



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:

Why am I here?

Have you ever asked yourself that question? Many people experience moments in their lives when they glance around at where their life is at, the place where they live or the environment where they work and think, “Why has God lead me here of all places?” Obadiah is an example of such a story (1 Kings 18). Obadiah was a servant to King Ahab during a very difficult time in Israel. Ahab was a horrible King who was married to an evil woman. Together they managed to kill thousands of innocent people and lead most of the country away from God and into the worship of false gods and idols. Because of this the country suffered. There was a drought for three years. This occurred because the people had forgotten how much they needed God. They had forgotten how much power God had to help shape and change their lives. They also forgot how and why it was important to worship God and God alone. Often God will go to extremes to try and convince us how much we really need God. It might seem inconvenient, horrible, unjust, or uncaring. But it isn’t. God simply knows that turning our hearts toward God is more important for us than any other freedoms or creature comforts that we might lose in the process.

Obadiah finds himself in a difficult situation. God’s people are suffering. He is forced to serve an evil king in a government that dishonors God. What did he do? Instead of concentrating on his own safety (or that of his family) or looking to advance his career, he decided to try and do something to help protect the innocent and the helpless. While the queen was busy killing off all of God’s prophets, priests, and servants, Obadiah decided to hide and shelter some of them in a couple of caves. He took on the responsibility of caring for, protecting, and feeding 100 innocent prophets (many of whom he probably did not know personally). He risked his own safety and career because he could not just sit there and do nothing. There are many ways Obadiah could have responded to his situation. He could have denounced the king and his evil government and ran away, having nothing to do with them. He could have joined a group of zealots who desired to overthrow the government. He could have carried out his duties quietly, hoping not to get noticed. Instead, he realized that maybe, just maybe, God had led him to this position/station in life for such a time as this. To provided leadership and direction during this horrible time. To do the right thing and to care for those who were victims. To use his position for the benefit of others, not for himself.

Many people feel that we live in very dark times today. They look at the financial crisis, wars, injustice, poverty, and our government and think “there is little hope for America.” Although the circumstances are different, the world we live in today is not that different from Obadiah’s world. There are still evil leaders in this world. The innocent still suffer. Many people live without a sense of any kind of hope for the future. But God is still alive and very active. God still longs for us to know God. God still uses God’s servants to be instruments of love, compassion and safety. God calls us to be like Obadiah. To take part in what God is doing and be involved in what God is concerned about. To examine our lives and say I am here (wherever that may be) because God desires to use me. To look around to the people whom God has brought into our lives and realize these are people that need to be cared for, that need to experience some of the love and peace that God has given me. You might not know how exactly you can do this. That’s ok. The first step is simply to take your eyes off yourself and your own problems and ask, “God please teach me?” “Teach me to be like Obadiah.” “To care for the things you care for.” “To learn to love others as you have loved me.” Amen!

BY THE NUMBERS

8/21/22	32 + 58	90	8/28/22	32 + 43	75
8/21 Online views		5	8/28 Online views		5

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

Gen Fund 8/21/22	\$4,886.00	Gen Fund 8/28/22	\$3,151.00
Forward in Faith	\$778.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,353.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,394.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,849.56

Unexpected Blessings.....\$5.00 53/54 Week.....\$500.00

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, Pat Turmo and Dick Veit.

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.

All in the Family

Harriet Brown sends her thanks the many heartfelt cards, visits, messages, and beautiful flowers received from Alpine and others. She expects to return to worship in person very soon.

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 Everyone is invited
- **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: 7:00 AM** Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant



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.

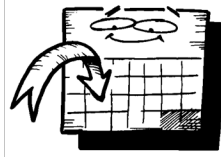


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

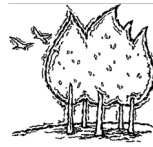
**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

September 11th — Chuck & Lynn Valentine; Cary Ralston; Sandy, Shannon & Rachel Cooley; and Richard & Connie Dowling.

September 18th — Nancy & Russ Hornbeck; Jan Galster; Bob & Lori Fanello; and Mike & Deb LaFew.



Saturday, September 10th—Altar Guild, 9 AM
Saturday, September 10th—Golf Scramble with Shepherd of the Valley, Sinnasippi, 3 PM
Saturday, September 10th—Potluck with Shepherd of the Valley, Shepherd of the Valley, 6 PM
Sunday, September 11th—Rally Day/God's Work Our Hands Sunday



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.

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.

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:

Do you feel the fall air? Unfortunately, summer is now over and it is time to think about fall clean-up of our yards. SCRIP has many cards to help you make those fall purchases. Closing down your pool? Many of the home good stores carry those chemicals. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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.

I know it is hard to believe summer has ended. Many of you are staring to make your plans to **head south** to get away from the impending Illinois winter. Please remember to **notify the church office** as to when you will be leaving and an approximate date of return. The Postal Service charges us for all returned mail. Maybe you would prefer to receive your Summit via email while you are away. The office can make that change for you. Thank you. (Lynn Valentine)

The August edition of **Living Lutheran** is here and ready to be shared. In this month's lead article we learn about the ELCA Fund for Leaders and how it helps with full scholarships for ministry students. Celebrating its 25th anniversary we hear from several scholarship recipients and how it has impacted them along their journey.

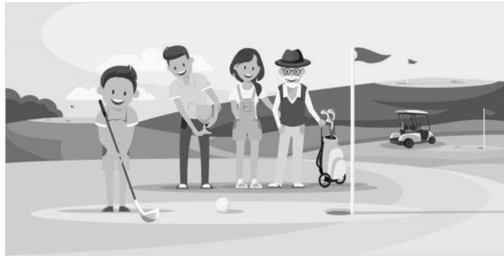
Those Who Serve note: Our Schedule is produced using a computer program. After we make the new schedule it is put into "live" mode. When you have a sub, don't be alarmed if you still receive the reminder. If we don't make the change in the program in time, it will still send out a reminder to the originally scheduled person. Also, we may not see any communication made through the program. It is still best to call the office and let Lynn know any issues or information. (Lynn Valentine)

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. **Also, if you hear of someone who is in need of a visit or call, please let the office know.**



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 currently 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

Pot Luck open to everyone!
6:00 PM at Shepherd of the Valley

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 at 3 PM then everyone, not just the golfers, are invited to Shepherd of the Valley for a Potluck dinner at 6 PM. Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex for the dinner along with what you will be bringing. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided.

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

Any questions, please see Chuck or Lynn Valentine



**A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FOR OLDER
ADULTS, CAREGIVERS, AND FAMILIES**
Rock Valley College Physical Education Center
Saturday, September 10 - 9am to 3pm





**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



We are looking for people to take the lead and participate in this 5K (3.1 miles). Everyone who runs/walks/hikes is asked to find sponsors who will donate to LOMC. Run, walk, hike, bike, skate, roll – your choice.

Join in helping LOMC in this challenging time! Runners/walkers/cyclists needed and sponsors to back them up! Participate at LOMC or near your home, Saturday, October 8, 1-4 PM.

If you participate in Autumn Fest's Donut Fun 5K at LOMC you'll run/walk/hike a course AND enjoy donuts along the way. With donuts created right here at LOMC, you'll enjoy some extra fun with some sweet treats!

For more information visit lomc.org



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

Over the last couple of months I've continued to mention this year is the 25th year of elementary education at Alpine. There certainly is a great deal of history involved in that 25 year. I've had the pleasure of listening and learning about much of that history in my time here. More importantly I've had the blessing of working with some amazing people who have committed themselves and their time to supporting everything that Alpine Academy does for it's students, staff and families.

I'd like to formally invite everyone in our Alpine Family to join us on September 24th at Stockholm Inn for our Annual Recognition Brunch. This event takes place each year to put aside time to recognize those who have given of their time, talents or donations to support Alpine Academy. This has been a fantastic event each year.

This year being our 25th School Year at Alpine we will be recognizing more individuals than normal. Today I'm happy to announce that we will be recognizing Mrs. Gayle Ford, who has been with Alpine Academy for our entire 25 years, Mrs. Liz Carlson, who joined Alpine in our 2nd Year right behind Mrs. Ford. We will also be recognizing Mr. Gary Hunt, who has long been on our School Board and has served primarily as it's Treasurer and Mrs. DiAnne Beynon who has served our school in every role from her planned role as Speech Pathologist to a year as Principal as well as serving in many resource areas and Teaching in our classrooms. We have been incredibly blessed to have each of them with us at Alpine.

Please make plans to sign up to join us on September 24th at Stockholm Inn for this Annual Recognition Brunch. You will be able to sign up before, in between and after services from now until the Sunday before the event. We are planning a lot for this event and hope you can make time to help us in recognizing these individuals and helping us start our recognition of 25 Years of Elementary Education at Alpine!

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, September 11, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
(10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Becky Toro
(10:00) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Glen McDonald
(10:00) Bob & Laurel McVinnie
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) John Linde, David Linde
Lector: (8:00) Andrea Tack
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Andrea Tack
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier
Praise Singer: Becky Toro