



**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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*From Pastor Don's Desk:*

**Fall, Consequences, Forgiveness, Renewal**

On Sunday, June 2nd, I began the sermon with a short reflection on freedom, and noted that freedom as we often understand it is very different from freedom as experienced in the Bible. Biblical freedom is deliverance from captivity and for life as God's people. It is release from sin. And it is life in Christ.

The influence of faith communities, their sacred writings, and their core teachings has declined across most of our lifetimes. We are more likely to be shaped by cultural norms than Biblical teaching in many matters of significance. One of the most clear examples is our understanding of sin. I'm not sure that there's cultural consensus around the reality of sin, let alone its definition, impact, and remedy.

This Sunday, June 9th, our readings offer us another way of seeing and understanding human sin and how God deals with it. We have the story of the Fall in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve's eating from the tree that God had forbidden them to eat from. The consequences are both immediate and lasting. They hide from God, attempt to cover themselves with makeshift clothing, and then attempt to cover their sin by blaming and rationalizing. God banishes them from the garden but continues to care and provide for them. Forgiveness as we understand it is not really part of this narrative.

We do get to forgiveness in the Gospel of Mark. In the chapter preceding this Sunday's, Jesus forgives the sin of a man who is not able to walk as part of his healing of him. And we find that not everyone is happy to have the forgiveness of sins accessible through Jesus. By this Sunday's reading, Jesus's critics are accusing him not only of lacking the authority to forgive sins, but of being an agent of the devil. Strong words.

We believe that Jesus forgave sins in his lifetime and for all time. That his suffering and death absorbed the full power of sin and that his resurrection overcame sin and death. Every Sunday we proclaim forgiveness of sin as part of our gathering in worship.

But there is another element in dealing with sin beyond forgiveness. The apostle Paul writes about renewal. The Holy Spirit within and among us renews us to the point of our being new people. Sin becomes less attractive, is more likely to be avoided, and when it is not, it is dealt with completely through forgiveness and reconciliation.

This is a lifelong process, and I believe it is God's gift to the church, and through the church, to the world.

Grace and Peace,  
 Pastor Don Wink

**BY THE NUMBERS**

5/19/24	42 + 40	82	5/26/24	29 + 53	82	6/2/24	28 + 36	62
Online Views		26	Online Views		16	Online Views		10

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

Gen Fund 5/19/24	\$6,630.00	Gen Fund 5/26/24	\$1,966.00	Gen Fund 6/2/24	\$10,313.87
Forward in Faith	\$1,110.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,055.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,405.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2.98	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,138.98	Surplus/Deficit	+\$5,385.89

Unexpected Blessings.....\$363.00    53/54 Week.....\$1,200.00    Festival.....\$200.00



**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 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, 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 **Carol Johnson**. Congratulations and God's blessings on the marriage of Joseph & Emily (Christiansen) Panzani who were married May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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 through May 26<sup>th</sup>, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, Everyone is invited.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 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.**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** — Crag & Barb Shelton; Daniel Frykman, Marcia Olk; and Bob & Carol Loucks.

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** — Cathy & Maddie Merwin; Amanda Meyers; RC, Rhonda, Conlan, Chase, & Bobby Pottinger; and Jessica, Arayah, Joslyn & Papi Rivera.

## Sunday, June 16, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson  
Ambassador: (8) Jan Anderson, Andrea Tack (10) The Rivera Family  
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson  
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Violet Peterson  
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

## Sunday, June 23, 2024

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Gene Seefeldt (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson  
Lector: (8) Donna Seefeldt (10) Pr. Rick Meier  
Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Pr. Rick Meier  
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

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 the **Alpine Church Neighborhood Picnic**, Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 PM, and you're invited! This event is open to all neighbors, friends and family. Food, Fun & Fellowship and yes, prize **BINGO!** Volunteers are needed to help setup, serve food, and help tear-down. (Scott Dabson)

### **Other summer events:**

July 27<sup>th</sup>—Ice Cream Social  
August 25<sup>th</sup>—AlpineFest

### **From the SCRIP Desk:**

Father's Day is right around the corner. Our order of cards will go in on or around June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please stop and see if we have a gift idea for the "Dad" in your life. (Jody Dabson)

### **KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

**Mark your calendars:** Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> is a **ONE-SERVICE** Sunday, 10 AM, followed by a light lunch in Fellowship Hall, sharing of information on the MSP, and the opportunity for discussion. Families can bring their children for lunch. Older children can participate in the discussion, and there will be child care/activity available for the younger ones.

**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.

**Bible and Brew** will be adjusting their meeting schedule for the summer. They will be meeting on the third Thursday of June, 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.



### **Need something for your kids or grandkids to do this summer or looking to do some volunteering yourself?**

We have 2 opportunities this June. **June 25<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup>**, Alpine will hold a Vacation Bible School entitled "Breaker Rock Beach" in the gym from 9—11:30 AM. Also, Alpine is partnering with St. Mark who is holding their VBS **June 17<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>** and we are invited to both attend and volunteer. Anyone interested in either VBS, please contact Barb Milton, 815-298-0046, or the church office, 815-399-5013. Posters will be up in the narthex with additional information.

### **Alpine Ladies Luncheon – Friday, June 21 at 1 PM:**

All Alpine ladies are invited to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 1 PM at Stockholm Inn for lunch and fellowship. We order off the menu and everyone is responsible for the cost of their meal. This is an informal group meeting for lunch and conversation - no structured program is provided. Feel free to bring a friend! The June luncheon is Friday, June 21 at 1 PM. If you have questions, please talk to Nancy Matthews 920-427-9563 or Anita Ramage 815-329-4723. Please contact Nancy to be added to the group text for reminders and reservations.

A **birthday** was inadvertently missed on the June birthday list. Please add Pastor Don Wink, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office for his address.

**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.



Children's Church will be taking the summer off for a well deserved break. We will resume again in the fall on Rally Day.

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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**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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### Transition Team Update

Alpine's Transition Team has been meeting to fill in our Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is designed to stimulate our reflection, to be a summary of the characteristics and ministry of our congregation, and to serve as the first impression that we wish to give to prospective pastoral candidates. The MSP is what prospective candidates will read online on the ELA web page before deciding to apply.

The Transition Team has collected what information we could and now needs your input to complete the MSP. You recently received 2 (two) checklist surveys that we are asking individuals in your household to complete and return by Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The first survey is **Ministry Tasks**. What do you want a new pastor to do, to give priority to, as he/she begins ministry at Alpine? You can select 5 (five) priorities.

The second survey is **Gifts for Ministry**. What gifts (skills, talents, experience) do you feel would be most important for our new pastor to have? On this survey, you can select 5 (five) top priority AND 5 (five) very helpful.

These 2 surveys match the same sections on the MSP. In seeking as much congregational input as possible, the Transition Team has mailed enough surveys for the individuals in your household. This includes any in the 0-19 year-old age range who are able to understand the surveys' vocabulary. If we miscalculated, please call the church office for additional surveys.

**Please return the surveys by June 23<sup>rd</sup>** via mail, electronically by scanning and emailing to the office, in person to the church office, placing it in the Transition mailbox by the conference room, or in the box on the narthex counter.