



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:

Pr. Dan's Top Ten Reasons Why You Should Read the Bible!

1. It connects us To God. The Bible is the revelation of God. That means if we read it with honesty and any kind of integrity, God will be revealed to us. We will encounter God!
2. It teaches us about what God has really promised us. By knowing God's promises, we can know how God will act in the future.
3. It helps to strengthen our faith. Especially as we see what true faith is and how it changes lives throughout the Bible.
4. Spiritual formation happens as we apply Biblical truths to our lives. Can't apply those truths if we do not first read and learn what they are.
5. It is an important part of spiritual warfare. We often forget that there is a battle going on around us, fighting over our hearts, minds, and souls. One of the key defenses we have for ourselves and for our families is the word of God.
6. We learn how to love ourselves and others.
7. We learn the importance of obedience and trust. Something our culture has influenced us away from.
8. Reading the Bible deepens our fellowship with other believers, especially as we meet and study it together. The questions, discussions, answers, debates, and life applications all help us to understand each other better. Traveling on this journey with others deepens our fellowship, as the Holy Spirit works in and through our relationships with others.
9. It clears up miss-concepts and false beliefs we have about God, ourselves, and the world around us.
10. It is one huge, great, story of love. Although the Bible can seem overwhelming, confusing, and filled with many different parts that do not relate - this is not true! As we read it, we discover that it is God's story about how God is redeeming us. Going the extra mile time after time again, to reach out and draw us back to God.

BY THE NUMBERS

		Rejoicing Spirits 6/1	64		
5/28/23	40 + 39	79		6/4/23	36 + 54
Online Views		7		Online Views	5
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44					
Gen Fund 5/28/23		\$5,450.00		Gen Fund 6/4/23	\$4,625.00
Forward in Faith		\$1,250.00		Forward in Faith	\$730.00
Surplus/Deficit		-\$559.44		Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,404.44
Unexpected Blessings.....\$500.00					



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, Bob Swenson, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

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

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from Carol Johnson for her 85th birthday celebration. **Darrell & Donna Brenner** send their thanks for the flowers they recently received. **Rolly Greenland** would like to thank everyone for the many cards and prayers he has received after his recent fall and surgery. Continued prayers are needed while he continues this long process of recovery. **Nan Strom** and her daughter, **Marcia Metzger** expressed their thanks for all of the cards and phone calls they have received. Nan misses Alpine but is grateful to be close to family in Minnesota.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will not meet during the summer months, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up. We will resume Rally Day.
- **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 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.**

June 18th — Cathy & Maddie Merwin; Amanda Meyers; R. C., Rhonda, Conlan, Chase & Bobby Pottinger; and Jessica, Arayah, Joslyn & Remjio Rivera

June 25th — Robert, Jari & Jennifer Sproule; Gyla Tomlinson; Gregory Wernick; and Corey, Brianna, Brandon & Brett Williams

Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) John Linde, David Linde

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges

Lay Assistant: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges

Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

Ambassadors: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Lynn Valentine

Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Nancy Matthews

Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Up-Coming Summit Schedule: With some up-coming vacations the Summit will have a slightly altered schedule. You will receive a Summit on **July 3rd** and **July 17th**. We will look at the schedule for August and September at a later date.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Father's Day is right around the corner. Our order of cards will go in on or around June 15th. Please stop and see if we have a gift idea for the "Dad" in your life. We have several gift cards that have been in our stock for quite some time. Our discounted card for this Summit is Quiznos. You can find locations for Quiznos by visiting Quiznos.com. They currently have locations in Springfield, Barrington, Wheatfield, Chicago, and Madison, WI. The cards are \$10 with a 2 for 1 discount. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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 a addendum to send out with those updates. Please check the information that is listed. (Lynn Valentine)



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.

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.

In the next few weeks you will notice our **"coin" collection bank** in the narthex. We are collecting donations to help fund our activities for this summer. Stop by and drop in your donation. Any amount is welcome!



Save the Date: The Alpine Outreach Committee is planning an **Alpine Church Picnic**, Saturday, June 24th, 1 PM. This event is open to all neighbors, friends and family. Food, Fun & Fellowship! Volunteers are needed. (Scott Dabson)

Children's Sermons Return! Pastor Dan has decided to bring back the Children's Sermon during our 10 AM worship for the months of June, July & August. We hope to keep seeing more children and want to keep them involved in our worship.

Vacation Schedules: Lynn, in the office, will be on vacation June 10th—18th. Laurel McVinnie will be helping cover the office in the morning hours Monday through Thursday. Please call before stopping to make sure she is there. Please leave a voicemail if no one answers. They will be checked daily. **Pastor Dan** will be leaving on a family vacation June 16th and be gone until June 26th. Pastor Scott Benolkin will be handling any pastoral emergencies while he is gone. We thank Pastor Rick Meier and Pastor Pam Lojewski for preaching while he is away.

Many thanks to those who contributed and volunteered during the **Youth Garage Sale**. It was a huge success bringing in over \$900 for their effort. (John Linde)

RALM will be joining with **Lutheran Social Services** this fall for a "God's Work Our Hands" project. They will be collecting suitcases for children entering or leaving the foster care system. Please start looking for gently used suitcases while you are at garage sales this summer. A collection date will be determined later.



Children's Church

Children's Church will be taking the summer off for a well deserved break. 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!



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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.

It's the beginning of our summer break and the also the start of our summer day camp "Thunderland." Most of our School Staff is finding time for rest and relaxation to be prepared for the next school year. We're excited for summer and even more excited to begin our next school year in the fall. "Thunderland" summer day camp began last week with 25 campers and as will continue with 30+ campers participating through the summer. "Thunderland" staff has plans for a fun filled summer with activities, crafts and plenty of excitement. I look forward to joining with campers on Friday mornings all summer long for Chapel and you are welcome to join us at 9:15am.

Our enrollment for this fall has been going really well thus far. We currently have more students registered for this fall than we started with last fall. This is good news for our school as we continue to enroll new families to join our Alpine Family this fall. The most important thing is that all of our Alpine Family continues to share with others about our school and inviting them to enroll. If you have not yet gotten a Academy yard sign for your front yard at home, please drive by the front of the school and take a sign from our yard to place in your yard today. Also if you are looking for additional ways to share about Alpine Academy look for information cards on the Scrip desk that you can share when you are out. You are all some of our biggest allies in growing the ministry of Alpine Academy!

We look forward to joining together our Alpine Church and Alpine Academy Family for events throughout this summer beginning with the picnic on June 24th. Please make plans to join us as we continue to work to make these events bigger, more exciting and a greater way to reach and support our community together. Please continue to support Alpine Academy and the ministry that happens here every day. The investment that our Alpine Family has and continues to make in the ministry of Alpine Academy continues to develop and be a positive force in the community around us.

In Christ,
 Scott Dabson
 Director
 Alpine Academy



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