

**October 27, 2024**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “Friend in Jesus”

Covenant Partnership – Tim Fennell

Praise Singing

“This I Believe”

“Christ Be Magnified”

“Hymn of Heaven”

3 Minutes for Missions – Remember the Children

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Cody Mueller

Message – The Lesser of Two Evils

Scripture – 1 Kings 20

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“King of Kings”

Blessing



Tim Fennell is becoming a Covenant Partner today. He shared much of his story back on Sunday, Sept. 1 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQWOtfvtGbM>). You can also read more about Tim on our website ([www.altoreformedchurch.org/our-staff--leaders](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/our-staff--leaders))

Family Memory Verse – But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – Romans 5:8

*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.*



### The Lesser of Two Evils

1 Kings 20

#### THREE FLAWED PLANS (of Aram) & RESULTS:

PLAN A: (1-22) \_\_\_\_\_ Israel's capital city.

RESULT: God shows \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel & \_\_\_\_\_ to Aram.

PLAN B: (23-30) \_\_\_\_\_ Israel on Plains.

RESULT: God shows \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel & \_\_\_\_\_ to Aram.

PLAN C: (31-43) \_\_\_\_\_ Israel & hope for mercy.

RESULT: \_\_\_\_\_ shows mercy to Aram & \_\_\_\_\_ shows justice to Israel.

#### TWO CORE TRUTHS:

TRUTH 1: God is \_\_\_\_\_.

TRUTH 2: God is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ONE VITAL APPLICATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

#### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. In what situations have you preferred to be merciful as opposed to implementing justice? Why?
2. Ben-Hadad says 'this is mine' and Ahab agrees out of fear (20:3–4)— How do we surrender our God-given authority in government, church, and home?
3. Where in your own life, like the Arameans, do you act as if the Lord is God in some spheres and not others? Where do you not let him rule?
4. What does God want you to do as an act of surrender to him this week?

## *This Week's Events*

- Oct 27** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sunshine Singers, Covenant Partnership – Tim Fennell,  
3 Minutes for Missions – Remember the Children  
10:45am – Sunday School  
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 28** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Oct 29** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Women's Bible Study: 1, 2, 3 John
- Oct 30** 9:30am – Golden Lifers  
5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
6:20pm – Sunshine Singers, Jr Choir  
6:30pm – Mixed Choir  
6:45pm – Bible Class  
7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Nov 2** 8:00am – Church Cleaning: Funeral Group #4
- Nov 3** 8:00am – Equipping Adults Team Meeting  
8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus, 3 Minutes for Missions: Chris Briggs  
(CCCD)  
10:45am – Sunday School  
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)

## *Congregational Meeting*

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sun, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service. All Covenant Partners are asked to attend the meeting. Activities will be available for children in the basement and any non-Covenant Partners (adults/teens) are asked to help with the younger children.

The following people will be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Jim Ford, Al Kamphuis, Phil Loomans, Brian Tenpas, Scott Van De List, and Mark Zeatlow  
Deacon: Lucas Bruins, Mike De Jager, Ned Derksen, Chris Enders, Ben Kraemer, and Marcus Vossekuij

Covenant Partners are asked to vote for 4 Elders and 3 Deacons. Please prayerfully consider who you will vote for.

*At the 9/10/24 Consistory meeting to complete the Elder term of Randy McDaniel, a motion was made and supported to have the congregation vote for four Elders on the ballot at this year's congregational meeting. The top four vote getters will have their names put in the offering plate and whichever name gets drawn out will serve the 2-year term with the other three serving the 3-year term. Motion carried.*

Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the absentee ballot box, signed and in an envelope prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are not to be used simply as a matter of convenience.

We thank all those who submitted nominees and those nominees that have prayerfully considered and engaged in this process. We ask that all Covenant Partners prayerfully consider who God desires to serve on the Consistory.

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Prayer Activity Night** – Women’s Ministry is hosting a prayer activity night on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. You’ll have the option to make a prayer basket, prayer board, or prayer wheel. We’ll have kid-friendly activities for the kids to help assemble the baskets and boards. \$10/prayer basket or board, wheel is free. Signup at the Information Center by November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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 or email Megan at [office@altoreformedchurch.org](mailto:office@altoreformedchurch.org). Greeter, Hospitality Bakers or Servers, 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, may be given online, or through autopay. For more info or to set up autopay, please contact Megan. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 10/27 St. Jude, 11/3 Remember the Children, 11/10 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 11/17 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.

**Congrats** to Roxy Schouten as she celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Congrats** to Ardyce Tenpas as she celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**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 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** – Join us to help pack 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.

**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>.

**Dishes** – Please check the table in the lobby for any dishes you may have left after a funeral or other event. Any items left after today will be donated.

**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 Phil Loomans as he has hip surgery on Monday.**

**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, 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.

**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  
 Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, 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