



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:

God's kingdom is advanced as we serve people.

On the night before Jesus was betrayed, he gathered his disciples together to eat, talk, and pray with them before he would be required to give his life on our behalf. During this time the disciples began to argue "Who do you think will be remembered as the greatest?" Jesus must have been disheartened by this. This close to his kingdom being established and the disciples still didn't get it. So he turns to them and says, "Look at the world. The people in power lord it over those who are under them. But you... You are to be different." He then went on to explain that in God's kingdom, the greatest are those who are servants to all (Luke 22). To emphasize this, he took up a basin and a towel and proceeded to wash the disciple's feet. This was a culturally demeaning action that was reserved for the lowest of slaves or servants in the household. Afterwards his instructions were clear and simple. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (John 13:15)"

When we serve others, two invariable things happen. We connect to God and our Faith is strengthened. In fact, serving others is the method by which Jesus both established God's kingdom and instructed us in how that very kingdom was to be advanced. It is not something that is optional. God has created all of us with different gifts and abilities. God's church is built when we all work together as one body, using all the uniqueness and colorfulness of who we are, demonstrating the depth of love that we have for one another, as we communicate the Gospel in both words and actions. How do we begin? One way is to adapt the attitude that Mother Teresa had, loving serving people, one person at a time.

"I never look at the masses as my responsibility. I look at the individual. I can love only one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time. Just one, one, one. You get closer to Christ by coming closer to each other. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me. So, you begin...I begin...."

I picked up one person-- maybe if I didn't pick up that one person, I wouldn't have picked up 42,000. The whole work is only a drop in the ocean. But if I didn't put the drop in, the ocean would be one drop less. Same thing for you, same thing for your family, same thing in the church where you go just begin...one, one, one." (Words to Love By, p. 79) by Mother Teresa

In light of this, it is helpful to remember:

- God's Kingdom is built when his people imitate him, and become servants.
- We experience the power of the resurrection as we die daily to our own sin and selfishness. Serving others helps this process to happen.
- We can all become like Mother Teresa. We simply need to love and serve one person at a time.

BY THE NUMBERS

7/10/22	43 + 40	83	7/17/22	33 + 47	80
7/10 Online views		12	7/17 Online views		9

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

Gen Fund 7/10/22	\$1,022.00	Gen Fund 7/17/22	\$6,491.00
Forward in Faith	\$633.00	Forward in Faith	\$468.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,768.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$499.56

Unexpected Blessings.....\$35.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$16,606 (6/30/22 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, Les Johnson, Dave Lillegaard, Valerie Miller, Fred Stevens, JR Stropes, Don Torgerson and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Steve George, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Shirley & Larry Kagel, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Felicia Rawls, Jacob Schmidt, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Gwyn Brechtel** and **Pam Hodges**. We share our love and sympathy with the family of **George Wanfalt** who died July 9th. **Les Johnson** wishes to thank everyone for the well wishes and cards after his recent procedures. **Gwyn Brechtel** thanks everyone for the much needed prayers and thoughtfulness at the time of Michael's death.

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 this summer when children are present, 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.

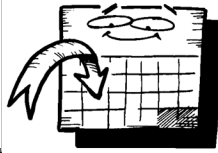


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

July 31st — Fred & Ardy Stevens; Barbara Johnson; and Craig & Louise Skolrood.

August 7th— Donald & Pat Lundquist; Jeanne Tengren; Barb Yahn; and Carl Steele.



Monday, July 25th—Mental Health Ministry, 5:30 PM
Tuesday, July 26th—Finance, 6 PM
Wednesday, July 27th—Office Closed
Wednesday, July 27th—Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10 AM
Thursday, July 28th—Office Closed
Saturday, July 30th—Ice Cream Social, Gym, 1 PM

Summer Events

July 30th—Ice Cream Social
 August 21st—Alpine Fest
 September 10th—Golf Outing with Shepherd of the Valley and Potluck following (more details soon)

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.

Men's Tuesday Bible Study will be meeting at 5 Coins Restaurant on Sandy Hollow July 26th & August 2nd while Sunrise is closed for vacation. Announcing **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will resume meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 10 AM after a long hiatus. All are welcome to attend!

Synod Youth Worship Day with Bishop Jeffrey Clements! On Sunday, July 24, from 3-6 PM, the Synod will hold a worship service at Zion Lutheran/Patriots Gateway, 925—5th Ave. There is no fee for the event, but there will be lots of fun and a great youth-centered worship service. Bishop Jeff Clements will preach. An offering will be collected for Lutheran World Relief. We plan to be outdoors, or inside if inclement weather. We encourage each of the youth to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Join us **Saturday, July 30th**, Alpine will host an **Ice Cream Social** in the gym at 1 PM. We have invited members at our sister church, Shepherd of the Valley to join us. 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.

We continue our Summer Worship Series "**The Hero of the Bible**" through the month of August. Each week we will discuss a story from the unsung heroes of the Bible who are led by the Hero of the Bible, God. See how God leads them, like he leads us everyday.

From the SCRIP Desk:

We thank Jody Dabson for taking over as the coordinator of our SCRIP program. She will be helping schedule volunteers for SCRIP, man the kiosk, making orders and keep track of the credits for purchases. Many members got out of the habit of purchasing SCRIP cards while we were not meeting for Covid reasons. Have you purchased cards lately?

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.



25 Years of Elementary Education at Alpine! As a congregation Alpine has dedicated itself to Christian Education in Rockford. The history of Alpine has always included seeking the opportunity to provide quality opportunities to educate children. Beginning with education in the form of Sunday School and expanding 25 years ago into academic study, Alpine has always found ways to ensure our children have a solid Christian Education.

It is with this same dedication that Alpine Academy has set forth in an agreement with Resurrection Lutheran Church to operate a second Alpine Academy location at their location. Resurrection is at the former location of St. Paul Lutheran Church which also housed the oldest Christian School in the area, St. Paul's Lutheran School established in 1888. Beginning with this upcoming school year we will operate Alpine Academy: Resurrection Campus. This school year we will begin with Pre School classes. We look forward to being able to serve another part of our community in Rockford, this time on the west side. It is important to recognize in this opportunity that we are intentionally seeking to share Jesus with our community and that we are remaining focus on providing quality Christian Education just as we've been committed to throughout our history.

Please keep Alpine Academy in your prayers as we continue to share Jesus with children throughout our community and as we begin our preparation to expand our reach. We pray that we are able to touch more families and welcome them into our Alpine Family! Thank you to everyone currently a part of our Alpine Family for your support and continued prayers.

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 31, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Mike Schultz
Ambassadors: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) John & David Linde
Lector: (8:00) Andrea Tack
(10:00) Lexi Blazer
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Andrea Tack
(10:00) Laurel McVinnie
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson
Ambassador: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Craig Shelton
(10:00) Lisa Slothower
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Craig Shelton
(10:00) Mike Schultz
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine