



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 is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.
So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.
Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!
A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.
God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.
The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble!
God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!
The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress. (Psalm 46)*

As I read the above psalm, my mind immediately zeroes in on the contrasting words. Mountains crumble, waters surge, trouble, earth melting, kingdoms crumbling, and chaos; versus refuge, strength, joy, protect, sacred home, and help. The first set of words are life shattering events. Not the normal, everyday, stress filled hassles that weigh us down; but the heart stopping, fear inducing, tear filled, bring you to your knees gasping for breath types of events that in a single moment can wipe out everything that we have built, earned, grown, collected, or accomplished. The poetic words of this psalm really capture what it is like to live through tragedy. Imagine what it would be like to have mountain crumble around you and slide into the sea, or how it would feel to have our nation digress into utter chaos and anarchy. When tragedy strikes, the emotional despair that we feel can make it seem like the world really is ending. In contrast to these are the second set of words. Words that bring hope. Words that can drive away despair, darkness, and loneliness. God is our refuge and our strength. God is our fortress. God will overcome, despite mountains crumbling into the sea and nations turning into chaos.

We invest ourselves in what we do. It is a normal part of human nature. Whether it be our homes, careers, reputation, people, or family; whatever we invest ourselves in, we become emotional and spiritually attached to. The problem is that the world is a temporary place. A place that is corrupted by sin. A place that is slowly fading away and taking everything with it. So, when the things that we have invested ourselves into become damaged or taken away from us, naturally it will hurt. Depending on the depth that we are attached, it can be devastating. We can't escape tragedy and pain. It is part of this world. If we stop investing ourselves into that which we value most, we stop being human. We are designed to love, to give of ourselves intimately. But we live in a world that makes that increasingly difficult and painful. That is why this psalm is so poignant. God does not promise to take the pain away. God does not promise to stop the world from decaying around us or remove the consequences of sin and human actions. But amid those tragedies, God brings comfort. God brings hope. God brings significance to our sufferings by God's mere presence. In the city of God there is a river. A river of joy. This joy is both unstoppable and never ending. This joy contrasts with our present lives and world. This joy is not an absence of pain, feeling, hurt, or depression in our lives. But rather an understanding, an experience, a feeling, a truth that God far surpasses the things of this world. By getting to know God, we connect ourselves to this joy. By pushing God out of our lives (walking away from God or living for ourselves) all we do is face the world on our own without God's help, guidance, love, and joy.

BY THE NUMBERS

		Rejoicing Spirits	54		
9/4/22	31 + 35	66	9/11/22	24 + 61	85
9/4 Online views		14	9/11 Online views		8
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56					
Gen Fund 9/4/22	\$5,295.00	Gen Fund 9/11/22	\$3,367.00		
Forward in Faith	\$423.00	Forward in Faith	\$643.00		
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,600.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,418.56		
53/54 Week.....\$160.00					
Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$13,034 (includes several full year pledge fulfillments)					



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, Fred & Ardy 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

Darrell & Donna Brenner send their thanks for the lovely flowers they received for their 72nd Anniversary. **Darrell** also sends his thanks for the birthday greetings for his 96th birthday. A special thanks to **Cary Ralston** for all she does!

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** meets every Sunday starting September 11th, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K 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 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.**

September 25th — Kay Lamphere; Angela Wood-Zuzevich, Madeline & Lauren Zuzevich; Richard & Joyce Veit; and Becky Toro.

October 2nd — Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian; Pam Hemenway; and Harriet Brown.



Monday, September 19th—Sunday, September 25th—
 Pastor Dan gone for required continuing education
Thursday, September 22nd—Council Meeting, 6 PM
Saturday, September 24th—Academy Recognition Brunch,
 9 AM
Sunday, September 25th—Pr. Pam Lojewski presiding
 while Pr. Dan is at a conference



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. Bring your copy and join the discussion. All are invited. No reservations necessary.
 The book choice for October is "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. "The story is masterfully composed of timeless elements: the nightmare logic of grief, the value of human kindness, the power of love to drive us to do the unimaginable...Cummins proves that fiction can be our vehicle for expanding our empathy." Time

Alpine is turning 80 years old this November! We want to celebrate this momentous occasion but we need your help. A committee is forming to make plans for **Saturday, November 5th**. Please see **Scott Christiansen** with your ideas and if you can help. We are blessed that Alpine has been here for us, now let's be here for Alpine!

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 began on **Tuesday, September 13th**. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Ordering our SCRIP cards is getting harder and harder to do without your help. We are charged a shipping fee no matter how big or small our order is. Obviously the bigger the order, the less that shipping fee impacts the percentage going to church or school. How long has it been since you ordered SCRIP cards? Stock up and everyone benefits! (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. John Linde has posted a sponsor sheet on the Care & Concern counter if you would like to sponsor him.

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)

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.**



Alpine Academy
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This upcoming Saturday is our "**Alpine Academy Recognition Brunch**" and I hope you have registered to join us. If not there is still time. Contact the school today to complete your registration. The brunch cost is \$20 per person which included the buffett. Once again this event will take place at Stockholm in **September 24th from 9:00a to 11:00a.**

This year at our "Recognition Brunch" we will recognize **Mrs. Gayle Ford** who has been with Alpine Academy all 25 years teaching in 3rd Grade, **Mrs. Liz Carlson** who joined Alpine in it's second year having taught 5th Grade, 4th Grade and primarily in 2nd grade over the years, **Mr. Gary Hunt** who is a longtime Alpine Academy Board member serving in the role of School Board Treasurer and monitoring the schools financial stability, and finally **Mrs. Diane Beynon** who has served in various roles at Alpine Academy not limited to but including Resource Teacher, Classroom Teacher, Interim Principal, her primary role Speech Pathologist and Board member serving as Board Secretary.

We need your help and participation in recognizing these deserving individuals so please if you have not registered contact the school today and register. It is important that we recognize those who have greatly contributed to the 25 year success of Alpine Academy.

Again you may register by calling the school office at 815.227.8894, sending in your registration form you should have received by mail or stopping by the school office. **Registrations do need to be in by the end of our school day on Wednesday September 21st (school day ends at 3:00p).** Thank you for continuing to support Alpine Academy and for being an important part of our Alpine Family!

In Christ
 Mr. Scott Dabson, Director



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.



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 offer you on the Web!
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell, Karl Okeson
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Linde
Ambassadors: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
 (10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello
 (10:00) John Fridh
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
 (10:00) John Fridh
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
 (10:00) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassador: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Amanda Dabson
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt
 (10:00) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Tonya Bagwell
 (10:00) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



ALPINE ACADEMY RECOGNITION
 BRUNCH

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Recognizing:
**Mrs. Gayle Ford, Mrs. Liz
 Carlson, Mr. Gary Hunt and
 Mrs. Diane Beynon**

We look forward to recognizing these
 long time Alpine Academy teachers,
 supporters and friends. Please join us
 to celebrate them both.

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COST: \$20.00 (Includes Buffett meal)
 Sept. 24th, 9:00 AM TO 11:00AM
 STOKHOLM INN
 RSVP to: 815.227.8894