



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 the Council:

As we continue in the process of a Transition Team and eventually a Call Committee, we should be reminded of Alpine's Mission Statement, Core Values, and Vision Statement.

**Alpine Lutheran Church
 Mission Statement/Core Values/Vision Statements
 Approved by Council April 16, 2015**

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

As Christians, we seek to connect people to God and each other, care for those in need, welcome all, and discover new ways of serving beyond ourselves.

Core Values

Transformation

As we grow more in the image of Christ, we reflect Christ in our lives and in our love.

Service

We stop asking who is going to meet our needs and start asking whose needs we can meet.

Worship

We encounter God in worship to praise God and be rejuvenated in spirit.

Witness

We proclaim that Jesus sacrificed his life with love and rose from the dead so that all people can have new life.

God's Word

We provide teaching and learning opportunities to encounter God through the Bible.

Grace

We celebrate our Christian heritage by proclaiming God's grace and forgiveness in all that we do.

Stewardship

We seek to be generous and responsible stewards of God's creation and of our time, talents, and treasures.

Community

As a congregation, we desire to unite in activities which broaden our knowledge and friendships so that our core values strengthen our lives.

BY THE NUMBERS

8/13/23	36 + 34	70	8/20/23	29 + 57	86
Online Views		19	Online Views (technical problems)		2

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

Gen Fund 8/13/23	\$3,524.00	Gen Fund 8/20/23	\$6,913.00
Forward in Faith	\$518.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,420.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,717.44	Surplus/Deficit	+\$553.54

Unexpected Blessings.....\$4.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Bill & 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

All in the Family

Irv Johnson wishes to thank everyone for the flowers he recently received.

Darrell Brenner sends his thanks for the get well wishes he received after his recent hospital visit.

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 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.**

September 3rd — Sharon Milbourn; Terry & Pam Hodges; and Jeanne, Alexis, Coutney, Evan, & Haley Novak.

September 10th — Maribeth Gillette, Jeremy Logston; Mark & Anita Rumage; and Paul Stenberg.

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Ushers: (8) Glen McDonald, Gene Seefeldt (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) John Linde, David Linde

Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Terry Hodges

Lay Assistant: (8) Nancy Matthews (10) Terry Hodges

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

Ambassadors: (8) Jan Anderson, Andrea Tack (10) Mike Schultz, Aaron Ayen

Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) TBD

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) TBD

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Sunday, September 10th is Rally Day! To help us rally our faith we ask everyone to wear your favorite team jersey or super hero t-shirts. Bring your backpacks, tool belts, tablets, briefcases, stethoscopes, anything you use in your daily activities. We will be doing a blessing over these items as we begin a new fall season.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make **AlpineFest 2023** such a big success. We had a great attendance throughout the day. We enjoyed music from several musicians, food (thanks to all the cooks and bakers), crafts for kids, a train, a car rally, a bouncy house, a dunk tank, and fellowship with both the Academy families, our neighbors around us, and our Alpine members. This event has become a great way to bring us all together as a community of Christ and as our mission statement says "share God's love." (Scott Dabson, Outreach)

Now more than ever we need your help. As we transition through this time without a consistent pastor serving our congregation, we need everyone to communicate the needs of our congregation to the office. If you know of anyone who has been hospitalized or is in need of prayer, please call the church office. Once we know the need, we will contact someone to visit them or add them to our prayer list. Together we can make sure that no one feels forgotten by their Alpine Family.



Have a song in your heart? Come and join us this fall as we praise the Lord with music. We welcome new members to our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Paise Band. All are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

As we enter into the fall season, a new **Those Who Serve** schedule is being created going through Christ the King Sunday in November. Our core group of volunteers is dwindling. Have you ever thought of serving in any of the areas; usher, lay assistant, ambassador/greeter or reader? We need more volunteers. You may call the office if you are willing to help in this ministry. (Lynn Valentine)

During the months of **August and September**, Alpine will have several supply pastors for our Sunday services: September 3rd—**Pastor Bob Hanson**, September 10th—**Pastor Rick Meier**, September 17th—TBD, and September 24th—**Pastor Ron Larson**. The name tags will be out on the table in the narthex so that our guests know who you are.

On Sunday, September 10th, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our 10th annual day of service. "**God's work. Our hands.**" **RALM** will be joining with **Lutheran Social Services** as a part of this effort, collecting suitcases for children entering or leaving the foster care system. Our last push for collecting these gently used suitcases is on so that we may distribute them to LSSI. We may continue the collection in September.

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:

Please stop by the kiosk to see if we have cards for your purchases. We hope to continue to order on the 15th of every month. However, this is becoming increasingly difficult without selling some of our stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

As we begin the school year in both private and public schools, **we ask for your prayers** for our students and teachers. "Dearest Father in Heaven, Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this staff and student body, And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, And to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ Amen"



We will resume again in the fall on Rally Day, September 10th. 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
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Alpine Academy
 of Rockford
 Faith • Family • Future

We're off and running in our 2023-24 School Year. Students have been in classrooms returning to learning, we've been together in Chapel and are all set to have a fantastic school year. We look forward to ways that we can invite you to join us in activities and more throughout the school year.

As we begin our new school year we'd like to introduce to you some new staff that have joined our Alpine Family. First, Mrs. Amanda Norman who was with us part time in the 2nd semester of last school year. Mrs. Norman will be with us Full Time this year and comes to us after many years teaching in Lutheran Schools in the Rockford Area including Rockford Lutheran. Mrs. Norman will be working with our 6th and 7th Graders in Math and Science this year. Next, Mrs. Karen Freudenberg who is joining us this year in our 4th Grade Classroom. Mrs. Freudenberg has taught in Lutheran Schools for over 30 years across several states and her experience and focus on the ministry will be a great asset to all of us as she joins our Alpine Family. Finally, Mrs. Abby Arellano who will be our P.E. Teacher this school year. Abby joins us after teaching several years and also taking time to spend with her son who is now 2 years old. These three are great additions to our Alpine Family and we are excited to have them with us.

We started our Chapel this school year on the first day and introduced our Chapel Theme to start the year which is "On The Road." We will be sharing and learning together in Chapel as we worship, sing praise music and focus on our walk toward and with Jesus. Our opening Chapel was a great way to kick off our school year. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays at 2:15pm and make plans to join us for Chapel sometime. We'd love to have our Church Congregation with us at Chapel. Thanks for all you do for Alpine Academy!

In Christ,
 Scott Dabson
 Director
 Alpine Academy