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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Jr Choir – “To Not Worship You”

Praise Singing

“Battle Belongs”

“Glorious Day”

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Abby Pluim

Message – God’s Monkey Wrench: When Satan Accidentally Helped Plant a Church

Scripture – Acts 16:16-40

We Respond to God

Prayer

“It Is Well”

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.



God's Monkey Wrench:

How God Disrupts Our Lives and Sets Us Straight

When Satan Accidentally Helped Plant a Church

Satan Planned to _____ Paul's Mission.

He sought to _____ the message and silence the messenger through...
_____ (16-18)

Tough Questions:

1. Can evil spirits predict the future?
2. Why would a demon proclaim that Paul is speaking truth about how to be saved?
3. Can a Christian be possessed by Satan?

_____ (18b; 2 Corinthians 11:14-15)

_____ (22b-24; 2 Corinthians 11:25)

God let Satan disrupt believers to reveal his _____ and further his _____.

God _____ the Girl (16:18)

God _____ Paul and Silas (16:25-26)

God _____ the Jailor and Family (16:34)

God _____ the Philippian church (Phil. 1-4; 2 Thes. 3:3)

APPLICATION: _____ !

Satan stays undetected as long as possible. But he is attacking the church, your family and your soul. God can do a great work, if you join him and declare war on Satan by...

Accepting the _____, (Acts 16:17; 9:1-31; 22:3-16; 26:9-18; 13:2; Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:12)

Casting Out the _____ (Acts 16:16-18; Matt. 8:16, 12:28, 10:8; Luke 10:17; 2 Cor. 10:3-4; Eph. 6:12; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9)

_____ & _____ to God (Acts 16:16, 25; 4:24–30; Mat 26:30; Mark 14:26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12)

RESOURCES TO INSPIRE YOU IN THE BATTLE:

Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus (Great for family with youth and late elementary age)

Torchlighters: Heroes of the Faith (Great videos and books for kids)

The Insanity of God (A must read for every Christian)

The Heavenly Man, Brother Yun (Incredible story of a Chinese pastor)

Son of the Underground: The Story Of Isaac Liu, Son Of Brother Yun (A Great follow up to his dad's book above)

Tortured for Christ by Richard Wurmbrand

Foxe's Christian Martyrs of the World

God Smuggler

The Voice of the Martyrs (<https://www.persecution.com/stories/>)

Freedom in Christ, Neil Anderson

Biblical Counseling Keys on Spiritual Warfare: Strategy for the Battle, June Hunt

My sermons on temptation (Aug. 6, 2023) and deliverance (Aug. 27, 2023).

This Week's Events

- Feb 11** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
- Feb 13** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Feb 14** 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service
- Feb 15** 7:00pm – Associate Pastor Search Team Meeting
- Feb 18** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School
 3:30pm – Young Adult Group
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Youth News

Middle School – No youth group tonight! Enjoy the Super Bowl with your families and catch up on sleep after our Overnighter!

High School – Join us for the Ash Wednesday service, 7-8pm!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Go & Tell Workshop – Join us in the sanctuary during Sunday School (1/21-2/11). This workshop will provide you with the tools to “*be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.*”

Ash Wednesday – Join us on February 14th at 7pm for the Ash Wednesday service.

YOUNG ADULTS – Join us for volleyball at the Alto Community Center on Sunday, February 18th at 3:30pm. Bring your friends!

Waupun Ice Fest – Our church will be joining other churches and ministries in Waupun in offering free hot chocolate and bite-sized desserts to all those that visit us during the Waupun Ice Fest. We will be serving all those that visit us inside at the Main Street Bistro at 5 West Main St in Waupun from 10am-4pm on Saturday, February 17th. Be sure to stop in and see our sculpture and to warm up with a hot chocolate along with many bite-sized desserts. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! *The Outreach Team is requesting volunteers from the congregation to assist at our table for the event. We need two people at any given time. Please sign-up at the Information Center.*

All Church Retreat – Join us for our the All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 19-21. Brochures with information are in your church mailbox or at the Information Center. Register by March 31st or contact Megan to get help with registration. Any questions, reach out to Lynnae or Jessa.

Pinewood Derby Family Night – Join us at the Alto Community Center on Wednesday, April 17th from 5:30-7:30pm for a fun, free night. We'll have a meal at 5:30pm and races will start at 6pm. Sign-up and grab a car kit with instructions at the Children & Families Resource Center by April 10th. Classes range from 1st grade to adult. Want to check the weight of your car? Stop in by Lynnae or Megan. Don't want to race a car? Join us anyway.

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: 2/11 ONE Waupun, 2/18 Missionary Salary, 2/25 Regular Benevolence, 3/3 Missionary Salary. 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.

Congrats to Ron & Helene Daane as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Feb 14th.

Congrats to Doris Harmsen as she celebrates her 85th birthday on Feb 16th.

Lent Activities for families are available at the Children & Families Resource Center.

ONE Waupun Connections Breakfast -- Are you looking for a great way to fellowship with other Christian men in our community? Join us for breakfast, a powerful video and some great fellowship on Saturday, February 17th at 7:30-8:30am. We will be meeting in the ONE Waupun room at W7185 Hwy 49. ONE Waupun is an inter-denominational community of Christian men who desire to allow the gospel to permeate our lives through authentic relationships.

ONE Waupun Men's Conference – Register for the ONE Waupun Men's Conference today! Our theme this year is "Living in the Deep End of the Pool of Grace" and will feature messages from John Lynch, speaker & author from Phoenix, AZ, and Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff & Dean of Chapel at Dordt University from Sioux Center, IA. Mitchell Olthoff from Edgewood Community Church will lead us in praise and worship. Between praise & worship, fellowship and small ground discussion, your spirit will be renewed and refreshed. This free conference will take place on Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30am-3:30pm. Register early at www.onewaupun.com and receive a free book authored by John Lynch.

Trophies of Grace Sportsmen's Dinner – You're invited to The Rock Golf Club in Waupun on Saturday, March 2nd at 4pm-7:30pm for the Trophies of Grace Sportsmen's Dinner featuring speaker Chris Wells. Chris is an avid outdoorsman and is a self-proclaimed "America's Bass Pro Wannabee". He combines a blend of humor, passion, and integrity to convey his concern for people in their faith journey. The evening will include a whitetail display, dinner, and door prizes. Ticket cost is \$50 (includes dinner & door prizes). Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trophies-of-grace-sportsmens-dinner-tickets-794938160437>. Questions or interest in sponsoring this event contact trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com

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

Prayer for Victory over Satan

“Dear Heavenly Father,

I know the phenomenal victory that Jesus won over Satan. He not only withstood Satan’s many temptations to sin, but also became the only sinless sacrifice who could die for my sins and the sins of the entire world.

I also see that the death of Christ on the cross reflects victory, not defeat. From the moment Jesus shed His blood on the cross, Satan’s doom was sealed. He had no more opportunity to thwart Your plan of redemption.

Jesus, thank You for all You went through to become my Savior and Redeemer. Thank You that Satan is now a defeated foe. Because You live in me, Your victory secured my own victory over Satan.

Right now, I choose to walk in that victory. I renounce Satan and his demons and any power they have had over my life.

Satan, I command you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all your demons.

Heavenly Father, please put a hedge of protection around me to keep me from the evil one. I choose to live victoriously, not in my power, but in the power of Christ—in His supernatural, resurrection power. I [will] now put on the whole armor of God and yield my body to the Lord Jesus Christ as a living sacrifice and as an instrument of His righteousness.

In the powerful name of Jesus I pray. Amen.”

Bubeck, *Overcoming the Adversary*, 26–27.

Never, never, never assume defeat if you struggle with a stronghold. Confess it, claim Christ’s blood over it, and in the strength of Christ, conquer it. As a soldier of Christ, your Commander-in-Chief, gives you both the command and the power to regain the ground infiltrated by the enemy.

—June Hunt, [*Biblical Counseling Keys on Spiritual Warfare: Strategy for the Battle*](#) (Dallas, TX:

Hope For The Heart, 2008), 16–17.

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, Jim Stelsel, Rick Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, and Harold VanRuiswyk.

Military Personnel: Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Matt Saunders, stationed in east Africa, nephew to David Grulich & Rosemary Tschinkel
Cyler Ruis, stationed in California, nephew to Joel & Pamela Ruis

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: Elaine Daane, Sharon Harmsen, Barrie & Ardyce Tenpas, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma,
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins, 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