



**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 PM)

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*From the Pastor:*

## Celebrating Easter!

Jesus Has Risen! He Has Risen Indeed, Alleluia! As you have probably guessed by now those are some of my favorite words to proclaim during Easter. Easter is a celebratory season. We celebrate new life, resurrection power - that transforms the darkness of this world, and we celebrate an everlasting hope. A hope that is centered on the truth that Jesus has defeated death and brought healing into a broken world. The Gospel declares that no matter how spiritual, dutiful, prayerful or dedicated we are, it is not enough to save us. What Jesus did was sufficient. Here is one of my favorite Easter quotes.

*“The difference between knowing Christ and knowing the power of his resurrection, is the difference between knowing a person and resembling a person . . . It is not about relationship but about supernatural character growth. When Paul says, “I want to know him,” it means, “I want to be with him,” but when he says, “I want to know the power of his resurrection,” it means, “I want to be just like him.” Look at the deadness in your life. Look at the anger. How is that going to be turned into forgiveness? Look at the insecurity. How is that going to be turned into confidence? Look at the self-centeredness. How is that going to be turned into compassion and generosity? How? The answer is that the dead stuff gets taken over by the Spirit of God . . . It’s the power of the resurrection—the same thing that raised Jesus from the dead.” – Tim Keller*

**Takeaways from our Easter Worship series**

- Easter is always the answer to “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me”
- Easter shows us the impossible can happen in our lives
- Resurrection power is released as we remember and live by the words of Jesus.
- God takes our flawed offerings and uses them in miraculous ways.
- Our faith allows us to look for hope in the strangest of places... even in death!
- We can let go of our doubts, fears, and even expectations because of resurrection. Sometimes things die, but God continues to resurrect them in new ways.
- Doubts and disappointments are not a sign of a lack of faith. Rather, they are signs that our faith is interacting with a broken world.
- When we are afraid, confused, or simply find it hard to believe, the answer always is to touch Jesus.
- Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit. Filling us with the power to unleash forgiveness on the world.
- Even though we may lose control of our lives, we still know we are heading to heaven. This allows us to truly live.
- Jesus provides the 2 things Peter needs most. A sense of belonging and purpose
- What we need more than an intellectual argument or facts is the presence of God in our lives.
- We don’t believe our way into belonging in The Community of Faith. We belong first and then come to believe.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

5/1/22	34 + 32	66	5/8/22	56 + 78	134
5/1 Online views		4	5/8 Online views		9
		Rejoicing Spirits 5/5/22.....			78
		Required total receipts weekly.....			\$7,458.56
Gen Fund 5/1/22	\$10,725.00		Gen Fund 5/8/22	\$4,430.00	
Forward in Faith	\$2,618.00		Forward in Faith	\$2,293.00	
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,204.44		Surplus/Deficit	-\$725.56	
Unexpected Blessings.....	\$10.00	53/54th Week.....	\$200.00	Festival.....	\$120.00



**Pray for Alpine members:**

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

**Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:**

Sally Atkinson, Iris Blake, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Steve George, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Don Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Dave Nelsen, Peggy O'Riley, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Pat Seratilla, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict.

**All in the Family**

**Harriet Brown** expressed her thanks for the lovely celebration of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. She thanks everyone for the cards and well wishes. God's blessings go out to **Jack Matthew Hier**, son of Lucas & Samantha Hier, who was baptized into the Lord's family on Mother's Day. God's Blessing on **Pr. Eric Hanson** as he begins serving as pastor at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Cambridge, WI.

**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 through fourth Sundays of the month in May, monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available for pick-up

**Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday

**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.)

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



**Pastor Dan's office hours:** Mondays 12:00-3:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.

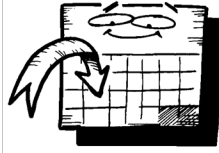


**Praying weekly for Alpine's membership** has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received 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.**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** — Marge Rakoczy; Sara & Nico Nowak; Richard, Karla, Karter & Kamden Lovitt; and Allen, Sarah, Matthew & Alexis Neumann.

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**— Luke & Heidi Lykken; Tonya Bagwell; Evan, Erin, Logan & John Peyton; and Bob & Linda Radford.



**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**—Blood Drive, RRV Blood Center Bus, 2:30– 6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

**Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**—Mental Health Committee, 5:30 PM

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**—Alpine Academy Graduation, 6 PM

**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**—Church Council, 7 PM

**Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**—Confirmation, 10 AM Worship

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**—Memorial Day, office closed

## Summer Events

June 25<sup>th</sup>—Neighborhood Picnic

July 30<sup>th</sup>—Ice Cream Social

August 21<sup>st</sup>—Alpine Fest

These events have been very successful in the past and we anticipate they will be great fun again. We will need volunteers to help plan and run these events. Please see Scott Dabson if you are willing to help.

**May is Mental Health Month.** People with mental problems are our neighbors, members of our congregations, members of our families, members in our community. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community. (Mike Schultz)



**Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries annual Golf Scramble** is **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at Timber Pointe Golf Course. Sign up your foursome or individually to form a group. The cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch, green fees, cart, golf balls, tees and more. A registration form is available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### From the SCRIP Desk:

How familiar are you with our SCRIP program? As you shop our cards, on hand or to order, you earn money for the church, school or individual camp or tuition account. Each year we contribute an unexpected blessing back to the church from the church's credits. We need more people to purchase the cards to make this happen. Can you shop SCRIP once a month or more to increase our contribution?

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

The May edition of "**Living Lutheran**" is available on the Care & Concern Counter in the narthex and in the box outside of door F. Take a copy home, read it, then share it with someone. In this month's lead article the author looks at the differences and similarities of Lutheran congregations everywhere and how we are all working with one goal in mind, to share the love of God with others.

**Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation.** We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee. (Laurel McVinnie)

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost.** Don't forget to wear your RED in celebration!

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)

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, **Sarah Flygare** filled in for Richard while he was away. She not only shared her musical talents with us but also shared about her travels to Ukraine with "**Music in World Cultures**". She emphasized that even in war the Ukraine people are staying strong. If you are interested in making a contribution through this organization you can visit miwc.org and click on the "Send Support to Ukraine" button.

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES:** Graduation time is fast approaching. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

**Alpine is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** The Rock River Valley Blood Center bus will be outside of Alpine from **2:30—6:30 PM**. All blood types are needed even more than ever! To schedule an appointment contact John Linde at 815-978-7776. Walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a photo ID and have plenty to eat and drink before you donate.

The cost for the **giving feature** that is connected to our **Alpine Lutheran phone** app is going up and it is no longer financially feasible for us to continue. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you would like giving envelopes or would like to sign-up for an automatic bank withdrawal, please contact Lynn in the church office and she will be glad to make the necessary arrangements. (Lynn Valentine)

**Children's Church** will continue to meet for the first Sunday of June. The Christian Education Committee will take a look at the viability of meeting throughout the summer months. Please watch for any further announcements in future Summits.

The **Rockford Midtown Market** begins on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run every Thursday from 9am-noon in the Rockford Public Schools District 205 Parking Lot through October. The Market's purpose is to encourage a community gathering for ethnic food, farm produce, coffee drinks, kid activities, music, and crafts. The Rockford Midtown Market is a partnership between Katie's Cup and the Rockford Midtown District Association. They are still receiving applications for vendors and anyone who wants to volunteer. Any questions please contact them at rockfordmidtownmarket@gmail.com.

The youth will be holding a **Garage Sale** in the gym on **June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**. Donations may be dropped off the week of the sale at the church. Please contact John Linde with any questions. There will also be a **Plant Sale** during the garage sale. Come and get your perennials at a great price while shopping our great deals. All proceeds will go towards the youth for next year's mission trip. (John Linde)

If you are planting any plants around your yard this spring, consider saving the **larger plastic containers** for Violet Peterson. She uses them for perennials sold at the **Plant Sale** held during the Youth Garage Sale. (Violet Peterson)

**We thank all our volunteers** who make our worship experience at Alpine a good one. The summer schedule for **Those Who Serve** is being put together. If we have your email on file, it will be emailed out to you otherwise, it will be on the Care & Concern counter for you to pick up soon. Please check your email or stop by the Care & Concern counter. (Laurel McVinnie)



**Memorial Day is Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday. If you need anything please call the church and leave a message or contact Pastor Dan at 815-399-5487.

**Keep Alpine Updated:** With current HIPAA laws, **the church is not informed when you are hospitalized**. Please have a friend or family member notify the church directly. OSF St. Anthony's and Rockford Memorial does not call at all, Swedish American only calls when you are admitted to the hospital through your physician, not the ER. We want to keep in contact with you especially when you are in need of support.

*Celebrating*  
**50**  
*Years*

Sunday, June 5, 2022  
2 to 5pm,  
Short program @ 3pm

Alpine Lutheran Church Gym – North entrance  
5001 Forest View Avenue  
Rockford, IL 61108

*Safety protocols will be observed*



*Of Ordination*  
**1972-2022**

Pastor  
Rick Meier

*Of Marriage*  
**(52 Years)**

**1970-2022**

Rick & Helen



*No Gifts Please*

The 2021-22 School Year, our 24th at Alpine, is quickly coming to a close. Along with the close to our school year also comes several events and some celebrations. Throughout the school year we've experienced many changes and needed to pivot along the way, yet our students, staff and families continued to persevere. A pandemic wasn't going to stop us this year either. Just a couple of weeks remain on our school calendar before we begin summer and we welcome you to join us as we finish this year strong and together.

One of our students favorite days of the school year is Field Day. On this day, May 25 our Gym Teacher, Mr. Hodges, plans fun events throughout the morning as we gather students of all grades to participate together. The field day is not only a fun time for everyone but also teaches the students about working together, good sportsmanship and even leadership. We end the morning by having lunch together as a school as we provide hot dogs, chips and drinks for all the students, staff and volunteers. And, of course, the all important "bomb pop" popsicles. We're always looking for additional volunteers for the morning so if you'd like to help please contact the school office to sign up today!

On May 26th at 6:00pm we will say goodbye to our outgoing 6th Graders with a 6th Grade Graduation Ceremony. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate their time with us and send them off to Jr High next year. It is always wonderful to hear from these students as they share their stories of their time here at Alpine. We've enjoyed watching these students grow and know that they will always be a part of our Alpine Family no matter where they go as they continue to learn and grow.

May 27th is our final day of school for the 2021-22 school year. On this day once again we encourage you to join us outside the school at 11:00am to celebrate another successful year at Alpine. We need as many people outside as possible to cheer on our students as they walk out the last time for this school year. I'm expecting a nice day on the last day this year so please join us.

On our last day this year I'd also like to encourage everyone to stop by to say goodbye to Kim Strakeljahn, our long time School Secretary. Kim has been with us for many years and between many leadership changes. In her time with us she has played a vital role in ensuring the success of many school years. Kim's connection with students, staff, parents, grandparents, church members and countless others cannot be forgotten. Please help us make this last day memorable for Kim and our students by joining us on May 27th at 11:00a outside Door A (main entrance to the school).

As we prepare to end this year please continue to pray for all of our Alpine Family and for the continued success of our Academy. The 2022-23 School Year will showcase the 25th Anniversary of Alpine's commitment to Elementary Education in our building, let us celebrate together!

In Christ  
Mr. Scott Dabson  
Director  
Alpine Academy



For Ages 3 & Above

Alpine Academy of Rockford  
**Thunderland**  
SUMMER DAY CAMP

Fun Outdoor Activities

Week 1 Begins May 31  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm  
With Extended Care Options:  
Before Care: beginning 6:30am  
After Care: ending 6:00pm

Alpine Academy of Rockford is having it's Thunderland Summer Day Camp, with lots of fun activities and weekly themes. Now is the time to enroll!! The cost has been frozen to only \$125 a week!

Register Today

For more information:  
Call 815.227.8894  
Call for weekly Themes



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



See what Alpine has to  
offer you on the Web!  
alpinelutheran.com

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Gene Seefeldt  
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Linde  
**Lector:** (8:00) Donna Seefeldt  
(10:00) Allen Neumann  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) David DeNale  
(10:00) Allen Neumann  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jack Phillips, Volunteer  
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Mike Schultz  
**Lector:** (8:00) Carla Phillips  
(10:00) Violet Peterson  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Mike Schultz  
(10:00) Violet Peterson  
**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie

**The Ukraine Crisis:** There are many ways to donate to the efforts during the Ukraine Crisis. The ELCA is collecting through Lutheran Disaster Response. Visit [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) and click on the European Crisis Response banner. Lutheran World at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org). Also, for the past few Sunday's Pastor Dan has highlighted an area of ministry that is happening during the Ukraine war. You may contribute to those efforts by visiting International Partnership, [ipministry.org](http://ipministry.org).