

**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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The Bread of Life

What foods do you consume in the greatest amounts? The global leader is milk, followed by rice, with wheat (primarily as bread) coming in third. During Biblical times, the top food consumed was bread. So it shouldn't come as a surprise that Jesus would include a petition about bread in his model prayer (the Lord's Prayer). We understand him to have meant both bread as bread and bread as symbol of all that we need to flourish each day.

It should also not surprise us that when Jesus wanted to leave his followers a way of experiencing his presence after his ascension, that bread would be one of the elements. "Take and eat, this is my body...do this in remembrance of me."

But it may surprise us that the Gospel according to John devotes a full chapter to Jesus combining these two directives (John 6). We are currently three weeks in to a five-week series on this on Sunday mornings.

Jesus goes from feeding thousands of people with a modest amount of bread (and fish) to proclaiming himself to be the "bread of life." The one who feeds a hungry crowd is the same one who feeds Christians whenever we gather in worship, and each of us when we meet him in prayer and his word. Nothing more or less than Jesus keeps us from ever experiencing hunger or thirst.

That is a bold claim! But the one who promises this is faithful, and remains with us in all circumstances in life and in death and beyond.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

7/28/24	34 + 47	81	8/4/24	31 + 52	83
Online Views		12	Online Views		21
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98					
Gen Fund 7/28/24	\$4,626.10		Gen Fund 8/4/24	\$7,440.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,062.50		Forward in Faith	\$2,060.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,584.38		Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,278.02	
53/54 Week.....\$170.00					

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, Arlene Wachal, 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 **Deb Okeson** and **Sharon Walker**. **June Tongue** expressed her many thanks for the cards she received for her 99th birthday!

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.**

Aug 18th — Bob & Violet Peterson, John Gustafson, Karen Conti, and James & Noreen Christiansen.

Aug 25th — Janet Gentry, Erika, Peyton, Reed, & Rowan Hilla-bolt, and Linda Radford.

Sunday, Aug 18, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) John Linde, Mike Schultz
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Jari Sproule
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Bob & Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, Aug 25, 2024

ONE SERVICE Outdoors 10 AM

***Note Those Who Serve changes for one service**

Ushers: Tonya Bagwell, John Linde
Ambassador: Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: Lia Slothower
Lay Assistant: Bob & Lori Fanello, Violet Peterson
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



We look forward to our annual **AlpineFest, Sunday, August 25th, 1-5 PM**. Every year, we have been adding to this event to make it better than the year before. We have many areas to volunteer. We will have kids' activities, a train, car show, bouncy house, food, bake sale and of course lots of music: Alive In Him, Sweet Adelines, Jaime Doubek, Jim Hill, No Values, and Brandon Brooks. We will also have several organizations and/or vendors that will participate with tables of information or items for sale. Our Boy Scouts will even be camping overnight and displaying activities that they are involved in. 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 Committee)

We need baked goods for our **Bake Sale** during AlpineFest; cakes, cookies, brownies, bread, etc. Anyone who can donate items should contact Jody Dabson at jodybird74@gmail.com.

Adult Forum—Sunday, September 15th—Alzheimer's Association in Fellowship Hall



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.

A new **Those Who Serve schedule** going from September 15th through **January** will be started soon. If you are a snow Bird and know when you will be leaving, please let Lynn in the office know so that she can make the schedule as accurate as possible.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS to our scholarship recipients from the **Ahnquist Memorial Advised Fund** for the 2024-2025 school year. Those receiving funds are: Elaine & Dahleia Cutler, Lauren MacCrimble, and Zada & Zed Doubek. We wish them all well in their studies and extend God's blessings on each and every one of them. (Scholarship Committee)

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 resuming on Sunday, September 8th during the 10 AM worship service. We encourage all kids to join us!
Grab bags will be available to take home until then (one per student). We hope you have had a safe and happy summer!



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Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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



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

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