



**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's Desk:*

**The Best Laid Plans.....**

There is moment in the Gospel story that is very startling. It is when the disciples finally realize and confess that Jesus is the Messiah. In this moment, the disciples are rejoicing, proud of what they have learned, eagerly anticipating what the future holds. They are part of something that will be special and change the world. The conversation continues with “From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised (Matt 16:21). The very next verse is when we see Peter confronting Jesus, boldly telling him it will never be like that and Jesus’ stern rebuke letting Peter and the disciples know that it must be this way – for Jesus and them - if they are to be his disciples.

In this confrontation between Peter and Jesus we learn a lot about following Jesus. We learn about carrying our own crosses, losing our lives, first will be last and last will be first etc... But what might be the most important lesson of all is that as we follow Jesus, often we need to let go of our own expectations of how our relationship with God will unfold. We tend to bring a lot of assumptions into this relationship. Ideas, desires, plans, dreams, stereotypes, thoughts, and beliefs can fill our minds concerning who God is and how God should treat us. We gather these preconceived notions from our own desires as well as receive them from the world and people around us. It is in clinging to some of these assumptions about God where we tend to find the greatest disappointments in life.

Peter and the disciples had great dreams. Once they realized who Jesus really was it filled them with awe and wonder. But in the very same moment they were confronted with the Truth from Jesus. What Jesus needed to do collided with what they desired from him. In that collision the disciples needed to give up one dream for another. To place their trust solely in Jesus and allow God’s plan to unfold. A plan that involved suffering, humiliation, pain, and rejection. A plan filled with scary moments and big risks. A plan that they could not possibly understand but simply had to believe that God knows what God is doing. Sometimes I wonder “how often are we in the very same position as those first disciples?” Placed in a position where we simply need to trust, not knowing the “why?” or the “how comes?” In these moments we can learn from the disciples - clinging on to our faith in God for there really is no better alternative. This is what builds our Faith.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

4/30/23 One Service	55	5/7/23	35 + 73	108
Online Views	11	Online Views		9
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44				
Gen Fund 4/30/23	\$15,191.18	Gen Fund 5/7/23		\$9,259.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,627.50	Forward in Faith		\$1,325.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$10,309.24	Surplus/Deficit		+\$2,814.56
53/54 week .....\$250.00				



**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 Tengren, 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**

Thanks came in from **Harriet Brown** for her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes. **Shirley Finger** sends her thanks for the flowers she received and the many birthday greetings. **Darrell & Donna Brenner** wish to thank Bob & Laurel McVinnie and the Altar Guld for the flowers they received.

**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 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
- **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 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.**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** — Don Busekros; Lisa Slothower; John McCue; Jan Hill; and Jim Hill.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** — Dan & Linda Halvorson; Jan Bergstrom; Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; and Les & Carol Johnson.

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

**Ushers:** (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson

**Ambassadors:** (8) Jan Anderson, Gwyn Brechtel (10) John Linde, David Linde

**Lector:** (8) Bob Fanello (10) Craig Shelton

**Lay Assistant:** (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Craig Shelton

**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

**Ushers:** (8) Tonya Bagwell, Randy Teske (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

**Ambassadors:** (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Craig Shelton

**Lector:** (8) Randy Teske (10) Becky Toro

**Lay Assistant:** (8) David DeNale (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz

**Praise Singer:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine



**Have you picked up your copy?** The new directory is printed and ready for you to take home. They are on the stand 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. Please check the information that is listed. (Lynn Valentine)

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

#### **From the SCRIP Desk:**

With the decline of our SCRIP program, it has been decided to only order our **non-local cards once a month** during the summer. Please make all orders by the **15<sup>th</sup> of every month**. We will give this schedule a try and see how it goes. If our orders increase, we may switch to twice a month in the fall. We will still continue to carry some of the more popular cards on hand. Keep an eye out for some card "specials" designed to reduce our inventory of cards we have had on hand for a long time. (Jody Dabson)

#### **KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

**A new Those Who Serve schedule** is complete and will be ready for email and pick-up next week. Please go over it and make any substitutions that are needed, then call the office with the changes. (Lynn Valentine)

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.

**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)



Join us on **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** between worship services for a meeting to plan this year's summer events including our annual AlpineFest. We need your help to make these events successful. All ideas, and especially volunteers, are welcome. (Scott Dabson)

**May is Mental Health Month.** The Mental Health Ministry of Alpine has set up a table in the narthex with many helpful resources. Please stop by and take a look. (Mike Schultz)

The May/June issue of **Living Lutheran** is here! In this issue's lead article, the author takes a look at the ELCA's new-start congregations and how the ELCA is using new ideas to bring the church to people.

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** is 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.



#### **Children's Church**

Many thanks to our awesome teachers: Mari Hanson, Barb Milton, DiAnne Beynon and Margo Grigalonas.

Children's Church will be taking the summer off for a well deserved break. The last meeting will be Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will resume again in the fall on Rally Day.

Grab bags will be available to take home during this time (one per student for the summer). We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

**A special meeting of the Alpine Lutheran Church congregation has been called for Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 9:15 AM in the church sanctuary to vote on the following resolution.**

Whereas, The Alpine Property Committee and Church Council have determined the need to timely address the deteriorating condition of the church parking lot; and

Whereas, The Alpine Church Council is not authorized by congregational bylaws to approve contracts over \$10,000 or 3% of budgeted expenditures; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the contracted expenditure of \$14,000 to repair, reseal, and stripe the Alpine Church parking lot be authorized by the congregation.

**Alpine Lutheran Church  
Special Meeting of the Congregation  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
9:15 AM in the church sanctuary  
AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/establishment of quorum
2. Opening prayer
3. Statement of purpose/Reading of the resolution
4. Call for motion
5. Property Committee report on current building maintenance status and needs
6. Discussion/questions
7. Vote
8. Results of vote
9. Adjournment



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Donation items may be dropped off at Carpenter's Place:  
Monday – Thursday: 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Thank you for supporting our mission provide the tools necessary to rebuild the lives of homeless women, men and families in Rockford.



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.



RALM will again be a presence at the annual PRIDE event in Rockford. Our participation demonstrates the grace we ALL live under and our commitment to welcoming a community under attack.

Rockford's PRIDE Alley Walk will take place on Saturday, **June 3rd from 2pm to 8pm** and will include musical performances, a vendor fair, food trucks, drag queen performances and bingo in a family-friendly atmosphere. It will be held at 120 N. 3rd St. (The former Fran Kral Lincoln location for Rockford old-timers.)

We would like to have Pastors and people from our congregations available throughout the day to greet people and hand out our 'Lutheran swag' (magnets and information about our churches). We also have plans for a squadron of moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas available for hugs!

Please let us know if you can come and demonstrate to Rockford that wherever we are, GOD is too!. To schedule a shift or for more information:

**Bob Black, Executive Director**  
**815-962-4279**  
**director@ralm.faith**



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



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**Alpine Academy**  
 of Rockford

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We're in the final stretch of completing the 25<sup>th</sup> School Year at Alpine! It's been a fantastic year for our students and staff. We've gotten back to many of the things that we were doing prior to Covid and we look forward to continuing to bring back those events and activities going into next year.

We'd like to remind you that you are invited to join us again this year on the last day of school to cheer on our students. Students will exit the building at approximately 10:30am this year so please plan to gather on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am and 10:30am to help us welcome summer. Students will receive a special surprise to end their school year.

We are again hosting our "Thunderland Summer Day Camp" at Alpine. We've already had a number of students register for camp and our staff has been planning fun activities for everyone throughout the summer. Thunderland begin it's first week on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the last week ends on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please share about our day camp with your family and friends and encourage them to register their children for this fun summer activity!

As we prepare for summer we'd also like to invite everyone to watch for opportunities to see Alpine Academy in action. We will be busy throughout the summer with activities and community involvement. Please follow us on Facebook and watch for announcements here in the Summit. We have a full summer planned and will be diligently preparing for our 26<sup>th</sup> school year at Alpine.

Thank you to everyone in our Alpine Family who has participated in making our 25 years of education a success. We know you'll be right there with us as we embark on our next 25 years and will continue to support all that we're doing together in this ministry. Please continue to keep Alpine Academy in your prayers. We look forward to seeing you throughout this summer!

In Christ,  
 Scott Dabson  
 Director, Alpine Academy