

**Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise Worship
with Children's Church
10:00 AM YouTube Live

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
(Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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Monday, July 15 2024

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From Pastor Don's Desk:**Free Puppies!**

Not really. I have no free puppies. But I thought that you'd be more likely to read this article if I didn't title it "Resistance to Change," or something like that.

Our past two Sundays have included multiple readings demonstrating resistance to change. Old Testament prophets experience it when they speak for God. Jesus experiences it in his hometown. John the Baptist loses his life over it. The apostle Paul gets it from a church he founded.

What's the common thread? It is difficult for us to hear of needed changes from anyone, even from God. We would rather go on living in the way that we are, even if it costs us and the people we love.

Jesus invites us into a new way of being. He calls it the Kingdom of God. It is a reality where sins are forgiven rather than punished, where relationships are reconciled rather than abandoned, where disease is healed rather than allowed to run its course, where no one is hungry or alone.

All of that sounds good...until it includes changes on our part. God knows how hard it is, and doesn't leave us to figure it out on our own. God remains within and among us through the Holy Spirit.

We are in the longest season of the church year, not quite halfway through Pentecost. My prayer for each and all of us is that we would be open to the Holy Spirit in the ways we can participate in God's Kingdom. Whether it's something we're inclined to resist, or something as joyful as playing with a puppy.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink



BY THE NUMBERS

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|--------------|---------|----|--------------|-------------|----|--------------|---------|----|
| 6/23/24 | 25 + 45 | 70 | 6/30/24 | one service | 89 | 7/7/24 | 36 + 59 | 95 |
| Online Views | | 17 | Online Views | | 11 | Online Views | | 13 |

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

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| Gen Fund 6/23/24 | \$5,956.00 | Gen Fund 6/30/24 | \$4,868.00 | Gen Fund 7/7/24 | \$10,795.00 |
| Forward in Faith | \$1,870.00 | Forward in Faith | \$1,070.00 | Forward in Faith | \$1,310.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -\$446.98 | Surplus/Deficit | -\$2,001.98 | Surplus/Deficit | +\$3,757.02 |

Unexpected Blessings.....\$343.00 53/54 Week.....\$180.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Scott Christiansen, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrimble, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Wally Bastian, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Tomas Leitzinger, Haley Miller's parents, Maryann Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Brenda Newcomb, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Slothower, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Michael White, Deb Williams, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Gwyn Brechtel, Jack Phillips, and Jan Anderson. Shirley Finger** sends her thanks for the flowers she recently received.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, resuming in the fall, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, Everyone is invited.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's - only meeting the 3rd Thursday in the summer.

Pastoral Needs: Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office on that day or when he is not in the office.



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 the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

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

July 21st — Bob & Laurel McVinnie; Kathy & Eugene Mund & Glen McDonald; and Gyla Tomlinson.

July 28th — Jan Rungren; Harold & Carol McCracken; Greg Garrett; and Nan Strom.

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8) Jan Anderson, Gwyn Brechtel (10) Bob Peterson
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Bob & Laurel McVinnie
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Martin Scott (10) Lynn Valentine
Lay Assistant: (8) Martin Scott (10) Mike Schultz
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



Coming summer events:

July 27th—Ice Cream Social/Neighborhood Picnic
August 25th—AlpineFest/ONE SERVICE Outdoor, 10 AM

The **Outreach Committee** has created flyers with all of our summer events listed. We ask you to pick up a few copies and share them with you friends, family and neighbors. You can also post them at places you frequent. Together, we can make these events a huge success.



“**Our first event of this summer is in the books**” or so we thought but the weather had other plans. Due to possible strong storms, we had to postpone our picnic but never fear...it has been rescheduled to happen in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 27th (everyone pray for good weather.) Plan to have food, fun & fellowship and prize BINGO! We hope to see everyone there. This is our last event before our annual **AlpineFest**, Sunday, August 25th. We are planning on ONE SERVICE that Sunday and it will be outside in a tent.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Summer is the time for pools and sun! Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens have you covered so you don't get burned. We still have some cards in stock and if there is enough need, we can make an order for any local vendors. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The time is now! Our list of volunteers for our worship services has been slowly depleting especially when it comes time for our “snow birds” to fly south. Have you ever thought of helping during our services; ushering, greeting, reading or lay assisting? Our current schedule goes through the summer but now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity.

Bible and Brew will be adjusting their meeting schedule for the summer. They will be meeting on the third Thursday of July and August. We will be discussing book and/or Bible study options for the fall. Everyone is encouraged to attend, continuing to meet at Brewski's at 7 pm.

We need volunteers! Our summer activities can't happen without your help. We need people to help set-up and clean – up for both events. We also would like some volunteers to help serve food, scoop ice cream, and help with activities. We are having a meeting between services on Sunday, July 21st to further plan details and for those who want to volunteer for the events.

Cars 'n Coffee, located in the parking lots of the Rockford Public Schools Admin Building, is the 1st Saturday of the month through October, from 9 AM to noon. Musicians scheduled as follows: August 3—Wild Blue Ukelele Orchestra (Bitner Room), September 7—Bert and Lindy, and October 5—Mike Lynch. All are welcome!

The **ELCA** is walking with many partners in the Gaza region, including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Right now, we are helping meet many essential needs such as food, water, health care, shelter, keeping schools open, mental health care and providing medical supplies. There is so much yet to be done. To make a donation to the ELCA's efforts, please visit elca.org and click on the banner for the **Holy Land Crisis**.



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.



Children's Church will be taking the summer off for a well deserved break. We will resume again in the fall at the beginning of September. Grab bags will be available to take home during this time (one per student for the summer). We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

From the Transition Team

During our adult forum, information was shared from the surveys that had been received. We are grateful to those who returned those surveys and are happy to report we received 71 responses. The information from the surveys completed two sections of the MSP (ministry site profile).

Round table discussions were held after a great meal provided by Scott & Jody Dabson. Those discussions helped gather even further information for the transition team to consider in completing the MSP.

In the coming weeks, the MSP will be completed and submitted to the Church Council for review, approval, and submission to the Synod. The team thanks everyone for participating in both the surveys and the round table discussions.

Alpine Transition Team