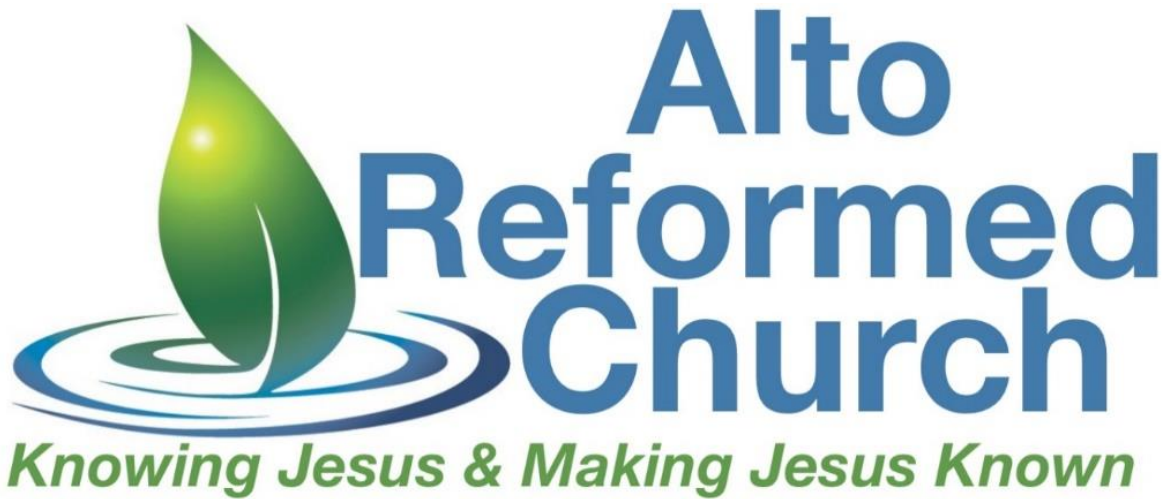


**September 12, 2021**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Battle Belongs”

“Death Was Arrested”

*Distribution of Nomination Ballots*

Congregational Prayer

Special Music – Ashlan Bruins

“Same God”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Tough Questions: Assurance of Salvation & Infant Baptism

Scripture – Ephesians 2:4-9, Genesis 17, Acts 2:38-39

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

*Collection of Nomination Ballots*

“King of Kings”

Blessing

*Memory Verse for Sept 15<sup>th</sup>*

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. - Matthew 6:14

# Tough Questions:

## Dog Gone, That's a Tough One



**Sermon Notes: Tough Questions: Assurance of Salvation & Infant Baptism**

**Key Scriptures: Ephesians 2:4-9, Genesis 17, & Acts 2:38-39**

**2 Questions:**

**1. How can I know I'm saved? (What gives me assurance of my salvation?)**

*A. Assurance comes from faith in the promises of God.*

*Ephesians 2:4-9 -*

*Hebrews 11:1 -*

*B. Assurance comes from the testimony of the Holy Spirit testifying to our spirits that we are children of God.*

**2. Why do we baptize babies?**

*A. Both the old and new covenant give promises to believers and their children. (Genesis 17:7 & Acts 2:39)*

*B. The sign of the old covenant was circumcision and the sign of the new covenant is baptism. (Genesis 17:10-12 & Acts 2:38-39)*

Although there's no specific scripture that says, "Thou Shalt Baptize Babies", those who practice infant baptism would say for thousands of years the sign of the old covenant has been applied to believers and their children through circumcision, and in the same way we apply the sign of the new covenant, which is baptism to believers and their children.

**Application:**

**Do your own personal study:**

1. An Essay on Assurance by Ray Galea:  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/assurance/>
2. A 7-minute video titled Should We Baptize Infants?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfrcyjwNkO8>

## *Upcoming Events*

- Sept 12** 9:30am – Pastor Doug, Special Music – Ashlan Bruins  
10:45am – Sunday School, Discovering Membership Class  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 13** 7:00pm – Men’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Sept 14** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Sept 15** 6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team  
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
6:30pm – Mixed Choir  
6:45pm – Bible Class  
7:30pm – Men’s Chorus
- Sept 16** 7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Sept 19** 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir  
10:45am – Sunday School, Discovering Membership Class  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

## *Youth News*

**Soda donations** – The youth groups are looking for people to donate soda during this semester of youth group. If you're interested in helping out in this way, please check out the sign up on the information desk. Thanks!

**Middle School** – Tonight is our Color Wars Kickoff! We'll play messy paint games like slip n slide kickball, sharks and minnows, capture the flag, and more! Wear old shorts/pants and shoes and bring a towel along to sit on for the ride home! We'll provide food, paint, and white t-shirts! See you from 6:30-8!

**High School** – We're heading to the football field Wednesday night to support the homecoming powder puff game, so come find Jessa and the coaches in the stands to tell us what you're reading in the Bible this week and get a full sized candy bar! If you need a ride there or home let one of us know!

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 9/12 REACH Waupun, 9/19 Missionary Salary, 9/26 Missionary Salary, 10/3 Regular Benevolence.

**CCCD Van Fund** – We are collecting donations for a new van for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf. The goal is to collect a total of \$20,000. Donations should be labeled CCCD van fund (on the envelope or check memo) and may be placed in the offering boxes in the lobby.

**Congrats** to Gerry Loomans as she celebrates her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Rich & Charlene Kamphuis as they celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ONE Waupun Bible Study – Evangelism** This October / November, ONE Waupun will be offering a 6-week Bible Study for men and women on the topic of evangelism. As Christians, we have been called by God to lead others to Jesus Christ. But many Christians have some uncertainty about how to effectively share the gospel. How can I articulate my faith in Jesus in a manner that conveys hope, love, and peace? To learn more about this study or to sign up for the morning or evening session, go to [www.onewaupun.com/grow/evangelism.cfm](http://www.onewaupun.com/grow/evangelism.cfm).

**Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser** – The mission team going to CCCD in Jamaica will be hosting a pork chop dinner at the Alto Community Center on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-6:30pm. The meal is carry-out only and includes a pork chop, baked potato, corn, applesauce, roll, and beverage. Ticket cost is \$10 and can be purchased from Marty Huizenga, Jim Nummerdor, Alto Reformed Church office, or any person going on the mission trip. There are a limited # of tickets available so get yours early!

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**CCCD Mission Trip** – If you are interested in going on the mission trip to the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Jamaica on January 12-19, 2022, please sign-up at the Information Center by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marty Huizenga with any questions.

**Ladies' Bunco Night hosted by Women's Ministry** – Join us on Friday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> for our Ladies' Bunco Night. Registration will start at 6pm and we will begin playing at 6:30pm. Bring a friend and join us for our game night as well as time for snacks, a devotional time, fun and fellowship!! Sign up is on the info desk. Hope to see you there!!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

PREK (3 YRS AND UP)-SUNBEAMERS ROOM

KINDERGARTEN- ORANGE ROOM

1ST GRADE- OLIVE ROOM

2ND GRADE- TILED AREA

3RD GRADE- TILED AREA

4TH GRADE- PURPLE ROOM

5TH GRADE- GREEN ROOM

6TH GRADE- BLUE ROOM

7TH/8TH GRADE- RED ROOM

HIGH SCHOOL- YOUTH ROOM

SS GUIDE- CONSISTORY ROOM

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

**Praise:** Today, we come with heavy hearts remembering the 20th anniversary of 9/11. It is a moment etched in many of our hearts and minds, where sin was manifested as a violent attack on innocent lives. It is a reminder of the destructive power of sin and yet the power and grace of God. And so, give thanks for Your grace shown to us on the cross. We praise You for dying for our sins that we might have assurance of eternal life with You.

**Repent:** Forgive us for taking sin lightly, for justifying our sin, and for refusing to listen to Your Word and Spirit. Help me humbly repent of the darkness which continues to infiltrate my heart and life. Forgive me for...

**Ask:** We pray for you to bring peace to our world, to prevent terrorist attacks, and to enable the Church to bring truth and grace to every nation. •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. •Guide us through the process of transferring from the RCA to ARC. •Guide the RCA representatives as they prepare for the General Synod in October and the Classis representatives as they meet in November. •Help us to remain faithful to You.

**Yield:** Today, we commit ourselves fully and completely to You as our Lord and Master. We will not simply cry “Lord, Lord” (Mat. 7:21), but we will trust and obey You with all we do.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for the family of Bud Landaal, Ruth Ann Flegner’s brother. He passed away recently.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Ashley Bruins, Josie Buiters, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Annice Hopp, Dave Rumley, Tim Tenpas, Azyrah Ter Beest, 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, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Beaver Dam Assisted Living:** Cora Hemp **Christian Home:** Sharon Harmsen, Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande **Christian Homestead:** Warren Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Hillside Manor:** Harvey Daane **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin’s Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **Prairie Ridge:** Annice Hopp

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ