



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 (continued)

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

Gathering:

Whether we meet in a sanctuary, a school gym, an outdoor chapel or a living room, “the core of worship is the people gathering together so that they can talk to God all together,” said Christina Garrett Klein, a pastor of Edgebrook Lutheran Church, Chicago.

From planning worship for her congregation to serving as chair of her synod’s liturgy team and as a member of the worship planning team for the ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering, Klein has found that the gathering of worship is key. Faith “can seem like an incredibly lonely journey,” she explained, but worship in the community of faith reminds us that “you have all these other people now; you’re not alone ... you get to see God shining through them.”

Kevin Strickland, ELCA executive for worship, noted the importance of paying attention to who does the gathering: not humans but the Spirit. “God still shows up, not just in worship but especially in worship, in the body that is Christ,” he said. “We come, mingled and broken; we come with bruises and burdens, and we also come with joys ... [and] the incarnation is continuing to happen in our midst.”

As the living body of Christ, the gathered community is always changing. Births and deaths, departures and arrivals, absences and presences of all kinds mean the group of people assembled together in worship is always different.

For Erik Christensen, pastor to the community and director of worship at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the transitory nature of a seminary community drawn from across the ELCA and the world means “people know what they know and cherish it deeply,” but what is long-cherished by one member may be brand-new to another. Part of the joy and challenge of planning worship is balancing this familiarity and newness, he said.

Another essential aspect of gathering is taking seriously the gifts of the people assembled. “Think of the hours choirs spend singing together, rehearsing ... the prayers and conversations,” Christensen said. Through participation and relationships, “the worship feels authentic, not [only] in terms of style but in reflecting a relational sensibility,” he added.

Klein agreed: “That is, in part, what makes us Lutheran—we try to incorporate the whole community.” A Lutheran emphasis on the priesthood of all believers—the members of the body of Christ offering their diverse gifts in holy service—can be found in intergenerational approaches to worship that invite all to come as they are, such as congregations welcoming children to the worship space by providing child-friendly areas or activities.

**We will continue this article when space is available,
touching on the subjects of word, meal and sending.**

BY THE NUMBERS

9/24/23	29 + 48	77	10/1/23	38 + 48	86
Online Views		12	Online Views		7

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

Gen Fund 9/24/23	\$5,294.00	Gen Fund 10/1/23	\$5,316.00
Forward in Faith	\$960.00	Forward in Faith	\$925.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,505.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,248.44

53/54 Week.....\$393.00 Unexpected Blessings.....\$20.00

Year to Date Deficit.....-\$23,263.23



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Bill & Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Glen McDonald, 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, Lindsay Earnest, 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 **Gary Hunt, Wendy Barton** and **Kathy Cordonnier**. We share our love and sympathies with **Jack Phillips** whose brother recently died. **Wendy Barton** also sends her thanks for the get well wishes. **Kathy Cordonnier** wishes to thank everyone for the altar flowers she received.

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.
- **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:** on Hiatus.



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.**

October 15th— Rich, Erika, Peyton, Reed & Rowan Hillabolt; Doug, Zach, & Josh Schrank; and Keenen, Samantha & Elia Yahn.

October 22nd — Randy & Linda Teske; Warren Burlend; Tonia Bagwell; Richard, Karla, Karter & Kamden Lovitt; and Linda Radford

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) John Gustafson, Dick Nelson

Ambassadors: (8) Deb Okeson, Volunteer (10) John Linde, David Linde

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Violet Peterson

Lay Assistant: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Bob & Violet Peterson

Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Volunteer (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz

Lector: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Lynn Valentine

Lay Assistant: (8) Nancy Matthews (10) Chuck Valentine

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. (Lynn Valentine)



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 Kindergarteners 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!

With our Snow Birds beginning their migration south, there are many openings in our **Those Who Serve volunteer schedule**. If you notice "volunteer" written in for a duty that you can help with, we appreciate anyone stepping in to assist. Thank you in advance. (Lynn Valentine)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Thank you to everyone who has been patient while we try to sell out as much of our stock as possible. We should be able to continue making orders for your cards on or around the 15th of each month. Please take a look at what cards you may want for the upcoming holidays and order early. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



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 Your 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)

Bible & Brew Coming Soon! Alpine Outreach Committee is preparing to launch Bible & Brew, a Bible study to be held at a local bar. We are planning on a Thursday evening. Watch for more updates soon.

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)

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.

The **Alpine In-Reach Committee** is reaching out to our congregational family to help provide rides to church for those in need. Please contact Mike Schultz, 815-633-4789, if you can offer to give rides to church.

Wednesday Bible Study has decided to take a hiatus until further notice. Please make a note of this change.



Children's Church is back! We meet during the 10 AM service. We are now having the kids leave the service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning.



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Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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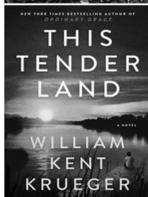
Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



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.