

**September 17, 2023**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements

Mixed Choir – “Revelation Song with Holy, Holy, Holy”

Praise Singing

“Living for Jesus” Hymn #379 vs 1-3

“Build My Life”

“We Believe”

Congregational Prayer

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Children’s Message – Beth Redeker

Message – Designed Differently

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Ephesians 2:10

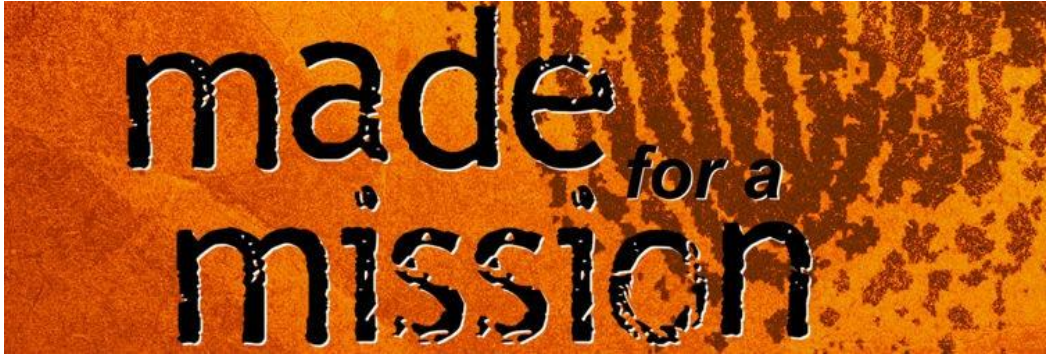
## **We Respond to God**

Prayer

Blessing

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” Hymn #380 vs 1 & 3

*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.*



**Made for a Mission: Designed Differently**  
2 Cor. 5:17-20; Eph. 2:10

What are some of your challenging relationships?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Why some relationships are \_\_\_\_\_ & how you can make them \_\_\_\_\_: (Three Problems & Three Solutions)**

**#1 We \_\_\_\_\_, so be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.** (2 Corinthians 5:18–20)

**#2 We do \_\_\_\_\_ works, but God reconciles us to do \_\_\_\_\_ works.**

H\_\_\_\_\_ vs. H\_\_\_\_\_

You were made \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

You are God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 2:10)

Sometimes you will be clearly directed to specific actions (Acts 9, Gal.1:15, Jer.1:4-10) and sometimes it's just the \_\_\_\_\_ choice (1 Chronicles 13:1–4, Luke 1:3–4, Acts 15:23, 27–29).

**#3 We expect others to be like \_\_\_\_\_, instead we should celebrate and \_\_\_\_\_ the unique strengths of each person.**

We are created \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 12:12)

Use Myers-briggs, DISC, Strengthfinders, Leading from Your Strengths, or [assessme.org](http://assessme.org). They all try to help us understand ourselves and others.

## TASK-DRIVEN PROFILES

**Analyzer** ...Let me improve the effectiveness of our present ministries.

**Artisan** ...Let me build practical things/programs to help our ministry.

**Adjutant** ...Let me support tangible projects that help others, by working to address issues requiring attention to detail.

**Creator** ...Let me invent new/better ways to extend our ministry impact.

**Designer** ...Let me create a blueprint for new ministry development.

**Overseer** ...Let me plan and manage projects and teams.

**Planner** ...Let me create an effective and innovative strategic plan and help it become a reality.

**Super Leader** ...Let me take charge of the leadership team.

## RELATIONALLY-DRIVEN PROFILES

**Disseminator** ...Let me tell you about the great things God is doing!

**Evangelist** ...Let me promote what's new.

**Fraternal Leader** ...Let me build a band of brothers (or sisters).

**Guide** ...Let me help people grow spiritually.

**Minister** ...Let me protect God's people from harm.

**Protagonist** ...Let me gather people for a social/ministry event.

**Reconciler** ...Let me heal broken relationships, between people and between God and His people.

**Servant** ...Let me make sure everyone has what they need to succeed.

## APPLICATION

1. Complete the "Leadership Style" and "ePersonality" Assessment by going to [www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths).
2. Read over the results and reflect on your unique strengths and how that contrasts with those around you.
3. Devote yourself to celebrating and maximizing your unique strengths and others unique strengths.

## OTHER RESOURCES

- Discover Yourself and Others by Deacon Martin. Available on Rightnow Media (see [www.altoreformedchurch.org/resources](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org/resources))
- Living Your Strengths by Donald Clifton.
- Leading from Your Strengths by John Trent.
- Made for a Mission by David Posthuma. (Assessme)

## *Upcoming Events*

- Sept 17**      8:30am – Prayer Meeting  
                  9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Mixed Choir  
                  10:45am – Sunday School  
                  3:45pm – Post-High Golfing  
                  4:00pm – CCCD Mission Trip Meeting  
                  5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band  
                  6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 18**      7:00pm – High School Band Practice
- Sept 19**      8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
                  9:30am – Women’s Bible Study
- Sept 20**      5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band  
                  6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir  
                  6:30pm – Mixed Choir, Book Club, Women’s Ministry Team Meeting  
                  6:45pm – Bible Class  
                  7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Sept 23**      7:00pm – Road Rally
- Sept 24**      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](http://www.altoreformedchurch.org)

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we’re talking about promises. We’re not always the best at keeping promises, but God sure is! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Wednesday is A-teams! Check with your small group leaders to see where you’ll be meeting.

**See You at the Pole** is Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup>! Set your alarm a little early that morning and join us outside your school for this international prayer day.

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**CCCD Mission Trip** – We will be having a CCCD mission trip planning meeting on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Alto Reformed Church. Anyone interested in attending we still have a couple of spots open, or if you have questions, please attend the meeting. The trip is planned for January 16-23, 2024.

**All Church Road Rally 2023** – Put new batteries in your flashlight and fill your gas tanks! It’s time for the Road Rally on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm! Head to the Information Center and sign up your group of 4 for an adventurous night of fun! Cost is \$5/person. Contact Linda Mulder at (920)382-5285 with questions.

**Calling all people who love to bake!** The Hospitality Team is looking for people who would like to bake 2 dozen bars/cookies once per month to be served after church. If you are interested in helping or need more info, please contact Adrea Daane at 296-1624 by September 30<sup>th</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: 9/17 Missionary Salary, 9/24 LIFE 102.5, 10/1 Missionary Salary, 10/8 Brandon 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 Marilyn Westerveld as she celebrates her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Congrats** to Keith & Donna Bruins as they celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Harvest Festival** – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at the Alto Community Center. We'll have food, silent and live auctions, hay rides and fun! This fundraiser will support the mission trip to the Jamaica Deaf Village with Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in January 2024. If you have something to donate for the auction, please drop it off in the church office any time. If you'd be willing to donate a salad or bars, please sign up on the Information Center and bring them to the Community Center by 5:30pm that Saturday.

**Free Babysitting** – Free babysitting will be offered in the nursery through Women's Ministry on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30pm while Bible Class is in session for children kindergarten and younger. This is for any parents participating in Wednesday night church activities. Parents must check their child in each week.

**AMEN** articles are due next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Puzzle Exchange** – Adults, do you enjoy putting together puzzles? We've started a puzzle exchange. Puzzles are located in the far, right cupboard in the tiled area of the basement. Take a puzzle and bring it back when you're done or keep it. Have a puzzle you'd like to donate? Leave it in the cupboard.

**Israel Trip** – You are invited to join Alto Reformed Church to discover the beauty and splendor of our Christian roots as 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:** Almighty Father, you knit me together in my mothers womb. You formed me by your will. Then in Christ, I was made new. I praise you for making me just as I am.

**Repent:** Forgive me for thinking too highly of myself at times and at other times thinking I am worthless. Forgive me for dwelling on my perceived weaknesses and neglecting my strengths.

**Ask:** Lord, help me understand who you made me to be that I might celebrate and maximize my strengths for your kingdom. Help me understand others, as well, so I can work well with others in the body of Christ.

**Yield:** I will use my 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.

**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, Harold VanRuiswyk, and Silas Willey.

**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

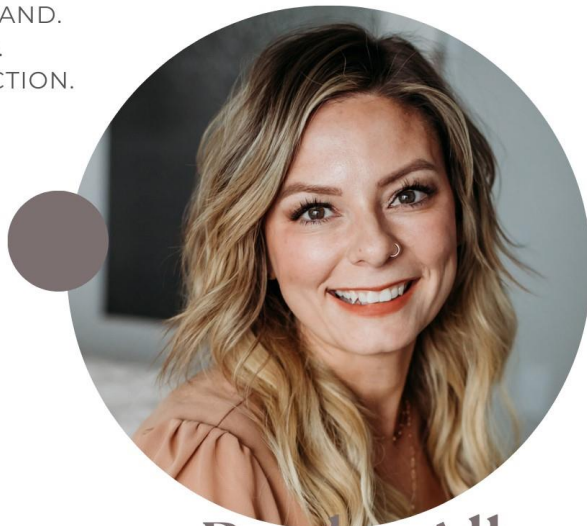
WANTED:  
**INTENTION**  
*intentionally living for Jesus*

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

Wanted Women's Conference

**7:45AM - 4:00PM**

- HEARTFELT WORSHIP.
- INSPIRING KEYNOTE.
- MEANINGFUL BREAKOUTS.
- TALENTED PRAISE BAND.
- POWERFUL PRAYER.
- AUTHENTIC CONNECTION.



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