

From Pastor Don's Desk:

## **Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM Traditional 10:00 AM Praise Worship with Children's Church 10:00 AM YouTube Live

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

Monday, June 24, 2024

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## "Faith Your Fears"

I was afraid to swim in water over my head until the summer between third and fourth grades. It was not for lack of effort or opportunity. I took outdoor swim lessons at the park district pool, and indoor swim lessons at the YMCA and at the high school. I could do all the basic strokes, could float on my front and back, could hold my breath underwater...but I would not go into water if I couldn't stand on the bottom. I never explored the source of this particular fear, I just had it. I had it until the day that my swimming teacher met me in my fear, came into the water, and had me swim to her gradually farther away from my comfort zone. I never had that particular fear again.

Depending on when you're reading this, you're either just about to hear or have just heard the story of Jesus calming the sea and the storm (Mark 4:35-41). The storm came up quickly, and what had been calm conditions changed dramatically. Jesus was coming off a long day of teaching very large crowds. He did what many preachers do on Sunday afternoon...he took a nap. His disciples flew into a panic and woke him up. Jesus was not pleased. He first calmed the sea and wind. And then asked, "Why are you such cowards?" And then the clincher, "Do you still have no faith?"

Jesus is not talking about what they profess to believe, but about the basic trust that when they are in the boat with him, or on the shore with him, or in a house with him, or at the table with him, or at the cross with him, he will carry them through it. Whatever the outcome, it will be more bearable because he is there.

What are your deepest fears? Not only what do you fear, but what do you fear might happen? We might not find ourselves in a boat on stormy seas, but most days there are people and forces churning things up around us. And we might not be able to see the bottom, let alone touch it.

But we have a teacher, a friend, a Lord and God who meets us where we are and invites us to be with him. And the trust that we need is just enough that we will not pull away from him. That is faith in our fears.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Don Wink

### **BY THE NUMBERS**

6/9/24	37 + 50	87	6/16/24	26 + 47	73
Online Views		13	Online Views		14

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

Gen Fund 6/9/24	\$2,795.00	Gen Fund 6/16/24	\$2,299.87
Forward in Faith	\$3,105.00	Forward in Faith	\$408.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,367.98	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,565.11

Unexpected Blessings......\$5.00 53/54 Week......\$120.00



## Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Scott Christiansen, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrindle, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, 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, Tomas Leitzinger, Haley Miller's parents, Maryann Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, 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 Margo Grigalonas, Rolly Greenland and Roger Bastian. Roger also sends his thanks for the many well wishes and visits. Mary DeNale expressed her thanks for the prayers and kind thoughts she has received. Darrell & Donna Brenner send their thanks for the flowers they recently received. Rolly Greenland also sent his thanks for the flowers he received on Father's Day.

## **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, resuming in the fall, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- Adult Forums will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, Everyone is invited.
- Rejoicing Spirits: Every I<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 only meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in the summer.

**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.

**June 30**<sup>th</sup> — Robert & Jari Sproule; Jennifer Sproule; Gregory Wernick; and Corey, Breanna, Brandon & Brett Williams.

**July 7**<sup>th</sup> — Dale & Jill Olson; Ron & Jean Johnson; Rhonda Paravala; and Aaron Ayen.

## Sunday, June 30, 2024 ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM

Ushers: Jim Anderson, Mike Schultz Ambassador: Janet Gentry, Bob Peterson

Lector: Jari Sproule

Lay Assistant: Terry Hodges, Violet Peterson Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

## **Sunday, July 7, 2024**

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson,

Mari Hanson

Ambassador: (8) Janet Gentry, Volunteer (10) DiAnne

Beynon, Pam Hodges

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges

Lay Assistant: (8) Tonya Bagwell (10) Terry Hodges

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

The **Outreach Committee** has created flyers with all of our summer events listed. We ask you to pick up a few copies and share them with you friends, family and neighbors. You can also post them at places you frequent. Together, we can make these events a huge success.

Our first event of this summer is in the books. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered for this event and to those who attended. Special thanks goes out for our prize donor who made this year's BINGO even more fun! We now look ahead to our July event, the Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Each event is building up to our main event, AlpineFest in August. Please put these dates listed below on your calendar. We hope you are able to attend! (Scott Dabson)

### **Coming summer events:**

July 27th—Ice Cream Social August 25th—AlpineFest

Mark your calendars: Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is a **ONE-SERVICE** Sunday, 10 AM, followed by a light lunch in Fellowship Hall, sharing of information on the MSP, and the opportunity for discussion. Families can bring their children for lunch. Older children can participate in the discussion, and there will be child care/activity available for the younger ones.

**Up-Coming Summit Schedule:** With the up-coming July 4th holiday, the Summit will have a slightly altered schedule. You will receive your next Summit on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. We should return to the "every two week" schedule into the fall.

### From the SCRIP Desk:

Summer is grilling time! Stop by the kiosk or see Jody Dabson to get a card to buy your grilling needs. We still have some cards in stock and if there is enough need, we can make an order for any local vendors. (Jody Dabson)

#### **KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

The time is now! Our list of volunteers for our worship services has been slowly depleting especially when it comes time for our "snow birds" to fly south. Have you ever thought of helping during our services; ushering, greeting, reading or lay assisting? Our current schedule goes through the summer but now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity.

Many thanks to those who contributed and volunteered during the Alpine Garage Sale. It was a huge success bringing in over \$500 for their effort. This money will be used for our summer events. (John Linde)

**Bible and Brew** will be adjusting their meeting schedule for the summer. They will be meeting on the third Thursday of June , July and August. We will be discussing book and/or Bible study options for the fall. Everyone is encouraged to attend, continuing to meet at Brewski's at 7 pm.



**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.

**Katie's Cup Book Club:** In July we celebrate "Throw Back Classic Book" Month. So on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 10 AM, we'll be discussing Sir Arthur Conon Doyle's The Hound of the Baskervilles! All are welcome to attend.

The **ELCA** is walking with many partners in the Gaza region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Right now, we are helping meet many essential needs such as food, water, health care, shelter, keeping schools open, mental health care and providing medical supplies. There is so much yet to be done. To make a donation to the ELCA's efforts, please visit elca.org and click on the banner for the **Holy Land Crisis**.



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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## **Transition Team/Call Committee Update**

We hope that you continue to follow along with these updates as our Transition Team continues to work on our Ministry Site Profile and our Call Committee prepares for that hand off. On Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> our Transition Team has invited us together to provide updates and hold discussions together. These discussions will assist our Transition Team in completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). We hope that you will make plans to join us following our 2<sup>nd</sup> Service for a light lunch, spirited discussion and time well spent together with our Alpine Family on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to be thankful to those who were selected to both our Transition Team and our Call Committee. Please continue to pray for them and support them as they do the work of our congregation and seek to follow the process leading to Alpine calling a New Full Time Pastor.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask our Transition Team Chairperson DiAnne Beynon, Council President Scott Dabson or our Interim Pastor Don Wink.