



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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To all members and friends of Alpine Lutheran Church,

After a great amount of praying and meditation, I have come to the decision of resigning my position as music director at Alpine Lutheran Church. Serving Alpine has been a heart warming and rewarding experience for me.

There are many wonderful and talented people at Alpine. You have become dear friends. All of you have certainly “made my job easy.: I will miss each of you and especially, sharing music with you.

Thank you for allowing Connie and me present “Christmas Time Miracles.” It was truly a highlight for me. Your support has been a blessing to my entire family.

Although a retirement is in my future, my prayers will not retire. Connie and I will continue to pray for Alpine Lutheran Church to be a healthy and growing church spreading God’s love.

Respectfully in Christ,

Richard Dowling

From Pastor Don:

Alpine has been blessed by Richard's gifts and faithfulness for the past fourteen years. He has served as a church musician for sixty years! Please join us in celebrating Richard and Connie on Sunday, August 18th. Details to follow.

Grace and Peace

BY THE NUMBERS

7/14/24	29 + 38	57	7/21/24	19 + 43	62
Online Views		9	Online Views		17
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98					
Gen Fund 6/23/24	\$3,231.87		Gen Fund 7/21/24	\$4,949.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,043.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,030.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,993.11		Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,235.98	
Unexpected Blessings.....	\$63.00		53/54 Week.....	\$120.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

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

Pam Hodges sends her thanks for the many cards and well wishes for her 75th birthday. **Cary Ralston** sends her birthday thanks along with thanks for the Tootsie Rolls!

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. None in the summer.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, Everyone is invited. On summer break.
- **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.**

Aug 4th — Ginny Johnson; Diane Billert; Christine Morel; and Tina Gonzalez.

Aug 11th — Carla Peterson; Steve, Susan & Ava Louthain; Jeff, Jaime, Zada & Zed Doubek; and Ardy Stevens.

Sunday, Aug 4, 2024

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

Ambassador: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Rivera Family

Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, Aug 11, 2024

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

Ambassador: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen & Matt Neumann

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



As of the writing of this article we are hoping to have successfully held the **Ice Cream Social/Neighborhood Picnic**, Saturday, July 27th. We thank everyone who attended and hope all enjoyed the fellowship shared. Many thanks to all of the volunteers; cooks, ice cream scoopers, our illustrious Bingo caller, those who helped set up and clean up, and all other areas where help was needed. A special thank you to our silent donor who provided prizes for Bingo. We now look forward to our annual **AlpineFest, Sunday, August 25th**. We have many areas to volunteer for this event. We will have kids' activities, a train, car show, bouncy house, food, and of course lots of music. Don't forget to share this event with others outside of Alpine. We hope to make this year's AlpineFest the best ever for both our members and our community! (Outreach Comm.)

Please Note: On Sunday, August 25th, we will have ONE SERVICE at 10 AM. This is not our normal 5th Sunday worship but we will utilize the tent that will be set up for AlpineFest for an **Outdoor Worship Service**. After the service, those who want to help finish setting up can stay. We hope everyone will then return at 1 PM for the start of AlpineFest.

Cars 'n Coffee, held 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, September 7—Bert and Lindy, and October 5—Mike Lynch.

Just recently, churches across the country welcomed back their youth from the ELCA Youth Gathering, the first held in the past 6 years. At this conference, the youth raised \$100,000 for the **ELCA World Hunger/ Generation Zero-Hunger**. Generous donors have agreed to match funds up to \$250,000. Now is your time to help them finish what they have started. Please visit ELCA.org/GenZeroHunger. With your gift, they can double the impact with the matching funds of up to \$250,000.

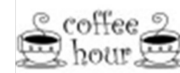
From the SCRIP Desk:

Back to school shopping is already upon us. Stop and see what cards we have in stock that may help in your purchases. If there is enough need, we can make an order. Our local vendors can be ordered anytime. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



A note from Richard Dowling: As a final thank you and farewell to all the many people involved with making my job so much easier and enjoyable through the years, Connie and I are again hosing a potluck at our home on Sunday, August 11. Swimming for anyone who would like, will be at 5 PM and dinner at 6 PM. We will provide barbeque, bottled water and table service. Please bring a dish to pass and an extra lawn chair if you would like. Please call the office for our address. All are welcome and especially the bell choir, adult choir, praise band, C & E singers, worship leaders, sound technicians, actors, readers and performers. If you are unable to attend, please accept my heartfelt thank you for the fourteen years of allowing me to share my love of Christ and music with you. God Bless.



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.

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 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.

Transition Team/Call Committee Update

Our Transition Team has continued its work following the Round Table discussions held a few weeks again during our Adult Forum time. The team were excited with the response from both the survey and those who joined in on those discussions. The team has met since and utilized the information gained from both of these activities to complete the remaining portions of the Ministry Site Profile. It is currently expected that the Ministry Site Profile will be heading to the Alpine Church Council for approval and then sent to the Synod. Great thanks to our Transition Team Chaired by DiAnne Beynon with members Becky Toro, Gary Hunt, Al Neumann, Sharon Walker, Mike Shultz and Morgan Dabson.

As we thank of Transition Team for their work in completing the Ministry Site Profile, we also look forward to the work of our Call Committee. The Call Committee is tasked with meeting, interviewing and bringing forth a candidate to recommend to the congregation to be called as our next Pastor. Our Call Committee Chairperson is Pam Lojewski. The Call Committee members are Becky Toro, Morgan Dabson, Mike Schultz, Dave DeNale, Vi Peterson and Andrea Tack.