



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:

Pentecost

We will soon be celebrating Pentecost at Alpine. This is when we remember and focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit (God’s eternal presence) in our lives. Throughout church history some have emphasized the personal dimensions of faith and others have tended to emphasize the ethical, and public and social dimensions of faith. But rarely to do we see a balance of both.

Author Brian McLaren explains that when you emphasize a public, ethical, and social theology concerning the work of the Spirit, but it isn’t supported by the deep rooted spiritual faith experience of the Spirit, your spirituality can digress into a kind of ideology or form of institutionalism. Sometimes it doesn’t sound that different than a political party platform.

On the other hand, if people try to create a personal spirituality that doesn’t try to address the realities of God’s world that God loves so much - that presents a kind of distorted form of spirituality that becomes a tribal religion that exists for the benefit of one group of believers over another or to benefit powerful pastors and leaders who provide a spiritual service to believers.

The first stories of Pentecost actually speak directly to this. For the gifting of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts was not just to give the “true believers” a powerful experience that could become the foundation of their faith – instead it was to be a transformative experience that would reach into every aspect of their lives. Stephen was a man filled with the spirit and it showed when he was being an administrator and when he was speaking to a mob. In both cases it was evident to witness that this was a man who was filled with God’s Spirit.

Throughout Acts, the Holy Spirit is not portrayed as a force of magical powers or as a sign of God’s blessing and favor. Rather, it is given out freely to everyone (even those people who are undeserving) so that their lives could be turned upside down. A change of character accompanied them that drove them to share God’s love. It wasn’t a power to make other people “like them” or to advance a social or economic agenda. Rather it was a mighty uncontrollable wind that people got caught up in and whirled away (literally at times). It was a fearful sight as well as one that brought joy and relief. The Holy Spirit is so much more than how Holy Spirit is portrayed today by modern churches.

The Holy Spirit is a mark of God’s presence in your life. Not a treasure to be stored inside, bottled up, and brought out when convenient. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the power that we need to radically change our lives and the world around us with a love that is counter cultural – unexperienced by a cold hearted world. Jesus said it best when he told his disciples, this is how the world will know that you follow me and have God’s presence in you- they will know it because of this supernatural love that you possess and give away so freely – just like God the Father has done with you.

BY THE NUMBERS

5/15/22	51 + 33	84	5/22/22	35 + 62	97
5/15 Online views		2	5/8 Online views		7
		Rejoicing Spirits Zoom 5/19/22.....			28
		Required total receipts weekly.....			\$7,458.56
Gen Fund 5/15/22	\$7,520.00		Gen Fund 5/22/22	\$2,479.00	
Forward in Faith	\$781.00		Forward in Faith	\$583.00	
Surplus/Deficit	+\$892.44		Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,146.56	
Unexpected Blessings.....	\$5		53/54th Week.....	\$295.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, 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

Birthday thanks came in from **Mari Hanson**. Our love and sympathies go out to the **Hoel & Doubek Families**. Jeff Doubek's grandmother and Phyllis Damken, mother of Marianne Hoel and grandmother of Jaime Doubek, both passed away within 24 hours of each other this past weekend. Our prayers of comfort also go out to the **Ernie DeNale Family**. Ernie died Wednesday, May 18th.

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 Sunday of June, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday (none in Summer)

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.)

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.

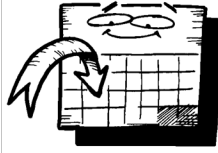


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

June 5th — Don Torgerson; Terry & Pam Hodges; Mark & Anita Rumage; and Doug, Joshua & Zachary Schrank.

June 12th— Jeanne Knutson; Donna Larson and Dorothy Susag.



Monday, May 30th—Memorial Day, office closed
Sunday, June 5th—Pentecost, wear RED
Sunday, June 5th—Pastor Meier’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration, gym, 2-5 PM
Friday, June 10th—Garage Sale
Saturday, June 11th—Garage Sale
Saturday, June 11th—Larry Geiger, Jr. Memorial, 11 AM

Summer Events

June 25th—Neighborhood Picnic
 July 30th—Ice Cream Social
 August 21st—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.



Congratulations and God’s blessings go out to our 2 confirmands who were confirmed on Sunday May 29th at the 10 AM worship service. The students are **Morgan Grace Dabson** and **Benjamin Theodore Croisant**. We look forward to their continued growth in Christ.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Father’s Day will be here before we know it. Have you decided on what you are going to give Dad? SCRIP has many cards for dinner out, books, sporting goods, and outdoor needs at home improvement stores. What do you think your dad would like?

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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 5th is Pentecost. Join us in celebration of Pentecost Sunday. Don’t forget that this is a RED Sunday so wear your best red attire.

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** will continue 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)

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 next Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

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)

Recently we have has a **special visitor** at our 10 AM worship that many of you have probably noticed. **Zoodle Doubek** is a golden doodle that is being considered for comfort dog training. Jaime has been bringing Zoodle with her to the worship services to acclimate her to a public community setting. If you have any questions or would just like to meet Zoodle please see Jaime Doubek.

Grab a copy of this month’s “Living Lutheran”! In the June/July edition, we are introduced to LEAD, Living Everyday As Disciples, a group “committed to developing leaders with deep, bold, consequential faith...” Copies are available on the Care & Concern counter or from the box outside door F. Share your copy when you have finished.

Children’s Church will continue to meet for the first Sunday of June. The Christian Education Committee has decided to not regularly hold Children’s Church during the summer months. However, if there are enough children in attendance on any given Sunday, they will have a class.

The **Luther College Nordic Choir** will perform at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th, at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. The event is part of Nordic Choir’s 75th Anniversary Tour. No tickets are required; a freewill donation will be collected.

The **One Step Closer to Home Fun Run & Walk** is a family-friendly 5k walk/run that will take place at Rock Valley College on June 25th. Funds raised will be used to create a scholarship fund and continue the vital work of LSSI’s Rockford Foster Care program. This scholarship will create opportunities that a child in foster care might not otherwise have, such as summer camp and funds for continued education. For more information, please visit LSSI.org/funrun.

The **Rockford Midtown Market** begins on Thursday, June 2nd 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 10th & 11th**. 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** has been completed. If we have your email on file, it was emailed out to you otherwise, you may pick up your copy on the Care & Concern. Please check your email or stop by the Care & Concern counter. (Laurel McVinnie)



Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th. 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

Our 2021-22 School year has come to a close. A successful school year for our students, staff and families. We've watched students learn, grow and have fun together. We've recently said good bye and wished some staff well as they move on to new phases of their life, most recently Mrs. Kim Strakeljahn, our longtime School Secretary. Overall what a great year.

While we will surely miss Mrs. Strakeljahn and others it is now time to look forward to the 2022-23 school year and welcoming new families into our Alpine Family. There are so many ways that you can help us to ensure that we grow at Alpine. Some of those include sharing about Alpine Academy with friends and family while encouraging them to set up a tour to visit us. You could also follow us on Facebook and share our posts. Most importantly you can pray for our school and that new families who seek a Christian education come to find us and join our family.

The Invest In Kids Act continues to be available as a fantastic way to support the families and students who seek a Christian education. Using this option to make donations to Empower Illinois in the name of Alpine Academy helps families to bring their children to Alpine Academy who otherwise would not find that option possible. When doing so you receive a 75% Tax Credit on your Illinois state tax obligation. This is a fantastic opportunity to help your donation dollars go further and provide for families seeking to be a part of our Alpine family. I ask you to consider this option and if you have any questions or need assistance with the process please contact me at church or by calling the school. We currently have over 40 students on a waitlist awaiting funds to be available. I'd love to help you help us to cut that list down and invite more families to join us at Alpine.

As we begin to prepare for our next school year we have also just started our summer day camp "Thunderland." This years Thunderland has 30+ students already signed up to participate and we'd love to grow that number. This is a fun camp for students 3 years old through 5th Grade and we'd love to have your family and friends join us this summer. If you need more information please contact the school at 815.227.8894 today.

Thank you once again to everyone in our Alpine Family for continuing to make Alpine Academy an important mission of our church. The support received from all of our Alpine Family is what keeps the mission of Alpine Academy strong. I look forward to continued success in providing Christian education at Alpine 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, June 5, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson

Ambassadors: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
(10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges

Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier

Lay Assistant: (8:00) Lori Fanello
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy

Lector: (8:00) Lexi Blazer
(10:00) Allen Neumann

Ambassador: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) John Linde, David Linde

Lay Assistant: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell
(10:00) Allen Neumann

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 and click on the European Crisis Response banner. Lutheran World at 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.