



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, May 6, 2024

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From Pastor Don's Desk:

"What's Love Got to Do With It?"

Those of us of a certain age may remember this as the title to one of Tina Turner's first solo hits. It won the Grammy for best song in 1984. And it's a cynical song, coming from the perspective of someone who has been deeply hurt and is unwilling to risk being hurt again.

We've been taking a less cynical approach to our Easter series "Love Is Alive." Because God is love (1 John 4) and Jesus is God with us, and because Jesus has been bodily raised and remains with us, we can say with confidence that love is alive.

The love that is alive is qualitatively different from the love that Tina Turner sang about. Jesus expected that his heart would be broken. More than that, he expected that his love for humanity would bring about betrayal, denial, condemnation, and death. In our Gospel readings from April 28 and May 5, Jesus tells us (his disciples) that loving us was and is worth all of that and more.

And then...he tells us to love one another "as I have loved you." "As" means in a similar way. Our love for one another is to be willing to empty ourselves for each other. This would not be possible had Jesus not emptied himself for us. So "as" also means "since." Since Jesus has poured love into us we have it to give. We know what it provides, and we know what it takes.

This love breaks the ageless cycles of retribution, of separation, of shame, of guilt, of hopelessness. What's love got to do with it? Everything.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink



BY THE NUMBERS

4/21/24	52 + 39	91	4/28/24	34 + 80	114
Online Views		21	Online Views		8

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

*Some initial deposits of the year include full year pledge amounts

Gen Fund 4/21/24	\$4,912.00	Gen Fund 4/28/24	\$2,936.87
Forward in Faith	\$710.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,310.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,650.00	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,988.11

Unexpected Blessings.....\$98.00	53/54 Week.....\$60.00
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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 MacCrindle, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Wally Bastian, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Tomas Leitzinger, 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 **Karl Okeson**. Our love and sympathy go out to **Carol Rogers** after the death of her brother, Don Moorhouse. **Cary Ralston** expressed her thanks for the continued prayers and cards during her recovery.

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, 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

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

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

May 12th — Gary & Ginny Hunt; Pr. Pam Lojewski; Linda Becker; and Sylvia Emerson.

May 19th — Ed & Nancy Lorenzen; Mark & Christine Stohle; Holly & Renee Stohle; Christie Bried; and Pete, Andrea & Samantha Todd.

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Volunteer (10) Bob Peterson, Volunteer
Ambassador: (8) Jan Anderson, Volunteer (10) John Linde, Mike Schultz
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen & Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Terry Hodges (10) Pr. Rick Meier
Lay Assistant: (8) Terry Hodges (10) Pr. Rick Meier
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



Doing some spring cleaning? John Linde and his crew are having a garage sale Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th. We can begin collecting items for the sale starting June 3rd in the gym. All proceeds will go towards funding and advertising the Alpine neighborhood events. Please contact John Linde with any questions. Please no TVs.

It is time to start planning for **Alpine's summer events**, including our annual AlpineFest. The Outreach Committee has scheduled a meeting for **Sunday, May 19th, after 10 AM worship**. All are welcome to attend. (Scott Dabson)

The Christian Ed/Youth Comm. would like to revisit our **VBS program** this summer. We are looking at **June 25th—27th**. If you are interested in having a child attend, we need to know. Please contact either Barb Milton, 815-298-0046, or the church office, 815-399-5013, by May 15th so that we may plan accordingly. If you can volunteer, you may also contact Barb.

Sunday, May 19th is Reformation Sunday! Don't forget to wear your "RED" that day in celebration.

Coming Adult Forums: Sunday, May 19th will be on financial planning with a representative from Savant leading the discussion. A mental health forum is being planned for June but the date will be need to be moved due to Father's Day. Please watch for more information. (Christian Ed Committee)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Are you ready for Memorial Day cook-outs? Ready for a new grill after yours sat out all winter? Stop by the SCRIP kiosk to see what cards are in stock. We will order any cards we don't have or around the 15th of every month. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The **Rockford Interfaith Community Garden**, 5973 Darlene Dr., is beginning its second season of growing and providing herbs and vegetables to the community! You are invited to join us Saturday, May 18, 9 AM, "Planting Day 1", Saturday, May 25, 9 AM and "Planting Day 2". For information, please contact Deacon Cheryl Erdmann at Shepherd of the Valley. E-mail: ds.cherylerdmann@yahoo.com or at 815-236-6657. Tools and all supplies are provided; just bring yourself!!!



Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. Please join us at both worship services as we celebrate the women in the lives of all of us, blood related or other!

An **Alpine Academy fundraiser** is planned for **Friday, May 17th, 6 –9 PM at the Lombardi Club** in Rockford. A **Jazz Gala** with live music by the Evon J. Sams Quartet. The cost is \$100/couple or \$60/single which includes pasta dinner and entertainment. A silent auction, 50/50 raffle and other prizes will be offered. Tickets are available at the school office, 815-227-8894. Special sponsorships for tables are also available. Call and get your tickets/reservations now.

Alpine is in need of any extra **dish towels** that you may have laying around the house. We need them in both the kitchen downstairs and the coffee hour area. (Pam Hemenway)

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has begun collecting scholarship applications through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in 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)

Thanks to generous donors, all gifts to ELCA World Hunger as part of **Generation Zero-Hunger** will be matched—dollar for dollar—until we reach \$250,000. That means your gifts will go twice as far in the work to end hunger! Visit elca.org and click on the Generation-Zero Hunger banner. "Together, we can be the generation that ends hunger."



Join us for Children's Church! We are now having the kids leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Alpine Council Call Update

At Alpine our journey in the Call Process has begun to take real shape and has begun to move ahead. We've announced our Transition Team and will be announcing our Call Committee members very soon. We will continue to communicate how things are going throughout the process. In this Summit we'd like to share the characteristics the Alpine Council used in selecting the Transition Team and Call Committee Members. Please see below:

Transition Team Characteristics:

- Positive
- Team Player
- Good Listener
- Open Minded
- Well Spoken
- Diversity
- Supports Alpine Ministries
- Has time to devote to the process
- Knowledge of Alpine Vision
- Knowledge of Alpine History
- Future Minded Thinker
- Youth Member
- Easy to talk with
- Tenure with Alpine (Long/Short Time Member)
- Serves Actively at Alpine
- Trustworthy and Dependable
- Good Conversationalist
- Data Minded (Transition Team)