



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:

"With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great (Psalm 86:12)."

Worshipping God is one of the core expressions of our faith. It is an essential way we connect with God. Through worship, we are transformed into the people God created us to be -reflections of God that bring grace, love, and forgiveness into the world. Certainly, it has been a challenge to worship God the past several months. Our circumstances have changed in ways that we have never experienced before. I for one am grateful that despite these difficulties, so many of you have remained faithful, embraced a new normal, and persevered in expressing your thanks to God.

I am also excited to announce that we will once again be able to gather physically for worship. Due to health guidelines and our commitment to everyone's safety, this is not a return to the way it was before but instead look forward to a new way of gathering. Yes, it will be different. There is a new normal for all of us. But I am grateful for your partnership with us and your desire to be part of this worshipping community. Here are some important things to keep in mind:

1. We are committed to continue our online worship services. This will not end. Our 10:00AM service will be our main online/live worship service. Please join us virtually each week.
2. Many of the people in our community cannot risk gathering together like this. We hear you and want you to know we love and appreciate you. Please feel free to stay home and continue to connect with us every Sunday via Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 AM.
3. Starting July 12th, we will once again be having two services. 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM. The 8:00 service will be a traditional liturgical service. The 10:00 Service will be our main online/live broadcast service. You are welcome to gather with us in the sanctuary for either service.
4. Masks will be required for anyone attending our services.
5. As you enter our building, please follow the instructions of the ushers/greeters and enter the sanctuary to be seated. Temperatures will be taken, hands sanitized, and you will encounter our new seating arrangements that will help keep social distancing.
6. There will be no coffee hour or standing around in the gathering area. We encourage everyone to mingle outdoors in the parking lot where health guidelines and safe distancing can be more easily followed.
7. Children's church and the nursery, as well as choirs, bells etc... are on hold through August. Families are welcomed to attend and sit together.
8. During services of Holy Communion, people worshipping at home or virtually will be encouraged to provide their own elements of bread and juice. In the sanctuary, elements will be prepackaged and brought to the people.

There are other changes that you will encounter as we follow guidelines from the county health department and endeavor to keep everyone safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your patience and commitment to our community.

Pr. Dan

BY THE NUMBERS

Online Views 6/28/20	113	Online Views 7/5/20	72
Rejoicing Spirits Zoom Worship			49

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

Gen Fund 6/28/20	\$2,735.00	Gen Fund 7/5/20	\$6,078.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,055.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,370.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,425.67	Surplus/Deficit	- \$767.67

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

*Please note that these figures include several prepayments of full pledges.



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, Peggy Lillegaard, Ed Lorenzen, , Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Diane McCue, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, 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, Wes Dundas, 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

Jack Phillips sends his thanks for the many birthday cards her received.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship: Starting July 12th

8:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:00 AM Praise Worship/ Facebook Live

*Children's Church is on hiatus until further notice.

Academy Chapel: Facebook Live at 2:15 PM during the summer months

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Our **Bible Studies & Adult Forums** will be on hold during the Covid-19 Phase 4 until further notice.



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 19th—Bob & Lori Fanello; Mike, Deb, Christopher & Tanner LaFew; Dave & Peggy Lillegaard; and John & David Linde.

July 26th—Rev. Jeff Clements, Bishop NI Synod; Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop ELCA; and our companion churches Saron Lutheran Church in India & Moiparo Lutheran Church, Arusha Tanzania.



Alpine Schedule

Wednesday, July 15th—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Sunday, July 19th—Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children’s Church), Facebook live, 10 AM
 Wednesday, July 22nd—Prayer Meeting, Facebook live, 7 PM
 Sunday, July 19th—Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children’s Church), Facebook live, 10 AM

From the SCRIP Desk:

Even though we are opening up for worship. We feel that it is still unsafe to gather in the narthex to order SCRIP. We will continue offering a curbside pick-up service. Please either call the church office, 815-399-5013, and make an order or drop off your order form at the kiosk on Sunday. A pick-up date and time will then be scheduled for you to receive your cards.
 (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Additional Ways to connect with Alpine: As we start in-person worship services, we will continue to broadcast our worship services at 10 AM Sundays via Facebook Live and then post a recording 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.

I am inviting you, as a member or friend of the No. IL Synod, to join me in a six-week book study of **“White Fragility”** by Robin DiAngelo. Racism is a really tough subject to discuss and I think this book will help us get into an important and timely discussion. We will meet **by Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning July 29.** You can find the book on various platforms. Register at <https://nisynod.org/white-fragility-book-study/>

Walking with you,
 Rev. Jeffrey Clements,
 Bishop, NIS, ELCA

Those Who Serve Changes: Recently, an email was sent out to our “Those Who Serve” volunteers to see who was ready to return and serve during our worship services. After a meeting on Monday, June 29th for Usher and Greeters, it was decided to ask all volunteers on our “Those Who Serve” list to serve on a team of 4 volunteers; 2 greeters and 2 ushers. (We will not be using lay assistants until further notice.) Please respond to the new email sent out Sunday, July 5th as to whether you are able to volunteer. In addition to these 4 new Greeter/Ushers, we would like to have people record themselves on their cell phones reading the week’s lessons and then email it in to the office. If you would like to participate this way, please email Laurel McVinnie at laurelmcvinne@comcast.net. We thank you for serving Alpine and ask you be patient as procedures seem to change frequently.

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.

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

July Collection Drive: This month we will be collecting for 2 different organizations; the Veterans’ Drop-In Center and Alpine Academy. The items needed are the following: Veterans’ Drop-In; canned & non-perishable food, grocery gift cards, and clothing especially jeans for men; and for the Academy; hand sanitizer, Amazon Echo Dots, and Amazon gift cards to purchase Covid-19 related supplies. As is always, monetary donations are accepted and will be split between the two organizations.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, July 22nd will be the last Wednesday evening prayer meeting. This will allow those interested in Bishop Clements’ book study to participate. Pastor Dan highly recommends reading this book. He has enjoyed this ministry and would like you to continue to send in your prayer concerns so he may continue praying for your needs.

Due to COVID social distancing requirements, the usual community **cooling centers are at their max.** **Carpenter’s Place** is making plans to have a new daytime community cooling center. The projected hours are 10 AM to 4 PM, would you consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the new cooling center? If yes, please send an email to Kay at KayL@Carpentersplace.org with the subject line COOLING CENTER. When details are finalized she will send out an email with more information.



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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Sun. Worship Times

8:00 & 10:00 AM

(when we can meet again)



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ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE :

Congratulations and thank you to our new school board members- Dr. Lori Fanello and Dr. Anita Ramage and thank you to our outgoing members- Terry Hodges, Lori Holmer, and Scott Dabson. This month we make some changes and board member change is only part of the 2020-2021 Alpine Academy. When you visit the school today, you will find the office, where Kim Strakeljahn resides, is in the former pre-3 classroom. This is to accommodate the required social distancing guidelines from ISBE. We have the needed space for visitors to speak with Kim from a safe distance. We are, also, in the process of moving Mrs. Dabson's pre-4 room, Mrs. Mouri's First grade room, and Miss Cooley's Kindergarten room. We are preparing for our changes to be positive for student's health.

When you visit the school, you must have your temperature taken and answer health questions. We have closed off the drinking fountains, sanitize frequently, and require frequent hand washing and mask wearing. Mr. Dabson has kept updated on the ever changing guidelines for covid safety and added many safety features to the building. We will be ready.

Enrollment is a concern. I'm sure parents are waiting to find out how schools will address the covid safety issues before they commit to a private school. I believe that we are ready for them. So, if you know of families who are looking for a Christian school, please send them our way.

Because of school needs, we are asking for your help this month in donations. Check our website or the church website to find out what our needs are and help, when you can.

We will continue to pray for the members of Alpine Lutheran Church and we ask that you pray for us, as well.

In Christ,
Bob McVinnie, Principal



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