

September 11, 2022



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“You Never Let Go”

“Graves Into Gardens”

“Mighty to Save”

Distribution of Nomination Ballots

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Joel Ruis

Message – Hope Lives Here: Starting Your Faith Journey

Scripture – Jeremiah 1:1-10,17-19; 29:11

We Respond to God

Prayer

Collection of Nomination Ballots

Jr Choir – “No Longer Slaves”

Benediction

Family Memory Work for September 14th

Be kind to one another and build each other up. – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Hope LIVES HERE

Hope Lives Here: Starting your Faith Journey

Jeremiah 1:1-10,17-19; 29:11

God E _____ /Calls (4-10)

God E _____ (6-8, 17b-19)

God E _____ (9)

MAIN POINT: God's empowering, encouraging, and equipping demands _____.

"Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. (Jer. 1:17)

APPLICATION: Do Something!

State your purpose. Write down what you think your gifts may be and what your calling may entail.

Ask God to clarify for you who to reach, what to do, where to go, and when to do it. He probably won't give you a full answer.

See the need. Befriend your neighbors and learn about unreached people groups. Ask someone this week how you can pray for them and read about the unreached at operationworld.org and joshuaproject.net.

Pray for the unreached. Signup to receive daily reminders to pray for a different unreached people group at operationworld.org and for reminders to pray for five of your neighbors use blesseveryhome.com.

Prepare to go. Grow in community by making Sunday worship and a weekly discipleship group a priority.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What events have caused you to wonder about your purpose here on earth?
2. How would you state what God's calling for you is?
3. What do you think living out that calling might look like in five years? Ten years?
4. What's the next step for you in living your calling? Do you need to state your purpose, see the need, pray for the unreached, or prepare to go?

Upcoming Events

- Sept 11** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Junior High Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 12** 6:30pm – Equipping Adults Team Meeting
- Sept 13** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Sept 14** 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
- Sept 18** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Youth News

Middle School – Our kickoff is TONIGHT! Unfortunately, with the rain and cold, Color Wars won't work, but we've got an equally fun GLOW night planned for you! Meet in the youth room at 6:30 for pizza to start the night!

High School – Our youth group theme for the year is Rise to the Challenge. Come find out what it's all about! Wednesday, 7:30-9 in the youth room.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Road Rally – Mark your calendars, get your cars ready, and start brushing up on your puzzle solvin' skills! The 2022 Alto Reformed Church Road Rally is coming! Friday, September 30th, 7pm. \$5 per person. Food provided after. Can't wait to see you all there! If it's been a while since you've done it, or maybe you never have, let us know and we'll help you grab a team of 4. Otherwise, get your teams ready to go again! We can't wait to see who wins this year! Let's have FUN! Sign-up at the Information Center.

Young Adults (18-25) – We're meeting in the prayer room (off the nursery) today right after church to give out January mission trip info and to plan more for your age group! Hope to see you there!

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 9/11 REACH Waupun, 9/18 Missionary Salary, 9/25 Audio Scriptures, 10/2 Regular Benevolence.

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 Gerry Loomans as she celebrates her 89th birthday on September 14th.

Congrats to Rich & Charlene Kamphuis as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on September 14th.

College Addresses – Parents of college students, please give Megan your child's college address, so we can send them care packages this year.

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

Updated Contact Info – Willy & Carol Jansma, 909 E Jefferson St, Waupun. Willy 319-6938, Carol 204-8986.

Harvest Festival – October 1st from 5:30-7:30 at the Alto Community Center. We'll have food, silent and live auctions, hayrides and fun! This fundraiser will support the young adult mission trip to West Virginia in January 2023. If you have something to donate for the auction, please drop it off in the church office any time.

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

Praise: Almighty God, who sent the prophets long ago, to direct your people, we rejoice that you have made your purposes clear to us. In Jesus, you showed us how to live and why we live. We rejoice in the love he showed us in dying on the cross and then calling us to show that love to the world. Thank you for grace and meaning!

Repent: Forgive me loving this world more than your mission. Forgive me for living for myself and ignoring the needs next door and around the world.

Ask: Change my heart, that I no longer live in fear and self-centeredness. Give me a passion for the unreached people in my neighborhood and in hostile nations.

- Bless our missionaries as they live out their calling in hard places. Empower, encourage, and equip them for ministry. (See below)
- Provide the funds needed for the ceiling project and those who will do the work.
- 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 live my calling and start by “doing something.” 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 family of Cal Flegner as his sister, Lorna, passed away this week. Pray for Marlaina’s stepdad, Ed Rymers, as he’s been moved to hospice care.

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, Jim Parrish, 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, Glen Loomans

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