



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 Pastor Dan:

God: The Real Hero of The Bible

Summer Worship Series 2022

Throughout our summer worship series, we have been examining how 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 God choose to work through some of the most ordinary and unexpected people, to accomplish God's heroic acts. I have been continually challenged to put my trust in God, open my life up, and then see how God movies to do some amazing stuff. Here our takeaways form this series:

- God – the real hero of the Bible – uses people to speak truth to people who abuse power.
- Forgiveness and Grace have the power to break the cycle and institutions of sin. Speaking truth to power is the first step in the process of unleashing this power.
- When fear leads us... people get hurt!
- When we choose to do as God desires, we open the door for God's heroic actions.
- Are my choices, actions, and views actually saving lives? Do my choices, actions, and views help to lift suffering and despair?
- Freedom in Christ does not free us to live at the expense of others.
- Jesus frees and empowers us to live a life of reconciliation.
- Balaam uses God's blessing & power for his own benefit. This is not good.
- Balaam punishes the weak and vulnerable when he doesn't get his way. This is wrong.
- God can speak through anyone, even you and me (or a donkey).
- We must speak God's words not our own.
- We must learn to listen and recognize the voice of the Lord.
- We all get a new beginning/new identity when we follow Jesus.
- Our past no longer defines who we are or what kind of relationships we can have.
- Recognizing how God is moving in our lives is a big part of opening our lives to God's courageous acts.
- The world needs to know how much they need a savior.
- Don't isolate yourself from the suffering and grief of people all around you.
- Where has God placed you so that you can help the powerless?
- Abigail demonstrates her faith by doing the right thing regardless of the cost to herself.
- Abigail is faithful even when God does not rescue her from her circumstances.
- In exercising her faith Abigail becomes a peacemaker. A tool of unprecedented value in God's hands.
- Don't let your pride stop you from experiencing God's power, purpose, and forgiveness in your life.
- Don't hold back God's blessings or miracles. Share them freely.
- Cling to the stories of God's faithfulness in your life. They will get you through the hard times.

BY THE NUMBERS

8/7/22	33 + 37	Rejoicing Spirits	39	8/14/22	32 + 40	72
8/7 Online views		70		8/14 Online views		8
		14				

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

Gen Fund 8/7/22	\$4,779.00	Gen Fund 8/14/22	\$4,099.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,263.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,111.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$512.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,618.56

Unexpected Blessings.....\$25.00 53/54 Week.....\$1,745.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$15,988 (7/31/22 includes several full year pledge fulfillments)



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Harriet Brown, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, Fred Stevens, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, Don Torgerson and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, 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.

Save the Date:

Alpine Academy will be holding a Recognition Brunch on Saturday, September 24th. More details to come!

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 every Sunday starting September 11th, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday (resuming after summer on August 23rd)
- **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.

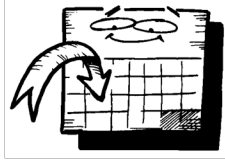


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

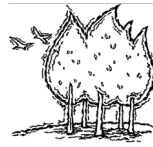
**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

August 28th — Rick & Christy Bried; Nancy Matthews; Jerry & Linda McGhee; and John & Nancy Fridh.

September 4th — Sharon Walker; Jeff, Jaime, Zada, & Zed Doubek; Tim & DiAnne Beynon; and Pastors Dan & Lucy, Travis, and Daisey Wynard.



Monday, August 8th—Academy Board, 3:30 PM
 Tuesday, August 9th—Men’s Breakfast back at Sunrise, 7 AM
 Wednesday, August 10th—Wednesday Bible Study, 10 AM
 Wednesday, August 10th—Faith Net, 5:30 PM
 Thursday, August 11th—Office Closed
 Sunday, August 21st—AlpineFest, 1—4 PM



Alpine Apple Tree

Did you know that Alpine has an apple tree on the east end of the building? The tree is dedicated to Mike Pauly and recently started producing a plethora of apples. Anyone who is interested in taking some home is more than welcome. (As I don’t have a green thumb, I don’t know what kind or when they are ready to be picked.)



Sunday, September 11th is Rally Day! To help us rally our faith we ask everyone to wear your favorite team jersey. Bring your backpacks, tool belts, tablets, briefcases, stethoscopes, anything you use in your daily activities. We will be doing a blessing over these items as we begin a new fall season.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has resumed after a long hiatus. We are meeting every Wednesday at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend!



Would you like to become a member of Alpine? We would love to have you. There will be a new member orientation for anyone interested in becoming a member of Alpine Lutheran Church on September 8th at 7 PM and September 11th at 11 AM. Contact the church office, 815-399-5013, for more details and to sign up.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Now that school is back in session that means our lives have gotten back on the fast track. School means busy days and busier nights. Stop by the SCRIP desk and stock up on your favorite grab and go restaurants. SCRIP has many of the areas grab and go restaurants such as Dairy Queen, Chipolte, Chix-Fil-A and many more. Stock up on a couple of your favorite restaurants so on those busy nights were cooking at home is out of the question you will be prepared by already having your favorite restaurant gift cards in hand and ready to go. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

As we enter into the fall season, a new **Those Who Serve** schedule has been created going through Christ the King Sunday in November. Our core group of volunteers is dwindling. Have you ever thought of serving in any of the areas; usher, lay assistant, ambassador/greeter or reader? **We need more volunteers.** You may call the office or speak to Pr. Dan if you are willing to help in this ministry. (Lynn Valentine)

THANK YOU!
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Many thanks to everyone who helped make **AlpineFest 2022** such a big success. We had a great attendance throughout the day. We enjoyed music from several musicians, food (thanks to all the cooks and bakers), games for kids and adults, a train, a car rally, a bouncy house, and fellowship with both the Academy families, our neighbors around us, and some members of Shepherd of the Valley. This event has become a great way to bring us all together as a community of Christ and as our mission statement says “share God’s love.”

Have a song in your heart? Come and join us this fall as we praise the Lord with music. We welcome new members to our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Paise Band. All are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 13th. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

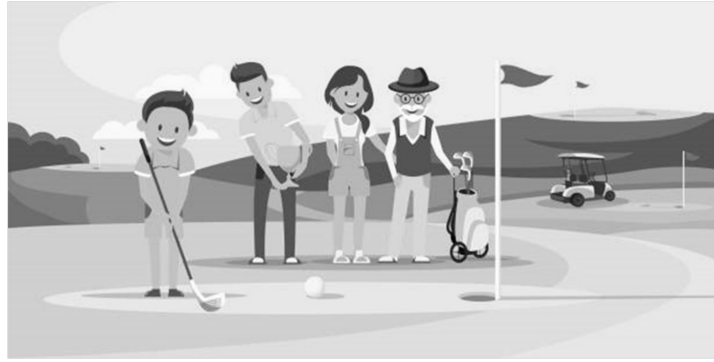
Crop Walk 2022: After two years of virtual CROP Hunger Walks Rockford returns to the real thing this fall, a 4 K walk that begins and ends at the Riverfront Museum. Please join in this year’s CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 16th. A walk on the web option, www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil, is still available.

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. We want to keep in contact with you especially when you are in need of support.



We invite all children to come to our Children’s Church during the 10:00 worship hour. We will be discussing the lessons used in the worship service for that week through discussion and arts and crafts.

*We are looking for more teachers. Please see Mari Hanson or DiAnne Beynon.



Shepherd of the Valley/Alpine Open 2022 **Golf Scramble and Potluck Dinner**

Saturday, September 10th
3 PM at Sinnissippi Golf Course

Golfers: We need to turn in the number playing by August 26th!

Pot Luck open to everyone!

Men & women in singles or couples are invited to play in this fun Golf Scramble – a joint event between Alpine & Shepherd of the Valley. Golfers will be meeting to play golf at Sinnissippi then everyone, not just the golfers, are invited to Shepherd of the Valley for a Potluck dinner. Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex for golf and the dinner or the dinner only option. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please let us know if you will be bringing a salad, side, or dessert.

Golf cost per person is \$14 greens fee, \$10 cart fee.

Any questions, please see Chuck or Lynn Valentine





**God's Work Our Hands Collection
with Shepherd of the Valley
Remedies Renewing Lives
Personal Care Items Needed**

- Deodorant
- New Hairbrushes
- Combs/Picks
- Hair Ties (Thick Hair Ties)
- Hair Care for African American Hair
- Hair Care Products (for styling – oil sheen, hair spray, hair gel, moose, etc.)
- Body Wash
- Large Shampoo & Conditioner
- Loofas/Scrubbers/Wash Cloths
- Lotion
- Make Up Bags & Make Up (eyeliner, eye shadows, mascara)
- Body Sprays/Perfumes
- Over the Counter Yeast Infection Treatment



Dear God,

As countless teachers begin to prepare for a new school year ahead, grant them an abundance of Your wisdom. Prepare their hearts to welcome and love our loved ones, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return. Give them grace as they help students who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak. When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed. They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important - ways every day. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning they share with our children. Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their faithfulness will forever impact generations to come.

Amen.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. James 1:5

(by Kaitlyn—Dayspring Cards)



**Alpine Academy
of Rockford**
Faith • Family • Future

We're off and running in our 25th School Year at Alpine Academy! This is always an exciting time of year for everyone working in our school. Welcoming students and families back to school to catch up on what they've done throughout the summer, and meeting new students and families who have just joined us is an important step in starting our new year. We will continue to celebrate throughout this school year as we recognize this our 25th year of elementary education at Alpine.

Before I get to sharing information about our first celebration I'd like to say thank you. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help us in staffing our booth at the Boone County Fair. We met a lot of people, were able to share our church and school and made our community aware of everything Alpine. It takes many people to make this a worthwhile event. Thank you also to everyone who made donations last school year and contributed to help us raise funds to replace carpet in the school. We replaced the Library carpet and carpet in the staff entrance stairwell. Thank you to everyone in our Alpine Family for your support, prayers and all the help you provide in so many ways.

As we start our school year we'd like to announce that we will be hosting our Annual Recognition Brunch this year in the Fall. It is happening in the Fall due to big plans for this upcoming Spring time. Announcements are coming about this years list of those being recognized. Being our 25th year we will be recognizing 5 individuals for their contributions to Alpine Academy. Watch for the announcements and save the date, Sept 24th, to join us to help with this recognition. There will be other celebrations and announcements at this years Brunch so you will not want to miss out.

We look forward to many more celebrations this year and to opportunities for us to celebrate together. Thank you to our Alpine Congregation for the decisions you've made to make Alpine Academy possible for our students, families and staff. We hope we continue to make all of you proud through the accomplishments of our students and of this school!

In Christ
Mr. Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy



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



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offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips
(10:00) Mari Hanson, John Linde
Ambassadors: (8:00) Gene & Donna
Seefeldt
(10:00) Mike Schultz, Volunteer
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
(10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
(10:00) Nancy Williams
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson
Ambassador: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer
(10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello
(10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Lori Fanello
(10:00) Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie