

October 15, 2023



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “Jesus Never Fails”

Praise Singing

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Goodness of God”

“Jesus Have It All”

Pastor Appreciation

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Adrea Daane

Message – Jim Ford

“The Five Solas of the Reformation”

Scripture – Romans 1:16-17

We Respond to God

Prayer

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” Hymn #13

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.

5 Solas of the Protestant Reformation

Romans 1:16-17

1. Intro
2. Application
3. 3 Flawed Human Influencers
4. The 5 Solas(Only/Alone)
5. Why the word Sola?



Upcoming Events

- Oct 15** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Jim Ford, Mixed Choir
10:45am – Sunday School
12:30pm – Middle Schoolers return from Silver Birch
- Oct 16** 7:00pm – High School Band Practice
- Oct 17** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – Esther
6:00pm – Equipping Children & Families Team Meeting
6:30pm – Exec Team Meeting & Staff Reviews
- Oct 18** 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
- Oct 20** 9:00am – Book Club
- Oct 22** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
10:45am – Sunday School
12:30pm – Young Adult Group
1:00pm – Pumpkin Palooza
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Team
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

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

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12th immediately following the service. All Covenant Partners are asked to attend the meeting. Activities will be available for children in the basement and any non-Covenant Partners (adults/teens) are asked to help with the younger children.

The following people will be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Bruce Buwalda, Jim Ford, Al Kamphuis, Randy McDaniel, Larry Mulder, Joel Ruis, and Mark Vossekuij

Deacon: Dan Bresser, Jason De Jager, Chris Jahn, Jason Mulder, Klint Vande Zande, and Marcus Vossekuij

Covenant Partners are asked to vote for 3 in each category. Please prayerfully consider who you will vote for.

Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the absentee ballot box, signed and in an envelope prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are not to be used simply as a matter of convenience.

We thank all those who submitted nominees and those nominees that have prayerfully considered and engaged in our process. We ask that all Covenant Partners prayerfully consider who God desires to serve on the Consistory.

Youth News

Middle School – No youth group tonight! Sleep well after a great but long weekend at Silver Birch Retreat!

High School – Sam Luck is coming in to share her testimony about how God grabbed her heart and turned her life around. It'll be an awesome night! See you at 7:30 on Wednesday!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Young Adults – Join us at the Waupun High School tennis courts on Sunday, October 22nd at 12:30pm for the ARC tennis open. Bring your tennis racket if you have one.

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: 10/15 Missionary Salary, 10/22 Christian Home Chaplain, 10/29 Words of Hope, 11/5 St. Jude. 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 Don DeMotts as he celebrates his 81st birthday on October 20th.

Congrats to Vern Schouten as he celebrates his 82nd birthday on October 21st.

Snow Plowing Bids – We are accepting bids for snow plowing for the parking lot (excluding sidewalks). Bids can be turned in to the church office in a sealed envelope. Bids are due by October 26th.

Food Pantry Collection – During the month of October, Women's Ministry is collecting donations for the Waupun and Brandon Food Pantries. Items needed include: mac & cheese, soup, fruit, jelly, oatmeal, peas, carrots, apple sauce, and hand lotion. Donations may be placed in the tote under the mailboxes.

Mission Backpack – Now through Oct 29th we are collecting non-perishable individually packaged items. We will use these items to pack the Ziploc bags that will be placed in students backpacks throughout the school year for Mission Backpack. You can help pack these bags at our Mission Backpack Family Night on Wed, Nov 8th 5:30-7:30pm. We will start the night out with pizza and then will move into packing bags. Our goal is to pack 400 bags. Donation needs are posted on the Children & Families bulletin board. Feel free to reach out to Lynnae with any questions. All donations can be dropped off in the totes located by the Children & Families bulletin board. Information about Mission Backpack can be found in your church mailbox or at the Children & Families Resource Center.

Israel Trip – You are invited to join Alto Reformed Church to discover the beauty and splendor of our Christian roots as Pastor Kevin Van Wyk, Pastor Doug Shotsky, Pastor Wayne Skaff and guide, Jane BenAri share in a life-changing experience as the word of God comes alive while we walk through the land of the Bible October 23-November 2, 2024. This will be Wayne's 56th trip to Israel. We will be visiting many new places and discoveries, and this will be trip of a lifetime and a "Bible comes alive" experience. The entire cost for the 11-day trip is \$5,399. The tour includes round trip airfare from Milwaukee, 4-Star hotels with double occupancy, breakfast and dinner daily, a deluxe tour bus, entrance fees and Israeli tour guide Jane Ben Ari. A \$500 deposit is due ASAP. Final payment is due June 15, 2024. All payments are 100% refundable until May 1, 2024. There is a brochure at the Information Center with more info and if you have more questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Kevin.

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

Luther's Prayer

Almighty, eternal God! How dreadful is the world! Behold how its mouth opens to swallow me up, and how small is my faith in You!

O the weakness of the flesh and the power of Satan! If I am to depend upon any strength from this world, all is lost. O my God! Help me against all the wisdom of this world. Do this, I beg You. The work is not mine, but Yours. I have no business here. I have nothing to contend for with these great men of the world! I would gladly pass my days in happiness and peace. But the cause is Yours, my Lord; and it is righteous and everlasting! Stand by me! O faithful and unchangeable God! I lean not upon man. It would be vain!

You have chosen me for this work. I know it! Therefore, O God, accomplish Your own will! Stand by me in the name of Jesus Christ, who will be my shelter and my shield, yes, my mighty fortress, through the might and strengthening of the Holy Spirit.

I am ready, even to lay down my life for this cause, patient as a little lamb. For the cause is holy. It is Your own. Though this world be filled with devils, and though my body, originally the work and creation of Your hands, go to destruction in this cause — yes, though it be shattered into pieces — Your Word and Your Spirit they are good to me still! It concerns only the body. The soul is Yours. It belongs to You and will also remain with You forever. God help me.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for Jim Stelsel. Pray for healing for Mark Zeatlow as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

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, 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;

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, Dayton TerBeest, Kay Vande Zande, Marilyn Westerveld
Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Julie Medema, Marion Tolsma,
Christian Homestead: Betty Bruins
Harbor Haven: 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