

February 4, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Praise Singing

“Trust and Obey” Hymn #586 vs 1-3

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“Lord, I Need You”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Beth Redeker

Message – God's Monkey Wrench: Preparing for a Church Plant in Philippi
Scripture – Acts 15:36-16:15

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Hymn #440 vs 1 & 3

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

God's Monkey Wrench may be his _____, His _____, His _____, or His (your) Situation.

Five Ways God _____ Lives in Acts 15:36-16:15:

1. God's _____ to Go/Return (15:36)
2. God's _____ to Partner
Conviction to _____ (15:37-41)
Conviction to _____ (16:1-3)
3. God's _____ through Jerusalem Elder's (16:4-5)
4. God's _____ through the Holy Spirit (16:6-10)
5. God's _____ through the Word and Spirit (16:11-15)

APPLICATION: Welcome _____ ... God and his servants.

- A. _____ to the _____.
- i. What disruption do you need to surrender to God?

 - ii. What decision are you facing? _____
 - iii. How will you seek God's guidance? (Read the Bible, Ask believers, Prayerfully listen...)

- B. _____ with _____.
- i. Have you become a Covenant Partner at Alto? Why not? (Contact Pastor Kevin if you are considering it.) _____
 - ii. Are you a passive member or an active partner in the mission? _____
 - iii. Who's a missional disruptor you want to work with? _____
 - iv. How will you serve? (Silas dictated letters, Tim filled in for Paul, Lydia opened her home) _____

This Week's Events

- Feb 4** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Feb 6** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or partnership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Feb 7** 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men's Chorus
- Feb 9** 8:00pm – Middle School Overnighter at The Union
- Feb 11** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're talking about the importance of reading the Bible and understanding God's character and plan for the world. See you at 6:30! Don't forget to sign up for the Overnighter Feb 9-10!

High School – Wednesday is testimony night! See you at 7:30! Don't forget to sign up for Silver Birch Winter Retreat Feb 23-25!

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: 2/4 Missionary Salary, 2/11 ONE Waupun, 2/18 Missionary Salary, 2/25 Regular Benevolence. 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 Phil & Lynette Loomans as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 8th.

Congrats to Cal & Ruth Ann Flegner as they celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on February 10th.

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 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

Praise: We rejoice today in You, who descended from on high to disrupt our sin-steered ways. You came and showed us a better way to live. You died on the cross to forgive us and redeem us from the power of sin and Satan. Oh, how we rejoice in your gracious disrupting of our corrupt ways.

Repent: Forgive us for allowing evil desires to corrupt our hearts and lives. Forgive us for making little effort to look to you when things don't go our way.

Ask: Lord, disrupt our lives so that we will 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 look to 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.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Betty Daane.

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