

October 6, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Praise Singing

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

“Jesus Messiah”

“How Deep the Father's Love”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Message – Worldview Matters!!

Scripture – 1 Kings 18:16-40

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

“O, How He Loves You and Me” Hymn #523

Blessing

Family Memory Verse – If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

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.

This Week's Events

- Oct 6** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Communion, Men's Chorus
10:45am – Sunday School
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 8** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Women's Bible Study: 1, 2, 3 John
6:00pm – Equipping Children & Families Team Meeting
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
8:30pm – Elder Meeting
- Oct 9** 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, Men's Chorus
- Oct 11** Middle Schoolers leave for Silver Birch Ranch
- Oct 12** Middle Schoolers at Silver Birch Ranch
- Oct 13** Middle Schoolers return from Silver Birch Ranch
8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
10:45am – Kaysie Smith's baptism at Bob Kloosterboer's pool, Sunday School
Tim Professional Development through 10/20

To view the church calendar, go to www.altoreformedchurch.org

Communion Statement:

Regarding whom 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.



Worldview Matters!!!

1 Kings 18:16-40

WHAT DIFFERENCE YOUR POSITION MAKES



Worldview = The collection of _____ about life and the universe which _____ an individual or a group in their actions.

1. On The _____ Side = Devout _____ of Yahweh/Jesus

What They Do... _____, Obey, Pray

What God Does... _____ prayers, Preserves life, and _____ help

2. On The _____ Side = Devout _____ of Yahweh/Jesus

What They Do... _____ promiscuity, Kill children, _____ to Baal, Dance, _____ themselves, Prophecy frantically

What God Does... Judges

3. On _____ Side = Devout _____ - _____

What They Do... _____ to pressure from _____, politicians and personal desires; Compromise when one side says to stand; _____ - _____

What God Does... Reveals his _____ and _____ in Word and discipline to turn their _____ to Him

REFLECTION

Where are you?

Left

Center

Right

APPLICATION:

Turn Your _____ To Jesus

What's that look like...

A. They bowed. We must _____.

B. They cried. We must _____ that Jesus is Savior and Lord.

C. They slaughtered. We must _____ sin.

Opportunities to Get Involved

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

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: 10/6 Missionary Salary, 10/13 Regular Benevolence, 10/20 Missionary Salary, 10/27 St. Jude. 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 towards the project, which will be shown on the monthly financial reports. Thank you.

Parking Lot Project – The parking lot renovation project is scheduled for the week of October 21st. 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 23rd.

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 27th.

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 27th 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 6th 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 17th.

YFC 50 Year Celebration – Oct 12th, Badgerland YFC is celebrating 50 years of ministry and God's work in the lives of kids! There will be an open house at each YFC ministry center in Fond du Lac, Waupun, and Beaver Dam from 1-3:30pm, open to anyone! Come visit and learn more about the various ministries of YFC. A celebration event will follow at The Thelma Center in Fond du Lac including appetizers, music and testimonials, and we are excited to welcome back founding YFC Director Bill Hochstettler from 1974. \$10 Reservations required- visit www.badgerlandyfc.org or call 920-923-1416 to sign up or for more information.

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 Middle Schoolers attending the Silver Birch retreat this coming weekend. Pray for Renee Bruins as she recovers from hip surgery.

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, Steve Navis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Joyce VanBuren, Jodi Vande Berg, Scott Van De List, 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