



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:

Heroes in The Bible

Summer Worship Series 2022

Why are we so fascinated with heroes? Our need for heroes seems obvious. They inspire us; nurture us when we are young; reveal missing qualities in our lives; give us hope; save us when we need it; help to expand our worldview; and guide us in providing justice. But it seems that our fascination goes beyond just our obvious need for heroes. At times we seem so dissatisfied with our own lives that we live vicariously through our heroes. This leads us to projecting false beliefs and expectations, which in turn leads us to worshipping our heroes. When we worship our heroes, we eventually are confronted with their failings. This leads us to either 1) deny that they are human (make mistakes or have a bad side to them) or 2) become disappointed and disillusioned. We very much seem to blame our heroes for somehow letting us down by being less than perfect. Since they are not living up to our expectations - we cast blame and feel a sense of betrayal.

The Bible paints a very different picture of Heroes. You see, there is really only one hero throughout the pages of scripture – God. God is the hero that we need. It is God who inspires us and guides us etc.... What is so unique about the Bible (especially considering when it was written) is that all the people who we think of as heroes are portrayed as flawed or even horrible people. Their sins are plainly evident, the destruction and hurt they cause is clearly on display. Yet God is still present in their lives and does God's heroic work through them. On their own, these anointed human heroes can hardly be held up as virtuous examples. But with God in their lives, the incredible and heroic happens. Lives are saved!

Let's take three quick examples. Abraham, David, and the apostle Paul. Three men who are often held up as Biblical heroes. We are taught to have faith like them, live like them, model our lives after them. Yet, these three men were murders, pimps, adulterers, and thieves. On the whole, they were horrible husbands and atrocious fathers who failed to provide justice for their children. Mind you, these actions did not all occur before "they met God" (a convenient excuse to ignore the reality of their lives). These horrible actions often occurred after they met God, while they were following God and being leaders of God's people. Flawed human beings, destructive life choices, but still people of God. That's the incredible nature and love of God. God the hero, comes into our messed-up lives and does heroic, lifesaving stuff.

Join us this summer as we dive deeper into the stories of how God is the real hero and how that can make all the difference in our faith.

BY THE NUMBERS

5/29/22	36 + 74	110	6/5/22	39 + 80	119
5/29 Online views		14	6/5 Online views		9

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56

Gen Fund 5/29/22	\$2,199.00	Gen Fund 6/5/22	\$3,220.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,043.00	Forward in Faith	\$513.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,216.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,655.56

Unexpected Blessings.....\$70.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave Lillegaard, 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 **Carol Johnson**. We share our love and sympathies with **Kathy Cordonnier**. She has had 2 losses this past week. Her aunt, **Lola Johnson**, wife of Bert Johnson, died Sunday, May 29th. Then, over the weekend, her step-son, Rick, died. Our prayers of comfort go out to her and the families of Lola and Rick. **Rick & Christie Bried** send their thanks for the altar flowers they received. Also congratulations to the Brieds as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 24th.

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 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.**

June 19th — Joshua, Christine, Peyton Hanson, Liam & Miles Brady; Pastor Rick & Helen Meier; and Randy & Linda Teske.

June 26th — Bobby, Michelle, Landon & Chloe Mounts; Carl Stohle; Pat Turmo; John Linde; and David Linde.



Tuesday, June 14th—Flag Day
Sunday, June 19th—Father's Day
Thursday, June 23rd—Church Council, 6 PM
Saturday, June 25th—Neighborhood Picnic, Gym end, 1 PM
Sunday, June 26th—Planning Meeting for Alpine Fest & Alpine Anniversaries, between services

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.



ALPINE GRADUATES

We celebrate with our graduates and their families.

Nickolas Chockalingam—Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Iowa State University

Alyssa Turmo—Bachelor of Social Work, Colorado State University

Lucas Turmo—Lutheran High School, to attend West Virginia University



Pr. Rick & Helen Meier wish to thank the Alpine family for the love and support at their celebration Sunday, June 5th. A special thanks to Pastor Dan Wynard, Scott Dabson, and Violet Peterson for all they did to make it a success. "Rick and I are truly blessed!"

Volunteers Needed! Alpine will be holding a Neighborhood Picnic on Sunday, June 25th beginning at 1 PM. We need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs, set up outside canopies, cook and serve food, and help with cleaning up. We also need donations of desserts to serve that day. Please see Scott Dabson if you are able to volunteer.

Milestone Adopt a Camper—For \$100 you can sponsor a camper for 1 week at camps in IL, WI and IA; or for \$75 you can sponsor a camper at Camp Winnebago. Please contact Milestone, 815-639-2965, if you want to make a donation or have any questions.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Get ready for your summer vacation by stopping by the SCRIP desk and purchase gas, food, and hotel cards for your trip. Traveling with gift cards is safer than carrying cash. Remember some items on the order sheet are not in stock and must be ordered so plan ahead if you are planning to use SCRIP cards for your hotel stays.

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

On **Sunday, June 26th**, between services, there will be a planning meeting for both our **Alpine Fest** in August and our coming **Alpine 80th Anniversary/Alpine Academy 25th Anniversary**. We need your input and ideas for these events to make them as successful as they have been in the past.

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)

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)

Grab a copy of this month's (and next month) "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 schedule has changed from the last note in the Summit. They will meet throughout the summer months unless there are no children in attendance. The **Grab and Go** bags will be available as well.

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.

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. Please check your email or stop by the office to pick up a copy. (Laurel McVinnie)

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.

KATIE'S CUP BOOKSTORE IS NOW OPEN!

Katie's Cup is happy to announce that we are "turning an exciting page" in our history as we launch an independent bookstore inside the coffee bar! The addition of a bookstore will help us highlight local issues, uplift under-represented and under-served voices within our community, and showcase local authors. Our plan is to build on the coffee bar's mission by uplifting literary voices, supporting a diversity of people and thought, reflecting community concerns, speaking to a variety of points of view, and highlighting talent from within our local region. Located inside Katie's Cup 502 7th Street, 815.986.0628.

Katie's
coffee conversation community

CUP Presents: Second Thursday Concerts

Music on Thursdays . . . on Seventh!



*"There have been a vast array of tribute acts and impressionists throughout the years, but none quite like **Denny Diamond**, a renowned award-winning tribute artist to Neil Diamond."*

Denny Diamond

Neil Diamond Tribute Artist

Thursday, July 14

Doors open at 6 pm. Concert begins at 7 pm. Free Admission.

CDs and merchandise offered for sale. Katie's Cup full drink and food menu available.

502 7th Street 815.986.0628 katiescupcoffee@gmail.com www.katiescup.com Friend us on Facebook!

Summer has begun for Alpine Academy! Our Summer Day Camp Thunderland began on May 31st, and we continue to increase in attendance. Our summer staff is working hard to provide fun activities for all the students in attendance this summer. I encourage you to follow us on Facebook to see more of the summer fun. This is also the time of year that we plan and build for the upcoming new fall school year, our 25th at Alpine!

If you or any of your family or friends are looking for a great place for the kids to be this summer, please share Thunderland with them. We'd love to have more kids join us this summer as we have fun throughout at Thunderland. If you need a flyer to share or even a yard sign about Thunderland please let me know.

In preparing for the upcoming 2022-23 school year, it's time again to share updates about the Invest In Kids Act and our work with Empower Illinois. We will be hosting a breakfast opportunity for you to learn more about how you can help students attend Alpine Academy. The Invest In Kids Act allows you to direct your state tax dollars to students wanting to attend schools like Alpine Academy. By making a donation through a Scholarship Granting Organization, like Empower Illinois, you will receive a 75% tax credit on your donation. Funds donated through Empower Illinois and designated to Alpine Academy provide scholarships to students in need to be able to attend Alpine. This past school year through the help of donors we welcomed 24 students to Alpine through this program. Currently we have 38 students on a waitlist awaiting the opportunity to attend Alpine Academy. If you would like to learn more about how you can help these students and direct your state tax dollars through a 75% tax credit, I encourage you to please contact me to sign up to join us for a breakfast update on the Invest In Kids Act. Let's work together to make the 25th year of Elementary Education at Alpine another great year!

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I'd also like to share with you the growing need for additional staff at the Academy. We will be working to fill several positions for the next school year. Classroom, lunch, recess, and office aides as well as a couple of Teaching positions are still available. If you or someone you know has interest in learning about these opportunities, please call the school at 815.227.8894 or email me at mr.dabson@alpineacademyofrockford.com.

Thank you all for continuing to support the work of Alpine Academy and for being a part of our Alpine Family. This is going to be an exciting year to be a part of this family together!

In Christ
Mr. Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy

A flyer for Thunderland Summer Day Camp. It features a mountain range in the background. In the foreground, there are illustrations of children: one boy painting a rock, one girl jumping rope, and three children sitting in a circle. Text on the flyer includes:
For Ages 3 & Above
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



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offer you on the Web!
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Amanda Dabson
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Deb Okeson
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Andrea Tack
(10:00) Mari Hanson, John Linde
Ambassador: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel,
Volunteer
(10:00) Mike Schultz, Pr. Rick Meier
Lector: (8:00) Andrea Tack
(10:00) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
(10:00) Dick Nelson
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine