

## Watching and Waiting

**Text:** Matthew 25.1–13

**Theme:** Preparation for Christ is supremely important.

**Introduction — Misconceptions abound**

### I. Seven Truths About Jesus' Return

### II. Correcting Misconceptions

### III. Therefore, Watch While You're Waiting

**Conclusion — Stay Focused!**



Order of Service for  
**April 11, 2021**

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Kevin Sorensen

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9; Revelation 19:11–16

Disciples Prayer

Vern Nelson

Hymns of Praise

#312 Calvary Covers it All

#327 The Old Rugged Cross

#356 Redeemed

Apostles Creed

Communion Celebration

Children's Message

Message

*Watching and Waiting*

Matthew 25.1-13

Closing Hymn

#294 One Day

*Offering plate will not be passed at this time,  
please place offering in the box in the entryway.*

Please know that our service is being recorded and uploaded to  
albionfreechurch.org and Facebook live.

*As God's people our mission to strive to fulfill with excellence both the Great  
Commandment Loving God and Loving Others and the Great Commission - winning  
people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them up in the faith and equipping them to  
minister to others.*

## Information and Coming Events:

Christian Education Meeting will be held April 25 following the morning worship service. All those involved in AWANA, leading a Bible Study Group and those interested in helping with VBS should plan on attending. Lunch will be provided.

Pastor Kevin will be away April 12-18. Paul Voderbruggen will be here on April 18 to give an update from Timber Bay and share from God's Word. A Gideon Representative will also be here and a love offering will be taken.

Ministry Opportunity! We need those who would be willing to keep the nursery organized and someone (or a couple of people) willing to help with the children's bags each week. Please see Taumi or Pastor Kyle for more information!

Ladies Book Club will be held at Gina Thesings on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. We are still going to discuss our book from last month, Beautiful Outlaw, by John Eldredge... a study going through the gospels that examines Jesus' one-on-one encounters with people and gives us glimpses into his personality... his sense of humor, extreme generosity, humility and more! All are welcome.

Young Adult Get Together! May 1<sup>st</sup> we are planning a photo scavenger hunt and then a bring your own picnic meal. More details will come as we get closer but mark your calendars now! Please see Kyle or Bethany Morton for more details.

The General Board will meet next on April 19.

The Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be held on May 3 at 7:00 pm.

AWANA closing night will be April 21 and awards night will be April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayers & Praise:

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..."*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

- Those in our church family who have experienced surgeries or illnesses and need healing: Bob & Barb Rigenhagen, Rod Twitchell, Barb Bares, Noah Benson, Chris Gloege,
- For those with restricted visitors: Ralph & Judy Lipelt, Norma Carlson, and Jann McCracken
- For those with hurts too painful to share
- For the youth that are going on the missions trip this summer
- That we would have volunteers to make VBS a reality this June
- Praise that Mary Schlieff was able to get the diabetic sensor for her insulin pump
- Nikki Mattheson for her upcoming surgery scheduled for April 15; for no complications and a quick recovery
- Youth will be heading to Blitz at Shamineau next weekend, pray for great relationship building and challenging times in the Word, health & safety

## Ministry Opportunities This Week:

### Adult Ministries:



**Today** 9:00 am Adult Bible Study locations:  
Fellowship hall with Reed Arvidson (masks required)  
Side Room with Bob McCracken (masks optional)  
Basement classroom with Jon Saksa (limited space)

Mon. 6:30 pm GriefShare in Fellowship Hall  
Tues. 9:30 am Time of Prayer; in the Fellowship Hall  
Fri. 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in St. Michael  
Sat. 8:00 am Men's Gathering

### Student and Children's Ministries:

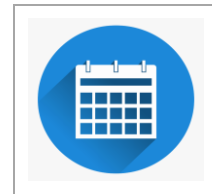


Today 9:30 am Children's Bible Classes in classrooms downstairs (for ages 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Student Bible Class in Youth Room (for ages 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Wed. 6:30 pm AWANA (for ages 3- 6<sup>th</sup> grade) meets via Zoom  
6:30 pm Youth Group (for 7<sup>th</sup> -12 grades) meeting in person at church  
Friday: Youth Group leave for Blitz @ Camp Shamineau

*We encourage families to worship together during our worship service. There are activity bags available in the back or children. The nursery is also available for those under 3 who need to move. Thank you for worshipping with us!*

### Special Opportunities



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 21-24 from 9:00 -11:30am. **We need Volunteers!** To provide VBS this summer, we need all **volunteers to step up by April 18!** Would you be willing to help?! Please check out the bulletin board for more information or see Pastor Kyle or Taumi Wilson for more information.

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