



From the Pastor'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, May 26, 2025

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Seasons

"For everything there is a season." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Do you have a favorite season? I can tell you what my favorite season is NOT, and that is late spring with high temperatures in the low 50's.

How about seasons in the church year? Do you have a favorite? By the time you read this, we will be coming up on the last Sunday in the season of Easter. Easter is all about the resurrection of Jesus, his post-resurrection appearances, and the impact of his resurrection on humanity and all creation. Easter offers promise and hope to all of us, no matter how bleak our circumstances.

June 8th is the Day of Pentecost, and begins the longest season of the church year. Pentecost is about the activity of the Holy Spirit poured out on the church and its members. Pentecost covers half of each calendar year, with all of the changes that we go through. As days first lengthen and then shorten, as temperatures (around here) eventually rise and then lower, as rains sometimes give way to early snow, as one school year ends and the next begins...the Holy Spirit is ever-present within and among us, directing our days and our deeds.

The church year ends as what our culture calls "The Holiday Season" begins. For the church, the New Year does not begin on January 1st, but on the First Sunday of Advent. Advent anticipates the arrival of Jesus, first in his incarnation, but primarily in his promised return. It is a season of hope in the midst of shortened days and often unmet expectations.

The season of Christmas lasts twelve days. It doesn't end December 24th or 25th, it begins December 25th. God is with us, in the birth of Jesus.

We move quickly from Christmas to Epiphany, a season acknowledging Jesus as the light of the world. Lent is a time of renewal and devotion, also historically a time of preparation for baptism. Lent leads into Holy Week, which ends on Easter Sunday.

While each season has its own emphases and character, global events and our family and individual lives do not always align with the seasons of the church year. We may find ourselves in Easter but experiencing something less celebratory. Or in Christmas but feeling more Lent.

Thankfully God's presence and promises are constant across seasons and across our celebrations and struggles. I am grateful to be sharing all of these with you at Alpine.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

5/11/25	30 + 64	94	5/18/25	43 + 35	78
Online Views		17	Online Views		14

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29

Gen Fund 5/11/25	\$8,506.00	Gen Fund 5/18/25	\$2,735.00
Forward in Faith	\$6,345.00	Forward in Faith	\$540.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$7,361.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,889.29

Festival.....\$395.00	53rd/54th Week.....\$490.00	Unexpected Blessings.....\$20.00
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*Some initial deposits of the year include full year pledge amounts



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, Nancy Lorenzen, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Joslyn Rivera, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Pauline Cultra, Carol Earnerst, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent earthquake victims, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Mari Hanson**. **Donna Seefeldt** sends her thanks for the flowers she recently received. Many thanks from **Kathy Cordonnier** for the altar flowers she received. **Ed & Nancy Lorenzen** also expressed their thanks for the altar flowers they were given. We send out our love and sympathies to **Jim Hill** and **Tim Babcock** whose mother, Jan Hill died may 20th.

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 until the end of May, 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 (on hiatus until Fall)
- **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:** On hiatus until further notice.



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 1st — Lori Abbot; Kyle Davison; Joseph & Judah Barron; and Harold & Carol McCracken.

June 8th — Dick & Wendy Barton; Bryce & Cindy Bulthaus; Vince Bertolotto; and Matt & Debbie Hier.

June 15th — Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; Terry & Pam Hodges; Nancy Matthews; Pr. Rick & Helen Meier; and Linda Becker.

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Ushers: (8) Gene Seefeldt, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz

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

Lay Assistant: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Nancy Matthews

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, June 8, 2025—Pentecost

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Jack Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassadors: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Allen Neumann

Lay Assistant: (8) Davis DeNale (10) Allen & Matt Neumann

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

May is Mental Health Month. The Mental Health Ministry team will have a table in the narthex between worship services with material for you to look at and take home with you. Feel free to take an extra copy or two to share with your friends.



The Summit will be taking a vacation (oddly enough, the same time as Lynn in the office). Our next issue will come out **Monday, June 23rd**. If you have anything you would like posted in our next issue, please email your content to the office at alpinelutheran@comcast.net by June 17th.

Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost Sunday! Don't forget to wear your "**RED**" that day in celebration.



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)

Please mark your Calendars! Sunday, June 29th is a 5th Sunday. As we have been doing, we will have **one service at 10 AM** and join together in worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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)



Music Director Search Update: We continue our search for a new music director for Alpine's music ministry. We have had some interest and are hopeful God will provide us with the musician we are looking for soon. We thank the all the musicians who have and continue to play for our worship services when available.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th. The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday. If you need anything please call the church and leave a message.

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!

Due to multiple vacations, we will not have someone to record and **stream the worship service** for **Sunday, June 15th**. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you know of anyone who would be interested in learning the process, we welcome you to please contact the office.

Thought for the week:

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God."—Hans urs von Balthasar.



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.

We thank all our teachers who have volunteered to teach Children's Church this year.

Sunday, May 25th was the last meeting until the fall. If there happens to be a large number of kids at a service during the summer, Mari Hanson has offered to teach if she is available.

Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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



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



June Katie's Cup Book Club selection: "The World Played Chess" by Robert Dugoni. We'll discuss the book on Thursday, June 12th, 10 am, at the coffee bar. "Deftly combining elements of friendship, the trauma of war with what is basically a coming of age novel...an inherently engaging, impressively entertaining, thoughtful and thought-provoking read." Midwest Book Review We are pleased to bring this event to Katie's Cup each month (since 2013!) and look forward each time to excellent, thoughtful discussions!



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