



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

As my time here at Alpine comes to an end, I have been reflecting on the last moments Jesus had with his disciples. During these moments, Jesus shared three important promises:

- First, Jesus promised to make a home in his disciples' hearts. (John 14:23),
- Second, Jesus promised to fill the disciples with a spirit of courage and comfort. "The Holy Spirit...will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you". (John 14:26).
- Finally, Jesus promised to sustain his disciples with a special kind of peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" (John 14:27).

Jesus was indeed leaving them, but he wanted them to know that he was not leaving them alone. Not only would God remain, but God's good gifts and promises would continue to be present as well. The same God, gifts, and promises are present here at Alpine today and will continue to flourish because of God's presence and faithfulness. Author Mary Lindberg writes "So we'll open the gifts Jesus gave us—a home in him, the courage to move on, the peace that will get us through many unknowns. And we'll trust that God is staying with those we love for many more seasons."

Thank you for all the mercy, grace, kindness, generosity, patience, and love that you have shared with me. You are a great group of people and I wish you all the best in this new season that you are about to begin. May you continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body, and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God!

Here is a list of our final takeaways from our summer worship series.

- God is personal – but God is *not* private. Our faith is personal, but our faith was *never meant* to be private or individual.
- Transformation happens because of God's presence in our lives. It is not a reward for having strong faith.
- When we encounter the work of the spirit, we should ask "What does this mean?"
- We are all outcasts and yet we are still welcomed into God's Kingdom.
- When we are called to follow Jesus, we are called to adopt Jesus' attitudes and values. This will change our lives and our relationships.
- When we encounter hostility and brokenness in this world, Jesus encourages us to respond with a radical form of welcomeness.
- The hospitality or welcomeness that Jesus demonstrates is giving the best of yourself to make someone feel like they belong.
- Attach yourself to Jesus, accept His way of living, for in it you will find true rest.
- What matters most is knowing How God feels about us and the way we are living.
- God spreads forgiveness indiscriminately. God is wasteful with God's forgiveness.
- How will we sow seeds of forgiveness?
- Surrounded by evil, Jesus is focused on sowing seeds of grace.

Thank You for the privilege of serving with you.
Pastor Dan

BY THE NUMBERS

7/16/23	39 + 49	88	7/23/23	33 + 60	93
Online Views		7	Online Views		12

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

Gen Fund 7/16/23	\$5,135.00	Gen Fund 7/23/23	\$4,578.00
Forward in Faith	\$753.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,330.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,871.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,851.44



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 Scott **Dabson**, **Deb Okeson**, **Cary Ralston**, and **Carl Stohle**. **Carl Stohle** also expressed his thanks for the flowers he received for his 93rd birthday. **Deb Okeson** sent her thanks for the flowers she received. Congratulations and God's blessings go out to **Nick DeNale** who was honorably discharged from the US Coast Guard on July 19, 2023. Thank you for your service, Nick!

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. School back Aug.
- **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



Pastoral Needs: Please call the office with any pastoral needs while we are in transition and looking for a pastor. We will return your call with any further information.



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.**

August 6th — Carla Personette; Steven, Susan & Ava Louthain; and Jeff, Jaime, Zada & Zed Doubek.

August 13th — Bob & Violet Peterson; John Gustafson; Jim Hill; Jan Hill; Karen Conti, and James & Noreen Christiansen.

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Glen McDonald (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Ambassadors: (8) Jan Anderson, Volunteer (10) John Linde, David Linde

Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen & Matt Neumann

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Our last summer event, **AlpineFest is Sunday, August 20th from 2—5 PM!** Come and enjoy music, games, food, a car show, a train for the kids and some great fellowship. This event is a long time favorite for our Alpine family and friends. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex if you can help. (Scott Dabson, Outreach)

Our **“coin” collection bank** is back out 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!

The **Boone County Fair** is coming and we need your help. We have a booth for both the church and the school. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex to **man the Alpine booth**. The fair is Tuesday, August 8th through Sunday, August 13th. A day pass will be provided for those who volunteer. (Scott Dabson)

Six month statements and 53/54 week envelopes will be available to pick up in the coatroom for the next few Sundays. Any not picked up will be mailed out. Please make it a point to put your name and envelope # on the blue 53/54 week envelope so that you can receive proper financial credit for your giving. We thank you for your support of Alpine Lutheran Church and its ministries. (Finance Committee)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Please stop by the kiosk to see if we have cards for your purchases. We will continue to order on the 15th of every month for any you need that are not in stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Alpine Committees: Note Outreach correction

Christian Education/Youth—1st Tuesday, 5 PM, Barb Milton
Finance/Stewardship—3rd Tuesday, 6 PM, Mike Schultz
In-reach—2nd Tuesday, 5 PM, Pam Hemenway
Outreach—3rd Thursday, 2 PM, Scott Dabson
Property—1st Thursday, 5 PM, Scott Dabson
Social Ministry—1st Tuesday, 7 PM, John Linde
Worship & Music—1st Tuesday, 6 PM, Lynn Valentine

During the **month of August**, Alpine will have several supply pastors for our Sunday services: August 6th—**Rev. Julie Monnard**, August 13th—TBD, August 20th—**Rev. Ralph Kuespert**, and August 27th—**Rev. Jeff Clements**. The name tags will be out on the table in the narthex so that our guests know who you are.

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.

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.

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.

Are you on Facebook? Search for “Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford”, then like and follow our page. You will be able to see and follow any Alpine events that are posted to the page. When there is an event posted, if you click like and share, all of your friends will see the event too. What a great way to share what is going on at Alpine with others! (Outreach)



**Children's
Church**

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

Thunderland Summer Day Camp is entering it's final week, Teachers are beginning to return and families are preparing. School's about to begin soon, yet there's still plenty to do to be ready to begin our next school year. There are events coming and places to be to share our Church and School.

As we begin to wrap up our final week of Thunderland Summer Day Camp at Alpine, we have a great deal of fun planned this week. We want to be sure to thank the staff that worked with our campers this summer, Jody, Toni, Kristie, Celia, Mykala and Laura. The staff did a fantastic job providing a fun filled summer for all involved. Thank you also to all the families that participated this year.

As we prepare for our upcoming school year we also would like to share the the Invest In Kids Act is still available for those who would like to help provide scholarships to students and receive a Tax Credit. If you are interested in learning more about this and how to make the donation through Empower Illinois please contact me at school. If you would like to make a donation directly to the school that is also greatly appreciated as we prepare to open school and ensure we have all that we need to provide a quality Christian Education to our students and families.

We look forward to hosting a booth at the Boone County Fair again this year alongside Alpine Lutheran Church. We are still seeking volunteers to help man our Booth and would love for you to volunteer. A sign up is located in the Narthex. Please consider spending a few hours at the fair helping to share our Alpine Family with our community. This has been a great way to invite people to our church and school as well as our upcoming AlpineFest event.

Finally the Alpine Academy School Board President, Scott Christiansen, would like to welcome our two newest Board members, Bob McVinnie and Al Neumann, to our Academy Board. We look forward to the support and insight they will bring to our board. We thank DiAnne Beynon and Gary Hunt for serving on our Board and for their love and support of the school. Gary will continue to serve this next year as and ex officio member and Treasurer.

In Christ,
Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy

