



Pastor Rick:

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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Reformation & All Saints: the Great Two-Sunday Tandem

Other than Holy Week, my favorite two Sundays that go together in the church year are Reformation and All Saints, always celebrated at the end of October and the beginning of November. These are “Every Member Worship” occasions to give the highest priority to.

As Lutherans who have been around for a while will remember, it was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, protesting various practices in the Roman Catholic Church of his day. Basically, he challenged the authority of the pope, which the church claimed was equal to that of the Bible; the sale of Indulgences, or the purchase of pardoning sins; and the failure to emphasize God's grace through faith in Jesus as the means to salvation. His idea was to reform the church from within; but instead it led to the formation of a new church, ultimately called “Protestant” or “Lutheran”. We will celebrate our 506th anniversary with one service at 10:00 on October 29. Wear RED!

November 1 is All Saints Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. It is the most emotional Sunday of the church year, because we remember our loved ones who have passed away and now rest in the Lord. We recite their names and light candles in their memory, and include special candles on the altar for those from the congregation who have died since the previous All Saints Day. We also lift up our own call to “sainthood”, understanding that God has called and chosen each of us to be ambassadors for Christ in our corner of the world. Note that we change the clocks back to Standard Time on Nov. 5, so we'll be well-rested for worship. The color of the day is WHITE. Also, this is the 81st anniversary of Alpine Lutheran Church.

PERSONAL NOTE: Yes, this is Pastor Rick Meier writing, retired but still active at Alpine. I will be filling in from now until we have an Interim Pastor on board, expected Dec. 1. I hope to see all my Alpine friends at worship at some point during these next few weeks. Thank you!

BY THE NUMBERS

10/8/23	21 + 56	77	10/15/23	36 + 39	75
Online Views		10	Online Views		7

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

Gen Fund 10/8/23	\$3,966.00	Gen Fund 10/15/23	\$4,835.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,510.00	Forward in Faith	\$988.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,215.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$597.77

53/54 Week.....\$1,343.67 Unexpected Blessings.....\$63.00

Year to Date Deficit.....-\$21,554.75



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 **Marge Rakoczy**. **Jack Phillips** sends his thanks for the cards and prayers following his brother's death. **Ed and Nancy Lorenzen** wish to thank everyone for the altar flowers they received. We share our love and sympathies with **Andrea Tack & Pete Todd**. Alex Todd passed away unexpectedly October 17th (please note the address in the directory should be 3690 not 3960).

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:** 8:00 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 29th— Kathy Cordonnier and Mike & Marlene Bukowski.

November 5th — Ardy Stevens; David & Marianne Hoel; Paul & Marguerite Godlewski; and Nick, Katie, Trent & Shaun Elder.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

ONE SERVICE—10 AM

Ushers: Gene & Donna Seefeldt, Jim Burnett, John Linde

Ambassadors: Karl & Deb Okeson

Lector: Pam Lojewski

Lay Assistant: Pam Lojewski, Mike Schultz

Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Ushers: (8) Randy Teske, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) John Linde, David Linde

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

Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Al & Matt Neumann

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



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!

All Saints Sunday is November 5th. We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters will be sent out to their families to let them know that we are remembering their loved one. We will have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance of all loved ones who have passed.

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

You are invited to attend the annual Alpine Academy **Veteran's Day Program** on **Thursday, November 9th at 1:30 PM** in the gymnasium. Come and hear the children as they honor those who have fought for our freedom.



Daylight Savings ends on Saturday, November 4th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

This Sunday, October 29th, we will have a guest pianist, **John Fayhe**. He will be playing selections during a coffee hour starting at 9:15 as well as during our offertory and communion. Please come early to enjoy his talents before worship.

Tuesday "Men's" Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study that has been meeting for years on Tuesdays at 7:00 am at the Sunrise Restaurant off Harrison is looking to make some changes to invite more participation. The first change is to start a little later at 8:00 am, allowing the sun to come up and getting a little extra rest! Also, over the years women have occasionally participated, and it's time we just call it a Bible study, not just a men's group; so women and couples should know they are welcome! Our agenda, besides a good breakfast, is to study the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. Having gone through them together, we are better prepared for worship! Please give thought to joining us at 8:00 at the Sunrise. We can consider other changes as well that might invite more participation into our fellowship. The history of this Tuesday morning group goes back several decades, but perhaps needs to be tweaked a little to meet the current situation. (Pr. Rick Meier)

Alpine Academy will be having their **Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th**. We need your help in providing and distributing candy to our trunk-or-treaters. Car sign-up sheets are in the church and school office.. Candy donations can be dropped off at either office as well. Cars should be in the parking lot by 5-5:15 PM.

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. (Scott Dabson)

If you have a **key card** for the church that has STAFF written on it, please see Lynn in the church office. It was used last on September 8th around 4 PM.



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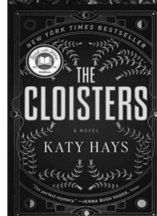
Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



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
November 9
 10 am



The Cloisters
 By Katy Hays
 Free and open to all – Discussion at Katie's Cup