

**February 25, 2024**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “Creator”

Praise Singing

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn #31

“This is Amazing Grace”

“Evidence”

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Adrea Daane

Message – God’s Monkey Wrench: Why the Lake is Not Enough

Scripture – Philippians 1:3-8

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin” Hymn #482 vs 1 & 4

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

## Why the Lake is Not Enough

Phil. 1:3-8

### How the Church Strengthens Each Other...

#### 1. The Philippian's \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ moves Paul to remember and pray. (1:3-5,7)

Partnership = κοινωμία (\_\_\_\_\_). n. fem. fellowship, communion, sharing, participation. A term that conveys a sense of commonality, solidarity, and shared responsibility among households or individuals. The most general sense of this term refers to a shared \_\_\_\_\_ that manifests itself as mutual \_\_\_\_\_ and status. Most often, koinōnia refers to the sharing of resources, monetary or otherwise (e.g., Acts 2:42; Rom 15:26; 2 Cor 8:4; 9:13; Phlm 1:6; Heb 13:16)...

Derek Leigh Davis, "[Assembly, Religious.](#)" ed. Douglas Mangum et al., Lexham Theological Wordbook, Lexham Bible Reference Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

Grace = They \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus. (Acts 16:31)

Gospel = They lived \_\_\_\_\_; showing hospitality, \_\_\_\_\_, giving, \_\_\_\_\_, sending, \_\_\_\_\_, and encouraging.

#### 2. Remembering moves Paul's \_\_\_\_\_. (1:3-4,7-8)

Causing \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_!

#### 3. Paul's heart move Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage. (1:6)

**APPLICATION:** Partner in God's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ

\_\_\_\_\_ to His mission

I will...

- \_\_\_\_\_ like Lydia (Acts 16:15)
- Serve like the jailer washing feet (Acts 16:33)

- Give like the Philippian believers to local ministry, the poor, and missionaries (Phil. 4:14-18)
- \_\_\_\_\_ like Epaphroditus (Phil 2:25, 4:18)
- Send missionaries (Phil 2:25, 4:18)
- \_\_\_\_\_ like Paul (Phil. 1:4,9-11)
- Encourage like Paul (Phil. 1:6)

**PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:**

1. Participate in the Covenant Partner Class.
2. Participate in the Community Prayer Service.
3. Connect with believers in small groups.
4. Serve through church ministries ([www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths)).
5. Give generously to pay off the ceiling project, support benevolent causes, and fund the local ministry.

## *This Week's Events*

- 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
- Feb 26** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting
- Feb 27** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
- Feb 28** 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
6:00pm – Youth Director Search Team Meeting  
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
6:45pm – Bible Class  
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Mar 3** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus, Baptism – Amity Vande Zande, 3 Minutes  
for Missions: Gideons International  
10:45am – Sunday School  
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 is question and answer night! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – On Wednesday we'll be talking about our work and the Sabbath. How and why does God want us to rest from our work? See you at 7:30!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Partnership Class** – Ready to up your commitment to Christ and His church? Church membership, or as we call it covenant partnership, is a commitment every believer should take as it provides support for you and opens doors for you to grow and serve. Join Pastor Kevin to learn more on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Lunch is provided. Family is welcome to come. Contact him with questions and to let him know you are coming.

**Community Prayer Service** – Join us for a Community Prayer Service (formerly known as the Crops, Livestock & Industry Prayer Service) as we draw closer to God through prayer and worship on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**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: 2/25 Regular Benevolence, 3/3 Missionary Salary, 3/10 Gideons International, 3/17 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.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**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 group 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.

**Youth Director Search Team** – Please keep the team in your prayers. The team members are Adrea Daane, Jensen Jahn, Lynnae Loomans, Brant McDowell, Joel Ruis, and Miley Ter Beest.

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

**Praise:** Oh Lord, we celebrate your grace and gospel. We give thanks for calling us into this family of believers who partner with us and thus encourage and strengthen us. We Rejoice in this great blessing.

**Repent:** Forgive us for seeking comfort in the world, letting entertainment, pleasure, and addictive behaviors steal the joy you bring in grace and godly partners.

**Ask:** Lord, disrupt our lives that we turn to you and your church for meaning, purpose and hope. Surround us with godly disruptors who will help us disrupt this world with your love and truth.

1. Empower and strengthen the oppressed, especially persecuted Christians around the world. Use their bold faith to disrupt corrupt men.
2. 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.
3. Guide our consistory in every decision so that your mission will be pursued and lives disrupted by grace and truth.
4. 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 look to the church for meaning and encouragement! 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.

**THIS WEEK...** Pray for Dewey Bille as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. Pray for Dale Schultz as he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Pray for Don DeMotts as he's been put on hospice care.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Dewey Bille, Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, 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

