

September 25, 2022



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “House of the Lord”

Praise Singing

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn #519

“Living Hope”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Profound Simplicity

Pastor Ted Medema

Scripture – Isaiah 40:18-31

Ministry of Music – Karen Medema

“On Eagles Wings”

We Respond to God

Prayer

“They That Wait Upon the Lord” Hymn #364

Benediction

Family Memory Work for September 28th

Do to others as you would have them do to you. – Luke 6:31

Upcoming Events

- Sept 25** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Ted, Sonshine Singers
10:45am – Sunday School, 5th Grade Parent Christmas Program Meeting
11:30am – Covenant Partner Lunch
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 26** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Sept 27** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
6:30pm – Men’s Ministry Team Meeting
- Sept 28** See You at the Pole (*times vary based on school*)
6:00pm – Intermediate Praise Team
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:30pm – Mixed Choir
6:45pm – Bible Class
7:30pm – Men’s Chorus, High School Youth Group
- Sept 30** 7:00pm – Road Rally
- Oct 1** 5:30pm – Harvest Festival
- Oct 2** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Doug, Men’s Chorus, Communion
10:45am – Sunday School
2:30pm – Elder/Deacon Nomination Decline Meeting
5:30pm – Jr High Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Regarding who may and should participate in Communion... “We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as Covenant Partners.

Youth News

Middle School – What can we know about God by looking at creation? Let's meet around the bonfire tonight to talk about it! 6:30-8pm

High School – Randy McDaniel will be sharing his testimony with us! Come hear how God is transforming his life. 7:30-9pm Wednesday.

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.

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.

Golden Lifers – You're invited to breakfast at Go Dutch Solutions on Wednesday, October 5th at 9am. Signup at the Information Center by October 2nd 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.

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 items 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.

Sewing & Fishing Kits – We are looking for volunteers to put together sewing and/or fishing kits to be used in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. If this is something you can help with, please contact Lynnae.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 9/25 Audio Scriptures, 10/2 Regular Benevolence, 10/9 Waupun Food Pantry, 10/16 Missionary Salary.

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 Bob & Bev Kastein as they celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on October 1st.

AMEN articles are due today.

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.

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: Almighty God, we rejoice that you have made your purposes clear to us. In Jesus, you have shown 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 your 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. Prepare my heart to receive the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

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. 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 Lora Huizenga as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. Pray for healing for Matt Pluim as his Wegener's disease has flared up.

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, Larry Mulder, 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