

**October 2, 2022**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "Table of Grace"

Praise Singing

"Build My Life"

"Make Room"

"Make Me a Servant"

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Message – How Do We Fix This? Obedience; One Step at a Time.

Scripture – Matthew 25:31-46

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Communion

Benediction

*Family Memory Work for October 5<sup>th</sup>*

Every knee will bow before me: Every tongue will acknowledge God. – Romans 14:11

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**Sermon Notes: How Do We Fix This? Obedience; One Step at a Time.**

**Key Scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46**

## ***Overwhelming Statistics on the Country of Eswatini:***

- Highest HIV rate is the highest in the world. It is estimated that 26 % of the adult population is HIV positive!
- It's also estimated there are more than 200,000 orphans! 1 in 5 people that live in that country is an orphan!
- Life expectancy is 58 years.
- As of 2018 people aged 14 or younger make up 35% of the population.
- Half (500,000 people – equal to the population of Wyoming) of the total population are either orphans or vulnerable children (those in danger of not having basic needs met).
- The average age in the country is 24 years old.

***We aren't called to fix the world. We're called to be ready (Mt. 25:1-13), be faithful with what we've been given (Mt. 25:14-30), and recognize that each thing we do: big or small, good or bad has eternal impact (Mt. 25:31-46)***

## ***Application***

- 1.** Remind yourselves that just because you can't do everything, doesn't mean you can't do something.
- 2.** Volunteer. REACH Waupun needs mentors. ONE Waupun needs volunteers. See a need, meet a need.
- 3.** Visit. Pick a name on our shut-in list and become a regular visitor.

## *Upcoming Events*

- Oct 2**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
              9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus, Communion  
              10:45am – Sunday School  
              2:30pm – Elder/Deacon Nomination Decline Meeting  
              5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band  
              6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 3**      7:00pm – High School Bible Study  
              8:00pm – High School Band
- Oct 4**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
              1:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle – *Bible Study #5*  
              7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Oct 5**      9:00am – Golden Lifers  
              6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team  
              6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
              6:30pm – Mixed Choir  
              6:45pm – Bible Class  
              7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
- Oct 6**      7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Oct 9**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
              9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir, 3 Minutes for Missions – Andy Lickel (InterVarsity)  
              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](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

**Regarding who 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** – It's our first Question and Answer night of the year! We can't wait to answer your questions about God, creation, and life! See you at 6:30 tonight!

**Monday Bible Study** – 7-8pm for High School and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We're watching the second half of Season 1 Episode 6 that left us on a cliff hanger 2 weeks ago with Jesus healing the man with leprosy.

**High School Praise Band Practice** 8-9pm Monday night

**High School** – Wednesday is A-teams, a night with your class small group to get to know each other better & have some fun! Make sure you know where your class will be mtg for the night, 7:30-9pm.

**Alto Chase** is coming up Wednesday October 12, 7:30-9pm! All 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school students and adults are welcome to join us for a huge game of Romans and Christians around Alto! Adults we NEED you! Whether you're in or out of shape, you can help! Show up and support our teens while getting some exercise and having fun!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Sunday School** – Sunday school is available for everyone 3 years old – adult. Preschoolers should meet in the Sunbeams room. K-5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-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.

**Ladies' Bunco Night hosted by Women's Ministry** – Join us on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> for our Ladies' Bunco Night. Registration will start at 6:30pm and we will begin playing at 7pm. Bring a friend and join us for our game night as well as time for snacks, a devotional time, fun and fellowship!! Sign up at the Information Center or on Facebook by October 14<sup>th</sup> (must have at least 12 people signed up to host the event). Hope to see you there!!

**OCC Packing** – Information for packing boxes and donation items for Operation Christmas Child are located in your mailboxes and at the Children & Families Resource Center. We'll be having our annual packing party on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30-7:30pm. We hope you'll join us. If you decide to pack your own box at home, they are due by November 13<sup>th</sup> and shipping costs should be placed in the shipping donations box. Any questions, contact Lynnae.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 10/2 Regular Benevolence, 10/9 Waupun Food Pantry, 10/16 Missionary Salary, 10/23 Christian Home Chaplain.

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.

**Congrats** to Duane & Colleen Bille as they celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congrats** to Kay Vande Zande as she celebrates her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Donations** – Women’s Ministry is collecting items for the Brandon & Waupun Food Pantries during the month of October. Requested items include spaghetti sauce, cereal, cream soups, jelly, baked beans, chicken noodle soup, and granola bars. Donations may be placed in the tote under the church mailboxes.

**Old Stone Church Fence Line** – If you are able to help clean up the fence line at the Old Stone Church on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, please meet there at 9am.

**Address** – Some people have asked for the address for Doug & Marlaina’s friend who spoke during the service a couple weeks ago. Cortney Anderson, 206 W Ohio St, Circleville, OH 43113

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

**Praise:** Almighty God, we rejoice that You have made Your purposes clear to us. In Jesus, You have shown us how to live and why we live. We rejoice in the love He showed us in dying on the cross and then calling us to show that love to the world. Thank You for Your grace and meaning!

**Repent:** Forgive me for loving this world more than Your mission. Forgive me for living for myself and ignoring the needs next door and around the world. Prepare my heart to receive the Lord’s Supper today.

**Ask:** Change my heart, that I no longer live in fear and self-centeredness. Give me a passion for the lost in my community and help me show Your love. We ask for healing, strength and peace for 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 trust You through every trial I face. 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 Christina Westphal as she recovers from surgery. Pray for the family of Mary Medema as her dad, James Wierenga, passed away.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Ashley Bruins, Betty Daane, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Faye Janey, Rich Kamphuis, Larry Mulder, Jim Parrish, Matt Plum, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico;  
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, 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, Helen Straks, Dayton TerBeest, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande  
**Home:** Margaret Hoekstra  
**Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning  
**Marvin’s Manor:** Eleanor Loomans  
**Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ