

**September 18, 2022**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Standing on the Promises” Hymn #601

“Lord, I Need You”

“Hymn of Heaven”

Congregational Prayer

Mixed Choir – “God and God Alone”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Hope Lives Here: God’s Faithfulness

Cortney Anderson

Scripture – James 1:27; 2:14-17

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“You Get the Glory” video

Benediction

*Family Memory Work for September 21<sup>st</sup>*

Create in me a pure heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. – Psalm 51:10

## *Upcoming Events*

- 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
- Sept 19**      6:30pm – Women’s Ministry Team Meeting  
                  7:00pm – High School Bible Study  
                  8:00pm – High School Band
- Sept 20**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Sept 21**      6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Band  
                  6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
                  6:30pm – Mixed Choir  
                  6:45pm – Bible Class (Bring a Friend Night)  
                  7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Sept 25**      8:30am – Prayer Request  
                  9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers  
                  10:45am – Sunday School, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Christmas Program Meeting  
                  11:30am – Covenant Partner Lunch  
                  5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band  
                  6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we’re introducing the theme for the year - Rise to the Challenge. What is God challenging you to do this year? See you at 6:30!

**Middle School band practice** in the youth room 5:30-6:15.

**Monday Night Bible studies** for high school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade start tomorrow and will run every 1st and 3rd Monday. We’ll be in Season 2 of The Chosen (don’t worry if you’ve missed season 1 - we’ll recap!) and dinner will be provided. 7-8pm in the youth room.

**High School band practice** in the Sanctuary Monday 8-9pm

**High School** – Wednesday we’ll meet outside at the bonfire (as long as good weather holds out) to talk about our Creator while we enjoy creation! See you at 7:30! Meet on the church hill.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Sunday School** – Sunday school is available for everyone 3 years old – adult. Preschoolers should meet in the Sunbeamers room. K-5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Golden Lifers** – You're invited to breakfast at Go Dutch Solutions on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Sign up at the Information Center by October 2<sup>nd</sup> so we know how many to expect. We'll order off the menu that morning. The following week we'll meet in the church basement at 9:30am.

## *Bulletin Board News*

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

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 Marilyn Westerveld as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Keith & Donna Bruins as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congrats** to Paul Elenius as he celebrates his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due next Sunday, September 25<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.

**Harvest Festival** – October 1<sup>st</sup> 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, we rejoice that you have made your purposes clear to us. In Jesus, you show 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 for 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 lost in my community and help me show your love.

- Encourage and strengthen Cortney as she shares her faith with us today and others each day.
- 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 trust you through every trial I face. 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 healing for Sadie Schultz, Dayton Ter Beest, and Larry Mulder.

**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

**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