

March 17, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *with* I Should Have Been Crucified”

Praise Singing

“How Great Thou Art” Hymn #111

“How Great is Our God”

“I Love You Lord” Hymn #214

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Joel Ruis

Message – God’s Monkey Wrench: The Death Dilemma

Scripture – Philippians 1:20-28

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Hymn of Heaven/I Exalt Thee”

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.

This Week's Events

- Mar 17** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir
10:45am – Sunday School
12:00pm – Youth Director Search Team Meeting
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 19** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Mar 20** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
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
- Mar 24** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Palm Sunday, Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is testimony night! See you at 6:30!

High School – How are God's promises fulfilled in life when you're still waiting on the big things you've asked for to happen? We'll talk about it on Wednesday at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

All Church Retreat – Join us for the All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 19-21. Brochures with information are 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: 3/17 Missionary Salary, 3/24 Waupun Food Pantry, 3/31 Brandon Food Pantry, 4/7 Awaken Kids. 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 Alvin & Doris Harmsen as they celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on Mar 22nd.

Congrats to Cal Flegner as he celebrates his 80th birthday on March 23rd.

Donations for VBS – We are in need of empty 8oz water bottles & empty cool whip containers. Donations may be placed in the tote at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center.

East Friesland New Covenant Church Women's Event – EFNCC is hosting a video playback of the Answers in Genesis Women's Conference to be held Friday, April 26th from 4-8:30pm (doors open at 3:30pm) and Saturday, April 27th from 9am-5pm (doors open at 8:30am). This year's conference is titled, *Reclaim: Overcoming the War on Women for the Glory of God*. Tickets for this event will be on sale March 17th-April 14th for \$20 each and will include 3 speakers, worship time, and a catered meal on Friday night, along with 6 speakers, worship time, a catered lunch, and light snacks on Saturday. Tickets must be presented for entry. With questions or to order tickets, please email: secretaryofnewcovenant@gmail.com or call 920-382-6173 with the number of tickets you'd like to order and your mailing address. Due to some sensitive content, we recommend that only ages 13+ attend and that parental discretion is used. For more information on the content of the conference, please visit <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2024/>.

Mercy Meals – Pella Lutheran in Waupun is having a Mercy Meals packing event on Saturday, March 23rd from 9am-3pm. Assemble nutritious oatmeal-based meal packets to be distributed to Ukraine and other parts of the world where there is a need. Volunteers work in assembly-line fashion to pack as many meals as possible. Everyone is welcome to help, for an hour or two, or the whole time. A lunch will be provided.

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

Praise: Christ Jesus, we exalt you above all else, in life and death. We praise you for the provision of the Holy Spirit at work within us, the support of the church, and the hope of heaven. We rejoice that you came, loved, died for our sins, and conquered death that we might spend eternity with you.

Repent: Forgive us for conducting our lives in a way that undermines and denigrates the gospel: not standing firm, not uniting in one spirit, not striving for the faith, and letting fear win.

Ask: Oh Lord, turn our eyes to heaven! Assure us of our salvation and our glorious home with you. In that confidence, use us to disrupt lives with your gospel and point people to you.

- 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: Christ will be exalted in my body, whether I live or die. 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.: Dewey Bille, Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Melene Kraemer, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Rick Stelsel, Emma Ter Beest, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, Joe Ware, and Sheila Winter.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Matt Saunders, , 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 – CCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ

