



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 Living Lutheran:

Worship 101

(article from *Living Lutheran* June 2019 By Meghan Johnston Aelabouni)

Any class or discussion on worship could begin with questions about what Lutheran worship is, how Lutherans worship and why do we do so.

Sometimes these questions arise from specific, concrete concerns: whether a hymn or praise song is a good choice for a congregation; whether to plan a foot-washing or a first communion; how material choices for worship—paper bulletins, plastic cups, gluten-free bread—reflect our faith.

Other times, we might find ourselves in a pew or at a campfire reciting the Lord's Prayer and suddenly wonder what this is really about. When we experience a worship style that is new to us, we may wonder how it can be so different and still be the same thing. Or we may seek to answer the nonreligious friend who inquires, "Why do Christians keep meeting together and doing the same things, over and over?" Or the child who simply asks, "Why are we going to church again?"

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Lutherans and other Christians have also long sought to balance Christian unity with human diversity in worship. The Augsburg Confession proposed that the "one holy, Christian church" is "the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel." As long as word and sacrament are in place, the confession stated, "it is not necessary for the true unity of the church that uniform ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere."

Still, we might wonder what kinds of gathering, word, meal or sending "count" as Lutheran worship. And then there's the question of how we can tell if the word and sacraments are being preached and administered "according to the gospel." The whats, hows and whys of Christian worship among Lutherans are as old as the roots of our faith, but these questions live anew in every gathering, word, meal and sending.

In the next few Summits, we will continue this article. Touching on each of the subjects of gathering, word, meal and sending.

BY THE NUMBERS

9/10/23	36 + 50	86	9/17/23	24 + 47	71
Online Views		15	Online Views		17

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

Gen Fund 9/10/23	\$3,281.00	Gen Fund 9/17/23	\$1,808.00
Forward in Faith	\$628.00	Forward in Faith	\$485.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,670.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,271.44

53/54 Week.....\$355.00 Unexpected Blessings.....\$20.00

Rock House Kids Collection 9/10/23.....\$413.00



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 Wendling, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Chuck Valentine**. Many thanks from **Linda Radford** for all of the love and support shown after Bob's death. **Darrell & Donna Brenner** send their thanks for the flowers, the "Linde boys" visit, and many cards for the anniversary and birthday cards they received. **Craig & Barb Shelton** expressed their gratitude for the cards and expressions of sympathy after his father's death. Many thanks to the **Pauly/Sproule/Paravala families** for sharing the apples from Mike's memorial tree.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **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.**

October 1st — Al, Sarah, Matthew & Alexis Neumann; Luke & Heidi Lykken; Pat Turmo; and Shawn & Judy Lee.

October 8th — Alan & Marlene Garrett; Carl Stohle; Amanda & Morgan Dabson; and Dick Nelson.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

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

Lector: (8) Terry Hodges (10) Bob McVinnie

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

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, October 8, 2023

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

Ambassadors: (8) Janet Gentry, Volunteer (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Allen Neumann

Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Allen Neumann, Matt Neumann

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

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. (Lynn Valentine)

As our search for an interim and eventually permanent pastor continues, Alpine will have several supply pastors for our Sunday services: October 1st—**Pr. Rick Meier**, October 8th & 15th—**Pr. Ron Larson**, with October 22nd & October 29th—TBD. The name tags will be out on the table in the narthex so that our guests know who you are.

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, Morocco after the earthquake, and help those experiencing other disasters. Please visit elca.org to donate.



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. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

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.

Sunday, October 29th brings many happenings to Alpine. It is a **5th Sunday** so there will be only **ONE SERVICE at 10 AM** and it is **Reformation Sunday**, a **RED Sunday**. This year it will also be **Bible Sunday**. Alpine will be distributing new age appropriate Bibles to both the Academy and our own Kindergarten and 3rd graders. Alpine has been blessed over the years to be able to share God's Word with the many students in our own congregation as well as our Academy family. We hope to see you there to share in this special day!

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.

Grab your Boots and Hat for the Chili Shoot-Out 2023!

Sharon Walker and friends invite you to a Chili Shoot-Out and Horse Race on Saturday, October 21st at 12 PM, noon. A sign-up sheet with more information and directions to Sharon's home are in the narthex. This Alpine favorite is always a great time of fellowship and fun! (Sharon Walker)

Snowbirds Many of you are staring to make your plans to head south to get away from the impending Illinois winter. If you are away from your home for a period of time please let the office know a forwarding address so that you may keep up with what is happening at Alpine while you are gone. Please provide a start and stop date to keep things current. (Lynn Valentine)

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 meet during the 10 AM service and will be discussing the lessons used in the worship service for that week through discussion and arts and crafts.



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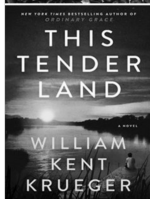
Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



RALM Trivia Night! Join us for this annual event benefiting Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries and its programs including Becca's Closet and Laundry Love. Teams of 6-8 people can test their knowledge and enjoy a chili dinner, silent auction, quilt raffle, 50/50 drawing and more. **Friday, November 3rd**, doors open at **6pm**. Hosted by RALM member church Our Saviors Lutheran. Cost is \$15 per person. If you are interested in forming a team, please see Lynn in the office. They are also looking for donations of Chili (in a roaster), 9x13 pan of your favorite dessert, 2 dozen cookies, crackers, shredded cheese, sour cream, and hot sauces. If you can help with these items, please contact Bob Black @ 815-962-4279.



Katie's Choice Book Club
Thursday
October 12
10 am



This Tender Land
 By William Kent Krueger
 Free and open to all – Discussion at Katie's Cup



2023 Gala Denim and Diamonds
 Saturday, October 21st, 5:30 PM
 Tebala Event Center

GiGi's Playhouse Rockford proudly presents our 2023 "Denim and Diamonds" Gala with our very special guest speaker, Karen Gaffney. Karen, who happens to have Down syndrome, is the President of a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to championing the journey to full inclusion in families, schools, communities and the workplace.