

October 8, 2023



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Jr Choir – “Sunday Sermons”

Praise Singing

“Build My Life”

“In Christ Alone”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Message – Skilled for Service

Scripture – Colossians 3:23-24

We Respond to God

Prayer

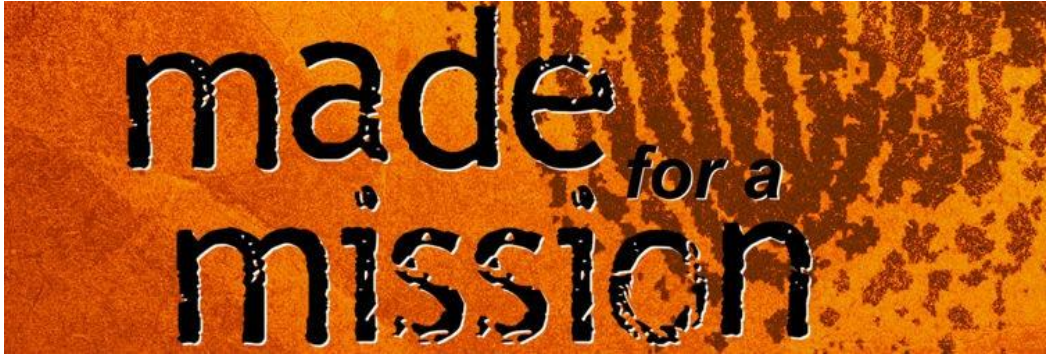
Communion

“O Come to the Altar”

“Take My Life”

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.



Made for a Mission: Skilled for Service
Colossians 3:23-24

All You Need to Know about Skills:

OUR DEFINITION: BIBLICALLY, SKILLS ARE _____, DEVELOPED, AND MASTERED, YET GIVEN BY GOD.

Skills are _____. (Exodus 35:34-35)

God gives skills and _____. (Exod. 31:6, 35:34, 36:1-2, Deut. 8:18)

OUR REALITY: PEOPLE, _____ & PRESENT, HAD & HAVE AMAZING SKILLS.

Some had special abilities in raising _____. Genesis 47:5-6

Bezalel & Oholiab were skilled at _____ with wood, stone and metals; and _____. Exodus 31:1-5, 35:34-35

Various Israelites were skilled at _____. Exodus 26:1 (31; 28:3,8,15; 29:5)

Sidonians were skilled at _____. 1 Kings 5:5-6

Esau was skilled at _____. Genesis 25:27-28

Levites were skilled at _____. 1 Chronicles 25:7

Kenaniah was a skilled singer. 1 Chronicles 15:22

Sons of Korah skilled at writing/singing _____. Psalm 45:1

David & others _____ skillfully. Psalm 78:72; Ex 18:21, 25; Dt 1:13, 15

Prince of Tyre was skilled at _____. Ezekiel 28:5-7

Others were skilled _____. 1 Kings 12:21, 1 Chronicles 5:24-25, Jeremiah 46:9, 50:9

The Church has skills _____!

OUR MOTIVATION: WHY WE MUST USE OUR SKILLS ZEGly...

Because God's word _____ ZEGly service. Col. 3:23, Psalm 33:3
Because God will _____ ZEGly service. Col. 3:24a
Because ZEGless service is _____ and fruitless. Ecclesiastes 2:19–26
Because Christ is your _____. Col. 3:23b,24b

APPLICATION

OUR CALL: **HOW TO USE YOUR SKILLS: ZEGly**

With Z _____ 2 Corinthians 8:22

Check your passion for the job: If you aren't excited to do a job, you won't grow your skills for the job, so step into something you are passionate about.

With E _____ Psalm 33:3

Ask for honest feedback: "Is this something I should be doing Or am I keeping a skilled person on the sideline?"

For God's G _____ Col. 3:23b,24b

Some of the examples above are with selfish (Ezekiel 28:5–7) or evil intentions (Deuteronomy 27:11–15).

Repent of wrong motives: "Lord, forgive me, as I've been lazy, busy, and distracted from serving you well.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 8** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir, Communion
 10:45am – Sunday School, 5th Grade Parent Meeting
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Oct 10** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – Esther
 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Oct 11** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
 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
- Oct 13** 4:15pm – Middle Schoolers to Silver Birch
- Oct 14** Middle Schoolers at Silver Birch
- Oct 15** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Jim Ford, Mixed Choir
 10:45am – Sunday School

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

Communion Statement:

Regarding whom may and should participate in Communion... “We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as Covenant Partners.

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're answering questions about creation and evolution. Is Genesis history? Let's investigate and learn more together!

High School – Wednesday is the Alto Chase! Invite your friends and meet in the youth room at 7:30!

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: 10/8 Brandon Food Pantry, 10/15 Missionary Salary, 10/22 Christian Home Chaplain, 10/29 Words of Hope. 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 Jean Vande Zande as she celebrates her 82nd birthday on October 13th.

Congrats to Darryl & Deb Navis as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct 13th.

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

Praise: Almighty Father, you knit me together in my mothers womb. You formed me by your will. Then in Christ, I was made new. I praise you for making me just as I am.

Repent: Forgive me for using my skills and abilities for my own again, being apathetic when I do use them for you, and too often being content getting by instead of excellence.

Ask: Lord, help me understand who you made me to be so that I might use my skills well for your glory.

- Restore peace to our world and strengthen the oppressed, especially persecuted Christians around the world.
- 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 the Alliance as we address core policies and responsibilities of different teams.
- 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: I will use my skills for your glory! 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 peace and healing Al & Doris Harmsen after a car accident. Pray for the family of the other driver.

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