



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:

Dear Alpine family and friends,

I am writing to share the difficult news that I am ending my time as your pastor here at Alpine Lutheran Church. A congregation in Omaha has voted to call my wife Lucy as their next Senior Pastor and we will be transitioning to Nebraska later this summer. More details about the transition, timeline and so forth will be coming in the next couple of weeks as the Council and I work things out with the Synod, but I wanted to share the initial news immediately.

This announcement comes with a whole range of complex emotions for us. Discerning God's will is a tricky business because it happens differently in different seasons of life, kinds of decisions, etc. Sometimes God calls you (or your spouse) away from something – a job, a place, a relationship – because it is unhealthy, or because your gifts or needs have changed. That is NOT the case with this decision. I have cherished and delighted in the mission God has given us together – a mission of worship and service, of loving God, our neighbors and each other well. I still feel deep excitement about the things God has ahead for Alpine. I have not felt called away from you, but towards a new ministry that God is cultivating for my family and I.

Words cannot express how thankful I am for the privilege of serving you these past 9 years. This is a bittersweet moment for me, for although I am excited about where God is leading us, I am also grieving the loss of many treasured relationships. It is hard to summarize all that I am thankful for. Your warm acceptance of me. Your faithfulness throughout the years to God's calling upon your community. The wonderful way you seek to accept newcomers into your congregation. The encouragement that you provide to me on a daily basis. Your warm smiles and the great way that you serve each other are but a few of the fond memories that I will take with me. My Last Sunday with you will be July 30th, 2023. Although the future might seem uncertain and scary, we are reminded that we never need to face it alone. We have God on our side. The faithful God who has watched over this congregation for the past 80 years, promises to continue to do so, until Christ returns.

We ask for your prayers for our whole family as we say hard goodbyes and prepare for new adventures in a new place. You will be in our prayers. And though the goodbyes will be difficult, we trust that God has wonderful plans for all of us in the midst of this change. Thank you for being the church you are.

With great love,
 Pastor Dan

BY THE NUMBERS

6/11/23	36 + 50	86	6/18/23	33 + 57	90	6/25/23	24 + 55	79
Online Views		18	Online Views		8	Online Views		11

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

Gen Fund 6/11/23	\$3,819.00	Gen Fund 6/18/23	\$2,063.75	Gen Fund 6/25/23	\$12,609.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,278.00	Forward in Faith	\$510.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,615.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,672.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,185.69	Surplus/Deficit	+\$6,464.56



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 **Margo Grigalonas**. She also sends her thanks for the altar flowers she received. **Mary DeNale** wishes to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and best wishes. Many thanks from **Kathy Cordonnier** for the altar flowers she received. **Jan Galster** expressed her thanks for the prayers, cards, and flowers she received following her sister's death.

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 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.**

July 9th — Lisa Robinson; Jan Pauly; Kathy & Eugene Mind; and Glen McDonald.

July 16th — Bob & Laurel McVinnie; Karl & Deb Okeson; Carole Rogers; and Paul Stenberg.

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Ushers: (8) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: (8) Jan Anderson, Janet Gentry (10) Mike Schultz, Aaron Ayen
Lector: (8) Daisy Wynard (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Tonya Bagwell (10) Allen Neumann, Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Volunteer (10) John Linde, David Linde
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



Our next **Alpine Summer Event** will be the **Ice Cream Social** on **Saturday, July 29th from 1 – 4 PM**. We hope to see you there! We are also starting our planning for **AlpineFest**, Sunday August 20th. If you are a **Thrivent member** and can provide an **Action Team card** for expenses, please see Scott Dabson or Lynn in the office.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Our order of cards will go in on or around July 15th. We have several gift cards that have been in our stock for quite some time. Our discounted card for this Summit is Office Depot. We have 2—\$25 cards that we are offering for \$20 each.

(Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



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!

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

The **Property Committee** has set a **Alpine Workday** for Saturday, July 9th starting at 8 AM. We will take a look at projects around the church and property. Weather permitting, some will be outside. Bring your rakes, gloves, and even painting or cleaning supplies. More hands make light work. There may even be some coffee and treats for your efforts. Questions, see Scott Dabson or Jack Phillips.

13th Annual “No Bull” Golf Outing for GiGi's Playhouse is Monday, August 7th at Rockford Country Club. Cost is \$150 each player or \$600 for a foursome. You can register online at gigisplayhouse.org/rockford/golf or call 815-654-7529. Deadline to register is July 28th.

The July/August issue of **Living Lutheran** is available for you to pick up on the Care & Concern counter. In this issue's lead article, “Room at the Inn”, the author discusses how ELCA ministries have opened their doors to asylum-seekers as Title 42 ends. Take home a copy, read it, and then pass it on to someone else to read.

Did you know that **Carpenter's Corner Thrift & More** has begun a pick-up service? You may go online to carpenter-space.org/carpenters-corner, fill out the form and schedule a pick-up of your donations, big or small. This service will then sell the items in the store to benefit Carpenter's Place.

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.

This summer we're well on our way to enjoying our "Thunderland" Day Camp. This year at we have 25 – 30 students daily at our Day Camp. Campers are enjoying the weather outdoors, playing games, participate in activities related to the weekly theme and share in the fun on special days. Water Day continues to be a favorite among campers and we all enjoy Thunderdog Thursdays (hot dog lunch day). We continue to have openings in our Summer Program for new campers to join us and encourage you to share the camp with your family and friends. We also invite you to join us on Fridays for our Chapel time at 9:15am in the Sanctuary (July 8th no Chapel due to short week and vacations). Chapel is a fun time for our campers as we worship together in song and express the love we have of Jesus.

Our work in planning for our next school year also continues as we continue to enroll new students and work to spread the word about Alpine Academy. Please consider picking up a yard sign from our yard near the school flag pole to place into your yard. This is a fantastic way for you to support your school and encourage others you know to join our Alpine Family. We look forward to joining together with Alpine Lutheran Church on Saturday July 29th for the Ice Cream Social. This is also a fantastic time to invite those who you might know to tour our school or learn more about our Alpine Family.

We are currently looking for a few staff positions for the upcoming school year. If you know anyone who you think might be a good fit for Alpine please encourage them to contact me by email at mr.dabson@alpineacademyofrockford.com or call the school at 815.227.8894. Our current needs are P.E. Teacher (Part Time), Classroom Aides, Recess Aides, After Care Aides and Substitute Teachers for our Sub List.

Thank you for your continued support of Alpine Academy and all the many ways you help to ensure a quality Christian Education at Alpine!

In Christ,
 Scott Dabson
 Director
 Alpine Academy

