



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:

Unexpected Love

Have you ever unexpectedly received a gift or an expression of love? It is a great feeling, isn't it? Emotions can overwhelm you. Often tears come to your eyes as you realize that someone, without having been obligated to, has sacrificed something significant just for you. These types of moments can have a profound effect upon us - especially if we are going through a tough or lonely time in life. These acts can bring light to darkness, hope to desperation, and meaning to what feels like insignificance.

We should never underestimate how powerful an encouraging word, or an act of help can be. Often, we do not always see, understand, or simply forget the impact this can have on someone's life. As a result, we discount its value. Or even worse, we get so caught up in our own lives, we never notice the needs, pain, or desperation of others around us. The way we organize our lives, it is just too easy for us to forget how powerful and significant our help can be to others. We don't realize how much hope, love, friendship, and help we have to offer. This is because we lose sight of what God wants to accomplish in our lives.

God is always concerned foremost about people. God wants us all to experience God in life changing ways. Considering all the barriers that exist between people and God, often God's intention is that through our lives, others will experience God as well. Take forgiveness for example. Much of this world is living under a tremendous burden of guilt. It is oppressive and leads to all sorts of destructive behavior as people try to be free, yet the guilt they live with is too overwhelming. Then along comes an unexpected person (you me, or anyone else in our church) who offers forgiveness freely, without asking for remorse or contrition or anything in return (the same way that God forgives us). This can be a life changing event for someone. It can be the pivotal moment that will help them to see and understand that freedom from the oppressiveness of guilt only happens when they receive unconditional forgiveness from God.

Moments like these are so important that I believe that God can orchestrate our lives just to put us in these types of situations. The next time you are in a difficult spot, don't ask God "why me?" Pray, "Ok God, who is it that you want me to bless today? Who needs to experience your love in this situation?" If we all adapted this attitude, think of the impact we could have on our city! God has given us a tremendous power, a power to change lives. The power to love and spread forgiveness. When was the last time we chose to use it?

BY THE NUMBERS

9/18/22	30 + 47	77	9/25/22	35 + 43	78
9/18 Online views		7	9/25 Online views		4

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

Gen Fund 9/18/22	\$6,876.00	Gen Fund 9/25/22	\$1,676.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,401.00	Forward in Faith	\$643.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$823.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,939.56

Unexpected Blessings.....\$205.00

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, Ardy 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, David Rawls, Felicia Rawls, Jacob Schmidt, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict, and all affected by Hurricane Ian.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Kathy Cordonnier** and **Chuck Valentine**. We share our love and sympathies with **Ardy Stevens**. Her husband, Fred died September 14th. **Jeanne Tengren** sends her thanks for the many well wishes she received after her recent fall. She is home now and doing well. We also share our love and sympathy with **Bill Frey** (in FL) after the recent death of his wife, Pam, on September 16th. **Kathy Cordonnier** thanks everyone for the beautiful flowers she received.

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 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.

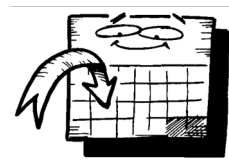
**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

October 9th — Alan & Marlene Garrett; Gwyn Brechtel; Megan Brechtel; and Darrell & Donna Brenner.

October 16th — Louise Dorris; David & Laura DeNale; Nick De Nale; and Kelly & Hanna Denk.



Alpine Academy will be having their **Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 29th. We need your help in **providing and distributing candy** to our trunk-or-treaters. Each year our numbers have been increasing. Last year we had 400 kids attend from Alpine Academy and our surrounding community. The trunk or treating will begin at around 6 PM. You are invited to come early and participate in the Fall Festival as well.



October 3rd to 7th—Pastor Dan is out of town
Thursday, October 6th—Rejoicing Spirits will be at Our Savior's, 6 PM
Sunday, October 9th—80th Anniversary Committee, 9:15 AM
Tuesday, October 11th—Worship & Music (rescheduled), 6 PM

Alpine is turning 80 years old this November! We want to celebrate this momentous occasion but we need your help. The Anniversary Committee continues to meet between services to make plans for **Saturday, November 5th**. The committee will be making phone calls to our members to not only invite them to our celebration, but also to update our information. We are blessed that Alpine has been here for us, now let's be here for Alpine. (Scott Christiansen)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Are you ready for the ghosts and goblins who will be visiting your doorstep at the end of the month? SCRIP carries several cards that can help you get all your goodies. Whether you are buying candy or decorations, stop at the SCRIP desk before you go to see what we have in stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Confirmation classes will begin in **October**. They will meet at Alpine Sunday, October 23rd at 4 PM. If you have any questions please see Pastor Dan.

The **Property Committee** is looking for help maintaining portions of our property. They are proposing members "**adopt an area of our property**" and take care of keeping that area up. Please see Jack Phillips for more information or to set-up an adoption.

The September issue of "**Living Lutheran**" ran late this month and has finally arrived. This month's lead article introduces us to the newly elected vice president of the ELCA, Imran Siddiqui. Pick up a copy from the Cares & Concern desk and pass it on!

Crop Walk 2022: Please join in this year's CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 16th, walk in person or 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 starting to make your plans to **head south** to get away from the impending Illinois winter. If you are away from your home for a period of time please let the office know a forwarding address so that you may keep up with what is happening at Alpine while you are gone. Please provide a start and stop date to keep things current. (Lynn Valentine)

Fall has come and our busy season at Alpine Academy is just beginning as well. We are grateful to everyone who joined us at our Recognition Brunch celebrating 4 honorees who have greatly impacted our school. We are preparing for several upcoming events and hope that you will join us at those. Our 25th School Year at Alpine has started off great and October will bring more celebrations as well.

Again thank you so much to everyone who joined us for our Recognition Brunch. Our honorees, Gary Hunt, DiAnne Beynon, Liz Carlson and Gayle Ford are all an important part of our Alpine Family. Their contributions are seen in our students and families every day. Their work whether behind the scenes or right there with our students is what makes Alpine Academy the family that we are.

We are preparing to hold our first Fall Fest at Alpine Academy in 3 years. The Covid pandemic stopped us from gathering for events like this. We look forward to seeing our students and community playing the games and enjoying activities at our Fall Fest again. This has been an anticipated event each year at Alpine Academy and we expect this years event to be even bigger and more fun than previous years. If you are able to help volunteer for this event or donate candy for the Trunk or Treat immediately following please let me know. This years Fall Fest will take place on Oct. 29th.

In addition a few dates to add to you calendar as we look forward to November are our Veterans Program Nov. 11th and our Thanksgiving Feast returns Nov. 22nd. We look forward to honoring Veterans at our program and gathering and worshipping with you with our Thanksgiving Feast.

In Christ
 Mr. Scott Dabson
 Director, Alpine Academy



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Lynn will be on vacation from Friday, October 14th to Saturday, October 22nd. Please leave a message on the phone system if you need to be contacted for any reason. Someone will be checking daily. The office will be closed.



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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, October 9, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
 (10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8:00) Jan Anderson, Janet Gentry
 (10:00) Mike Schultz, Aaron Ayen, Barb Milton
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
 (10:00) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Glen McDonald
 (10:00) Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, October 16, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske
 (10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
 (10:00) John Linde, David Linde
Lector: (8:00) Andrea Tack
 (10:00) Craig Shelton
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Andrea Tack
 (10:00) Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



Grab your Boots and Hat for the Chili Shoot-Out 2022! Sharon Walker and friends invite you to a Chili Shoot-Out and Horse Race on Saturday, October 15th at 12 PM, noon. A sign-up sheet with more information and directions to Sharon's home are in the narthex. This Alpine favorite is always a great time of fellowship and fun!

SCAM ALERT: Please be aware that there are several new email scams that have been circulating. The church and our staff will never ask for money or gift cards via email.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our **God's Work Our Hands** collection for Remedies Renewing Lives. We, along with Shepherd of the Valley, were able to deliver several bins of personal care items.