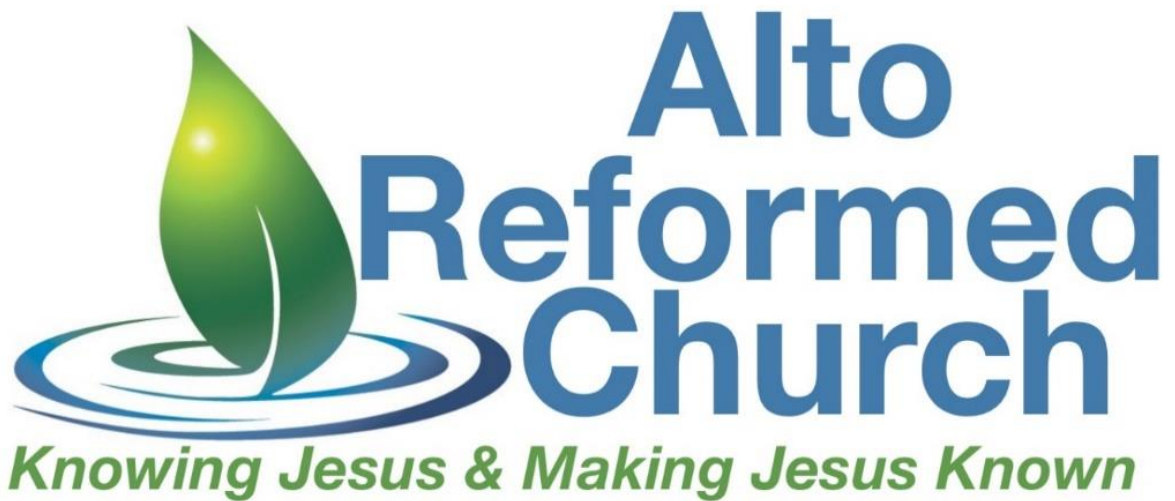


October 4, 2020



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“O Come to the Altar”

“In the Secret”

Congregational Prayer

*“Blessed Assurance” Hymn #416

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Quiet Time

Scripture – Psalm 1:1-3 and John 15:1-11

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” Hymn #553 refrain

Blessing



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

Sermon Notes: Quiet Time, Devotions, or whatever you wanna call spending time with Jesus!

Key Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3 & John 15:1-11 (Remain)

The Holy Spirit uses our discipline of quiet time to Train us and Sustain us.

The word remain is used 11 times in 11 verses, in John 15:1-11. It seems like that might be something to pay attention to.

John 15:5-6

“Now you know, and knowing is half the battle.”

-G.I. Joe

Matthew 7:24-27

Scriptures of Jesus' example of getting alone with the Father: Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Matthew 6:6, Luke 6:12-13, Matthew 14:13, Matthew 14:23, Luke 22:41-42

Romans 5:18-19

Quiet Time Essentials:

1. It has to be a priority.
2. It has to be intentional.
3. It has to be a focused time between you and God.

Possible Elements of a quiet time:

1. Bible reading, listening, and/or study.
2. Devotional reading.
3. Prayer.
4. Worship.
5. Silence.
6. Listening.
7. Journaling.
8. Reviewing your journal.
9. Letter writing to others.

Application:

1. Start doing quiet time.
2. Continue doing quiet time. (Consider adding new elements to your time.)

Upcoming Events

- Oct 4** 8:00am – Pastor Doug, Communion
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Communion
10:45am – Sunday School
2:00pm – Executive Committee Meeting (Nominees can decline)
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 5** 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study
7:00pm – High School Bible Study
- Oct 6** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
1:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle
6:00pm – Women’s Ministry Meeting
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – If you would like to discuss baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.
- Oct 7** 6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study, Youth Praise Team
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Oct 11** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin
9:30am – Pastor Kevin
10:45am – Sunday School
2:00pm – Task Force Meeting
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Who May/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 Cor. 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 active confessing members. For more information, check out “Discovering Membership” on our website or at the information table.

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're talking about the Characteristics of God. Is He merciful? Or is He just? We'll take a look at several Old Testament stories and ask this question, and then focus in on the Exodus story. See you at 6:30!

High School – We're hoping to meet out by the bonfire again for this week's lesson, so keep an eye out for a text so you'll know where to meet! See you at 7:30 on Wednesday!

Alto Chase – This annual outdoor event will be happening Monday, October 12th 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!

Bulletin Board News

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

Congrats to Kay Vande Zande as she celebrates her 83rd birthday on October 5th.

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.

Tables – The church has replaced some of the wooden tables from the basement. If you would like to have any of the old tables, please contact Cory Kok.

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 the family of Jeremy Block as his mom passed away on Wednesday. Praise! Colleen Bille, Paul Elenius, & Alvin Harmsen all had successful surgeries this week. Please pray for continued healing for all.

Pray for Mitch Miller that the army would let him come home for his dad's wedding on Oct 10th.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Colleen Bille, Harlan Bossenbroek, Josie Buiters, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Lisa Flier, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Ken Kamphuis, Bev Kowalski, Dave Rumley, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Mark Vossekuij, 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