

**December 31, 2023**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“The Solid Rock” Hymn #443 vs. 1, 2, & 4

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn #519

“Thou Art Worthy” Hymn #40

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Jackie Tenpas

Message – Divine Cultivation: Do I Believe or Don’t I?

Scripture – Luke 8:4-15

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow” Hymn #437

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 31** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pulpit Supply – Randy McDaniel  
10:45am – No Sunday School
- Jan 1** Office Closed
- Jan 2** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
1:30pm – Women's Mission Circle – *Bible Study #3*  
7:00pm – Women's Ministry Idea Meeting, Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Jan 3** 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
- Jan 7** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Elder & Deacon Installation, Men's Chorus  
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](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – No youth group tonight. Have fun ringing in the new year with family and friends! Next week is Glow Wars!

**High School** – Wednesday is our winter semester kickoff! Get ready for some friendly competition!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Women's Bible Study** – Join us for a 7-week study on Thessalonians on Tuesdays at 9:30am beginning Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up at the Information Center by Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Book cost will be \$10.

## *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: 12/31 Waupun Food Pantry, 1/7 Regular Benevolence, 1/14 Missionary Salary, 1/21 Union. 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.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**Congrats** to Larry & Gloria Mulder as they celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congrats** to Bob & Bette Walstra as they celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Praise:** Heavenly Father, I praise you for...

**Repent:** Please, forgive me for...

**Ask:** I pray that you would intervene in our world...

- 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.
- I specifically ask that you...

**Yield:** I surrender this coming year to you, Lord. Help me honor you. 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 Matt VanHise as he recovers from lung surgery.

**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, Steve Navis, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Don Schultz, Sadie 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