



**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)

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*From the Pastor:*

The Good Shepherd

A recent gospel reading we had was from John 10. In this encounter, Jesus draws a comparison between himself (the good shepherd) and the false teachers of the day (thieves, bandits, and hired hands). What stands out about this comparison is the way Jesus is so personally attached to his flock. They know him, recognize his voice, and willingly follow him because they associate that voice with safety and comfort. Jesus proclaims how personally invested he is in these relationships by declaring that what makes him significant is his willingness to lay down his life for us – his sheep.

Two things stand out to me as I read this homily or illustration by Jesus.

1. We already can hear and recognize the voice of Jesus. God is already speaking to us. Our biggest obstacle is that we have we have too much noise (other voices) that drown out God's voice.
2. Following the voice of Jesus will transform us and allow us to have life abundantly, a life where we love deeply.

In fact, the most exciting words that Jesus proclaims might be "*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*" Think about what it means to have life abundantly. In American culture it would probably refer to the person who has the most wealth and can afford to live in extravagant ways. But notice that Jesus said, "have life abundantly," not to live abundantly. What does it look like to have more life than we need? Again, I think it is a mistake to think this means good health. Instead, I believe that Jesus is referring to the essence of life – love. Jesus came so that we could have more of what it means to be truly living –to have the ability to love. In context then, Jesus is trying to inform everyone that following his voice will transform us and allow us to have life abundantly, a life where we love deeply. The biggest challenge that we might face is quieting the noise that surrounds us so that we can actually hear the voice of Jesus.

In the end, isn't this why we celebrate Easter? So that we can truly live? Unfettered from the requirements and expectations of this world? Resurrection power is all about freeing us to that we can live this kind of abundant life. Join us this Sunday as we continue to learn how the Easter miracle brings hope alive in our lives.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

3/16/22 Wed		17	3/23/22 Wed		23
3/20/22	40 + 33	73	3/27/22	31 + 38	69
3/20 Online views		13	3/27 Online views		8

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

Gen Fund 3/20/22	\$3,283.00	Gen Fund 3/27/22	\$5,763.91
Forward in Faith	\$1,318.00	Forward in Faith	\$533.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,764.96	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,036.65

Festival.....\$240.00

Unexpected Blessings.....\$5,507.52



**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, Dave & Carol Nelsen, Peggy O'Riley, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Pat Seratilla, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict.

**All in the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **David Linde**. **David Linde** also sent his thanks for the flowers he received. Our condolences and love go out to both **Pam Hemenway** and **Sarah Neumann**. Pam's mother passed away and Sarah's father passed away.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** — Maribeth Gillette; Karen Conti; Arron Ayen; and Dick & Wendy Barton.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** — Betty Davis; Jim & Linda Whale; Linda Becker; and Dan & Margie Carlson.



### Holy Week

Wednesday, April 6th—Lenten Soup Supper, 6 PM  
 Wednesday, April 6th—Lenten Worship, 7 PM  
 Thursday, April 7th—Academy Easter Program, Gym, 6 PM  
 Thursday, April 7th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom  
 Sunday, April 10th—Palm Sunday  
 Thursday, April 14th—Maundy Thursday Worship, 11 AM  
 Friday, April 15th—Good Friday Tenebrae “Cantata”, 7PM  
 Saturday, April 16th—Easter Egg Hunt, 9 AM  
 Sunday, April 17th—Easter Worship, 8 & 10 AM



### 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 this **Wednesday** for our last **Soup Supper and Lenten Worship of this year**. 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. Many thanks to all volunteers who have stepped up this Lenten season, providing soup, desserts and musical leadership every Wednesday.

#### From the SCRIP Desk:

We have added some new cards to our SCRIP order list including some that are available as electronic cards (E). We will not be stocking many of the new cards but they can be ordered for you. Please see the new order form. Don't see a card that you would like, ask our volunteers to see if it is on the list of participating retailers. We will highlight some of our new retailers in future articles.

#### KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



You are invited to attend the **Alpine Academy Easter Program** on **Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM** in the gym. Come and hear our kids share the glory of Easter while we show our support to our school.

It is getting close to when our **“Snow Birds”** will make their return flight to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We pray they all have a safe return!

**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)

**Already give through automatic collections through your bank?** Would you like to have envelopes for special giving such as **Lent , Easter, and Christmas?** We have made up packets of envelopes for these special dates. They are available on the counter in the coat room. (Laurel McVinnie)



The Alpine C & E Choir and Hand Bell choir invite you to a **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**, Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This service is a presentation of narration and music along with the gradual darkening of the sanctuary.

**Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** The Academy needs volunteers starting at 7 AM to help distribute eggs on the field. They also need helpers to run other activities and clean up after. Please see Scott Dabson, 815-227-8894 (school office) if you can volunteer.

**The Ukraine Crisis:** There are many ways to donate to the efforts during the Ukraine Crisis. The ELCA is collecting through Lutheran Disaster Response. Visit **ELCA.org** and click on the European Crisis Response banner. **Lutheran World Relief** is doubling all gifts received by April 25<sup>th</sup> up to \$422,000, at lwr.org. Also, for the past few Sunday's Pastor Dan has highlighted an area of ministry that is happening during the Ukraine war. You may contribute to those efforts by visiting **International Partnership**, ipministry.org.

**Chipper's golf league** is getting ready for the upcoming 2022 golf season. They will be meeting on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM, tentatively scheduled at Stockholm Inn. Golf will begin the Wednesday after the meeting at Sandy Hollow. If you have any questions or would like to join the league, please contact Chuck Valentine at 815-742-1335.

April's edition of **Living Lutheran** is available on the Cares & Concerns counter. This month's cover story shares the story of actor Joel McKinnon Miller and why he is a Lutheran.

**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)



This is a very busy time of year at Alpine Academy. We are preparing our Easter Program and looking forward to our students performing. Testing is taking place in our classrooms. Students and staff are excited for our upcoming Easter Break. We're preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt and Open House and our current families are completing the re enrollment process for next school year.

I want to invite all of our Alpine Family to join us this coming Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the gym for our annual Easter Program. Students are preparing to perform for everyone and I am confident they will do a fantastic job. It's always a joy to see these students on stage giving these programs their very best. I hope that you are able to find time this Thursday to join us for our Easter Program.

This past week our students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades have been taking the Stanford Testing. These tests give us a picture of where our students measure academically and an understanding of the areas they need improvement. We take these tests each year in the Spring before our Easter Break to get the testing done at a time that students are engaged in their learning. Testing has gone very well this year. Thank you to DiAnne Beynon for helping in our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom the last month and to Bob McVinnie for helping as well. Also thank you to DiAnne Beynon for helping with testing of students who need a little extra assistance in their testing.

Following our testing and our Easter Program our students and staff will be off for Easter Break. This break will be a great time for both students and staff to refresh before we make our last push to the end of the school year. I hope that everyone is able to find that space to relax during break and to also find time to gather to celebrate Easter. Our students have been encouraged to share the good news this Easter that "Jesus has Risen."

We've been talking about it to a point it has become a very anticipated event this year. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Open House will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:00am and the Egg Hunt kicks off at approximately 10:00am. We are expecting many new families to join us at this year's event. You are encouraged to share this event with your family and friends and invite them to join us. I am still looking for volunteers to help with the day's activities. We need many volunteers to help put out the eggs this year. We have over 20,000 eggs filled and ready to be put on for this year's event. We will also have other activities that morning but in order to make it possible we need your help to volunteer to help during this event. If you are able to help please contact me at church/school or call my cell phone at 815.494.3002. It takes many helpers to make these events happen and I'd love to have you be one of them.

This Open House is our biggest of the year, yet, the most helpful way for us to grow our Academy together is through your referrals. If you know a friend, family member, or neighbor seeking a Pre K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade education for a child close to them please have them come see me. My favorite tours of our school to give are to those who have a relationship with our Alpine Family already.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping to make our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Open House a success. All of your donations of plastic eggs and candy have helped greatly as we continue to prepare for this large event. Thank you all for your financial support, prayers and kind remarks. We are one Alpine Family and maintain that through all of you!

In Christ  
Mr. Scott Dabson  
Director  
Alpine Academy







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worship services at 8 & 10 AM



Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>—**Maundy Thursday**  
worship service at 11 AM



Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>—**Good Friday**, Tenebrae  
“Cantata” worship service at 7 PM



Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>—**Easter Sunday**,  
Festive worship services at 8 & 10



**We are looking for volunteers!**

Do you have a heart for the Lord and love for kids?  
Want to make a difference in the lives of inner-city  
children in Rockford? Did you know that RHK serves  
around 250 children a week?

Be a part of our amazing team of volunteers

**Evening**—van drivers, classroom leaders & co-leaders,  
helpers check-in desk, greeters, cafeteria monitors

**Daytime Behind the Scenes**—assist sorting dona-  
tions, packing kid-friendly food bags, preparing for give-  
aways and other projects

**Kitchen servers & substitute servers** (nights)

For more information please visit  
[Rockhousekids.org/program-volunteers](http://Rockhousekids.org/program-volunteers)



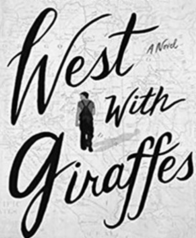
*Katie's Choice  
Book Club*

Thursday

**April 14**

**10 am**

LYNDA RUTLEDGE



**West with Giraffes**

By Lynda Rutledge

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



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



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[alpinelutheran.com](http://alpinelutheran.com)

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello  
(10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteer

**Lector:** (8:00) Bob Fanello  
(10:00) Bob McVinnie

**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Glen McDonald  
(10:00) Nancy Matthews

**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie

**Sunday, April 17, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske  
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson

**Lector:** (8:00) Pam Lojewski  
(10:00) Lynn Valentine

**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Pam  
Lojewski

(10:00) Mike Schultz, Craig Shelton  
**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro



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.