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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “The Potter’s Hand”

Praise Singing

“We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” Hymn #62

“For The Beauty of the Earth”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Message – Religious Fruitcakes: Thanks

Scripture – Colossians 3:15–17

We Respond to God

Prayer

Communion

Please dispose of your used communion cup in the receptacle at the door as you exit the sanctuary. Thanks.

Blessing

“10,000 Reasons”

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.

Religious Fruitcakes:

A People of Thanks, Dedication, Hope, Peace, Love, & Joy

Fruit #1: Thanks

Colossians 3:15–17

What do you want? _____

We Must Nurture Thankfulness by Appreciating...

1. _____ (Matthew 15:35–36; Luke 9:10–17; 24:30–32; 22:7–23)

What “bread” are you thankful for? _____

2. _____ (1 Thess. 1:2–10; see Phil 1:3, Philemon 1:4, Eph 1:15, Rom 1:8, 1 Cor. 1:4, 2 Cor. 1:8, Col 1:3, 2 Thes. 1:3, 1 Tim. 1:12, 2 Tim. 1:3)

What “believers” are you thankful for? _____

3. _____ (1 Cor. 10:16, 11:23-26; Luke 22:7-23)

What does the blood and bread represent to you? _____

APPLICATION:

Fruit, like thankfulness, will not grow in a _____, bitter _____. You must _____ with and continually return to _____. So, come to the table.

This Week's Events

- Nov 19** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir, Communion
10:45am – Sunday School
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 21** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
- Nov 22** 7:00pm – Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Nov 23** Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 24** Office Closed
- Nov 26** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
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.

Youth News

Middle School – Tonight we’re competing to collect donations for the Waupun Food Pantry! Let’s stock their shelves with things like cereal, pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, and other shelf staple items to get them through the holiday season and the rest of winter! See you at 6:30 tonight!

High School – Join us for the Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday night from 7-8pm in the sanctuary!

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.

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. If this interests you, please sign up at the Information Center. Any questions, please contact Sue Bos at 296-1314.

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: 11/19 Missionary Salary, 11/23 Bread for the World, 11/26 Regular Benevolence, 12/3 Missionary Salary, 12/10 Awaken Kids. 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.

Newly Elected Consistory Members – The following people were elected to Consistory at the congregational meeting, Elder: Randy McDaniel, Larry Mulder, and Joel Ruis and Deacon: Jason De Jager, Chris Jahn, and Jason Mulder.

AMEN articles are due next Sunday, November 26th.

Congrats to Pat Vande Zande as she celebrates her 80th birthday on November 22nd.

Congrats to Marilyn Kamphuis as she celebrates her 84th birthday on November 24th.

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Join us on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7pm for a time of worship and thanksgiving. Samantha Luck and Mitch & Jessa Wedel will be sharing with us.

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 through November 26th and you'll be able to take them home the same day. Cash or check only. Any questions, please contact Lynnae.

Advent Resources – There are Advent activity bags available at the Children & Families Resource Center to use during the Advent season. The bags contain a calendar of simple activities to do through Christmas as well as some of the materials needed. These bags are perfect for families with kids elementary age or younger. Please take one bag per family.

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: Almighty Father, thank you for showing your love in sending Jesus Christ to for our failure to uphold your expectations. We are grateful that he took our consequences and showed us grace when we deserved punishment. Forgive us for failing to love others as you loved us with grace and gentle guidance. Help us trust in you as we face trials and to receive them as your loving discipline pointing us back to you. Mold us and make us like Jesus in every way. Do not let us lower the bar of morality that we look like the world, but help us uphold your commands and set an example for the world. We will do better.

THIS WEEK... Pray for Donna Bruins as she recovers from foot 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, 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