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

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM

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From Pastor's Desk:

An Immense Sea of Witnesses

How would you like to die? Have you ever thought about it? If you asked my wife Lucy that question, she would probably tell you the story about the last days her family got to spend with her grandmother. As the moment of her death came closer, she kept saying over and over. "I love you all so much. I am so sad to leave you. It is so hard to say goodbye." Then she would tell them "I am so excited to see Jesus. I can't wait to see those who have gone ahead of me." This faithful woman demonstrated the tension between 2 great loves that Christians live under. The love of people, whom God has placed in our care, and the longing to experience the gift of heaven that Jesus has been preparing for us. This past weekend we celebrated All Saints Day at Alpine. This is a festival day when we remember the Saints who have gone before us, celebrating their lives and the lessons they taught us. In Hebrews 12 we have this image of a great cloud of witness, whose lives testify to the trust worthiness of God. They encourage and cheer us onward, inspiring us "to keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Who are the saints that you remember? Who are the people who inspire you with their faith and courage? What are the lessons their lives speak to you? Take time this week to remember. To listen to their cheers and not give up. There is a great promise that awaits us. There is a loving friend, Jesus, who is ready to greet us with open arms.

One of the lessons that I remember is from an elderly man in the first church I ever attended. He would always encourage me to "Be Thankful in everything I experience... the bad stuff along with the good." I would often reply with "How in the world can you be thankful for the bad stuff?" His answer was rather simple but quite profound. "Because it helps us to see the good things we weren't paying attention to before." The promise from God that we can often fall back on is not that bad things won't happen, but that God (in many creative ways) will use the bad stuff to shape us into the people God calls us to be. Beyond that I am always grateful that throughout the bad times, I am never alone.

Geddes MacGregor in *The Rhythm of God* tells of a priest who, when asked, 'How many people were at the early celebration of the Eucharist last Wednesday morning?' replied, 'There were three old ladies, the janitor, several thousand archangels, a large number of seraphim, and several million of the triumphant saints of God.' "Such a cloud of witnesses answers a deep human urge to be part of something larger, to not stand alone, to give our little lives meaning. One drop of water, left alone, evaporates quickly. But one drop of water in the immense sea endures."

BY THE NUMBERS

10/24/21	30 + 78	108	10/31/21	31 + 50	81
10/24 Online views		8	10/31 Online views		6
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,902.73					
Gen Fund 10/24/21	\$7,613.50		Gen Fund 10/31/21		\$2,452.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,817.50		Forward in Faith		\$1,290.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,558.27		Surplus/Deficit		-\$3,680.73
53/54.....	\$810.00		Unexpected Blessings.....		\$40.00
Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$11,473.73 (9/30/21)					



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Darrell Brenner, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Joan Greeny, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Norma Lucas, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, Marge Pearson, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Debra Johnson, Larry Kagel, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Maryann Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Tina Randolph, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Ralph Toro, Sr., Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Velma Shoudy**. We share our love and sympathies with the family of **Pat Anderson** who died October 23rd. Congratulations and God's blessings on the birth of **Chloe Mae Mounts**, daughter to Bobby & Michelle Mounts; granddaughter to Lori Abbott; great-granddaughter to Terry & Pam Hodges. **John Linde** sends his thanks for all those who sponsored him in this year's CROP Walk. **Kathy Cordonnier** expressed her thanks for the yarn that was donated.

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 will be meeting the first Sunday of the month (skipping January), monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday

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

Men's Bible Breakfast: Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



Pastor Dan's office hours: Mondays 9:00-12:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.



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.**

November 14th — Joseph & Judah Barron; Amanda & Morgan Dabson; Lori Abbott; Kyle Davison; and Jim & Denise Burnett

November 21st — Scott & Kathy Christiansen; Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant; and Roger Bastian



Thursday, November 11th—Academy Veterans Program, Gym, 2 PM

Sunday, November 21st—Stewardship Sunday

Tuesday, November 23rd—Thanksgiving Worship with the Academy, 11:15 AM



With the Alpine Academy children singing at during our 10 AM worship on the first Sunday of the month, Christian Ed has decided to hold **Children's Church** on those Sundays as well. The children will be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day and return during the Song of the Day. We hope to see you there December 5th!



You are invited to attend the annual **Alpine Academy Veteran's Day Program** on **Thursday, November 11th** at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium. Come and hear the children as they honor those who have fought for our freedom.

The retirement lunch was a great success for **Tim Babcock**. Thank you to DiAnne Beynon, Scott Dabson, Lynn Valentine, Violet Peterson and all those involved. Tim sent this message to the congregation. "Thank you so much for the gift card and money it will be a great help. Most of all, thank you for all the years of love and support."

From the SCRIP Desk:

A BIG reminder, the holiday season is almost here are you ready? Start stocking up now on your SCRIP cards . If you haven't noticed holiday meals will be costing more this year. Start stocking up on those Woodman's cards. You will need an extra one or two for this season. See all our lovely SCRIP volunteers after service on most Sundays or call Lynn at the church office to place your orders. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Dedication Sunday, November 21, 2021

Our 2022 pledge cards have been mailed out. Please let the church office know if you did not receive yours. We will dedicate our pledges Sunday, November 21st during worship. If you are unable to attend that Sunday, you may mail them or drop them off in the church office. As we gather these financial pledges we are able to begin the process of planning finances for 2022. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine. We thank you for your support both financially and spiritually.

Social Ministries has begun collecting for the **Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 18th. A list of items needed is on the Cares & Concerns counter. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others. (Social Ministries)

Sunday, November 7th we celebrated **All Saints Sunday**. This is the day we acknowledge those who have gone before us in the past year (since the last All Saints). The list of those saints are: **Jerry Tongue, Marguerite Lusth, Irene Northrup, David Healy, Darold Walker, Kathy Robinson, Chuck Cross, Pat Christiansen, Doris Fransen, Ron Pauly, Peggy Campbell Lillegaard, Gil Okeson, Martha Carlson and Pat Anderson.**



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Wow! The fall season sure has kicked off the busiest part of our school year and we're not done yet. Please make your plans to be with us as we continue through the holiday season.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Annual Alpine Academy Vendor/Craft Show. The attendance at this year's event was up and we enjoyed seeing everyone and seeing local businesses share their goods. Thank you especially to all those who donated baked goods for the sale. It was so nice to have parents and members of our church put so much into making these tasty items.

We also had a great night at Buffalo Wild Wings. The restaurant was filled with so many from Alpine. Thank you to everyone who attended that evening and to those who ordered earlier in the day. This has been a fun event each year. Of course, it doesn't hurt that I won the wing eating contest.... Better luck next year Pastor!

On Friday October 29th we hosted our "Trunk or Treat" event. We handed out candy to over 500 kids from throughout our community. This event has continued to grow each year. Huge thank you's to all those who donated candy for the event and to those who came and passed out candy to the "Trunk or Treaters."

Moving forward we'd like to invite you to join us this Thursday, Nov. 11th in our gym for our Annual Veterans Program. Our Academy students have been working hard to prepare to say "Thank You" to our veterans for everything they've done and sacrificed for our freedom. This annual program has been an important event in our school year and a fantastic learning opportunity for our students.

Thank you for being a part of our Alpine Family!

In Christ,
Mr. Scott Dabson
Director, Alpine Academy



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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello
(10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Lori Fanello
(10:00) Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Lector: (8:00) Randy Teske
(10:00) Craig Shelton
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Deb Okeson
(10:00) Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Please watch your email for a new **Those who Serve** schedule which is being put together soon. We thank you for your service to Alpine and encourage others to volunteer to serve as well.

Katie's Cup Book Store! If you have not already heard, Katie's Cup's mission is expanding to include our very own local, in-house, independent bookstore which will be opening soon! Visit Bookshop.org/shop/Katiescup to shop the online store which is already open.

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.