

**October 1, 2023**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Men's Chorus – "Beautiful Savior"

Praise Singing

"How Great Thou Art"

"How Great is Our God"

"Here I Am to Worship"

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God's Word**

Children's Message – Cody Mueller

Message – Ian Van Wyk

"Unity in Christ"

Scripture – Ephesians 4:1-16

## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Blessing

"Jesus Have it All"

*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.*

## *Upcoming Events*

- Oct 1**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
              9:30am – Ian Van Wyk, Men’s Chorus  
              10:45am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting  
              6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group  
              7:00pm – Elder/Deacon Nomination Decline Meeting w/ Exec Team
- Oct 3**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
              9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – “Esther”  
              1:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle – *Bible Study #1*  
              7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Oct 4**      9:30am – Golden Lifers at Go Dutch Solutions  
              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
- Oct 5**      Bring Your Bible to School Day  
              6:00pm – Search Team Meeting
- Oct 8**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
              9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Jr Choir, Communion  
              10:45am – Sunday School, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting  
              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)

### **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 is game night! See you at 6:30! Don't forget that Silverbirch signups are due today!

**High School** – Wednesday is the Homecoming Powder Puff game. We'll see you at Edgewood for a bonfire afterward until 10pm.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Golden Lifers** - The Golden Lifers will begin their year with breakfast at 9:30am on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Go Dutch Solutions - all are welcome. Carl VanderKooi will lead us in a study on The Attributes of God starting on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Consistory room. If you'd like to join us for breakfast on October 4<sup>th</sup>, please signup at the Information Center by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *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: 10/1 Missionary Salary, 10/8 Brandon Food Pantry, 10/15 Missionary Salary, 10/22 Christian Home Chaplain. 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 Bob & Bev Kastein as they celebrate their 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

**Congrats** to Duane & Colleen Bille as they celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Congrats** to Kay VandeZande as she celebrates her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Snow Plowing Bids** – We are accepting bids for snow plowing for the parking lot (excluding sidewalks). Bids can be turned in to the church office in a sealed envelope. Bids are due by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Collection** – During the month of October, Women's Ministry is collecting donations for the Waupun and Brandon Food Pantries. Items needed include: mac & cheese, soup, fruit, jelly, oatmeal, peas, carrots, apple sauce, and hand lotion. Donations may be placed in the tote under the mailboxes.

**Mission Backpack** – Now through Oct 29<sup>th</sup> we are collecting non-perishable individually packaged items. We will use these items to pack the Ziploc bags that will be placed in students backpacks throughout the school year for Mission Backpack. You can help pack these bags at our Mission Backpack Family Night on Wed, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30pm. We will start the night out with pizza and then will move into packing bags. Our goal is to pack 400 bags. Donation needs are posted on the Children & Families bulletin board. Feel free to reach out to Lynnae with any questions. All donations can be dropped off in the totes located by the Children & Families bulletin board. Information about Mission Backpack can be found in your church mailbox or at the Children & Families Resource Center.

**Israel Trip** – You are invited to join Alto Reformed Church to discover the beauty and splendor of our Christian roots as Pastor Kevin Van Wyk, Pastor Doug Shotsky, Pastor Wayne Skaff and guide, Jane BenAri share in a life-changing experience as the word of God comes alive while we walk through the land of the Bible October 23-November 2, 2024. This will be Wayne's 56<sup>th</sup> trip to Israel. We will be visiting many new places and discoveries, and this will be trip of a lifetime and a "Bible comes alive" experience. The entire cost for the 11-day trip is \$5,399. The tour includes round trip airfare from Milwaukee, 4-Star hotels with double occupancy, breakfast and dinner daily, a deluxe tour bus, entrance fees and Israeli tour guide Jane Ben Ari. A \$500 deposit is due ASAP. Final payment is due June 15, 2024. All payments are 100% refundable until May 1, 2024. There is a brochure at the Information Center with more info and if you have more questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Kevin.

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

**Praise:** Gracious Father, I praise you for giving spiritual gifts to the Church that we may grow up together in Christ. We rejoice in your work in us that brings hope and peace! Thank you for equipping us to bless others

**Repent:** Forgive me for neglecting my soul and looking to the world for hope and peace. Renew me that I may reflect your righteousness and holiness.

**Ask:** Holy Spirit, clothe me with Christ. Make me new in Christ. Move in our church as well, that we together honor you in all we do.

- Restore peace to our world and strengthen the oppressed, especially persecuted Christians around the world.
- 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 the Alliance as we address core policies and responsibilities of different teams.
- 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, humbly, use my gifts and strengths to build your kingdom! 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 healing for Elaine Daane and Lillian Schouten.

**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, Jim Parrish, Dave Rumley, Jean 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;

**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, 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