

May 12, 2024



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Welcome & Announcements

Praise Singing

“Praise”

“Creator”

“Gratitude”

Mother’s Day Tribute

Children’s Message

Prayer Requests and Praises

Where We’ve Seen God at Work...

Testimonies – Corey Ruis & Ashlan Bruins

“My Jesus” during this song the Deacons will pass the offering plate to collect a free-will gift to be given to Jessa.

Senior Recognition

“The Blessing” – Adrea Daane & Jessa Wedel

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

May 12	8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Youth Service 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
May 14	8:00am – Prayer Meeting 6:00pm – Equipping Children & Families Team Meeting 7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
May 15	7:30pm – High School Youth Group
May 17	5:00pm – Wedding Rehearsal
May 18	2:00pm – Wedding Ceremony of Ian Van Wyk & Susanna Webster
May 19	8:30am – Prayer Meeting 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir 6:00pm – Hymn Sing

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

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is our final night for the school year! We'll have pizza at 6:15 and at 6:30 play car hide and seek. See you there!

High School – Wednesday is our last night for the school year! Come up with your best hiding places for car hide and seek! Pizza at 7:15, game after.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Twists & Turns VBS – It's time to sign up for Twists and Turns Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held June 10-14 at 9-11:30am. Please register your 3 year old through incoming 5th graders by May 14th using this link <https://forms.gle/rS8v4Y9UoT3LXtbY9>.

We couldn't do this without our fantastic volunteers! Volunteers (incoming 6th graders-adults) can sign up to help by May 14th using this link <https://forms.gle/A4xbDrVwDnALAEFg7>.

Any questions, please contact [Lynnae Loomans](#).

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: 5/12 Regular Benevolence, 5/19 Missionary Salary, 5/26 Mighty Oaks Foundation, 6/2 Missionary Salary. 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.

Gift for Jessa – We would like to thank Jessa Wedel for her 11 years of dedication to the youth of our church. During the youth service next Sunday, May 12th the Deacons will be passing the offering plate to collect a free-will gift.

Donations for VBS – We are in need of puzzle pieces, tissue paper (any color) and empty 8oz water bottles or small Gatorade bottles. Donations may be placed in the tote at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center. We no longer need cool whip containers. Thank you!

VBS Snack Donations – We are looking for donations for snack items for VBS week. Please sign-up at the Equipping Children & Families Resource Center if you are willing to donate.

Hymn Sing – Join us Sunday, May 19th at 6pm for a hymn sing. Bring your requests and join us as we worship in song.

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

Praise: We give thanks to You, oh God, for revealing Your love and compassion in mothers. We celebrate the gift of mothers and those who have loved and guided us as mothers. We praise You for the youth who are choosing to follow You and serve Your purposes in the church. We rejoice in how You are working in them and through them!

Repent: Gracious Father, forgive us for expecting mothers to sacrifice and meet our needs, when we should be helping and sacrificing too. Forgive us, as well, for failing to understand the challenges our youth are facing and wanting them to adapt to our ways.

Ask: Holy Spirit, we ask that You...

- Bless mothers around the world and help them reflect Your love and wisdom.
- Bless our youth with wisdom and courage to follow You and give their lives to Your mission.
- Bless Jessa as she starts a new phase of life. Give her joy and peace in all she does.
- Bring healing, strength, and peace to those listed below as they face challenges each day.
- Guide our Consistory and Search Team in every decision so that Your mission will be pursued and lives transformed by Your grace and truth.
- Renew our hearts, minds, and bodies to continue to live faithfully in this world.

Yield: Mighty Savior, 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.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery/illness, etc.: Sharon DeMotts, Barbara Gordon, Alvin Harmsen, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, and Harold VanRuiswyk.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in Las Vegas;
Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in North Carolina, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder;
Matt Saunders, 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:** 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