

October 9, 2022



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“King of My Heart”

“Indescribable”

3 Minutes for Missions – Andy Lickel (InterVarsity)

Congregational Prayer

Jr Choir – “Yes, He Can”

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Lynnae Loomans

Message – Hope Lives Here...but Pollution Kills

Scripture – James 1:27

We Respond to God

Prayer

“O Come to the Altar”

Benediction

Family Memory Work for October 12th

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

– 2 Timothy 1:7

Hope LIVES HERE

HOPE LIVES HERE... But Pollution Kills

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27 NIV11)

THREE KEYS TO EFFECTIVELY CLEAN YOUR STREAM

1. Clean the stream by filtering pollution.

(See Ephesians 2:1–3; 2 Peter 2:20; Job 1:1,8; 31:1-12; James 1:21)

Application: What will you filter out? How will you filter it? Who will support you?

2. Clean the stream by sharing the water.

(See Ephesians 2:10; James 1:22; Job 31:13-23)

Application: What godly activity will you add to your life?

3. Clean the stream by connecting to a pure source.

(See James 1:18,21,25; Ephesians 2:4-9; Job 42:5-6)

APPLICATION: Will you trust Jesus completely as your Savior and Lord? (See 2 Peter 3:14)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Janine write her book *HOPE LIVES HERE* – what was the main thing she wanted to share with other people?
2. What was your first reaction when you saw the twins and heard their story?
3. What are some of the miracles that Ian and Janine have witnessed? Have you prayed and then given up because the breakthrough took too long?
4. How does Janine ensure that she is able to clearly hear God's voice? When have you heard the Lord speak to you?
5. Can you think of some things we could do, or not do, to keep our minds from being polluted? What will you do?

Upcoming Events

- 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
- Oct 11** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Oct 12** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – Alto Chase, NO Men's Chorus
- Oct 14** Middle Schoolers leave for Silver Birch
- Oct 15** Middle Schoolers at Silver Birch
- Oct 16** Middle Schoolers return from Silver Birch
 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Youth News

Middle School – It's Game Night! See you at 6:30!

High School – Alto Chase is coming up Wednesday October 12, 7:30-9pm! All 8th 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 Sunbeamers room. K-5th 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. 6th-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 21st 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 14th (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 needs 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 2nd 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 13th 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: 10/9 Waupun Food Pantry, 10/16 Missionary Salary, 10/23 Christian Home Chaplain, 10/30 Words of Hope.

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 Jean Vande Zande as she celebrates her 81st birthday on October 13th.

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.

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

Praise: Merciful Savior, we rejoice that you cleanse our lives and wash away all our sin by grace through faith. We thank you for dying on the cross and then calling us to live in your grace. Thank you for changing my life!

Repent: Forgive me for loving this world and adopting its ways. Forgive me for allowing pollutants in my life and ignoring the needs next door and around the world.

Ask: Change my heart, that I will no longer live in sin and guilt. Stir my soul to hate sin and give me joy in all that is good and godly. Give me a passion for the afflicted in my community and help me show your love to the world. 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 clean my stream by trusting You as my Savior and Lord, filtering out pollutants, and filling my life with godly activity. 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 Faye Janey as she recovers from foot surgery.

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 Pluim, 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 – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ