



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 PM)

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From Pastor Dan's Desk:

Celebrating Easter!

Jesus Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed, Alleluia! As you have probably guessed by now those are some of my favorite words to proclaim during Easter. Easter is a celebratory season. We celebrate new life, resurrection power - that transforms the darkness of this world, and we celebrate an everlasting hope. A hope that is centered on the truth that Jesus has defeated death and brought healing into a broken world. The Gospel declares that no matter how spiritual, dutiful, prayerful or dedicated we are, it is not enough to save us. What Jesus did was sufficient.

Here is one of my favorite Easter quotes.

"Let every man and woman count themselves immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in his resurrection. Let them say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but 'I shall rise.' ~ Phillips Brooks

Takeaways from our Easter Worship series

- There is a lot to be afraid of. Easter means our fears get crowded out by Great Joy!
- We will see Jesus! Often it is in the most unexpected of places.
- Being afraid is normal. Allowing the fear of losing unimportant stuff is what undermines our experience of God.
- Our faith grows as we acknowledge and wrestle with our doubts... and trust Jesus anyway.
- Our deep resentments and disappointments towards God are often the result of false assumptions and false promises.
- We sometimes need the help of others to see or recognize Jesus.
- God gave up everything so that we could have life with God.
- Easter enables us to hear and respond to God's voice.
- Jesus came so that we could have life and have it abundantly.
- Sin stops us from hearing God's voice and living that life.
- Easter enabled the church to devote themselves to a radical form of acceptance and community.
- Easter gives Stephen the power to stand out. People could see God's presence in him.
- Easter enables Stephen to live differently because he knows something greater awaits him.
- Because Jesus lives, we will live also.
- Advocating for others is a deep expression of love.
- It is not our love that carries the day but God's love.
- God is glorified when we make God known.
- We make God know when we radically accept and welcome people into God's kingdom.

BY THE NUMBERS

5/14/23	42 + 51	93	5/21/23	47 + 34	81
Online Views		9	Online Views		1 (technical problems)
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44					
Gen Fund 5/14/23	\$7,538.00		Gen Fund 5/21/23	\$3,792.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,943.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,150.00	
Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,421.56		Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,800.44	
53/54 week	\$410.00		Festival.....	\$317.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Bob Swenson, Jeanne Tengren, Don Torgerson, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Larry Kagel, Don Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Mari Hanson** and **Carol Johnson**. **Melissa Stucky** sends her thanks for the birthday greetings, flowers and continued prayers. Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of **Don Torgerson** who died May 15th. A memorial service will be held at Alpine **Wednesday, May 31st at 11 AM**.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children’s Church** will not meet during the summer months, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up. We will resume Rally Day.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K Everyone is invited
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday,** 6:00 PM This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Men’s Bible Breakfast:** 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10 AM, Conference room



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.**

June 4th — Bill & Sue Lovitt; Shirley Schou; Dorothy Rumble; and Pr. Rick & Helen Meier.

June 11th — Craig & Barb Shelton; Daniel Frykman; Marcia Olk; and Bob & Carol Loucks.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Glen McDonald (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) John Linde, David Linde
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Bob & Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Parking Lot Improvements: At the Special Meeting of the Congregation, it was voted to go ahead with the improvements to the parking lot. This process will begin on Memorial Day and may go into the Tuesday after. Please be aware that there may be specific entrances to use on that Tuesday while they finish up. Thank you for being patient. (Property Committee)

Doing your Spring cleaning? Youth ministry will be holding a **Garage Sale** in the gym on the weekend of **June 2nd & 3rd**. Donations may be dropped off at in the gym starting Tuesday, May 30th. Please contact John Linde with any questions. Please no TVs. (John Linde)

Up-Coming Summit Schedule: With some up-coming vacations the Summit will have a slightly altered schedule. You will receive a Summit on **June 12th, July 3rd, and July 17th**. We will look at the schedule for August and September at a later date.

From the SCRIP Desk:

We have several gift cards that have been in our stock for quite some time. Our discounted card for this Summit is Granite City. With locations in Naperville, Schaumburg, Fort Wayne, IN, Cedar Rapids, IA and Davenport, IA, you can BOGO. Yes, you can get \$50 worth of cards for only \$25! We have 6 cards left. Get them while they last. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

A new **Those Who Serve schedule** is complete and has been emailed out. Please go over it and make any substitutions that are needed, then call the office with the changes. As always, we thank you for serving Alpine. (Lynn Valentine)

Have you picked up your copy? The new directory is printed and ready for you to take home. They are on the stand in Memorial Lounge. In this ever-changing, fast-paced world we know that addresses, emails and phone numbers continue to change. If you find something that needs to be updated even further than what we have, Lynn will make a addendum to send out with those updates. Please check the information that is listed. (Lynn Valentine)

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: Graduation time is here. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

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. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.

The **Alpine In-Reach Committee** is reaching out to our congregational family to help provide rides to church for those in need. Please contact Wendy Barton, 815-399-0520, or Mike Schultz, 815-633-4789, if you can offer to give rides to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to church, please also reach out to Wendy or Mike.

Recently, we were contacted by a previous Alpine member about a former youth/assistant minister, **Rev. Willard (Ollie) Olson** (-1962). He has been put on hospice and I'm sure would love to hear from any Alpiners who may remember him, or any Alpiners with their prayers. His address is 15367 Grandview Dr., Piedmont, SD, 57769.

Children's Sermons Return! Pastor Dan has decided to bring back the Children's Sermon during our 10 AM worship for the months of June, July & August. We hope to keep seeing more children and want to keep them involved in our worship.

Save the Date: The Alpine Outreach Committee is planning an **Alpine Church Picnic**. The tentative date is Saturday, June 24th, time TBD. This event is open to all neighbors, friends and family. Food, Fun & Fellowship!



Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking the summer off for a well deserved break. We will resume again in the fall on Rally Day.

Grab bags will be available to take home during this time (one per student for the summer). We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

We just completed the 25th School Year at Alpine! Surely a testament to the commitment of the Congregation at Alpine Lutheran Church. As we prepare for our 26th School Year at Alpine we continue to feel and appreciate the continued support of our Alpine Family. The hundreds of lives and abundance of families touched by the ministry of Alpine Academy continues to grow due to your faith in this ministry at Alpine.

Now that we've wound down our school year we all look forward to a fun summer at our "Thunderland Day Camp!" Our summer day camp begins on June 5th and continues 9 weeks throughout the summer. We have nearly 30 students registered to join us this summer with a growing list of more summer campers. We continue to add students to our "Thunderland Day Camp" and encourage you to share with family and friends about joining us at camp. We look forward to having a great time with games and activities. Chapel will be on Fridays at 9:15am throughout the 9 weeks of Thunderland and you are welcome to join us.

We're also preparing now for the beginning of our next 25 Years with enrollment currently open for the 2023-24 School Year. Enrollment is going well right now and we would love to add your family and friends to our family at Alpine Academy. Please share Alpine Academy with those in your life that are looking for a quality Christian Education. Encourage them to contact us at the school by phone at 815.227.8894 or email at info@alpineacademyofrockford.com.

In Christ,
Scott Dabson
Director, Alpine Academy



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