

**February 18, 2024**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “Made Me Glad”

Praise Singing

“Only a Holy God”

“Holy, Holy, Holy” Hymn #47

“Revelation Song”

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Linda Mulder

Message – God’s Monkey Wrench: Disrupted Identity

Scripture – Philippians 1:1-2

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Knowing You”

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

## Disrupted Identity

Phil. 1:1-2

Before trusting in Christ, what was your identity based on?

**Disrupted by Christ with a new \_\_\_\_\_ as...**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus (1:1; Romans 3:22–24)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus (1:1)

I. We are slaves of \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 1:1; Gal. 1:10; 2 Peter 1:1; James 1:1; Jude 1)

II. We are servants of one \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13, Matt. 20:28)

III. We are to submit to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thes. 5:12,13; 1 Tim. 5:17; Heb. 13:17)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord Jesus Christ

**APPLICATION: Identity as \_\_\_\_\_.**

You must...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your old identity. (Phi. 3:7-11, Rom. 6:6, Eph. 4:22, Col. 3:9)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ. (Rom 13:14, Gal. 3:27)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ as Lord. (Rom. 10:9-10, Mat. 10:32)

## RESOURCES:

- On becoming a slave of Christ: The Bible. (Matt. 4:12-22; 19:16-30; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; Rom. 14:7-8; Phil. 1-4; 1 Tim. 1-6)
- On the “He Gets Us” commercials (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/faqs-he-gets-us-campaign/>)
- On conquering sin: “Kill the Spider: Getting Rid of What’s Really Holding You Back” by Carlos Whittaker
- On gender identity: “Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church, and What the Bible Has to Say” by Preston M. Sprinkle
  - Sean McDowell - “There are many good books written on transgender identities, but if you are looking for one book that is scientifically sound, theologically grounded, and gracious in its demeanor, *Embodied* is the book to get. Whether you are a scholar looking to understand the issue more deeply, a parent trying to

help his or her transgender child, a friend wanting to better love transgender people, or someone wrestling with your own gender identity, this book will be an indispensable resource. My thanks to Sprinkle for writing and researching such an important and timely book.”

### *This Week's Events*

- 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
- Feb 20**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                 9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
- Feb 21**      5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
                 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
                 6:30pm – Mixed Choir, Women's Ministry Team Meeting  
                 6:45pm – Bible Class  
                 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Feb 23**      High Schoolers leave for Silver Birch
- Feb 25**      High Schoolers return from Silver Birch  
                 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers  
                 10:45am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting  
                 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
                 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

To view the church calendar, go to [www.altoreformedchurch.org](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

### *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we'll be talking about Sabbath. What does that really mean and why does God command it? See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday is question and answer night at Bethel Reformed in Brandon! See you there at 7:45! If you need a ride, meet at church at 7:30.

### *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**YOUNG ADULTS** – Join us for volleyball at the Alto Community Center today at 3:30pm. Bring your friends!

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes range from 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 2/18 Missionary Salary, 2/25 Regular Benevolence, 3/3 Missionary Salary, 3/10 Gideons International. 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 Betty Daane as she celebrates her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30am-3:30pm. Register early at [www.onewaupun.com](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:trophiesofgraceinfo@gmail.com)

**Associate Pastor Search Team** – Please keep the team in your prayers. The team members are Dewey Bille, Jenna Bille, Bill Bruins, Carrie Bruins, Andy Derksen, Katie Derksen, Stephanie Lenz, Ben Leonard, Jerry Medema, Linda Mulder, Pastor Kevin Van Wyk, and Ryan Vande Zande.

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

**Praise:** Oh Lord, we celebrate your transforming power. While, we can rejoice in your freeing the Israelites from Egyptian slavery or your freeing of Paul from the bondage of legalism, today we rejoice that you are changing us. Each believer is a new creation in you and you are giving us a new identity based on Jesus Christ!

**Repent:** Forgive us for letting the world mold our identity. Forgive us for thinking our skills, abilities, appearance, wealth, and popularity matter more than you living in us.

**Ask:** Lord, disrupt our lives that we would be wholly dependent on you and fully committed to your mission. Surround us with godly disruptors who will help us disrupt this world with your love and truth.

- Empower and strengthen the oppressed, especially persecuted Christians around the world. Use their bold faith to disrupt corrupt men.
- Stir up a conviction in our political leaders to support life, liberty, and justice. Uncover evil and deception in our leaders that they may lead us toward truth.
- Guide our consistory in every decision so that your mission will be pursued and lives disrupted by grace and truth.
- Bring healing, strength and peace to those listed below as they face challenges each day. Renew their hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

**Yield:** In the middle of disruption, I will base my identity on you! I will make every effort to confirm my calling and election. 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.

**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