

**Special points of interest:**

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

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

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From Pastor Don's Desk:

Monday, April 8, 2024

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"Love Is Alive"

"Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus commands this to his disciples during the Last Supper. We heard this again last Thursday evening as we observed Maundy (meaning "commandment") Thursday. He goes on to set the bar for love quite high: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus goes on to do precisely that the following day.

I would propose that while Jesus had only one life to lay down, had that been the end of it, the impact of his love would be far less than it is today. Because Jesus was raised, is alive to this day and will live forever, his "no greater love" continues to pour into the world.

The Easter season is 50 days long, seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost. Our readings during this season include post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples. This year they also include a reading from I John each week. I John includes some of God's most compelling teaching on love within Christian community. "God is love." "Perfect love casts out fear." "We love because he first loved us."

I'm looking forward to reflecting with you on the bold claims that this love makes on us and for the world. See you in church!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

3/17/24	44 + 42	86	3/24/24	39 + 57	96	3/31/24	56 + 101	157
Online Views		18	Online Views		19	Online Views		40

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

*Some initial deposits of the year include full year pledge amounts

Gen Fund 3/17/24	\$5,197.00	Gen Fund 3/24/24	\$5,267.00	Gen Fund 3/31/24	\$7,533.87
Forward in Faith	\$565.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,155.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,720.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,290.98	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,515.98	Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,695.89
Festival.....	\$3,394.00	Unexpected Blessings.....	\$56.00		



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrimble, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Cary Ralston, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Wally Bastian, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Brenda Newcomb, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Slothower, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Michael White, Deb Williams, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Donna Seefeldt, Jan Hill, and Bob & Bea Lundgren.** **Betty Davis** sends her thanks for all who remembered her on her 95th birthday with cards and altar flowers. We share our love and condolences with Mike & Marlene Bukowski and family. Daughter, Melissa Stucky lost her battle with cancer March 23rd. **Cary Ralston** expressed her thanks for the continued healing prayers. **Jan Hill** thanks everyone for the well wishes and altar flowers.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **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.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's



Pastoral Needs: During Lent, Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office.



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 14th — Vince Bertolotto; Mary DeNale; Bryan Garrett; and Beverly Clayton.

April 21st — Joe & Judah Barron; Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson; Lori Abbott; Kyle Davison; and Jim & Denise Burnett.

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) Jin Burnett, Dick Nelson

Ambassador: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) John Linde, Volunteer

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Ambassador: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Andrea Tack (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) John Fridh

Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) John Fridh

Praise Singer: Becky Toro



First Communion: Pastor Wink will offer a First Communion class to all students 2nd grade and up. The date will be **Sunday, April 14th** and it will be held between services starting at 9 AM. If you have not already mentioned to Pastor Don your interest in attending, please let the office know.

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Can you believe that we are in the swing of spring? It is time to take out all those sports equipment from their winter storage. If you find that they need updating, stop by and pick up a card to help with the cost. We will order any cards we don't have or around the 15th of every month. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The Christian Education Committee are bringing back our **Adult Forums**. They will be held once month on the **3rd Sunday** of each month between worship services. Do you have a topic that you would like to see for a forum? Please contact Lisa Slothower, hopefrom12@yahoo.com, 815-289-6933. Forums will begin in May.

Bible & Brew has resumed! Bible & Brew, an Alpine Bible study held currently at "Brewsky's", will continue our Bible study written in part by famed football star, Tim Tebow. The study entitled "Mission Possible" leads us through a "biblical plan for discovering you life's mission". Join us every Thursday at 7 PM. (Scott Dabson)

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our **Easter Breakfast!** A special thank you to John Linde for organizing, set-up and clean-up. Great fellowship was shared between our worship services!

Our "**Snow Birds**" are making their return flights 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!

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has begun collecting scholarship applications through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

Mother Nature did not cooperate for this year's **Alpine Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt**. Our first date, March 23rd, the Easter Bunny was snowed in and unable to hide his eggs. Our rescheduled date, March 30th, it had rained all night the night before, so we had to move our hunt to the ball field which was not as wet as the field across the parking lot. Our turn out was much lower with the rescheduled date and weather but everyone who attended enjoyed all of the activities, donuts and large amount of eggs they collected. **Thank you** to all volunteers who spent many hours filling eggs, setting up, donations made and helping with activities the day of the event. (Scott Dabson)

The **2024 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle** charts are filling up but we still have many dates that are available. Remember your loved ones passed or celebrate a special event by sponsoring the flowers each week or eternal candle each month. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

The 2024 prom season is upon us and **Becca's Closet** needs your help. We are looking for volunteers at all ability levels including those who need to sit or cannot lift. Please call our program coordinator at 779-707-1255 for more information on dates.



Join us for Children's Church! We are now having the kids leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Alpine Council Call Update

We hope you were able to join us on Sunday for the Adult Forum. During this Forum we shared about the Call Process, where we are and what's next. We will continue to share with our congregation updates throughout the Call Process. These updates will be shared here in the Summit, through Temple Talks and Forum discussions. The goal is to provide our Alpine Family with accurate and appropriate information.

On Sunday we announced the formation of our Transition Team. This group was chosen by your Council after much discussion and consideration of the task being assigned to this group. They will now begin work to complete our Ministry Site Profile to be used by the Synod Staff to provide candidates and by our Call Committee as they complete their work. They will be asking you, our Alpine Family, for help at times in compiling data and information about our congregation. Please take time to help them and support them as they complete their work. Below you will find the names of those on our Transition Team.

Transition Team Members: DiAnne Beynon, Morgan Dabson, Gary Hunt, Al Neumann, Mike Schultz, Becky Toro, and Sharon Walker

If you have any questions about the process following Sunday's Forum or you were unable to attend please feel welcome to bring those questions to Council President, Scott Dabson or to Pastor Don Wink.