



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
 8:00 AM Traditional
 10:00 AM Praise
 10:00 AM Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
 Mon.—Thurs.
 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
 (Lunch 12:30—1:30)

In this issue:

A/V Volunteer	3
1st Communion	3
Katie's Cup Book Club	4
Glory Garden order form	5

Monday, March 21, 2022

Volume 49, Issue 6

From the Pastor:

Lent is the season that leads us to Easter. That is its purpose: to prepare us, individually and as a community, for the biggest party of the Christian year – the festival that stretches 50 days as we celebrate the unimaginable Good News that Christ is Risen from the dead!



But the truth is, Lent doesn't feel like preparation for a party. Lent can feel more like preparation for a funeral. And, in a sense, it is – because **the first job in Lent, the first step in finding our path to that Easter Party, is to lament.** Lament is how we acknowledge the reality of the world we live in. To lament is to look full in the face the fragility, weakness, evil and awfulness of the world. To lament is to express our grief, our regret, and our deepest longing that things be different. **Only when we learn to lament what is can we confidently turn to the hope of what might be.**

But when we listen and name the hard truths – about our own sin, and the deep pain of the world we live in – our hearts begin to sing at the hope of a Savior. **The bible gives us example after example of this journey, where lament leads to hope.** Perhaps nowhere is it better expressed than in the hymnal of Scripture – the Psalms. It is in the Psalms that we see anger, bitterness, disappointment, and despair expressed. They are expressed in our worship because they are the reality that we sometimes live in. But alongside these emotions we also see hope and joy expressed. For there is something miraculous and uplifting that happens when we witness how God brings hope, joy, and wondrous things out of the ashes that this world creates. This is the truth I hold on to these days when I see what is happening in Ukraine. When I witness the devastation and trauma that the pandemic has wrought in our lives. I hold on to this truth and proclaim that even in the midst of this destruction "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O Lord My God!"

***The thought of my suffering and homelessness
 is bitter beyond words.
 I will never forget this awful time,
 as I grieve over my loss.
 Yet I still dare to hope
 when I remember this:
 The faithful love of the Lord never ends!
 His mercies never cease.
 Great is his faithfulness;
 his mercies begin afresh each morning.
 I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance;
 therefore, I will hope in him!"
 Lamentations 3:19-24***

BY THE NUMBERS

3/02/22 Ash Wed	57 + 17	74	3/08/22 Wed		18
3/06/22	34 + 52	58	3/13/22	23 + 38	61
3/6 Online views		15	3/13 Online views		20

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56

Gen Fund 3/6/22	\$22,211.00	Gen Fund 3/13/22	\$2,636.19
Forward in Faith	\$8,075.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,061.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$24,997.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,511.37

Festival.....\$250.00

*Please note that some totals include full-year giving



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave Lillegaard, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Don Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Peggy O'Riley, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Pat Seratilla, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Marlene Bukowski** and **Donna Seefeldt**. **Irv Johnson** sends his thanks for the flowers he recently received. Many thanks from **Glen McDonald** for all of the get well wishes and the altar flowers. **Don Gugliemetti** expressed his thanks for the card he received after Judy's passing. Our love and sympathy go out to the family of **Larry Geiger, Jr.** who passed away March 9th.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (in-person)
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person and online)

Children's Church will be meeting the first and third Sundays of the month, monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available for pick-up

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Men's Bible Breakfast: Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



Pastor Dan's office hours: Mondays 12:00-3:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.



Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received are "power of prayer - it works!", "just what we needed", and loads of thanks! Even though we are praying for a few families each week, please call the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

Together we worship, together we pray, together we love.

March 27th — Matt & Deb Hier; Rolly Greenland; Bob & Bea Lundgren; and Valerie Miller.

April 23rd— Sharon Milbourn; and Jeanne, Alexis, Courtney, Evan & Haley Novak.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 23rd—1st Communion Class, 3:30 PM
 Wednesday, March 23rd—Lenten Soup Supper, 6 PM
 Wednesday, March 23rd—Lenten Worship, 7 PM
 Thursday, March 24th— Council Meeting, 6 PM
 Monday, March 28th—Mental Health, 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, March 30th—Lenten Soup Supper, 6 PM
 Wednesday, March 30th—Lenten Worship, 7 PM



Sound Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to run the **sound board and slides** for our **8 AM** worship one to two times a month. We will train you on the equipment. If you are willing to help, please see either Scott Dabson or Lynn Valentine.



Join us every Wednesday in Lent for a Soup Supper and Lenten Worship. We will meet at 6 PM for fellowship and a meal in Fellowship Hall. At 7 PM we will move upstairs to begin our Holden Evening Prayer worship service.

This year's Lenten devotional is entitled "**Grace Unbounded**". Explore the many ways God's grace abounds as we hear from many writers and their "unique voices and pastoral wisdom." These devotionals will be available in Memorial Lounge. There will also be some in the box outside the door F.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Have you thought about buying a new Easter outfit for you, your spouse, or your kids/grandkids? SCRIP has gift cards to Kohl's, Wal-Mart and Target to help. Buy them now so that you can be ready for Easter!

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The Academy needs your help! They are seeking candy and plastic egg donations for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop donations off at the church or school office. Also they are seeking volunteers to help fill eggs. If you are able to volunteer please see Scott Dabson. We will begin filling eggs this week and will continue until we reach our goal of 20,000 eggs!

Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers Sign-up: With the shrinking numbers in our committees, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to bring soups, desserts, and to help serving and clean-up. A sign-up poster is in the narthex. "More hands make for light work."



The Altar Guild is now taking orders for our 2022 **Easter Glory Garden**. We will have our traditional lilies and tulips. Cost is \$12 per plant. An order form is included on pg. 5 of this Summit. There will also be some on the kiosk in the narthex. Plants can be picked up after 10 AM Easter service or on the following Tuesday (office will be closed Monday).

To Family & Friends of Alpine Church & Academy,

I appreciate the honor of recognition by the Academy. I am sorry I was not well enough to attend the brunch. Thanks to all who attended and gifted the Academy. Please continue to keep the Academy in your prayers.

In Christ,
 Bob McVinnie

A **1st Communion Class** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 23rd from 3:30-5 PM** in the church conference room. Please see Pastor Dan or call the office if you have someone who would like to attend. Those attending will then receive communion on Easter Sunday.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks (purchased or home baked). We also love to have you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with your Alpine family. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. (Laurel McVinnie)

Are you making the most of your Thrivent account?

Each year you need to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. The deadline for designating your Choice Dollars is March 31st. Last year, over \$3,000 was contributed to Alpine through this program. This does not count the amount we received through the Action Team monies that are available for different fundraising projects. Please contact your Thrivent Financial agent for more information or see the flyers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Would you like to give automatically from your bank account?

We can schedule your withdrawal weekly, monthly or twice a month. Please see Lynn in the office for more details. (Lynn Valentine)

Do you already give electronically?

We have envelopes for celebration Sundays, Lent, Advent, etc. made up for you. You may pick them up from the counter in the coat room. Thank you for supporting Alpine Lutheran. (Laurel McVinnie)



With the beginning of Lent behind us and our journey through the season moving along we begin preparations for activities at the Academy. Our Easter Program is something we look forward to seeing students perform for us. We build anticipation for the wonderful job they do each year. We are preparing to invite our community to join us. A large event at Alpine will be a fun way for us to reach our neighbors and the community around us. Always opportunities to share God's love.

We invite you to join us on April 7th at 6:00pm in the school gym for our Annual Easter Program. Students are preparing to perform a fantastic program for you once again this year. We are happy to be able to invite all of our Alpine Family into the school gym to enjoy this program. We hope that you are able to join us this year.

We are fortunate to be able to host many events throughout the school year each year. One of the biggest of those events is our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Open House event. Each year we invite our community to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and we share information and tours of our school with them. The Easter Bunny joins us for pictures and to kickoff the hunt. We also have several activities planned around the event including crafts and sidewalk chalk. Some of our local businesses have already provided prizes for this year's event including the Rockford Rivets, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria and Don Carter Lanes to name a few. We are still in need of plastic eggs and candy to fill them. If you are able to donate either you may drop that off to either the school or church office during open hours. We are also seeking volunteers for the day of the event (April 16th). If you are able to volunteer please see me anytime or let the school office know and we will add you to the volunteer list. We will contact volunteers the week before the event to confirm times and other details. Huge **"Thank You"** to everyone who has already donated eggs, candy and even time to help us as we prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt!

In Christ
Mr. Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy





EASTER GLORY GARDEN

Alpine's Altar Guild once again brings you the Easter Glory Garden. It is a celebration of the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. Please be a part of this beautiful creation. We will be using lilies & tulips. Cost of each plant is \$12.00. Altar Guild will be selling these plants through April 3rd. Please include payment with your order form. Flowers may be taken after the 10:00 Easter Service.

White
Lilies _____

Red
Tulip _____

Yellow
Tulip _____

Will take flowers Y or N (please circle)

Donor name

(Please print name)

Remembering

(Please print name)

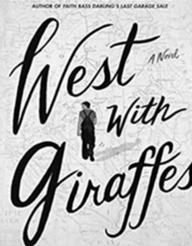
Amount Paid \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____



*Katie's Choice
Book Club*

Thursday
April 14
10 am

LYNDA RUTLEDGE



West with Giraffes
By Lynda Rutledge

Free and open to all – Discussion at Katie's Cup



Alpine Lutheran Church
5001 Forest View Ave. Rockford, IL 61108
alpinelutheran@comcast.net
www.alpinelutheran.com

Non-profit org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Rockford, IL
Permit #2653

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



See what Alpine has to
offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Linde

Lector: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel
(10:00) Lynn Valentine

Lay Assistant: (8:00) Glen McDonald
(10:00) Bob McVinnie

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson

Lector: (8:00) Martin Scott
(10:00) Dick Nelson

Lay Assistant: (8:00) Deb Okeson
(10:00) Dick Nelson

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Children's Church will meet
every 1st and 3rd Sunday
during the 10 AM worship service.

All are welcome to join us!
We will also continue our Grab & Go bags
which are available in the memorial lounge.