

November 12, 2023



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Jr Choir – “Praise You Anywhere”

Praise Singing

“Goodness of God”

“Cornerstone”

“Gratitude”

Covenant Partnership – Cameron Jahn, Jensen Jahn, and Tehya VanLoo

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Lynnae Loomans

Message – Randy McDaniel

What’s Next for Israel?

Scripture – Ezekiel 38

We Respond to God

Prayer

“It is Well”

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.



Cameron Jahn, son of Chris and Nicki Jahn, is a Freshman at Waupun Area High School. He is actively involved in high school youth group, enjoys playing soccer and golf, watching Wisconsin sports, and hunting. Cam loves to spend time with his family and is so thankful for their support in getting him to church and encouraging him to be involved.



Jensen Jahn, daughter of Chris and Nicki Jahn, is a Freshman at Moraine Park Technical College, studying Architectural Technology. She is a middle school youth group coach at church with the 7th grade girls and involved in our young adults Experiencing God discipleship group. Jensen uses her gift of creativity to make polymer clay earrings and sells them on Facebook and also at the Clothing Pallet. Jensen's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 because it's a good reminder that you are able to do and get through anything because God is always with you and will get you through the toughest times.



Tehya VanLoo, daughter of Kevin and Vicki VanLoo, is a Freshman at Moraine Park Technical College where she will get her degree in early childhood education. Tehya coaches the 7th grade girls in middle school youth group and is also involved in our young adults Experiencing God discipleship group. She enjoys spending time with friends, helping with the high school tennis team, and working at Rens Floral. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7 because it helps her through anxiety and worry, knowing that during those difficult times, no matter the circumstances, God is always there to protect her in whatever way He knows is best.

This Week's Events

- Nov 12** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pulpit Supply – Randy McDaniel, Jr Choir
10:45am – No Sunday School, Congregational Meeting
5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 14** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
1:30pm – Mission Circle – *Bible Study #2*
7:00pm – Consistory Meeting
- Nov 15** 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
- Nov 16** 7:00pm – Worship Ministry Team Meeting
- Nov 19** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir, Communion
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

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.

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12th immediately following the service. All Covenant Partners are asked to attend the meeting. Activities will be available for children in the basement (see details below) and any non-Covenant Partners (adults/teens) are asked to help with the younger children.

The following people will be on the ballot for Elder and Deacon:

Elder: Bruce Buwalda, Jim Ford, Al Kamphuis, Randy McDaniel, Larry Mulder, Joel Ruis, and Mark Vossekuil

Deacon: Dan Bresser, Jason De Jager, Chris Jahn, Jason Mulder, Klint Vande Zande, and Marcus Vossekuil

Covenant Partners are asked to vote for 3 in each category. Please prayerfully consider who you will vote for.

Absentee ballots are available at the Information Center and may be placed in the absentee ballot box, signed and in an envelope prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are not to be used simply as a matter of convenience.

We thank all those who submitted nominees and those nominees that have prayerfully considered and engaged in our process. We ask that all Covenant Partners prayerfully consider who God desires to serve on the Consistory.

During the meeting:

PreK – meet in the Sunbeamers room (6th graders are asked to help in this room)

K-2nd grade – meet in the Orange (movie) or Olive (games/crafts) room (7th-10th graders are asked to help in this room)

3rd-5th grade – meet in the Youth room (10th -12th graders are asked to help in this room)

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight is question and answer night! See you at 6:30!

High School – Our annual Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt will be happening Wednesday! We're collecting for Waupun Food Pantry and our goal is to get 100+ turkeys plus other fixings for a Thanksgiving meal (mashed potato flakes, gravy, pie filling, pie crusts, etc). Members of the congregation can either drop off your donation in church that night or let us know that we can stop by your house!

Opportunities to Get Involved

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! You don't want to miss our next event! It's axe throwing at Fondy Axe Company on November 19th from 2-3 pm. Meet at church at 1:15 or there at 2. It's located at 25 N. Main St., Fond du Lac. Bring your friends!

Funeral Serving Help Needed – We are looking for a couple new co-chairs for one of our Funeral Serving Committees. This position entails helping with ordering food, asking people to make/serve food, and helping on the day of the funeral. We are also looking for people who would be willing to be called upon to make extra food when needed for a funeral. If either of these things interest you, please sign up at the Information Center. Any questions, please contact Sue Bos at 296-1314.

Volunteer Opportunities – If you would like to be added to or removed from any of the following volunteer positions, please sign your name on the form at the Information Center or email Megan at office@altoreformedchurch.org. Greeter, Media Delivery, Nursery, Parking Assistance, Sound Tech, Video Tech.

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: 11/12 Mighty Oaks, 11/19 Missionary Salary, 11/23 Bread for the World, 11/26 Regular Benevolence, 12/3 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.

Congrats to Karen Stelsel as she celebrates her 82nd birthday on November 14th.

Congrats to Reuben & Betty Hopp as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on Nov 15th.

Book Sale – Looking for a new devotion, a fun kids activity book, a prayer journal, or just not sure what to get for Christmas gifts this year? We are having a book sale sponsored by Reach Out. Books will be available for purchase in the lobby November 12th through November 19th and you'll be able to take them home the same day. Cash or check only. Any questions, please contact Lynnae.

Directory Updates – If your address, phone # or email have changed in 2023 and you haven't already let Megan know, please contact her to update your information.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – We are looking for bell ringers for Fri, Dec 15th and Sat, Dec 16th at Piggly Wiggly. Please sign-up at the Information Center or contact Darryl Navis for more details. Seating is available.

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

Prayer Points for the Holy Land for Your Churches

By Esther Kline

1. **Ask the God of all comfort to comfort those who grieve on both sides.** Israelis have suffered a terrorist attack unlike any in the history of their state. Palestinian civilians in Gaza are enduring another traumatic war. Hundreds have died, thousands have been injured. We do not condone or rejoice in the destruction of life, no matter the person.
2. **Pray for the growth and thriving of the messianic church in the Land.** In 1948, when the State of Israel was established, believers in Yeshua numbered only 23. Now there are about 30,000 believers in congregations around the country. Pray that Jewish-background believers will remain steadfast in their commitment to Christ in times of hardship. Ask that they will be salt and light in their communities.
3. **Lift up the 300,000 IDF reservists who have been called up.** There are many believers among them. Ask that the good news of peace might go forth with them, that their attitudes toward their enemy might reflect our Savior and provoke conversations with fellow soldiers who have not experienced reconciliation with their Creator.
4. **Intercede for 150 hostages taken by Hamas militants.** As far as we know, they are now hidden in the Gaza Strip. Hamas has threatened to kill them if Israel bombs civilian targets. Please pray for encounters with Jesus for these hostages, that he will protect and deliver them. Ask for Saul-like encounters for Hamas leaders, that they will be transformed by encounters with the risen Christ.
5. **Pray for our Palestinian brothers and sisters in Christ.** There are three churches in Gaza with about 2,000 Christians. There are about 162,000 Christians in Israel and the West Bank. These continually live as a doubly marginalized community—a minority between Muslim and Jewish contingents. While rejecting violent resistance, they long for justice for their people. Pray for their steadfastness and faithfulness to the gospel of peace.
6. **Pray for the 2 million people in Gaza, who are undergoing a complete siege.** There is no electricity (even generators have run out of fuel), no incoming supplies of food and water. Many, many innocent men, women, and children are suffering. The humanitarian situation is unthinkable. Ask for their quick deliverance!
7. **Lift up Palestinians in the West Bank, which has been sealed off from the rest of the land.** Many there work in Israel proper or in other parts of the West Bank and are now unable to get to their jobs. This will provoke hopelessness and perpetuate anger and bitterness. Ask that they will find hope and refuge in the Lord.
8. **Please ask that the conflict will not spread regionally, especially to Lebanon, where Hezbollah is based.** Lebanon, as well as Jordan, have very large Palestinian populations, so emotions are high in those countries.
9. **Intercede for a just peace in the Holy Land, one that will allow all peoples, regardless of their religion or ethnicity, to live in equality and freedom, without fear or discrimination.** This may not be possible before Christ's return, so please ask for that too. Come quickly, Lord Jesus! And until then, help us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us, as you commanded.

<https://church.focusonthefamily.com/s/content?title=prayer-points-for-the-holy-land-for-your-churches>

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for John & Faye Janey's son, Brian, after having open heart surgery. Pray for healing for Paul Bruins.

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, Melene Kraemer, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean Stelsel, Jim Stelsel, Jodi Vande Berg, Ron Vande Zande, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Mark Zeatlow.

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