



LOVE



December 17, 2023

We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Reading – Love

Praise Singing

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Hymn #155

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Hymn #133

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Hymn #143

Congregational Prayer

Mixed Choir Cantata - “The Love of God at Christmas”

Directed by Mary Bruins

Pianist – Jenny Glewen

Narrated by Phil Loomans

Sound Tech – Jason Mulder

“Christmas Is the Love of God”

“God’s Love Medley”

“King of Love”

Soloist – Tricia De Jager

“The Saints’ and Angels’ Song”

“More Than Wonderful”

Soloists – Jack De Jager & Henriët Luck

“You Make This Night Divine”

“The Love of God”

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

- Dec 17** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – 3rd Sunday of Advent, Mixed Choir Cantata
 10:45am – Sunday School
 6:30pm – Sunday School Christmas Program
- Dec 18** 7:00pm – Women's Worship Night
- Dec 19** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Dec 20** 6:30pm – Women's Ministry Team Meeting
 7:00pm – Bridge Dinner
- Dec 24** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – 4th Sunday of Advent, Pastor Kevin, Sunshine Singers
 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Service

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're greeting and opening doors for the Christmas program! Please be at church at 6pm. You may sit with your families during the program or in the balcony with the youth group.

High School & Middle School – Wednesday is our Bridge Christmas party to celebrate Jesus' birthday with the elders and their wives, people 60+ and the small group leaders! Meet in the church basement from 7-8pm for snacks, birthday cake, games, and a short lesson.

Christmas Card Distribution goes through Christmas Eve morning. The youth group students will pass your Christmas cards out to the church mailboxes so you don't have to! Just leave them in the white box on the table in the fellowship hall. All we ask is that you'd make a donation to the youth group in the amount you would have spent on stamps. This year we're asking that all teacher gifts be brought directly to your child's classroom. Thanks!

Soda and Water Donations – The youth groups are looking for soda and water bottle donations for second semester! If you're willing to donate, drop it off in the youth room any time. Thank you in advance!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Sunday School – Sunday school is available for everyone 3 years old – adult. Preschoolers should meet in the Sunbeamers room. K-5th grade should go to the basement for their snack (do not take a snack from upstairs) and singing and then break off into their classrooms. 6th-High School should meet in their classrooms. Adults can meet in the Consistory Room for Sunday School Guide.

Sunday School Christmas Program – Join us this evening at 6:30pm as the PreK-5th graders present the Christmas program “A Super Christmas”.

Women’s Worship Night – Please join us on Monday, December 18th at 7pm for a night of worship and prayer as we “make room” for the savior of the world. We can’t wait to worship with you!

Christmas Eve Service – Join us at 4pm on Sunday, December 24th for the Christmas Eve service. We will also be having our usual Sunday morning worship service at 9:30am that day.

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: 12/17 Remember the Children, 12/24 Brandon Food Pantry, 12/31 Waupun Food Pantry, 1/7 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 Larry Daane as he celebrates his 80th birthday on December 18th.

2024 Offering Envelopes – Covenant Partners, please take your offering envelopes from the table in the lobby.

Love Offering – This year we will be giving a love offering to multiple anonymous recipients. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday School class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white offering boxes through Dec 24th. You can find more info in your church mailbox.

Christmas Dinner – We invite anyone who has no plans for Christmas to join us for a free homecooked meal at the Wesley Center (114 Forest Ave, Waupun) on Monday, December 25th. We will serve buffet style at 11:30am and 12:45pm. Please call 920-928-3310 for reservations and state which time slot you would like to attend.



Hosted by Alto Reformed Church
(N3697 County Road EE, Waupun, WI 53963)
Sunday, January 14 at 2-5pm

Go and Tell is an easy and practical way to equip you to become a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19). This three-hour interactive seminar 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.”* (Philemon 6)

Go & Tell Evangelism Workshop Promo Video: <https://youtu.be/9hlpe56T1Jw>

Introduction: Go

The Lord has commanded us to go (Matthew 28:18-20) and make disciples. Learn how to initiate gospel conversations (Acts 11:14).

Session 1: Tell

Learn how to use the Word of God as a mirror to help others see their need for a Savior (Romans 3:19-23).

Session 2: Tell

Learn how to present the gospel with others (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Session 3: Tell

Learn what it means to follow Jesus and how to encourage others to walk with Him (Matthew 4:19, 7:21-23).

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

Praise: Gracious Father, we love you because you first loved us. We rejoice in the sending of your son, Jesus to reveal your grace and truth through his life, death and resurrection. We praise you for the love you brought to the world through Jesus.

Repent: Forgive us for looking to others to be our source of love and fulfillment. Reveal our lack of love and bring us to repentance.

Ask: We pray that you would intervene in our world and show your love...

- Revive our faith by inspiring us to study your Word and to pray without ceasing.
- Renew our passion for your mission and help us reach the lost.
- Heal and strengthen those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- Guide and lead our national and world leaders to bring justice and peace to all.

Yield: Today, we devote ourselves to loving you and loving others above ourselves. 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 Elaine Daane as she has a stint put in tomorrow.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Paul Bruins, Betty Daane, Elaine Daane, Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Faye Janey, Melene Kraemer, Gary Navis, Steve Navis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Don Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Barry Ter Beest, 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, 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