



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
(Lunch 12:30—1:30)

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Why Do We Sing

We enjoy singing. It's fun. Music plays a big part in our lives and we take satisfaction in using it to express our hearts and as a tool to explore our relationships with God. It's good for us. But that's not why we sing.

- **Singing connects us to one another.** It's an activity we do together that is an important part of the glue of what we do when we gather. It's an expression of our identity and our relationship with one another. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing is a way of serving the Lord.** We honor Him by doing our part in providing the congregation with an environment, an opportunity, and an invitation to worship our King. We honor Him by setting aside our pride and trying to model worship and to be willing to make ourselves vulnerable by showing others our hearts as we interact with Him publicly. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing impacts my mind.** The lyrics of songs teach profound truths about God. Songs reinforce biblical values and are part of transforming our minds by moving our thoughts beyond ourselves to focus upon Jesus. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing is a way of our giving back to God.** It's part of our sacrifice of praise that we prepare and offer to the Lord. Through it we express recognition and thanksgiving to our Creator and Redeemer. Preparing an offering of music is like raising the sacrificial lamb to present at the altar as a special gift that each of us give personally to the Lord. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing is a form of prayer.** The songs provide us with a vocabulary to express and explore who God is and to declare what He is doing in our lives. Moments during a song when we are not singing provide little pauses to pray our own thoughts to the Lord and to listen to what He has to say. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing is tied to the promises of God.** God promises to show up in a special way when we gather in His name according to His purposes. He literally "indwells" the praises of His people. He promises to draw near to us as we draw near to Him. Scripture ties music to spiritual and physical freedom from bondage, to healing, miracles, repentance, and other holy actions by the Lord. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing impacts my body.** It forces us to become physically involved when we express worship. This reminder of our own weakness and flesh is another part of giving ourselves as living sacrifices to the Lord. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing is something the Bible commands us to do.** We are far more often commanded to sing than almost anything else in the Bible. God built us to sing; we are designed for it. He invented music before He even created us, and we are specially crafted so that it powerfully impacts us as well as the spiritual realm. When we sing, we obey God's command. But that's not why we sing.
- **Singing affects our emotions.** Music bypasses our mental filters and stirs our passion. It challenges us to arise from the depths of our emotional slumber and coldness, fanning the flames of our hearts to burn brightly for the Lord. But that's not why we sing.

Worship through music is one of the few things that we know goes on in heaven. It's powerful enough to shake heaven's very gates. Music accompanied many major events in the Bible. It led God's people forward in battle. Even Jesus' birth was announced through song, as will be His triumphant return. But that's not why we sing.

Why do we sing? One simple reason. God deserves our praise. This is good and right and true. But worshipping the Lord is something that we each must decide to do for ourselves. We choose to sing. How dare we arrogantly decide that He should not receive something that He declares He wants? Do we know better than He does whether the noise we make is good enough when He says it is? Who are we to judge our worship —when that right belongs only to Him.

We must not withhold from the Lord the glory that is due to Him from ourselves. That's why we sing.

TJ Miller, Pastor of Worship Arts at Walloon Lake Community Church, from www.worshipleader.com

BY THE NUMBERS

1/9/22	20 + 22	42 (icy)	1/16/22	30 + 21	51
1/9 Online views		15	1/16 Online views		16

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,902.73

Gen Fund 1/2/22	\$2,141.00	Gen Fund 1/9/22	\$2,033.00	Gen Fund 1/16/22	\$3,901.00
Forward in Faith	\$253.00	Forward in Faith	\$840.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,128.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,503.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,676.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,573.73

Unexpected Blessings.....\$5.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave Lillegaard, Valerie Miller, Velma Shoudy, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Jason Bergeron, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Debra Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Tina Randolph, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Donna Brenner, Nancy Lorenzen** and **Ernie DeNale**. Kathy Cordonnier sends her thanks for the get well wishes after her fall. **Donna Brenner** and **Bob & Bea Lundgren** expressed their thanks for the flowers they received. We share our love and sympathies with **Kathy Cordonnier**. Her step-son, Mike Cordonnier died recently. We received thanks from **Arlene Fusco**, daughter of Marge Pearson, for the memorials and cards from Alpine. It meant so much for Alpine to remember her in this way.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (in-person)
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person and online)

Children's Church will be meeting the first and third Sundays of the month, monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available for pick-up

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Men's Bible Breakfast: Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



Please call the office at 815-399-5013 for all pastoral needs. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.



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.**

January 30th — Janice Peden; Ron & Jean Johnson; Rhonda Paravala; and Jim Stropes, Jr.

February 6th— Lisa Robinson; Jan Pauly; Kathy & Eugene Mund; and Glen McDonald.



Saturday, January 29th—Family Luminary Walk, 6-8 PM
Sunday, January 30th—**ONE Worship Service, 10 AM**,
 Bishop Jeffrey Clements presiding
Sunday, January 30th—Annual Meeting, 11:30 AM
Sunday, February 6th—Tentative Scout Sunday, 10 AM

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.



Due to the snowstorm on the weekend of January 8th, we were unable to have our **Alpine Family Luminary Walk**. We have rescheduled it for **Saturday, January 29th from 6-8 PM**. Please note the time change. (It will be lighter longer by then.)

Sunday, January 30th is our Annual Meeting Sunday. There will only **ONE** worship service at **10:00 AM** that day and we will have guest, **Bishop Jeffrey Clements** of the Northern IL Synod Preaching and presiding over worship. The service will be followed by the meeting in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. At the meeting, we will be having elections for the 2022 Church Council as well as going over the financial information from 2021 and the 2022 budget.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Valentine's Day is coming fast. Don't forget to pick up a SCRIP card to treat your special person to a night out. SCRIP carries many cards for restaurants, a special shopping trip. And even the movies. The next order date will be January 30th so get your order in early so that you don't forget. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

2021 Giving Statements will be available to pick up from the counter in the coat room next week. If you find any discrepancies please contact Lynn in the office. The statements will remain on the counter through the Annual Meeting and then any remaining will be mailed out. If you would prefer, they can be emailed out. Please let Lynn know.

Children's Church change for January and February. With Bishop Clements coming on Sunday, January 30th, the Academy children will sing on this Sunday instead of February 6th. Therefore, Children's Church will meet January 30th and February 20th. We hope to see you then! (Christian Ed)

Rockford Lutheran invites all members of our area Lutheran churches to cheer on the Crusader basketball teams at special "**Association Nights**." Tuesday, January 25th the girls play at 5:45 and 7 :15 PM and Saturday, January 29th the boys play at 5:30 and 7 PM. Admission is free and your congregation will be recognized.

Across the country schools of all kinds are working very hard to overcome all the obstacles that are being faced due to the current surge in the Omicron variant. Public school districts are working with Faculty and Staff to ensure that their schools remain safe or as safe as possible. Private school are working with Faculty and Staff to ensure that same safety for students, staff and families. We are all seeking the same goals; to ensure that our students are able to learn successfully in a safe and healthy environment and achieve real academic progress.

At Alpine we too are faced with many of the same challenges; short staff, substitute shortages, Covid illness, Flu cases, ability to obtain materials and as always budget. Together our staff has been able to weather the storm thus far. Our greatest challenge came as we returned to school after Christmas Break and had a large number of students and even staff out due to various health issues both Covid related and not. We all continue to pray for our ongoing success for the 2021-22 school year. We've made it half way and although we've had some illness we are all finding ways to return to health quickly. Please continue to pray for our Alpine Family; the students, school & church staff, our church members and school families.

Beginning Jan. 23rd we celebrate National School Choice Week. This movement is designed to celebrate all of the great choices available to families to find the best educational option for their students. I'm proud of the option and opportunities we provide at Alpine Academy, however, I'd also like to recognize all of those in our Alpine Family who have chosen other options that have worked successfully for their students. I'd also like to specifically recognize those in our Alpine Family that are working in our schools both Public and Private while also including those homeschool parents. The love and attention that they give to our students may be more vitally important today as they teach their students than it has ever been. Our school workers are brave people willing to provide a much needed source of encouragement and love to children in our community. School Choice is important but more important right now are those who choose to provide those educational opportunities for our children.

Thank you for continuing to support all of our Alpine Family! The strength of your prayers continues to drive those who do the work.

In Christ
 Mr. Scott Dabson
 Director, Alpine Academy





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



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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, January 30, 2022
ONE SERVICE

Ushers: (10:00) Jim Burnett, Mike Schultz
Lector: (10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assistant: (10:00) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singers: Bob McVinnie, Chuck & Lynn
Valentine

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
(10:00) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
(10:00) Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Mark your calendars for January 27th from 7—9 PM to watch WTVO-Channel 17 or Facebook Live “**An Evening of Hope**” Telethon for Rockford Rescue Mission. See how your gifts restore HOPE and transform lives in the Rock River Valley.

2022 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Carpenter’s Place is in need of items for the winter season: cough drops, disposable antibacterial bathing cloths, foot powder, hand and foot warmers, hand lotion, individual packets of tissue, and lip balm. Donations may be dropped off M-TH 8:30 to 4:00 pm and Fridays 8:30 to 2:30 pm at 1149 Railroad Avenue. We thank you for your continued support.