



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:

Why Should I Be Part of a Worshiping Community?

In his book *Real faith For Real Life* author Michael Foss writes, “Without worship, we confuse the temporary satisfaction of pleasure for the eternal joy of God’s gift of purpose for our lives.” As a result, “Our souls begin to shrink.” (p.43). Too often Christians think that going to weekly worship is optional. Something to do on the occasion when we aren’t too tired and have the time. Foss eloquently explains just how detrimental to our soul it is when we don’t meet weekly with others in our faith community to worship God. The influence of the world begins to overwhelm us, and we cease to be the people God created us to be. Our soul in a sense, shrinks. But just showing up is not enough. It is easy to be in attendance, but not participate in worship. Weekly Worship can be a spiritual compass for our lives. If attending is all that you are doing, then you are missing out on receiving the guidance that the Holy Spirit has to offer. Here are some steps to help you

Before worship starts:

- Ask God to prepare your hearts. To help focus not on the cares of the world but on God and to put distractions away.
- Pray for someone else nearby. Pick someone, anyone. This focuses our minds on caring and serving others.
- Ask God to speak and help you to listen and hear what he has to say.

Towards the end of worship:

- Think about how you can respond to what God has said
- Commit yourself to responding to what you have learned.

When we worship, we meet God. Our focus is to be on God, not on ourselves. However, it is ok to expect that our lives will be touched, impacted, or changed by this meeting. It is the very nature of God to transform. Any encounter of God will result in transformation of some sort. We need our weekly worship to have this deep level impact from God on our lives. Without it, we often fall victim to the degrading effects of the world around us.

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

BY THE NUMBERS

6/12/22	35 + 48	93	6/19/22	35 + 37	72
6/12 Online views		7	6/19 Online views		11

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

Gen Fund 6/12/22	\$6,510.00	Gen Fund 6/19/22	\$12,486.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,285.00	Forward in Faith	\$593.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,336.44	Surplus/Deficit	+\$5,756.44

Unexpected Blessings.....\$136.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$16,606 (5/31/22 includes several full year pledge fulfillments)



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Jim 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

Birthdays thanks came in from **Rolly Greenland**. **Kathy Cor-donneir** expressed her thanks for the cards she received after her recent losses. We also received thanks from **Dave & Marianne Hoel** and the **Jaime Doubek** family for the kind wishes received after their loss of mother/grandmother, Phyllis Damken.



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.**

July 3rd — Michael, Ashley, Ava, Kamryn & Maxwell Spohr; and James, Gayle, Alyssa, Lucas & Kinsey Turmo.

July 10th — Erica Milton; Dale & Jill Olson; Michael, Trisha, Zayn, Landyn & Haylei Rice; and Daniel Frykman.



Monday, June 27th—Mental Health Meeting, 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, June 28th—Empower IL Breakfast, 9 AM
 Monday, July 4th—Independence Day, Office Closed
 Thursday, July 7th—Rejoicing Spirits, 6 PM
 Wednesday, July 13th—Faith Net, 5:30 PM

Summer Events

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 to our newly elected bishop. **Rev. Stacie Fidler** was elected to serve a six-year term as bishop of the No. IL Synod. The election took place during the synod assembly. Rev. Stacie Fidler's installation is scheduled for October 8th at Trinity Lutheran Church.



Join us **Saturday, July 30th**, Alpine will host an **Ice Cream Social** in the gym. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve ice cream, and help with clean up. Please see Scott Dabson if you can volunteer.

From the SCRIP Desk:

With the cost of travel going up, maybe this year is the year for a "staycation". SCRIP can help you out with cards from home improvements stores to do projects around the house, Wal-Mart to buy those fun games for indoors and out (maybe even a pool), or even cards to Culvers, DQ, Sonic or Cold Stone for ice cream trips. Stop by an stock up for your "staycation".

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Do you enjoy the fellowship during our coffee hour?

Why not provide treats to be served. 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. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.

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.



Many thanks to everyone who contributed items to our annual youth garage sale. John Linde and his crew were able to raise \$1000 that will go towards the youth event for next year. We also thank everyone who contributed delicious desserts for our neighborhood picnic. It is great to get together in fellowship with our neighbors.

I hope everyone was able to join us this past Saturday for our Neighborhood Picnic. It is always a great time to have everyone together. Summer events are wonderful for offering opportunities to connect during months when school is not in session and our church calendar is a little slower.

Throughout this summer much work is being done to ensure that we have a successful start to our 25th School year. In our last Summit I shared information about the Invest In Kids Act and Empower Illinois. We continue to seek individuals who would be interested in making donations to support scholarships for students seeking to attend Alpine Academy. On Tuesday June 28th we will be hosting a breakfast and have invited Empower Illinois to join us to share more about how you can make donations to support these scholarships and receive a 75% Tax Credit for your donation. There is a process that needs to be followed and we're here to help both Alpine Academy and Empower Illinois. If you're reading this on Monday and would like to join us for breakfast to learn more please call me today 815.227.8894 ext. 101. We'd love to have you join us.

At this time while we prepare for our upcoming school year we are also in need of filling several staff positions. If you or anyone you know might be interested in learning more about open positions at Alpine Academy please contact me so we can discuss further. Right now as we plan we are in need of an Office Assistant, Recess Aide, Preschool Teacher, a 4th Grade Teacher, Lunch Aide and Aftercare workers. Again if you are interested or know someone who might be please share this information and contact me or have your friend or family member who may be interested contact me.

We look forward to beginning our celebrations of our 25th School Year with all of you. Your support of this ministry at Alpine has made these last 24 school years possible and we know that your continued support will allow us to continue reaching students and their families and help them to know that Jesus loves them and so do we!

In Christ
 Mr. Scott Dabson
 Director
 Alpine Academy





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8:00 & 10:00 AM



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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson
Ambassadors: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) Mike Schultz
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
(10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
(10:00) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassador: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine