



#### Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship  
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Academy Chapel  
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM

Rejoicing Spirits  
6:00 PM (2nd & 4th  
Thursday via Zoom)

815-399-5013

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## From Pastor's Desk:

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### A Story To Tell: Lenten Worship at Alpine.

Historically, Lent is the forty-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, it begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Sunday). Since Lent is a period of prayer and fasting, it is fitting for Christians to imitate their Lord with a forty-day period. Christ used a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for his ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection. Thus it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' ministry's climax - Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the resurrection). There is no one right way to prepare ourselves. The important thing is that it is a matter of our hearts. Traditionally we fast or sacrifice something to help us better relate to the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Sometimes this will mean fasting during a meal (sacrificing the food we eat and instead spending the time praying or reading the Bible). We can also sacrifice something of monetary value (i.e. don't buy that new TV) and instead give the money to the poor or make a donation to God's Church. By sacrificing something that is important or of value to us, we can better appreciate the sacrifice of God's own Son that God made out of love for us. We can also sacrifice by taking something on during Lent as opposed to giving something up.

#### Lenten Theme and Devotionals: A Story to Tell

Our Lenten worship series will highlight texts from the Gospel of Mark that show Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross. The gospel writer has a story to tell, moving quickly from one scene to the next. The urgent tone of the story grabs us and pulls us in, but all the action comes to a halt when those who see the empty tomb tell no one about this. Is this the end of the story? Join us as we follow Jesus' remarkable story and discover how it can transform our story.

#### Lenten Worship Schedule:

**February 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday: Come and receive the ashes.**

**6:45 AM -7:30 AM**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return. We receive the sign of the cross to remind ourselves that this life is only temporary and that we should place our hope and trust in the next life (eternal life) that is to come. Pr. Dan will be standing outside Door C (The underpass entrance on south side of building) during these times and disturbing the ashes to all who drive up. No need to leave your car.

**We will have an online worship service on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM.** Join us via Facebook, YouTube, or our church app.

#### Lenten Soup Suppers Every Wednesday at 6:00.

**From the intimacy of your own home.**

Due to Covid restrictions we will be having our Lenten evening worship services via zoom. We will be having soup and worshipping with Holden Evening Prayer every Wednesday evening (BYOS – bring your own soup).

### BY THE NUMBERS

1/24/21	22	1/31/21	3 (snow storm)
1/24 Online views	88	1/31 Online views	140

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,215.67 (2020)

Gen Fund 1/24/21	\$21,700.00	Gen Fund 1/31/21	\$10,025.00
Forward in Faith	\$7,710.00	Forward in Faith	\$4,010.00
Surplus/Deficit	+ \$18,774.33	Surplus/Deficit	+ \$5,819.33

53 <sup>rd</sup> /54 <sup>th</sup> Week	\$300	Festival	\$280
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\*Please note, the giving amounts at the beginning of the year include several full year pledge receipts.

**Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$11,608.63 (12/31/20)**



#### Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Tim & JoAnn Christiansen, Pat Christiansen, Scott Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Dave & Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, Steve Shoudy, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, Gyla Tomlinson, Pat Turmo and Darold & Sharron 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, Judy Osiwalla, Tina Randolph, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.



#### All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **John Linde**. **Carole Rogers** sends her thanks for the beautiful and funny birthday greetings.

#### Worship Schedule :

##### Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (suspended)

10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person by reservation)

\*Children's Church on hiatus, monthly Grab & Go packets will be available

**Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday via Academy YouTube channel

**Rejoicing Spirits: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM** (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Our in person **Worship, Bible Studies, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts** will be on hold during the Covid-19 Phase 4 until further notice.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting:** Facebook Live at 7 PM

**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.

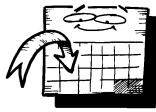


**Praying weekly for Alpine's membership** has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received 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.**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** —Norma Lucas; Bob & Laurel McVinnie; Karl & Deb Okeson; and Keenan, Samantha & Elia Yahn.

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** —Jan Rungren; Velma Shoudy; Rich, Erika, Peyton, Reed & Rowan Hillabolt; and Howard & Carol McCracken.



**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**—Finance, 6:30 PM  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**—  
**Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**—Altar Guild, 9 AM  
**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**—Ash Wednesday, Drive-Up  
 Imposition & Online Worship  
**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**—First Sunday in Lent



As I look back on my life,  
 I realize that every time  
 I thought I was being  
**REJECTED**  
 from something good,  
 I was actually being  
**RE-DIRECTED**  
 to something better.

"For dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19)  
**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** is **Ash Wednesday**. We will have drive-up imposition of ashes at 3 times throughout the day: 6:45-7:30 AM, 11:30-1 PM, and 6—7 PM. Drive-up to door C and receive the ashes without having to get out of your car. Then join us at **7 PM** on Facebook, YouTube or our church app for an **Ash Wednesday worship service**.

This year's **Lenten devotional** is entitled "*A Story to Tell*". Several writers have contributed to this set of devotions for 2021. You may stop by the church to pick one up after Ash Wednesday. There will also be some in the box outside the door.

Join us every Wednesday in Lent at 6 PM for a **Virtual Soup Supper and Lenten Worship** on Zoom. A link will be emailed out for everyone to join in fellowship as we enjoy some soup and then enjoy a Holden Evening Prayer worship service. We provide the link, you provide the soup.

On **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, Katie's Cup will hold the fundraiser "**Pie It Forward**". Order a pie for Pi day ( $\pi = 3.14$ ) while you raise money for Katie's Cup. The pies will be from "By The Dozen Bakery" in Rockford and the "Norske Nook" in De Forest, WI. You can order your pies by downloading the flyer from the Katie's Cup website or their Facebook Page. The orders are due by the end of February. You can also "Pie It Forward" and give someone else a pie when you pick yours up on March 14<sup>th</sup>!

The **Nominating Committee** is having difficulty making contacts to fill church council vacancies. We need your help. If you are interested in serving on the church council and are willing to serve, please let us know by calling the church office. (DiAnne Beynon)

#### From the SCRIP Desk:

Now that our restrictions are lifting, we can go out to eat at some of our favorite restaurants. Check our SCRIP list to see if yours is one that we carry. Don't forget if you are still not comfortable going out to eat there is still carry-out! (Deb Geeser)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

**2020 Statements** have been mailed out. If you notice a change that needs to be made, please contact Lynn in the office and she will help you.

A new **Those Who Serve** schedule has been sent out. Please note that it includes a schedule as if we were back to in person worship with 2 services. As of the writing of this Summit, we are still just doing a 10 AM in-person and Facebook/YouTube service. (Laurel McVinnie)

**Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a ministry at Alpine.** It is becoming more and more difficult to complete our "Those Who Serve" schedule especially during our "snow-bird" months. If you are interested in any of the areas of serving, please contact the church office and we will direct you to the person who heads up each volunteer position. (Lynn Valentine)

A **2021 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle** chart will be up soon. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. If you are not currently worshipping in-person, you may call either Laurel, 815-980-5326, or Lynn in the office, 815-399-5013, to sign-up.

During our **Live YouTube/Facebook** worship services, you may make **prayer requests** in the comment section. These requests will be collected and given to Pastor Dan to pray during the Prayers of the Church. We hope to get to all of the requests each service. You may also submit prayer requests through our church app though we will not receive those during the service.

February's Katie's Cup Book Club selection is "**Homegoing**" by Yaa Gyasi. The book will be discussed, via Zoom, on **Thursday, February 11, 10 AM**. As is our custom, we will send the needed link at least one day before to those who might be interested. Contact [katiescuprockford@gmail.com](mailto:katiescuprockford@gmail.com) to receive the link.

\*With the ever changing mandates it is important that you receive our **emails or notices** on Facebook to know the most up to date information. If you would like to add your email to our list please notify Lynn in the office. You may find us on Facebook by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford, like the page and then turn on notifications for new posts.



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



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#### ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE: :



**Alpine Academy  
of Rockford**  
Faith • Family • Future

This past week we celebrated "Groundhog Day" and if we listen to those famous animals we will have 6 more weeks of winter. As much as that also means it'll be cold for a little longer we have a really warm feeling about things happening at Alpine Academy.

In our community Sen. Dave Syverson and County Chairman Joe Chiarelli requested help sharing with seniors during Valentines Day. Our students created Valentines Cards the Sen. Syverson and Chairman Chiarelli are picking up to deliver to local seniors. We are proud to participate in this way to reach out to our community and our students were excited to participate.

Also this past week Mrs. Mouri our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher was recognized by 97 ZOK as their "Teacher of the Week!" Steve Shannon called us on Wednesday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> during our regular morning staff devotion time and surprised Mrs. Mouri with the announcement. The letter from the mother of one of our students was so nice and a great surprise of recognition for Mrs. Mouri. I'm so happy to see our teachers recognized in these ways. A couple weeks ago we also posted from our Teachers and Families the reasons they choose to be a part of our Alpine Family on Facebook. I'd encourage you to take time to search Alpine Academy on Facebook and read some of these and the comments of appreciative current and former students.

We are now beginning to prepare for our next school year. Our first Open House was this past Saturday and we were able to welcome new families to learn about being a part of our Alpine Family. Our next Open House will be Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00p to 7:00p we'd love to have you refer families to join us. Your support in our Academy in so many ways is our greatest strength.

In Christ,

Scott Dabson  
Operations Director  
Alpine Academy