



From Pastor Dan & Pastor Lucy:

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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Sent on a Mission —

Being Church for the Sake of our Neighbors

In May we transition from the Easter season to “Ordinary Time”. Easter is all about the Resurrection — celebrating Jesus’ rising from the dead and exploring what it means in our own lives. Ordinary Time — the long “green season” of the church year — is about the ongoing work of living our lives as followers of the Risen Savior in a world that’s still stuck in the violence and fear of Death and Evil. What does that look like? Hope in the face of cynicism, generosity in the face of scarcity, compassion and truthfulness in the face of indifference. And it looks like actions rooted in those convictions of hope and generosity — following a Resurrected Savior who has defeated death means sharing that Good News with our neighbors, especially those who are suffering and oppressed. Our mission as a church mentions being both Christ-Centered and Community Serving — and the second grows out of the first. This has been true of the church since it’s earliest days after Jesus rose from the dead! The church has always connected it’s mission as followers of Jesus, the Risen Lord, with it’s service to love it’s neighbors.

One of the ways we live out this mission — to be centered on Jesus and therefore serving our community — is through our partnerships with local, national and global ministries serving people in need. Partners like Mosaic, Rockford Rescue Mission, Carpenter’s Place, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI).

Of course, being Christ-Centered and Community Serving also helps us live into our other two adjectives in the church’s mission. When our service is grounded in the deep peace and hope of the resurrection it leads to us spiritually growing. As we serve, we grow in the fruits of the Spirit: peace, love, joy, goodness, kindness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We find we meet Jesus all around us as we join in his mission. We also become a more inviting congregation — a place where all see and experience the radical welcome God extends to them.

As we look towards the “Ordinary Time” of summer and fall, would you take a moment and ask God, “How should I serve my neighbors?” Maybe it’s time to try a new activity or give a little more financially. One thing I can promise — as together we serve our neighbors, God will fill us with gifts that cannot be bought: hope, joy, peace, and love.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed — Alleluia! Amen.

BY THE NUMBERS

4/16/23	32 + 52	84	4/23/23	41 + 52	93
Online Views		13	Online Views		19

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44

Gen Fund 4/16/23	\$4,247.00	Gen Fund 4/23/23	\$5,782.35
Forward in Faith	\$771.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,198.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,656.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$975.09
Festival\$100.00		Unexpected Blessings\$25.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Jeanne Tengen, Don Torgerson, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Don Moorhouse, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family



Birthday thanks came in from **Bill Billert, Karl Okeson, and Richard Dowling.**

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** meets every Sunday during the 10 AM worship, 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
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10 AM, Conference room



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.**

May 7th — Gary & Ginny Hunt; Pr. Pam Lojewski; Linda Becker; and Sylvia Emerson.

May 14th — Ed & Nancy Lorenzen; Irv Johnson; Mark, Christine, Holly & Renee Stohle; Christie Bried; and Andrea Tack, Pete, Alex & Samantha Todd.

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Ushers: (8) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Janet Gentry (10) Volunteers

Lector: (8) Martin Scott (10) Dick Nelson

Lay Assistant: (8) Martin Scott (10) Dick Nelson

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) John Linde, David Linde

Lector: (8) Daisy Wynard (10) Allen Neumann

Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Allen Neumann

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



The **Alpine In-Reach Committee** is reaching out to our congregational family to help provide rides to church for those in need. Please contact Wendy Barton, 815-399-0520, or Mike Schultz, 815-633-4789, if you can offer to give rides to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to church, please also reach out to Wendy or Mike.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Have you done your shopping yet? SCRIP has many gift cards to treat Mom to a night out, a shopping spree, or even some gardening items. Stop by the SCRIP kiosk to see what cards are in stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Starting **Monday, May 15th**, a shared event between Shepherd of the Valley and Alpine, **Monday Millers**. This is a walking group that will meet at 9 AM every Monday, weather permitting, at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley by the 911 display. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you are interested in joining the group. Meet new people, have great fellowship with another church, and get the health benefits from walking. Someone will contact you with any further information.

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: Graduation time is fast approaching. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has begun collecting scholarship applications through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.



It's Here! A new 2023 Alpine Lutheran Directory! The new directory is printed and ready for you to take home. They are on the table in Memorial Lounge. In this ever-changing, fast-paced world we know that addresses, emails and phone numbers continue to change. If you find something that needs to be updated even further than what we have, Lynn will make an addendum to send out with those updates.

Thrivent Financial will be holding their annual **Shred Day** on **Saturday, May 6th from 9 to 11 AM**. It will be held at Thrivent Financial, 418 Financial Ct. Rockford. All are welcome to bring CDs, old credit cards and old documents. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Doing your Spring cleaning? Youth ministers will be holding a **garage sale** in the gym on the weekend of **June 2nd & 3rd**. Donations may be dropped off at in the gym starting Tuesday, May 30th. Please contact John Linde with any questions. Please no TVs.

Do you have any aluminum cans to dispose of? Kathy Cordonnier is collecting them for the Shriners. You can drop them off in the barrel in the coat room.

It is almost time for **Rockford's Midtown Market** to start for the 2023 season. Rockford's bike-friendly, family-friendly, and pet-friendly farmers market will be held every Thursday morning from 9AM—1PM. The Rockford Midtown Market runs June 2nd through October 7th in the RPS parking lot on 7th St. across from Katie's Cup.

Our **"Snow Birds"** are making their return flights to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We pray they all have a safe return!



We invite all children to come to our **Children's Church** during the 10:00 worship hour. Grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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



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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

We've entered the final month of our 2022-23 School Year! There are still a lot of fun and eventful things coming up this school year and your welcome to join us for any of it. We have fun family events and end of year celebrations coming that are sure to be exciting for everyone. We are also kicking off our Annual Alpine Academy Meat Raffle!

Look for us in the Narthex on Sunday mornings in between services to purchase your Meat Raffle Tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and we'll have a table the next few weeks selling tickets. The drawing will take place on May 13th and there are several prizes up for grabs in this meat raffle. Thanks to Countryside Meats for assisting us again with our meat raffle.

Also on May 13th we will be hosting a "Family Decades Dance" for our students and families and all our Alpine Family are invited to join us. Those in attendance are encouraged to dress in your favorite decade clothing and join us to dance the night away together in our gym. More details regarding this year's dance will be coming soon.

Our last day of school is May 26th and once again we are asking our Alpine Family to join us outside of our main school entrance to cheer on our students as celebrate the successes of another school year and they prepare to enjoy their summer break. This has been a very fun event for all our students and families to end our year and we'd love to have you there to join us. Please save the date May 26th arriving at approximately 10:45am, students release at 11:00am on the last day.

We also continue to prepare for our upcoming 26th School Year at Alpine. Please take time to stop by the school entrance and pick up a new yard sign from our yard to take home and place in your yard. This is a fantastic way to get the word out and continue to share our Academy with our neighbors. We look forward to growing our family through Alpine Academy!

In Christ,
Scott Dabson
Director, Alpine Academy