2. HOW DO WE PRAY?

- A. Persistently
- B. Shamelessly and Audaciously
- C. Without Ceasing

Application: Learn to Pray continually. This is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

BEGIN THESE HABITS:

When we wake up, “Good morning, Lord.”

When we go about our day, “What next, Lord.”

When we need help: “Guide me Holy Spirit.”

When we’re blessed: “Thank you, Lord.”

When we go to bed: “Good night, Jesus.”

Upcoming Events

- Oct 18** 8:00am – Pastor Doug
 10:00am – Pastor Doug
- Oct 19** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study
 7:30pm – Alto Chase
- Oct 20** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Women’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Oct 21** 6:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting
 6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study, Youth Praise Team
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Oct 23** Middle School to Silverbirch
- Oct 24** Middle School at Silverbirch
- Oct 25** Middle School return from Silverbirch
 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
 9:00am – Sunday School
 10:00am – Pastor Kevin

Youth News

Middle School – Meet me after service today in the fellowship hall to pick up your Eaton’s Pizza Fundraiser coupons and drop off your Silver Birch forms if you’ll be going.
No group tonight!

High School – Wednesday is Question and Answer night! Why does it seem like all the fun things are sins? Why does God allow bad things to happen? What happened to the Old Testament people? Why did the Israelites get special attention and favor from God and not anyone else? See you at 7:30!

Alto Chase – This annual outdoor event will be happening Monday, October 19th at 7:30pm! This is a huge game of Romans and Christians all around Alto and we need YOU, the adults, to come act as the Romans and try to catch the Christians (8th grade through Seniors) before they can make it to the “Safe Place”! This is a great way to interact with our teens in a fun but meaningful way! We need your help to make this happen!

Eaton’s Pizza Fundraiser – The youth ministry is fundraising to help offset the cost of this year’s Silver Birch Retreats (Middle School in Oct, High School in Feb) Here’s how it works: Each Eaton’s coupon costs \$8. The coupon is good for 1 one-topping medium take and bake pizza and \$1 off a large pizza. This might seem like a lot for a take and bake pizza, but these are restaurant quality, so it’s cheap compared to buying pizza at most restaurants! The \$8 can also be used toward a specialty pizza or gluten free pizza and you’ll just pay the difference. Sign up on the information desk or talk to any middle or high school student! Thank you for your support!

Prayer Partners – Sign up at the information desk if you’d like to be a prayer partner for a family of students this school year! Once you sign up, you’ll get a picture and info card in your mailbox of the family you’ll be praying for. Thank you for being such a vital part of the ministry!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby.

Congrats to Cami Loomans and Milton Ortiz on their marriage. They were married at church yesterday.

Congrats to Jim & Karen Stelsel as they celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on Oct 23rd.

Congrats to Warren & Kay Vande Zande as they celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on Oct 24th.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, October 26th.

Snow Plowing Bids – We are accepting bids for snow plowing for the parking lot (excluding sidewalks). Bids can be turned in to the church office in a sealed envelope. Bids are due by Oct. 26th.

Food Pantry Donations – During the month of October, Women's Ministries is collecting donations for the food pantry which can be placed in the tote near the children & families bulletin board. Items needed include toiletries, peas, hamburger helper, granola bars, soups (not cream of mushroom), crackers, and oatmeal.

Can you help us? – The Prayer Shawl and Quilt team has an immediate need for more quilts and shawls. We are wondering if there are some of you that would be willing to make a quilt or a fleece blanket or crochet or knit a shawl. Right now, there is more of a need for the quilts or blankets. We have a lot of material on hand to make quilts which is available to you in the Church. Please call Ardyce Tenpas at 346-2384 if you have questions as to the size, etc. We want this ministry to continue so if you can help, it would be much appreciated. Thank you!

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

Praise: We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

Ask: Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

Yield: We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Keith Bruins. Pray for Annice Hopp as she has a procedure on Tuesday. Pray for continued progress for Bryan Ter Beest in physical therapy.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Colleen Bille, Harlan Bossenbroek, Keith Bruins, Josie Buiters, Harvey Daane, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Lisa Flier, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Ken Kamphuis, Dave Rumley, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Ian Van Wyk, Mark Vossekuil, and Silas Willey.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ