



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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Monday, April 22, 2024

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From Pastor Don's Desk:

"Children of God"

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God."
 (1 John 3:1a)

When is a parent's work done? Many of us grew up with the saying, "A mother's job is never done." Without intending to diminish that reality in any way, I've been a parent for nearly 30 years and was the son of at least one parent for 58 years. I would expand the lifelong dimension of parenthood to include mothers and fathers.

Yet our stated goals as parents may include raising independent, fully-functioning children into adulthood. In our home that means that one of our three did not need my help filing taxes this year, and two of our three are now off our cell phone account. Independence is a worthwhile goal in these narrow ways, but what of things that only get experienced as we get older? Some of the hardest things I've experienced came after I turned 40, long after I'd begun doing my own taxes and had only paid for my own cell phone plan. I was grateful to have my parents still in my life, even if they hadn't experienced the same things that were difficult for me. Some days it was enough to know that they were available if needed.

If this is true of our human parents, how much more is it true of God? We remain children of God throughout our lives, up to and through our death. 1 John is written to an adult audience, and the writer celebrates the hearers' seemingly forever divine childhood. What of the apostle Paul? He writes, "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways." (1 Corinthians 13:11) At first glance it looks like Paul is describing adulthood in relationship to God. But read on and it's clear that he does not believe he has seen everything that God has to reveal to him.

I invite all of us to give thanks to God for not leaving us independent. For remaining beside us through the highs and lows, the beauty and the struggles of our lives. And for surrounding us with an extended family, sometimes but not always including the family in which we were raised. May we learn, grow and love together!

Grace and Peace,
 Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

4/7/24	45 + 78	123	4/14/24	30 + 63	93
Online Views		15	Online Views		5

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

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

Gen Fund 4/7/24	\$6,512.00	Gen Fund 4/14/24	\$17,169.87
Forward in Faith	\$1,730.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,908.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$39.02	Surplus/Deficit	+\$12,804.89
Festival.....	\$130.00	Unexpected Blessings.....	\$60.00



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

The **Bukowski family** would like to thank the Altar Guild for the flowers and to thank everyone for the extensions of sympathy on the passing of their daughter, Melissa Stucky.

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.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **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: 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 on that day or when he is not in 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 28th — Scott & Kathy Christiansen; Bonnie Barton; Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant; and Cary Ralston

May 5th — Jim & Jan Anderson; Diana Sundeen; Taylor Boustead; and Roger Bastian.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Karl Okeson (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassador: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Volunteer
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Lisa Slothower
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Martin Scott
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



An **Alpine Academy fundraiser** is planned for Friday, May 17th, 6 –9 PM at the Lombardi Club in Rockford. A **Jazz Gala** with live music by the **Evon J. Sams Quartet**. The cost is \$100/couple or \$60/single which includes pasta dinner and entertainment. A silent auction, 50/50 raffle and other prizes will be offered. Tickets are available at the school office, 815-227-8894. Special sponsorships for tables are also available. Call and get your tickets/reservations now.

The Christian Ed/Youth Comm. would like to revisit our **VBS program** this summer. We are looking at June dates. If you are interested in having a child attend, we need to know. Please contact either Barb Milton, 815-298-0046, or the church office, 815-399-5013, by May 8th so that we may plan accordingly.

Coming Adult Forums: Sunday, May 5th will be a special forum hosted by Alpine Academy; and **Sunday, May 19th** will be on our mental health ministry.

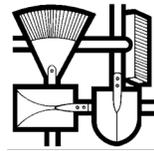
On **Sunday, April 28th** we will celebrate 1st Communion with students, **Amelia Christy, Hadley Clay, Kinsley & Kylie Cloyd, and Nico Nowak**, who have all received their 1st Communion instruction. We ask for God's blessings on this special day for them.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Have you done your shopping yet? SCRIP has many gift cards to treat Mom to a night out, a shopping spree, or even some gardening items. Stop by the SCRIP kiosk to see what cards are in stock. We will order any cards we don't have or around the 15th of every month.
(Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The **Rockford Interfaith Community Garden**, 5973 Darlene Dr., is beginning its second season of growing and providing herbs and vegetables to the community! You are invited to join us **Sunday, April 28, 4 PM**, "Interfaith Blessing of the Garden", **Saturday, May 18, 9 AM**, "Planting Day 1", **Saturday, May 25, 9 AM** and "Planting Day 2". For information, please contact Deacon Cheryl Erdmann at Shepherd of the Valley. E-mail: ds.cherylerdmann@yahoo.com or at 815-236-6657. Tools and all supplies are provided; just bring yourself!!!



The **Property Committee has planned a Spring Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 4th at 9 AM** (weather permitting). Please bring your rakes and any yard waste bags you would like to donate. Any questions may be directed to Jack Phillips or Scott Dabson, property co-chairs.

Alpine is in need of any extra **dish towels** that you may have laying around the house. We need them in both the kitchen downstairs and the coffee hour area. (Pam Hemenway)

May is Mental Health Month - The Mental Health Committee would like to encourage all to join us for Rejoicing Spirits worship service at Alpine, at 6 PM. We meet in person the 1st Thursday of each month with snack/fellowship time after the service. (Tonya Bagwell)

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)

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)

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!



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 for the Adult Forum on Sunday, April 7th. 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.

At the Forum 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

Our Call Committee will be announced in May. If you have any questions about the process please feel welcome to bring those questions to Council President, Scott Dabson or to Pastor Don Wink.