

**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:

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Priorities: While there is a picture of the ideal church in many of our members' minds, it is most often a memory of something that was, rather than a commitment to what is or can be. This means that a healthy congregation has engaged God, their members, and community neighbors to discern what is most important. Not every good priority from 1965 is relevant today. Many of the most helpful things about a dynamic congregation emerge from local context and sometimes aren't useful in a congregation only a few miles away. Congregations that are clear about what is most important can make a case for the work they do and are better able to invite others into that work. “Would you like to come to church? Is replaced by, “My congregation is working on _____ and I know you care about that. Would you be interested in helping?” You can hear the clarity and winsomeness in that already!

A congregation that knows why they exist, what they embody, and where to focus their energy is in a much different place than a congregation that continues doing business as usual. Business as usual is what got us here. It will take something else to change course and produce different results.

BY THE NUMBERS

8/27/23	35 + 46	81	9/3/23	32 + 45	77
Online Views		17	Online Views		11

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

Gen Fund 8/13/23	\$3,611.00	Gen Fund 9/3/23	\$8,037.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,345.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,040.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,803.44	Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,317.54

53/54 Week.....\$190.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, 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 Tengen, 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

Our love and sympathies go out to several people in our Alpine family: **Richard & Connie Dowling**, Connie's mother died August 27th; **Craig and Barb Shelton**, Craig's father died; and **Linda Radford**, Bob died September 5th. **Connie Dowling** sends her thanks for the altar flowers and cards she received after her mother'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. 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.**

September 17th — Don Gugliemetti; Betty Davis; and Rich & Linda Rimkus.

September 24th — Michael & Tina Speaker; Kristine Cloyd; Joan Greeny; and Patrick, Samantha & Aiden Cicogna.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Craig Shelton
Lay Assistant: (8) Glen McDonald (10) Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell (10) Gene Seefeldt
Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Pam Hodges, the Riveras
Lector: (8) Donna Seefeldt (10) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Terry Hodges
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

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.

The Christian Education/Youth committee is in need of a **substitute teacher** for Children's Church. You will only have to teach occasionally and the material is provided for you. Please see Mari Hanson.

During the **months of September and October**, Alpine will have several supply pastors for our Sunday services: September 17th—**lay person led**, September 24th—**Pastor Ron Larson**, October 1st—**Pr. Rick Meier**, and October 8th—**Pastor Ron Larson**. The name tags will be out on the table in the narthex so that our guests know who you are.



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 resumed on Tuesday, September 12th. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

This past Sunday, September 10th, congregations of the ELCA joined together for the 10th annual day of service. **“God’s work. Our hands.” RALM** will be delivering many suitcases collected for **Lutheran Social Services**. These suitcases will allow children entering or leaving the foster care system to do so without their belongings packed in boxes or bags. Giving them a sense of dignity. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection!

From the SCRIP Desk:

We need to sell out some of our stock so that we can make additional orders and keep the program going. It has becoming increasingly difficult to make any orders with the cash tied up in the cards we have on hand. Stop by the kiosk and see what cards we have in stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The September/October edition of **Living Lutheran** is here and ready to take home. In this month's lead article we learn about an ELCA-supported program in Ghana. The Skills Development Program helps to transform the lives of families and individuals teaching them skill to generate income. Pick up a copy and share it with a friend.

Hurricane Idalia, the first major hurricane to make landfall in the US this year, brought life-threatening storm surge, flooding and winds. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is prepared to serve our neighbors impacted by Hurricane Idalia even as we continue to accompany partners in Maui after the wildfires and help those experiencing other disasters. Please visit elca.org to donate.

Tuesday, September 26th, the Youth Committee will hold a meeting for all who are interested in attending a **Workcamp** in the summer of 2024. They will meet at **6 PM** in the conference room at the church. All are welcome!

Crop Walk 2023 is October 15th. If you would like to start or join a team please visit events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/rockfordil. All monies collected go towards local hunger organizations. This year they are celebrating this year's honoree, Stanley Campbell who has participated in the walk for 36 years.

The **Social Ministry Committee** would like to thank everyone who contributed to the special collection held during the coffee hour this past Sunday, September 10th. All coffee hour money collected was donated to **Rock House Kids**.

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.



Children's Church is back! We will be discussing the lessons used in the worship service for that week through discussion and arts and crafts.

Grab bags will still available to take home.



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Saturday, September 23rd is our annual "Alpine Academy Recognition Brunch" and I hope you have registered to join us. If not, there is still time. Contact the school office today at 815.227.8894. The cost of the brunch is \$20 per person which includes the a buffet. This event will take place at Stockholm from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

This year at our "Recognition Brunch" we will recognize Ms. Lori Holmer who served as our Pre K 4 Teacher for nearly 20 years, Ms. Diana Sundeen who spent many years volunteering at the school and school functions and before retiring served as our Pre K 3 Teacher, and finally Ms. Joanne Ellingson who served as an Aide and later served as our Pre K 3 Teacher for several years.

We need your help and participation in recognizing these deserving individuals so please, if you have not registered contact the school today and register. It is important that we recognize those who have greatly contributed to the success of Alpine Academy. You may register by calling the school office at 815.227.8894, sending in your registration form you should have received by mail, or stopping by the school office. Registrations do need to be in by the end of our school day on Wednesday, September 20th (school day ends at 3:00 pm).

Thank you for continuing to support Alpine Academy and for being an important part of our Alpine Family!

In Christ,
Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy