



**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:*

**“Jesus Loves You.”**

“Jesus Loves You.” This is a phrase we hear all the time in churches. A phrase that at times is so overused that it doesn’t even resonate with us anymore. Someone can repeat it to us, and we don’t even notice it. It is used in various circumstances and as an answer for any question. It has become “the trump card” many Christians. We carry it around and throw it at any skeptic who might challenge our faith. “But... but... Jesus loves you.” Often delivered with a big cheesy smile and innocent looking eyes, many people have grown to cringe whenever they hear these words (especially when combined with the “and he has a plan for you” suffix).

The more I think about this, the more tragic this seems to me. The most singularly significant phrase that a person could hear, has been trivialized. The reason for this seems to be the lack of addressing a very important truth. Though we all know that Jesus loves us, so many Christians find it hard to really feel or experience this love. This leads to guilt and resentment since it seems that everyone else has found the love of Christ. These people start to feel like failures as Christians because their lives are so devoid of love and pressured to “just accept” the love of Christ that is all around them. The guilt and pressure inevitably result in them simply acting as if they experience this thing called “Christ’s love”, so they can fit in. Or they simply leave the church out of discomfort.

There are many reasons why Christians fail to experience Christ’s love, some of them very complex. One common reason is that people do not feel worthy of being loved. Another is that they have never really felt loved, and so can’t recognize it when they find it. Yet another is the simple fact that although they are always around Christians, they are never loved by them (often because many of us do not know how or are unwilling to spread the love of Christ). These obstacles tend to build up on top of each other, creating a barrier between us and God. How does God feel about all of this? God wants to break through. God desires to tear down these barriers. God’s children are called to participate in the dismantling of these obstacles, so that everyone cannot just hear “that Jesus loves them,” but that they can experience it in heart-felt, life changing ways. This is something we need to both learn about and put into practice. This needs everyone to be willing to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Sacrificially... patiently... with forgiveness... and kindness. As Jesus’ representatives hear on earth, we are either building up these love barriers, or tearing them down. Imagine what would happen if an entire church got caught up in helping others to experience Jesus’ love? Then the phrase “Jesus loves you” would not cause others to cringe but to cry.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

10/16/22	45 + 35	80	10/23/22	27 + 48	74
10/16 Online views		10	10/23 Online views		8

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

Gen Fund 10/16/22	\$2,001.00	Gen Fund 10/23/22	\$5,079.00
Forward in Faith	\$541.00	Forward in Faith	\$633.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,576.56	Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,116.44

53rd/54th Week.....\$5,195.00      Unexpected Blessings.....\$18.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$1,315.74 (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 **Mary DeNale**.

**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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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.

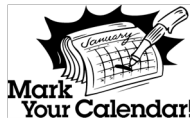


**Praying weekly for Alpine's membership** has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received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

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** — Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; Don Busekros; and Chris Christiansen.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** — Vince Bertolotto; Mary DeNale; Renee Evans, Roger, Elizabeth Ulrich, Nora & Shawn Dittbenner.



**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Bible Study, 10 AM  
**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits , 6 PM  
**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**—80th Anniversary Celebration, 4:30 PM  
**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**—All Saints Sunday  
**Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**—Bible Study, 10 AM  
**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**—Academy Veterans Program, 1:30 PM



Katie's Choice  
Book Club

Thursday  
**November 10**  
10 am



*The Keeper of Lost Things*

By Ruth Hogan

Free and open to all – Discussion at Katie's Cup



You are invited to attend the annual Alpine Academy **Veteran's Day Program** on **Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM** in the gymnasium. Come and hear the children as they honor those who have fought for our freedom.

**Stewardship Sunday, November 13, 2022**

Our 2023 pledge cards have been mailed out. Please let the church office know if you did not receive yours. We will dedicate our pledges Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> during worship. If you are unable to attend that Sunday, you may mail them or drop them off in the church office. As we gather these financial pledges we are able to begin the process of planning finances for 2023. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine. We thank you for your support of Alpine both financially and spiritually.

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** we began our stewardship series "Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future" which ties into our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We will continue this series through Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**The Social Ministry Committee has begun collecting for the Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets.** All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Here is a list of items needed: instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional items that can be donated for the families are: cereal, macaroni & cheese or other dry pastas, canned soups, canned ravioli/spaghetti, canned meats—tuna, Ramen Noodles, and other non-perishable non-expired foods. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others.

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 it throughout the year. Please see Jack Phillips for more information or to set-up an area for adoption.



**All Saints Sunday is November 6<sup>th</sup>.** We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters will be sent out to their families to let them know that we are remembering their loved one. We will have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance all loved ones who have passed.

**Alpine Academy** is planning a meal to follow our 11:15 AM Tuesday worship service the week of **Thanksgiving**. To help control the costs, they are asking for donations of turkeys to serve. They also need volunteers to cook turkeys, help serve the meal, and help with clean up. Please contact Scott Dabson if you can help in any way, 815-494-3002.

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

The holiday season starts in 6 weeks are you ready? Have you been stocking up on your favorite retailers gift cards? If not you still have some time to start stocking up on your favorite stores gift cards. (Jody Dabson)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

The October issue of the "**Living Lutheran**" has finally arrived. In this month's cover article we learn about the World Hunger supported project that rescues refugees who are at sea aboard the ship, Sea-eye. Pick up your copy today and share it with someone when you are done reading it.



**Daylight Savings ends on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!**



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.



Church Anniversary

## **“Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future”**

Come one Come all!  
Alpine’s 80th Year Anniversary Celebration!  
Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm at Alpine  
\$20 per person

Hors d’oeuvres, Dinner, and Program with a Holiday Silent Auction  
Entertainment by Jodi Beach and the Jodi Beach Trio.  
Special Tribute to our Veterans!

Call Sharon Walker at 779-208-5110 for reservations or sign up in the narthex  
Hope to see everyone there!

The anniversary 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. (Anniversary Committee)



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

October ended with “Trick or Treating” and costume fun. November is ready to welcome us and help us to share all the things, we are thankful for. This is an exciting time of year at Alpine Academy. Plenty of activities and program happening all while we prepare to invite all our Alpine Family and Friends to join us for programs and events. I hope you are just as excited for this time of our year as I am.

I certainly hope you were able to join us for our Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat. It just feels good to have events like our Fall Fest back for our students and families to share. It’s also great to be able to invite the community around us to join us for events like these as well. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered, donated candy and in so many ways supported our efforts to ensure this event happened for our students!

As we enter November, we prepare for our first program of the school year. At Alpine Academy we recognize the value and sacrifice of our military veterans. On Veterans Day we invite you to join us for our Annual Veterans Day Program at 1:30pm in our gym. We are excited this year to offer a new gift to veterans who are in attendance, so please invite a veteran to join you when you make plans to come to our Veterans Day Program. Thank you to all those who have served our great country and to the many families who sacrificed time with loved ones so they could serve.

This year is also seeing the return of our Annual Thanksgiving Feast. After a two-year hiatus we are returning the Thanksgiving Feast that will take place following a Thanksgiving service with all our Alpine Family both Church and School. As well as many invited guests and the families of our students. Mark your calendar for November 22<sup>nd</sup> to join us. Our service that day begins at 11:15am and we join together for a meal immediately following. We are also currently seeking the donation of Turkeys for this years Feast. Please contact me either on Sunday or at the school if you are able to make a donation. We will cook the turkey and they can be dropped of at school any time during the school day. We will also be seeking additional items in the next couple of weeks.

In Christ  
Mr. Scott Dabson  
Director  
Alpine Academy



*Rockford Area Lutheran  
Ministries Invites you to*

# *Trivia Night 2022*

*Friday, November 4th  
Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
3300 Rural Street Rockford  
6pm Doors Open  
Chili dinner, snacks and silent Auction  
7pm Trivia Begins  
\$15 per person  
[www.ralm.faith](http://www.ralm.faith) 815-962-4279*



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## **Donation Needs for October/November**

The cooler weather is on its way, and our current needs list reflects these changing temps — with items like sweatshirts, thermal underwear, and hand warmers. We also need a few basics for the kitchen — like sugar, non-dairy creamer, and Styrofoam cups. Click the button below to view the list of our most-needed items for the month.



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Hurricane Ian was one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades. Gifts to **Lutheran Disaster Response** make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Can disaster survivors count on your support?



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



See what Alpine has to  
offer you on the Web!  
alpinelutheran.com

**ALPINE LUTHERAN CHURCH CELEBRATING 80 YEARS**

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund  
(10:00) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson  
**Ambassadors:** (8:00) Tonya Bagwell,  
Andrea Tack  
(10:00) Mike Schultz, Craig Shelton  
**Lector:** (8:00) Bob Fanello  
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello  
(10:00) Pr. Rick Meier  
**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie

**Sunday, November 13, 2022**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello  
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy  
**Ambassador:** (8:00) Jan Anderson, Janet  
Gentry  
(10:00) John Linde, David Linde  
**Lector:** (8:00) Daisy Blazer  
(10:00) John Fridh  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Deb Okeson  
(10:00) John Fridh  
**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro