

September 24, 2023



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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements

Sonshine Singers – “My Jesus”

Praise Singing

“Great Things”

“I Will Follow”

“Hymn of Heaven”

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Children’s Message – Amber Gordon

Message – Gifted for Impact

Scripture – Romans 12:3-8

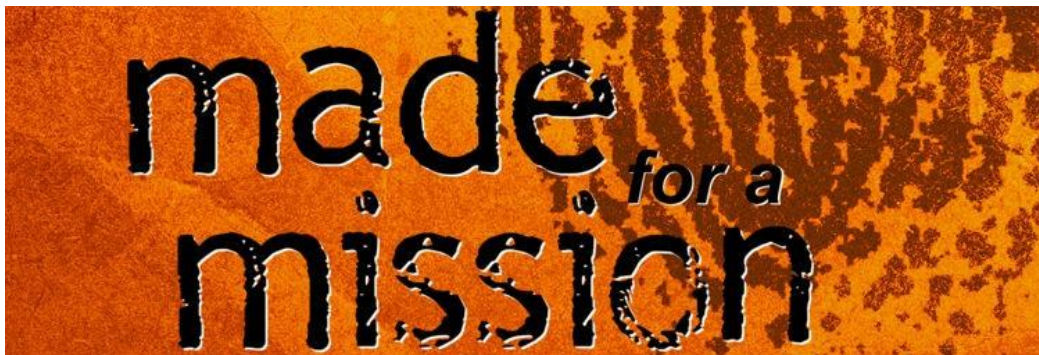
We Respond to God

Prayer

Blessing

“Step by Step”

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: Gifted for Impact

Romans 12:3–8

HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT FOR CHRIST:

KEY POINT: Welcome transforming _____ which lead to healthy _____ and _____.

ATTITUDE: _____ (12:3)

88.210 ὑπερφρονέω (*hyperphroneō*): to have an unwarranted pride in oneself or in one's accomplishments—'to be conceited, to be arrogant, to be proud, to think highly of oneself.'

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, [*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*](#) (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 764.

ACTIONS: Use your _____ (12:6-8)

χάρισμα (*charisma*). n. neut. **something graciously given; a gift.** *Something that is freely given on account of favor and kindness.* Jonathan W. Lo, "[Grace](#)," ed. Douglas Mangum et al., *Lexham Theological Wordbook*, Lexham Bible Reference Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

THOUGHTS: _____

26.16 φρονέω (*phroneō*): to employ one's faculty for thoughtful planning, with emphasis upon the underlying disposition or attitude—'to have an attitude, to think in a particular manner... 'the attitude[mindset] you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had' Php 2:5.

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, [*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*](#) (New York: United Bible Societies, 1996), 324.

1. Know God's _____. (12:3,6)
2. Know the gift of _____. (12:3,6)
3. Know God's _____. (12:1)
4. Know you are "_____." (12:5)

5. Know you are _____. (12:6)
6. Know your _____. (12:4-5)
7. Know you _____ to the church. (12:4-5)

APPLICATION

1. **In light of _____, _____, use your _____!**
 - A. How's your attitude?
 - B. How are you using your gifts?
 - C. How are you welcoming transforming thoughts?
2. Complete the "Leadership Style" and "ePersonality" Assessment by going to www.altoreformedchurch.org/discover-your-strengths.
3. Read over the results and reflect on your unique strengths and how that contrasts with those around you.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 24** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Sonshine Singers
 10:45am – Sunday School, 5th Grade Parent Christmas Program Meeting
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Sept 25** 7:00pm – Deacon Meeting, High School Band Practice
- Sept 26** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study – Esther
- Sept 27** See You at the Pole
 5:50pm – Elementary Praise Band
 6:20pm – Sonshine Singers, Jr Choir
 6:30pm – Mixed Choir, Book Club
 6:45pm – Bible Class
 7:30pm – High School Youth Group, Men’s Chorus
- Sept 29** Pastor Kevin on vacation returning 10/1
- Sept 30** 5:30pm – Harvest Festival
- Oct 1** 8:30am – Prayer Meeting
 9:30am – Ian Van Wyk, Men’s Chorus
 10:45am – Sunday School, Hospitality Team Meeting
 5:30pm – Middle School Praise Band
 6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
 7:00pm – Elder/Deacon Nomination Decline Meeting w/ Exec Team

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

Youth News

Middle School – Jesus is the biggest and best promise that God fulfilled for us. Find out tonight how Jesus was the promise of God from the very beginning!

High School – Wednesday is Question and Answer night! Submit anonymous questions through the Google form or text them to Jessa. See you at 7:30!

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

Opportunities to Get Involved

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 30th.

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

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: 9/24 LIFE 102.5, 10/1 Missionary Salary, 10/8 Brandon Food Pantry, 10/15 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 Paul Elenius as he celebrates his 91st birthday today!

Harvest Festival – Saturday, September 30th 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.

AMEN articles are due today.

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 29th 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 8th 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.

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 56th 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 sending your Spirit to indwell believers and equip us with gifts to make an impact on this world. I am grateful that You have a purpose for me in this world and I rejoice that everything is not meaningless.

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 gifts and 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, 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. Pray for the family of Cassandra De Jager as her grandpa passed away. Pray for Melene Kraemer as she recovers from wrist surgery.

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