

March 3, 2024



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism – Amity Kay, daughter of Ryan & Breanna Vande Zande

Men’s Chorus – “Singing with the Saints”

Praise Singing

“Great Things”

“Great Are You Lord”

3 Minutes for Missions – Gideons International

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Jackie Tenpas

Message – God’s Monkey Wrench: Disrupting Prayer

Scripture – Philippians 1:9-11

We Respond to God

Prayer

“Crowns”

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.



God's Monkey Wrench:

How God Disrupts Our Lives
and Sets Us Straight

Disrupting Prayer
Phil 1:9-11

Prayer should be _____.

Three Disrupting _____ Prayers:

to be... _____ (1:9)

to be... _____ (1:9b-10a)

to be... _____ (1:10b-11a)

One Grand _____:

to bring _____ & _____ to God (1:11b)

APPLICATION:

_____ more _____.

PRACTICAL NEXT STEP:

1. Start using a prayer journal where you list various requests, answers, and guidance. Jessa loves the journals from www.valmariepaper.com.
2. Pray with your family at meals. This is the easiest way to form a habit of prayer... have your family commit to and hold each other accountable to pray at every meal. Just don't let it be a heartless, rote prayer. Make it personal and powerful!
3. Read a great book on prayer... *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala; *The Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World* by Paul Miller; *When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer* by Jerry Sittser.

IF YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY...

1. Read your Bible and consider what it reveals about who God is: Creator, Provider, Judge, Savior... Place yourself before God in that light. This will lead you to PRAY. It will cause you to Praise him, Repent of your sin, Ask for help, or to Yield/surrender your life.
2. Pray out-loud alone. It's awkward, but will clarify your prayers and give you confidence to pray with others.
3. Pray with others. Listen and learn. Some are eloquent. Some are passionate. Some are unpolished. All, simply, want to bow before the throne of grace and find mercy and peace (Heb. 4:16). Have the courage to pray.

This Week's Events

- Mar 3** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Men's Chorus, Baptism – Amity Vande Zande, 3 Minutes
for Missions: Gideons International
10:45am – Sunday School
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Mar 5** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Women's Bible Study – Thessalonians
1:30pm – Women's Mission Circle
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – If you are interested in baptism or covenant
partnership, please contact Pastor Kevin.
- Mar 6** 9:30am – Golden Lifers
5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
6:00pm – Men's Chorus at The Christian Home
6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
6:45pm – Bible Class
7:00pm – Mixed Choir
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
- Mar 7** 6:00pm – Youth Director Search Team Meeting
7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Mar 10** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir
10:45am – Sunday School, Outreach Team Meeting
11:30am – Partnership Class
7:00pm – Community Prayer Service

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we're going to start on the hill for a game and then move inside and split into guys and girls groups for our talk on God's promise to provide a way out of temptation. See you at 6:30!

High School – Wednesday is our Service Scavenger Hunt! We'll drive around Waupun stopping to pray for people and do acts of kindness for strangers. See you at 7:30!

Opportunities to Get Involved

Partnership Class – Ready to up your commitment to Christ and His church? Church membership, or as we call it covenant partnership, is a commitment every believer should take as it provides support for you and opens doors for you to grow and serve. Join Pastor Kevin to learn more on March 10th at 11:30am. Lunch is provided. Family is welcome to come. Contact him with questions and to let him know you are coming.

Golden Lifers will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 9:30am in the Consistory room, led by Carl Vanderkooi.

Community Prayer Service – Join us for a Community Prayer Service (formerly known as the Crops, Livestock & Industry Prayer Service) as we draw closer to God through prayer and worship on Sunday, March 10th at 7pm.

All Church Retreat – Join us for our the All Church Retreat at Silver Birch Ranch on April 19-21. Brochures with information are in your church mailbox or 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: 3/3 Missionary Salary, 3/10 Gideons International, 3/17 Missionary Salary, 3/24 Waupun Food Pantry. 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 Vande Zande as he celebrates his 81st birthday on March 5th.

Associate Pastor Search Team – Please keep the team in your prayers. The team members are Dewey Bille, Jenna Bille, Bill Bruins, Carrie Bruins, Andy Derksen, Katie Derksen, Stephanie Lenz, Ben Leonard, Jerry Medema, Linda Mulder, Pastor Kevin Van Wyk, and Ryan Vande Zande.

Youth Director Search Team – Please keep the team in your prayers. The team members are Adrea Daane, Missy Derksen, Jensen Jahn, Lynnae Loomans, Brant McDowell, Joel Ruis, and Miley Ter Beest.

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

Praise: Oh Lord, may you receive glory and praise from my heart, mouth, and hands today.

Repent: Forgive me for neglecting prayer.

Ask: Lord, disrupt our lives that we turn to you and pray as your children. Surround us with godly prayer disruptors who will help us disrupt this world with bold disrupting prayers.

- 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 and search teams 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: 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 Emma Ter Beest and Sheila Winter as they recover from surgery. Pray for Joe Ware as he has surgery on Tuesday and Melene Kraemer as she has surgery on her hand on Friday.

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, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Rick 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;
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, 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 – CCCD, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ