



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Academy Chapel
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM

Rejoicing Spirits
6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)

Family Worship (Gym)
4:30 PM (2nd Saturday)

815-399-5013

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From Pastor Desk:

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Easter 2020 Takeaways

Celebrating Easter during the Covid-19 pandemic has been tough. With so many supports, activities, freedoms etc. having been temporarily taken away, many of us have been grieving in one form or another. Easter is all about seeing resurrection power unleashed in our lives. Here are some of the truths we have encountered that help us understand how Easter triumphs over our circumstances.

Go Tell Everyone Jesus Has Risen from The Dead!

We rise with Jesus and receive new life.

We no longer need second chances. God is already smiling down on us.

Disappointments and doubts are part of growing our Faith

Connecting with God, Connecting with Believers, Connecting with the Resurrection; are all ways we overcome disappointment and doubts.

We are in desperate need of a good shepherd.

Followers of Jesus are not displaying blind faith... but deep trust built on knowing that Jesus loves us.

In times of trauma and grief ... trust the voice of Jesus. Jesus tells us:

1. Don't look out for yourself
2. Use what God has given you to help those who are most vulnerable
3. Spread hope and Good News, not fear.

Jesus is the example of how to love beyond our means.

Jesus is the example of how to be loved beyond the deficiencies of this world.

When you feel lost, set your sights on Jesus. Though we may not find all the answers and quick fixes we are looking for, we do find God!

Lament Goes with Promise. Lament is our honest response to the difficult circumstances around us. Promise is God's answer. We take our Laments and our Faith; we intertwine them together and attach them to God's promises.

Jesus' response to the disciples Lament is to give us three promises

1. I will not leave you orphaned.
2. I will give you an Advocate.
3. Because I live, you will live also.

Resurrection doesn't mean going "back to normal" but journeying forward into new life.

Unity means we have been made one with the Triune God and with one another – we are one Body.

Unity doesn't mean sameness – in fact, our differences build our unity when we remember what we are one in: one faith, one body, one mission, one God.

BY THE NUMBERS

Online Views 5/17/20	406	Online Views 5/24/20	219
Required total receipts weekly..... \$8,215.67			
Gen Fund 5/17/20	\$5,351.00	Gen Fund 5/24/20	\$4,845.00
Forward in Faith	\$662.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,415.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,202.67	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,955.67
Festival.....	\$30.00	Collection Drive.....	\$590.00

***Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$1,657.06 (4/30/20)**

*Please note that these figures include several prepayments of full pledges.



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Bettie Everson, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Nancy Hornbeck, Gary Hunt, Peggy Lillegaard, Ed Lorenzen, Richard Lovitt, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, Irving Perala, Donna Steele, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family and Darold Walker.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Debra Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Helen Newsome, Judy Osiwalla, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, Penny Wendling, Sharon Wrye, Karen & Delaney Younglove, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Carol Johnson** and **Mari Hanson**. **Lynn Valentine** expressed her thanks for the prayers and get well wishes after her recent surgery. **Norma Lucas** wishes to thank our Connections committee for the lovely May basket she received. It made her day! Our love and sympathy goes out to the family of **Rev. Linda Kersten**. Pr. Linda passed away this past week.

Update on worship services and building reopening.

Alpine Lutheran Church continues to have worship services live every Sunday at 9:00 AM on Facebook. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our building is currently closed for all in person meetings and ministry events. The council is working diligently with local authorities and the Winnebago County health department on re-opening our building. When we have put into place all the necessary health measures and feel that it is safe to do so, we will announce when meetings will be able to resume again. We understand that there are many conflicting reports and ideas about how church buildings should or should not be used during these circumstances. We appreciate your support and patience as we seek further clarification, guidance, and establish the best practices we can for our ministry, the people in our congregation, and the community that we serve.

To reach Pastor Dan after office hours, you may call 815-399-5487. Please leave a message and he will respond as soon as possible.



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 Pastor Dan whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

Together we worship, together we pray, together we love.

June 7th—Sandy, Shannon & Rachel Cooley; Nick, Katie, Trent & Shawn Elder; Sylvia Emerson; and John & Nancy Fridh.

June 14th—Richard, Karla, Karter & Kamden Lovitt; Luke, Heidi, Kristian & Lloyd Lykken; and Jerry & Linda McGhee.



All church, Academy and outside activities and meetings are either canceled or postponed until further notice. We will reevaluate them as we are updated by local officials.

Wednesday, June 3rd—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Friday, June 5th—Drive-In Worship, Church parking lot, 6 PM
 Sunday, June 7th—Worship service, Facebook live, 9 AM
 Wednesday, June 10th—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Sunday, June 14th—Worship service, Facebook live, 9 AM



Just a note to all those who planned on attending this year's Youth Work Camp. It has been postponed until 2021. The payments and deposits that you have made will be carried over to next year. If you will be unable to attend next year, please contact John Linde and arrangements can be made for a refund.

Ways to connect with Alpine: We continue to broadcast our worship services at 9 AM Sundays online via Facebook and then post them shortly after on YouTube. Pastor Dan is posting a devotional every day (except Sunday) on Facebook and YouTube. Every Wednesday evening, Pastor Dan holds a prayer meeting via Facebook at 7 PM. You can find us on Facebook and YouTube by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. Even though we are apart, we can be together in the Lord.



Drive-Up Worship: *Note time change. We will be having a drive up worship service on Friday, June 5th at **6:00 PM** in our church parking lot by door "A", school end. This will be a live worship service. (Please note you will be required to remain in your cars at all times in order to stay safe and comply with county health rules). Please plan to join us as we celebrate and worship together.

We are in **need of face masks** in preparation of worshipping at Alpine together again. We would also like to be able to provide a mask for anyone who is unable to get one during the new state mandates. If you sew or can donate any masks, they will be greatly appreciated. Together we can fight this invisible enemy and keep each other safe.

ATTENTION GRADUATES: Graduation may be different this year but we would still like to acknowledge you. Please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration. (Lynn Valentine)

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** is collecting scholarship applications now through the middle of June. Applications may be requested by calling 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)

Please Note: The June calendar included with this Summit includes meeting and worship services. These will not meet until it is deemed safe to meet by our church council and all safety measures recommended by the local health department are put in to place.

Do you have an Alpine Lutheran Church Yard Signs?

We have created yard signs to tell people about Alpine's worship services on Facebook. To receive a sign, email the office, office@alpinelutheran.com. Any donations collected for the signs will go to support Mosaic and Carpenters Place in this difficult time.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Starting June 1st, we would like to offer a pick-up service for our SCRIP cards. Please call the church office, 815-399-5013, and make an order. A pick-up date and time will then be scheduled for you to receive your cards. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the **Collection Drive** implemented by the church and school. We have been able to drop off over 500 pounds of food to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry; helped supply Carpenter's Place with many paper products including toilet paper and paper towels; and given tons of craft supplies and puzzles to the residents of Mosaic. This does not even include the monetary donations we were able to give each group. During this unprecedented time, your generosity has helped those organizations continue the services they offer.

If anyone has an old **i-phone or i-pad** that they are no longer using, version 6 or above, and would like to donate it to the church, please contact Scott Dabson, 815-494-3002. We only need the Wi-Fi and camera, no cell service, for recording the worship services.



Children's Church

Once we are able to meet in person again, join us for Children's Church during the 10 AM worship. We will be learning about the lessons from the worship service and how we can share God's Word with others through crafts and games.



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ALPINE ACADEMY POSITIONED FOR GROWTH :



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Our Alpine Academy Board has been busy reviewing the overall organization plan in hopes of substantially increasing enrollment. After much discussion and several meetings, we are pleased and excited to announce that Scott Dabson has assumed the full time position as Operations/Communication Director. Among his many responsibilities will be Marketing plans and implementation, maintaining digital and social platforms, managing technology including staff training, along with principal develop and manage the annual budget, supervise certain support staff, initiate fund raising efforts, and work in conjunction with the principal to assure communication quality and success in all school activity. Scott will report to Principal Bob McVinnie and also attend and report to Board meetings as to progress in enrollment status and other area's as required. We are also updating the principal job description and organization chart. Congratulations to Scott. We are confident he and Bob will continue and improve upon a great partnership!

Our successful bid to receive Federal funding as part of the Payroll Protection Plan has put the Academy in a good financial position looking to next year and beyond. The PPP dollars helped make it possible to add \$5000.00 to our marketing efforts. We feel we can enroll 20 new students without adding additional staff by simply adding to existing classrooms. Our longer term goal is to reach 150 students. Now is where we need your help! Please join us in spreading the word about Alpine Academy. A great facility with an excellent staff and able to practice social distancing in the classrooms! Faculty will be further trained for " Remote Learning" this summer so as to be ready just in case. Parents can be assured their children will be in very good hands, prepared for the unexpected. So how about putting up an Academy yard sign and spread the word?

Sincere thanks to our staff and our Board Members and all of you for making Christian Education possible!

God Bless ! Scott Christiansen, Academy Board President