



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Academy Chapel
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM
YouTube

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

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From Pastor's Desk:

"He is Risen. He Is Not Here" (Mark 16:6)

Easter is coming! The resurrection is almost here. As a community we have been journeying through Lent, allowing the Holy Spirit to search us and reveal to us the many things that are obstructing our relationship with God. We have asked God for help in removing these obstacles and we have tried to strengthen our connections with God. As we approach Easter, our journey will continue as we follow along with Jesus during Holy Week.

Holy Week is when we walk with Jesus during the most difficult time of his life. During Holy week, we attempt (in our own ways) to experience some of the pain, the heartache, and the rejection that Jesus felt. We begin the week celebrating the height of praise as Jesus enters Jerusalem. We accompany Jesus from that mountain top experience to an emotional last meal and an intense time of prayer. This is the week when we stand witness to a tragic betrayal, devastating false accusations, and the horror of a mocking, torturous death.

We do this each and every year so that we can encounter Easter all over again. So that the wonder, majesty, and power of (Easter) hope and forgiveness can once again revitalize our faith, renew our spirits, and help us to further embrace the new life that Jesus has gifted us.

Holy Week may consist of a host of remembrances or commemoration events. Some we observe at Alpine, some we don't. They can include foot washing, a cross walk, Easter Vigil, a prayer concert, sunrise services, meditations, a Seder meal, praying the Stations of the Cross, fasting, reading a holy week devotional, commemorating the events with friends, and celebrating the joy of the resurrection with family, friends, and food. Lots of good food.

At Alpine we will have three important gatherings. Please consider joining us for one or all of these events. Times and details are listed in this Summit newsletter.

- On Maundy Thursday, we remember the new command that Jesus gave us "Love one another" and gather to connect with Jesus as we celebrate Holy Communion.
- On Good Friday we walk alongside Jesus as we observe the betrayal, torture, and death of Jesus and come face to face with the depth of God's love for us.
- Then on Easter morning we gather together with Joy in our hearts to celebrate the victory that Jesus one for us and embrace our new life with God.

Holy Week is important as it reminds Christians of God's sacrifice of his son, and also God's love for his people. Christians can learn much about Jesus through the last week of his life. I have discovered that I need to walk through these final days, to contemplate a dark, Good Friday world, in order to fully appreciate the great gift of Easter.

BY THE NUMBERS

3/3/21 Zoom		13	3/10/21 Zoom	9
			Rejoicing Spirits	41
3/7/21	22+29	51	3/14/21	22+24
3/7 Online views		80	3/14 Online views	43

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,902.73

Gen Fund 2/7/21	\$6,783.00	Gen Fund 2/14/21	\$3,660.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,230.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,708.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,836.27	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,374.73
Unexpected Blessing	\$160.00	Festival	\$725.00

*Please note, the giving amounts at the beginning of the year include several full year pledge receipts.

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... + \$26,849.92 (2/28/21)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris & 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

Birthdays thanks came in from Marlene Bukowski and Jan Pauly. Mark & Anita Ramage send their thanks for the flowers that brightened their home. **Louise Hemeway** thanks everyone for the lovely flowers she received. **Jan Hill** expressed her thanks for the flowers she received. Our love and sympathy go out to **Laurel & Bob McVinnie**. Laurel's brother died March 12th. Our condolences also go out to **Gregory Wernick** whose sister died this past Sunday.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (starting March 7th)
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person and online)

*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.)

Bible Studies, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts On hold. Watch for an announcement for a Zoom Bible Study starting soon!

Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting: On pause through Lent

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.**

March 28th —Matt & Debbie Hier; Rollin Greenland; Bob & Bea Lundgren; and Valerie Miller.

April 4th —Sharon Milbourn; Terry & Pam Hodges; and Jeanne, Alexis, Courtney, Evan & Haley Novak.



Wednesday, March 24th—Virtual Soup Supper and Lenten Worship, Zoom, 6 PM

Thursday, March 25th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

Sunday, March 14th—Palm Sunday, In-person 8 & 10 AM, YouTube 10 AM

Thursday, April 1st—Drive-up Communion, 11 AM—12:30 PM

Thursday, April 1st—Maundy Thursday, YouTube 7 PM

Friday, April 2nd—Good Friday, In-person & YouTube 7 PM
Sunday, April 4th—Easter, In-person 8 & 10 AM, YouTube 10 AM



The **2021 Church Council** 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)



We have returned to two worship services; **8 AM, traditional and 10 AM, praise worship style**. We thank you for your patience during this very difficult time and can't wait to see everyone again. We will be taking temperatures for those in attendance and a face covering will be required at all times.

We continue every Wednesday in Lent at 6 PM to meet 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. The link will be the same every week. You will be invited to a "waiting room" and then be accepted into the "meeting". We provide the link, you provide the soup.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Easter we will be here in a few weeks are you ready? Are you going to have a small family gathering to celebrate Christ's risen Son? CDC recommends small gatherings with your immediate family - AKA your pod or those persons that have had the vaccine may gather with other people that had the vaccine inside without masks. So, let's have our small gathering, but don't forget to get your SCRIP cards to help make your Easter gathering extra special. Remember SCRIP carries Woodman's cards for that wonderful meal you will be cooking. Jo Ann's and Michael's SCRIP cards can help you create a lovely decorate dinner table. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Alpine Lutheran & the Alpine Academy are hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd** and we need your help. We are looking for donations of candy and gift items (both for the eggs and door prizes) by March 28th. Scott is also looking for volunteers to help that day. If you are able to help, please see Scott Dabson.

Due to Holy Week, the **next Summit** will not come out until **April 12th**. If you have something you would like to see in the Summit, please let Lynn in the office know and she will see if we can get it in.



Holy Week will be a combination of in-person worship and YouTube services. We will have **in-person worship** for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Each of these will also have an online **YouTube service**. Our Maundy Thursday worship setting, being a more personal intimate setting, will be offered on YouTube only. We will however have a **Drive-up Communion** offered Thursday, April 1st from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. You will find a schedule of all services on pg. 5 of this Summit for you to put up as a reminder.

Since many of our congregation are not yet comfortable coming back to in-person worship, we would like to have another **"Procession of Palms"** for **Palm Sunday, March 28th**, using photos. Please take a photo of yourself and/or family with hand made palms and email it to office@alpinelutheran.com by Saturday, March 27th, 2 PM. An email will go out with this information including a downloadable palm picture. You can submit a photo even if you will be attending in-person.

Join us for the **Alpine Academy Easter Program** on **Wednesday, March 31st, 6 PM** on the Alpine Academy of Rockford's YouTube channel. The Academy has been busy learning new songs and recording them for their program. We hope you can watch and enjoy all the hard work our kids have put into this program.



The Academy also invites you to attend an **Easter Egg Hunt and Open House** on Saturday, **April 3rd from 9 AM to 12 PM**. Come and tour the school and learn more about attending. The Egg Hunt will begin at 10:30 AM, please arrive in advance to register for the egg hunt. Mr. Dabson has been busy collecting prizes and candy for this event. There will also be an appearance of the **Easter Bunny** for those Easter photo opts. We hope to see you there!



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of Rockford
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It was wonderful to have the students from Alpine Academy lead worship a couple weeks ago. It was also very exciting to have so many of our Alpine Family in the Sanctuary during those services. We've all missed worshipping in our Sanctuary together and it was a real blessing for the Academy to lead our first worship back with two services on March 7th.

As our Academy students continue through Lent together they are also preparing for our Annual Easter Program. This year's program will be virtual and on YouTube on March 31st at 6:00pm. I look forward to our students presenting this year's program for you. We'd love to have you join us. There will be a link on both the school and church Facebook accounts that evening for you to join us. You may also search YouTube for "Alpine Academy of Rockford", subscribe to our channel and follow all our videos.

On March 30th, I'd like to invite you to join me for an informational meeting about the "Invest In Kids Act" and how you can help students attend Alpine Academy. We've been fortunate to have donors who have made donations providing 24 scholarships each of the past couple of years. This is a great way for us to meet families who otherwise may not have had a place to learn about and walk with Jesus. Please consider joining me March 30th in the school gym at 6:00pm to learn how you can help reach a family and bring them into our Family at Alpine. (if you would like to join virtually please contact me and I will set that up)

Thank you to all of our Alpine Family for your continued support and prayers.

In Christ

Scott Dabson
Admissions Director
Alpine Academy

Earn Money for Alpine with Schnucks! You can earn money for Alpine by shopping at the Schnucks stores with a My Schnucks card, available at any store. Once you have your card, visit www.escrip.com/schnucks and register your card with eScrip and Alpine Lutheran. It is that easy. Every time you shop a percentage is given directly to Alpine. No need to purchase a gift card, just swipe your card at check out.

Nettie's Mercantile, a coming together of Rockford Rescue Mission's Remade Store and Restoration Café, in the former café's location at 625 West State St., has reopened for business. Nettie's Mercantile offers a delectable eatery, unique shopping and so much more. All Nettie's Mercantile proceeds benefit Rockford Rescue Mission programs.

On Maundy Thursday **Carpenter's Place** and podiatry residents from OSF will host a **foot care event** for the homeless of Rockford. They need your help with donations of new or slightly used athletic shoes so that each person will receive a new pair after their foot care procedure. You may drop off shoes or a monetary donation at Carpenter's Place, attention: Patti Floyd, 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104. Please note "Foot Care Event". You may also make donations online by visiting their website www.carpentersplace.org and clicking on the event.



Katie's Cup Happenings:

Saturday, April 2nd—Cars and Coffee, 9AM—1 PM

Friday, April 23rd & Saturday, April 24th—Art Scene 2021, "Express-O Self"

Wednesday, May 26th—2021 Golf Scramble at Timber Pointe

Thursday, June 3rd—Rockford Midtown Market Opening Day, 9 AM—1 PM

Communication with our congregation is very important during these ever changing times. If you have had **any changes** to your **address, phone or email**, please contact the office so that we may update our information. We appreciate all of our members and want to make sure we can keep in touch whether in person or via other communication methods.

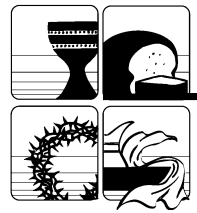
A **2021 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle** chart will be up soon. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. If you are not currently worshipping in-person, you may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

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)

Holy Week 2021



Palm Sunday Worship
March 28th
8:00 & 10:00 AM In-Person
10:00 AM YouTube



Maundy Thursday Worship
April 2nd
11 AM—12:30 PM Drive-up Communion
7:00 PM YouTube



Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
April 3rd
7:00 PM In-Person
7:00 PM YouTube



Easter Worship Services
April 4th
8:00 & 10:00 AM
10:00 AM YouTube



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



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THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sun., March 28, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) David DeNale, Mari Hanson
(10:00) John Linde, Al Neumann
Remote Lector: Bob McVinnie
Cantor: Pam Lojewski
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., April 4, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) David DeNale, Gwyn Brechtel
(10:00) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Remote Lector: Al Neumann
Cantor: Craig Shelton
Praise Singers: Bob McVinnie

Thought for the Week:

NEVER LET
THE THINGS
YOU WANT
MAKE YOU FORGET
THE THINGS
YOU HAVE