



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Academy Chapel
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM

Rejoicing Spirits
6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)

Family Worship (Gym)
4:30 PM (2nd Saturday)

815-399-5013

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From Pastor Desk:

Building Our Faith During Times of Turmoil

It can be hard to trust and follow God when it feels like the world is falling apart. It is hard to trust when we have been hurt or lost so much. It is difficult to place our faith in God, when it might feel like God is not present. In these times it seems best to remember what God has done and how faithful God has always been to us. It feels right to proclaim God's truth – for it is what we can count on, not the stability of this life. Here are a few more steps you can take to help you faith during times of turmoil.

- **Be a fountain of encouragement.** Share words of encouragement, Scripture, sermons, and helpful advice. As you strive to find the words to encourage others, you will be amazed at how The Holy Spirit speaks through you.
- **Adjust your focus.** Too often we become so self-consuming, that we fail to see God and God's actions all around us. Take your eyes off yourselves if you want deep experiences of God.
- **Work to serve others.** One of the best ways to get your eyes off yourself.
- **Confess your pain to God through prayer.** Laments are helpful ways of tapping into God's mercy and help. God already knows what is happening and how we feel. We express our grief to God because it is a part of the healing process. It is for our benefit.
- **See events through the hopeful lens of Eternity.** This world is not all that there is. Sometimes we are to focused on the moment in front of us and miss out on seeing and experiencing God's greater plan.
- **Allow our faith to foster connectedness.** Build bridges and connections, even with people who are very different than you. Resists labeling, stereotyping and breaking of trust with others.
- **Cultivating connection through shared experiences.** We interact with people based on stories and experiences. When we do not have shared experiences, we tend to listen to gossip, stereotypes, and false stories that label and degrade others while trying to make ourselves feel better. Having shared experiences with other people helps us to see and live life from their perspective, not our own.
- **Love others well.** Love as Jesus loves us. Love so they can feel it.
- **Share hope and light.** Make the most of every opportunity to share where your hope and peace stem from.

Here are a few scriptures to remember.

John 14:27

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Isaiah 41:10

"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

1 Peter 5:7

"Cast all your anxiety on God because God cares for you."

BY THE NUMBERS

Online Views 6/14/20	66	Online Views 6/21/20	45
Drive-In Worship 6/21/2020			49

Required total receipts weekly.....**\$8,215.67**

Gen Fund 6/14/20	\$4,992.00	Gen Fund 6/14/20	\$1,393.00
Forward in Faith	\$783.00	Forward in Faith	\$850.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,440.67	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,972.67

Unexpected Blessings.....\$20.00

***Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$4,232.30 (5/31/20)**



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Nancy Hornbeck, Peggy Lillegaard, Ed Lorenzen, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Diane McCue, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Paily, Marge Pearson, Irving Perala, Donna Steele, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family and Darold Walker.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Debra Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Helen Newsome, Judy Osiwalla, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, Penny Wendling, Sharon Wrye, Karen & Delaney Younglove, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Cecilia Dandrea, our nursery worker, sends her thanks for the get well card she received after her recent eye surgery.

Update on worship services and building reopening.

Alpine Lutheran Church continues to have worship services live every Sunday at 9:00 AM on Facebook. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our building is currently closed for all in person meetings and ministry events. The council is working diligently with local authorities and the Winnebago County health department on re-opening our building. When we have put into place all the necessary health measures and feel that it is safe to do so, we will announce when meetings will be able to resume again. We understand that there are many conflicting reports and ideas about how church buildings should or should not be used during these circumstances. We appreciate your support and patience as we seek further clarification, guidance, and establish the best practices we can for our ministry, the people in our congregation, and the community that we serve.

To reach Pastor Dan after office hours, you may call 815-399-5487. Please leave a message and he will respond as soon as possible.



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 Pastor Dan whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

Together we worship, together we pray, together we love.

July 5th—Pat Turmo; James, Gayle, Alyssa, Lucas & Kinsey Turmo; and Randy Teske.

July 12th—Kay Lamphere; Angela, Madeline & Lauren Zuzevich; Richard & Joyce Veit; and Ralph & Becky Toro.



All church, Academy and outside activities and meetings are either canceled or postponed until further notice. We will reevaluate them as we are updated by local officials.

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, July 1st—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Sunday, July 5th—Worship service, Facebook live, 9 AM
 Monday, July 6th—Church Office Closed
 (continued next column)

Wednesday, July 8th—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Sunday, July 12th—Worship service, Facebook live, 9 AM
 *Once the decision to reopen is made, the worship times will change.

From the SCRIP Desk:

We are offering a curbside pick-up service for our SCRIP cards. Please call the church office, 815-399-5013, and make an order. A pick-up date and time will then be scheduled for you to receive your cards. (Deb Geeser)
KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Ways to connect with Alpine: We continue to broadcast our worship services at 9 AM Sundays via Facebook and then post them to YouTube shortly after. Pastor Dan is posting a devotional on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays on Facebook and YouTube. Wednesday evening, Pastor Dan holds a prayer meeting via Facebook at 7 PM. You can find us on Facebook and YouTube by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. Even though we are apart, we can be together in the Lord.

Do you have an Alpine Lutheran Church Yard Signs?

We have created yard signs to tell people about Alpine's worship services on Facebook. To receive a sign, email the office, office@alpinelutheran.com. Any donations collected for the signs will go to support Mosaic and Carpenters Place in this difficult time.

Those Who Serve: As we start thinking of gathering once again for in person worship, our volunteer duties for Those Who Serve are changing. Ushers and Greeters will need to help each other. New duties to help keep us all safe are going to have to be put into action. Lay Assistants will no longer sit up front, they will only come forward to help distribute communion (pre-packaged). Praise singers, and new cantors, will need to be distanced from the congregation. We know that many of you are not ready to come back yet for various health reasons and that is OK. Recently an email was sent out for you to indicate either way so that we may start planning a new schedule. Also, a meeting for **Ushers and Greeters** is planned for **Monday, June 29th at 4 PM** to explain the new methods we must follow. Please check your email and respond with your RSVP answers.

June's Collection Drive: During the month of June we will be collecting items for **GiGi's Playhouse**, a Down Syndrome Achievement Center. Collection time is from 8 AM to 5 PM. A barrel will be located outside at Door C, under the overhang. The donations needed are: cleaning supplies, paper towels and printer paper. If you would like to contribute financially, check can be made out to the church and mailed in to the office. Let's help ensure their mission. (July Collection—Veteran's Org.)

Please take Note: Due to the ever-changing guidelines for Covid-19, we have only sent out a birthday list with no calendar. Once we are more sure of what can and can't occur, we can make a calendar available.

As we start to reopen the church for different activities, **Alpine is now allowing** meetings of 10 or less people. Please call the office, 815-399-5013, to schedule when and where you can hold your meeting. When you call you will be given the current procedures that will need to be followed to keep our building and all attendees safe.

Results from the **last Collection Drive** are in. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to contribute **\$500** to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry, **\$311.50** to Carpenter's Place, and **\$311.50** to Mosaic. These contributions were over and above the actual items donated of food, cleaning supplies, paper products, puzzles and craft supplies. **Thank you** to all who have supported and continue to support our efforts to help in this special time of need. So many of the non-profits are hurting financially.

Katie's Cup Book Club will be "meeting" via a **Zoom** meeting on **Thursday, July 9th at 10 AM**. Zoom information will be available at katiescuprockford@gmail.com as the date nears. The book for the month of July is "Harry's Trees" by John Cohen. "When a young girl asks you to believe in fairy tales, sometimes you just have to obey...the unlikely teamwork between an optimistic child and wary adult make for a tender tale of first love and second chances". Booklist, starred review

Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries is a ministry of lutheran congregations. We are one church together. You are already a part of God's work through this ministry. Here are more ways for us to walk together and leave footprints in this community: pray, volunteer as an individual or group with our supported ministries, serve as a congregational advocate to share your congregation's ministries with RALM and RALM's ministries with your congregation, or contribute financially. Need more info, contact Amy at 815-962-4279 and ask questions.



Children's Church

Children's Church will be on hiatus until Fall. We will reevaluate our safety situation at that time and update everyone.



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8:00 & 10:00 AM

(when we can meet again)



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ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE :



Alpine Academy
of Rockford

Faith • Family • Future

Alpine Academy has started a new advertising campaign. Hopefully you have noticed our presence on television. Scott Dabson has been able to get a month of advertising on channel 23 during the morning and evening news hours. We also had a morning with Andy Gannon on Monday, June 22. I hope you have been able to see both advertisements. That is not all of our marketing campaign includes. Alpine Academy will be featured on two billboards in town. One billboard will be on East State Street near Forest City Motors. The second one will be on Perryville by Menards. We need your

help in getting our name out to the public and making them aware we will be prepared for a fall school opening.

We thank you for your continued support. It does not go unnoticed. Advertising costs are an ongoing need, so all donations are appreciated. This year's enrollment time is much shorter so spread the word about our school.

Alpine Academy is in our fourth week of Summer Day Camp. Our numbers are small but mighty. We still have room available, if someone is looking for a camp for children. The campers are having fun, even while wearing masks. It is the new norm in all schools—masks, handwashing, and extensive cleaning. Teaching our students to frequently wash up is always a good lesson.

Alpine Academy is thinking of our community. We have partnered with the church to collect items for Gigi's Playhouse. Next month, we will be collecting items for a Veterans organization. Please consider donating.

Thank you
In Christ,
Principal Bob McVinnie