



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:

Jesus Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed Alleluia!

Many of us experienced something great this past weekend. Whether it was while watching our at home Maundy Thursday service, or during a deeply solemn and reflective Good Friday worship experience, or during the joyous praise of our Easter worship celebration - many of us tasted a little about what it is like to be with God. Now we have a choice. We can allow that taste, that small hunger that is inside of us, to lead us to a deeper commitment of knowing Jesus or we can stifle it by going back to the day to day lives we are accustomed to. In going back to our old lives, we are accepting worldly values and purposes which lead us to push God to the background. But if we allow the small glimpse of God that we have experienced to lead us to a deeper commitment to Jesus, then we begin to reap the fruit and blessings of having an intimate relationship with the one who loves us more than anything else in this world.

Here are some great Easter book recommendations to help guide you in your journey.

Sacred Companions by David Benner " *We need companions on our spiritual journey. The modern world has taught us to value autonomy and individualism. Our churches often see spirituality as personal and private. But we cannot go long in our Christian pilgrimage before realizing that isolation leads to spiritual barrenness. We soon discover that our souls long for accompaniment, intimacy and spiritual friendship.*"

Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God's Image by Dr. Paul Brand & Philip Yancey " *God's imaginative genius with his physical creation always has astounding parallels in the spiritual realm, and it's no different with the epitome of his creation, the human body. In Fearfully and Wonderfully, my friend Philip and his coauthor Dr. Brand draw amazing parallels between our bodies and the Body of Christ that leave the reader startled and breathless with wonder...*" (Joni Eareckson Tada, Joni and Friends International Disability Center).

Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season " *Everyone who believes Easter is about more than bunnies and eggs will be grateful for this new collection of short stories that shed light on the deeper meaning of the season. Selected for their spiritual value and literary quality, these classic tales capture the spirit of Easter in a way that will captivate readers of all ages. Parents and grandparents will find that children love to hear these stories read aloud, year after year. Easter Stories includes time-honored favorites from world-famous storytellers such as C.S. Lewis, Leo Tolstoy, Selma Lagerlof, Oscar Wilde, Elizabeth Goudge, Maxim Gorky, Ruth Sawyer, and Walter Wangerin*

On That Easter Morning by Mary Joslin " *The events of the first Easter are simply and movingly told in this gorgeous book. The text, closely based on a range of passages from the Bible, retells the key events in the Holy Week and Easter. The astonishing events, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Jesus' rising from the tomb, are revealed in the modern and breathtaking illustrations.*"

BY THE NUMBERS

3/17/21 Zoom 19	3/28/21 Zoom 6	M. Thurs. joint service 59 views	G. Fri. 441 + 42 views
3/21/21 19+21	40	3/28/21 27+31	58
3/7 Online views 41		3/14 Online views 42	4/4/21 39 + 44 83
			4/4 Online views 43

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

Gen Fund 3/21/21 \$4,828.00	Gen Fund 3/28/21 \$3,645.00	Gen Fund 4/4/21 \$3,400.00
Forward in Faith \$435.00	Forward in Faith \$1,440.00	Forward in Faith \$1,175.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$3,409.73	Surplus/Deficit -\$2,627.73	Surplus/Deficit -\$1,612.73
Unexpected Blessing \$160.00	Festival \$1,960.00	53/54 Week \$15.00

*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, Joan Greeny, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave & Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, Steve Shoudy, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, 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 **Bill Billert, Jan Hill, and Bob & Bea Lundgren. Rolly Greenland** sends his thanks for the flowers he received. **June Tongue** wishes to thank everyone for the cards and condolences she received after Jerry's death. Many thanks from Betty Davis for the flowers she recently received. We share our love and sympathy with **Velma Shoudy** and family upon the loss of her son, David Shoudy. Our love and sympathy also goes out to **Lynn & Chuck Valentine** and the family of **Irene Northrup** who passed away peacefully Wednesday.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (in-person)
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 See the announcement on page 3 for information on the Tuesday Men's Bible Study.

Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting: Resuming April, 14th, Facebook, 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.

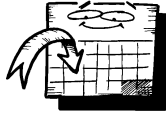


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

April 18th — Betty Davis; Jim & Linda Whale; Linda Becker; and Dan & Margie Carlson.

April 25th — Todd, Kristine, Kinsley & Kylie Cloyd; Joan Greeny; Dorris Fransen; and Warren Burlend.



Wednesday, April 14th—Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting resumes, Facebook, 7 PM

Thursday, April 15th—Church Council, 7 PM

Sunday, April 18th—In-person Worship, 8 & 10 AM; Facebook/YouTube, 10 AM

Thursday, April 22nd—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

Sunday, April 25th—In-person Worship, 8 & 10 AM; Facebook/YouTube, 10 AM



Katie's Cup Happenings:

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

Men's Bible Study returns April 27th! Tuesday Morning Men's Bible study will resume once again on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 AM. We will be meeting virtually for the first few weeks until everyone is vaccinated and then plan on returning to in person meetings over breakfast. We will email out a zoom link. So let us know if you are interested. Let's begin our Tuesdays with God's Word, Prayers, & Fellowship.

Scholarship applications are being collected now through the end of May. 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)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Now that Easter Sunday is over and the weather is getting warmer, it is time to think about spring clean-up in our yards.

SCRIP has several options for buying your outdoor needs; Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, Menards and more. Also, don't forget that Mother's Day will be coming up fast. Start thinking and planning ahead for your Mother's Day celebrations. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The April edition of "**Living Lutheran**" is in and ready for you to pick-up and take home. The cover story for this month discusses how Easter brings renewal and although we are not back to "normal", things are moving in a positive direction.



Youth Garage Sale:

Doing your Spring cleaning? The youth will be holding a garage sale in the gym on the weekend of June 4th & 5th. Donations may be dropped off at the church and placed in the Fellowship Hall behind the partitions. Please contact John Linde with any questions.

Our "**Snow Birds**" have begun making their return flight 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 wish everyone a safe return!

The **Property Committee** has planned a **Yard Clean-up Day** for **Saturday, May 1st from 9 AM—noon**. We can always use rakes, hand tools, and a little bit of muscle Donuts, juice and coffee will give everyone that boost of energy we need to complete the job. Alpine Academy and Church family members are encouraged to come out and together we can give the outside a Spring cleaning. See you there! (rain date TBD). Allen Geeser



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
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Easter has arrived, warmer weather is beginning to shine and following our break, Alpine Academy is ready to make a final push to complete the 2020-21 School year. Our Easter Egg Hunt Open House was a great success, our re enrollment for next school year has started off really well and we are still in school full time as we wrap up this year.

I'd like to offer a huge Thank You to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt a success. Everyone who donated candy and prizes, helped fill eggs, assisted with registration, put eggs out on the field and the various other tasks the day of the hunt. All this culminated with Alpine students and kids from our community enjoying a fun morning at Alpine.

As we continue to prepare for next school year I'd like to encourage you to help spread the word about Alpine Academy. Please share the school with friends, family and neighbors. We have yard signs available if you are willing to stop by to pick one up to place in your yard. Stop by and pick one up or give me a call and I'd be happy to drop one off in your yard.

As we work toward the end of our school year we continue to ask for your prayers for our students, staff and families. We pray that all of our Alpine Family can remain safe and healthy. We appreciate the support you have provided and continue to provide to our Academy.

Scott Dabson
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Alpine Academy



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8:00 & 10:00 AM



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THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sun., April 18, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Allen Neumann, Mike Schultz
Remote Lector: Craig Shelton
Cantor: Becky Toro
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., April 25, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel, Mari Hanson
(10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Mike Schultz
Remote Lector: Lynn Valentine
Cantor: Pam Lojewski
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Thought for the Week:

