

**September 10, 2023**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Glorious Day”

“10,000 Reasons”

“Battle Belongs”

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Joel Ruis

*Distribution of Nomination Ballots*

Message – Intended for Influence

Scripture – Nehemiah 1-2

## **We Respond to God**

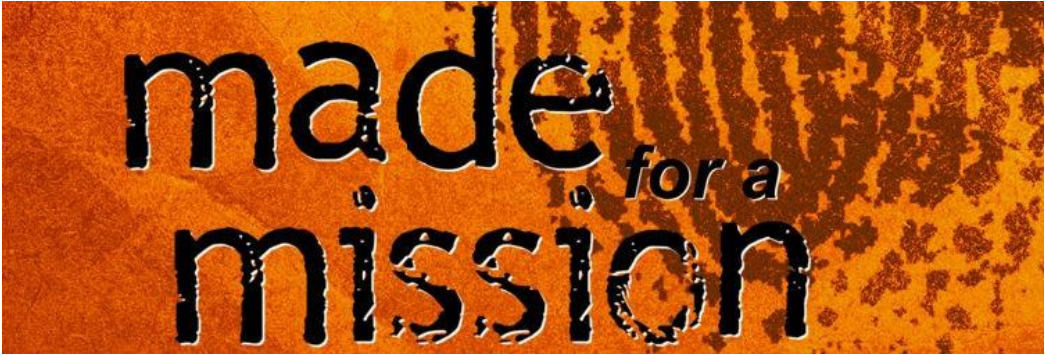
Prayer

*Collection of Nomination Ballots*

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Blessing

*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.*



## Intended for Influence

Nehemiah 1-2

### FOUR IMPLICATIONS FOR \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. What kind of influencer will you be?

H\_\_\_\_\_ Influencers...

W\_\_\_\_\_ Influencers...

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### APPLICATION

1. Pray about how you're influencing others at home, work, and church. How are you being a bad/worldly influencer? Repent over any ways you have led others away from God.

#### 2. Where does holy influence \_\_\_\_\_?

God calls us to help/influence others by \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts over a \_\_\_\_\_.

### APPLICATION

2. Describe what problem most breaks your heart.

#### 3. Who will you influence?

You must influence \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

# APPLICATION

3. List those you currently have influence on.

Down

Out

Up

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Who is God giving you a burden to help and what does God want you to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

## 4. How will you actually \_\_\_\_\_ others?

We influence others through \_\_\_\_\_, words and \_\_\_\_\_.

Nehemiah prayed for God to help. (1:4,2:4-5)

Nehemiah carefully timed his words to call the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5), the governors (2:9-10) and the \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17) to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah acted to \_\_\_\_\_ build the wall. (2:1; 4:1,6,21)

We must also focus our efforts on our \_\_\_\_\_, who God made us to be.

### Six Leadership Styles of Assess.org:

- P\_\_\_\_\_ Leader: Entrepreneurial individuals who need to be involved leading new ministry development
- Strategic Leader: Intentional planners who construct the design or architecture of any significant ministry venture
- A\_\_\_\_\_ Leader: Organizers who address the detailed operational tasks associated with any project
- Team Leader: Influencers who motivate people to accomplish a task
- P\_\_\_\_\_ Leader: Shepherds who are concerned for the whole flock, asking "How are we?"
- Encouraging Leader: Counselors who enjoy one-on-one building-up of others

# APPLICATION

5. Complete the "Leadership Style Assessment" by going to

[www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths).

6. Read over the results and reflect on your ministry fit.

a. Which ministry utilizes my Leadership Style well?

b. Does a ministry I serve in require me to do something I am not wired for?

(This is not always bad, as nurturers do have to manage at times and managers have to nurture at times...) Is this ministry something God really wants you doing or is there another person God might have for this?

7. Devote yourself to being a holy influencer for God.

## *Upcoming Events*

- Sept 10**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                  9:30am – Pastor Kevin  
                  10:45am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting  
                  11:00am – Partnership Class  
                  5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
                  6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 12**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                  9:30am – Women’s Bible Study  
                  7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Sept 13**      5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
                  6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
                  6:30pm – Mixed Choir, Women’s Book Club  
                  6:45pm – Bible Class  
                  7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Sept 15**      6:30pm – Women’s Bunco Night
- Sept 17**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                  9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir  
                  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)

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight is our Fall kickoff! We’ll be competing in Color Wars so wear shorts and shoes that can get painted and bring a towel to sit on for the ride home! We’ll provide the snacks, white t-shirt, and paint. 6:30-8pm on the church hill. Invite friends!

**High School** – On Wednesday we’re talking about promises. Have you had a promise broken? God is the only one who keeps ALL His promises. We’ll read through a bunch of them Wednesday. Bring your actual Bible (as opposed to Bible app) with you if you can remember!

**See You at the Pole** is Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>! Set your alarm a little early that morning and join us outside your school for this international prayer day.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**CCCD Mission Trip** – We will be having a CCCD mission trip planning meeting on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Alto Reformed Church. Anyone interested in attending we still have a couple of spots open, or if you have questions, please attend the meeting. The trip is planned for January 16-23, 2024.

**Women's Ministries Prayer Partners** – Prayer partners with a twist. The TWIST... The person you are praying for will not know you are praying for them. You will have to seek God for that person's needs. God may use a variety of ways to share with you what her need and heart desire is. As we pursue God in our endeavor to pray for one another, we in turn grow closer to God. At the end of three months, you will put a note in their mailbox introducing yourself, and how God has led you to pray for them. All women who sign up will be prayed for as well as given a name to pray for. If interested, please sign up at the Information Center by Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Bunco** – Come for a fun evening of fellowship and bunco on Fri, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come by 6:30pm to snack and hang out before the game starts. Signup at the Information Center.

**Post-High Golfing** – Post-highers join us on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm at The Rock. We'll golf 9 holes and then eat after. Contact Miley (346-5964) or Andy (375-0213) to RSVP so we can make sure we have enough tee times.

**All Church Road Rally 2023** – Put new batteries in your flashlight and fill your gas tanks! It's time for the Road Rally on Sept 23rd at 7pm! Head to the Information Center and sign up your group of 4 for an adventurous night of fun! Cost is \$5/person. Contact Linda Mulder at (920)382-5285 with questions.

## *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: 9/10 Regular Benevolence, 9/17 Missionary Salary, 9/24 LIFE 102.5. If you feel led to give specifically towards the ceiling 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.

**Nomination Ballots** for Elder and Deacon will be distributed during the service today. Prayerfully consider who you will nominate.

**Congrats** to Gerri Loomans as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Free Babysitting** – Free babysitting will be offered in the nursery through Women's Ministry on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30pm while Bible Class is in session for children kindergarten and younger. This is for any parents participating in Wednesday night church activities. Parents must check their child in each week.

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

*Nehemiah's Prayer (Nehemiah 1:5-10)*

*“O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 6 let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. 8 Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, 9 but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' 10 They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. 11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”*

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for Sharon DeMotts as she has moved to the Christian Home for rehab. Pray for healing for Elaine Daane.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Silas Willey.

**Military Personnel:** Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;

**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:** Sharon Harmsen, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld  
**Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma,  
**Christian Homestead:** Betty Bruins  
**Harbor Haven:** Don Vande Zande  
**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

