

**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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Homecoming Sunday, September 8th

God has made a home with us in and through Jesus. And God promises to renew creation and dwell among us forever (Revelation 21). Between those two experiences of homecoming, God is at home within and among us through the Holy Spirit. Every time we gather is a homecoming as God's people. So it is fitting for us to use "Homecoming" for our theme as we return to the more active months of the church year.

Join us in worship September 8th as we begin our program year. It's a great time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. And it's a great time to invite newcomers and to widen existing networks.

We will begin (or restart) the following ministries on or shortly after September 8th:

Children's Church
Choir
Bell Choir

Wednesday or Thursday morning Bible Study (new)
Tuesday Breakfast Bible Study
Thursday evening Bible and Brew
Confirmation (in collaboration with other ELCA churches)
And possibly even more

I look forward to seeing you again, or to meeting you for the first time.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

8/11/24	31 + 39	70	8/18/24	43 + 41	84
Online Views		27	Online Views		13
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98					
Gen Fund 8/11/24	\$3,368.87		Gen Fund 8/18/24	\$5,342.00	
Forward in Faith	\$473.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,295.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,431.11		Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,318.88	
53/54 Week.....	\$60.00		Unexpected Blessings.....	\$377.10	



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Scott Christiansen, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, 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-Gaza conflicts.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from Les Johnson. Marge Rakoczy expressed her thanks for the get well cards and well wishes after her recent surgery. We celebrate with **Darrell Brenner** on his **98th birthday**, September 3rd. We believe he is the oldest WWII veteran currently at Alpine. We thank him for his service to our country in the Navy from 1944-1948!

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 September 8th, 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. Resuming September 15th.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, Everyone is invited. Resuming in September.
- **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.**

Sept. 1st — Matt & Debbie Hier; Rolly Greenland; Bob & Bea Lundgren; and Valerie Miller

Sept. 8th — Sharon Milbourn; Terry & Pam Hodges; Jeanne, Alexis, Courtney, Evan & Haley Novak

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Terry & Pam Hodges

Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

September 8, 2024

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassador: (8) Jan Anderson (10) John Linde, Volunteer

Lector: (8) Criag Shelton (10) Jari Sproule

Lay Assistant: (8) Craig Shelton (10) Mike Schultz

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



AlpineFest 2024 is in the books! Wow! What a great event! Many thanks to everyone who helped make AlpineFest 2024 such a BIG success. We had a great attendance throughout the day. We enjoyed great music from several musicians both inside and outside, food (special thanks to all the cooks and bakers), crafts for kids, a train, a car rally, a bouncy house, new this year—vendors, and fellowship with our neighbors around us and our Alpine members. This event has become a great way to bring us all together as a community of Christ and as our mission statement says “share God’s love.” We look forward to next year! (Scott Dabson, Operations Director & the Outreach Committee)

Bible Study: Pastor Don would like to re-start as many ministries as possible this Fall. We would like to bring back the Wednesday Bible Study. It could be either Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10 AM or 2 PM. If you have an interest in attending a daytime Bible study, please call or text Barb Milton at 815-298-0046 or you may call the church office. (Christian Education Committee)

Starting the week after Homecoming, September 12th, **Bible & Brew** will resume our weekly schedule. We will meet at Brewskys at 7 PM. We will be using one of two choices decided upon this summer. The announcement of which one will be made on Homecoming Sunday.

Adult Forum - We will resume our monthly Adult Forums the Sunday following Homecoming, Sunday, September 15th. The Alzheimer’s Association will have a presentation for everyone in Fellowship Hall between worship services. Starting at 9:15 AM.

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 new schedule goes through the beginning of December. There are many areas that still need to be filled. If you would like to volunteer for a particular opening, please contact Lynn in the office and she can add your name to fill the volunteer position.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Connie and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the people of Alpine Lutheran Church. We were so surprised and overwhelmed with the many cards, gifts, heartwarming words, food, music and blessings that were bestowed upon us August 18. The many hours and efforts from Alpine are deeply appreciated and never forgotten. Thank you for 14 wonderful years of worshiping God through His music. We will forever keep you in our hearts and prayers." Richard & Connie Dowling

*** The next Summit will be sent out in 3 weeks instead of 2 due to the Labor Day holiday and Lynn’s vacation.**

A new **Those Who Serve schedule** will be emailed out this week. If there are any changes that need to be made, please report any substitutions to Lynn in the office. As you can see, we are short on volunteers to fill all positions. Please encourage others to join us in the honor of serving during our worship services.

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.

As we begin the school year in both private and public schools, we ask for your prayers for our students and teachers. “Dearest Father in Heaven, Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this staff and student body, And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, And to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ Amen”



Children's
Church

Children’s Church will resume on Homecoming Sunday, Sunday, September 8th during the 10 AM worship service.

We encourage all kids to join us!

We hope you have had a safe and happy summer!



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Property Committee Help Needed

As the Property Committee continues to work to maintain and improve the property at Alpine we are in need of some assistance. Please see the list below or talk with Scott Dabson or Jack Phillips about areas we are in need of some volunteers

- Watering of landscaping plant areas (remainder of the summer) once or twice a week
- Weeding in landscaping plant areas
- Volunteers to help complete demo of floors in Fellowship Hall Bathrooms
- Painting of walls

We are also asking Alpine's Committee's to clean out/organize any storage areas you are using by September 13th. We will be putting a volunteer board with ongoing projects into the coat room. We appreciate all the volunteers who have been helping and those that will find something that suits them going forward.

Transition Team/Call Committee Update

We're moving forward in the Call Process! Our Transition Team had completed the Ministry Site Profile, sent it on to Church Council, and has unanimously been approved. It has now been submitted in final form to the Synod, the Synod has accepted it, and it is now posted for perspective candidates to view.

Once again we thank the Transition Team for their hard work. Those members are DiAnne Beynon (Chairperson), Becky Toro, Gary Hunt, Al Neumann, Sharon Walker, Mike Shultz and Morgan Dabson. We also want to thank our congregation for supporting them and participating in their process.

Our Call Committee has completed a training on Zoom to learn about their role and how it will work for them. They will soon be meeting with the Transition Team and will take over the process from there. Call Committee members are Pam Lojewski (Chair), Becky Toro, Mike Schultz, Dave Denale, Vi Peterson, Andrea Tack and Morgan Dabson. Please pray for them as they work prepare for the next steps in seeking our next Pastor at Alpine.