



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 & 4th
Thursday via Zoom)

815-399-5013

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From Pastor Desk:

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Faith Practices

On Monday August 3rd, we started a new theme for our online devotions. We are examining the *Faith Practices* that we see outlined in the book of James. These *Faith Practices* are simply the ways we “exercise our faith” or “put our faith into practice.” This is crucial for us because our faith is not just a belief or an opinion we hold. Our faith is the trust that we have in the person or item that we believe in. Our faith does not remain stagnant. It is always either growing or withering away, depending on whether or not we are using/putting in into practice or ignoring it. Exercising our faith then becomes important to building or growing our faith. The more our faith grows, the more we trust in God. The more we trust in God, the stronger and bigger the connection we have to God. The bigger and more open this connection is, the more we experience and see God in action and the more we experience the transformation of our souls.

There are many different *Faith Practices*. The book of James only outlines a few. How these practices look changes based on our circumstances. For example, one of the first *Faith Practices* we encounter in James 1:27 is caring for orphans and widows. The practice here involves caring for people who are abused, forgotten, neglected, abandoned, and taken advantage of by society. In our context this might mean the homeless or mentally ill in addition to orphans or widows. James is one clear source for numerous *Faith Practices*, but we can find them mentioned all throughout the Bible and the history of God's church. Please join us in August as we explore many of these practices and endeavor to strength our faith and trust in God. You can find these devotions on our Facebook page, You Tube Channel or via our church app. Here are some early observations that we have discovered about our *Faith Practices*.

- *Faith Practices* are far more life changing for us when done in community. It is in relationship with others that most of these practices were designed and where they flourish.
- *Faith Practices* both meet our fundamental needs and encourage us to actively meet the needs of others.
- *Faith Practices* identify basic human needs and distinguish them from what society tells us we should want
- *Faith Practices* foster intimate experiences with Jesus.
- *Faith Practices* often take us to places we do not want to go. Yet we are never alone.

Find our *Faith Practices* devotions plus our worship services and many other video devotions at
 YouTube Channel—subscribe to Alpine Lutheran Church
 Facebook - Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford, click on videos
 Google Play Store (Android Phones) - Alpine Lutheran Church
 Apple App Store - Alpine Lutheran Church

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 7/26/20	27 + 21	48	Attendance 8/2/20	29 + 21	60
Online Views	62		Online Views	52	
Required total receipts weekly..... \$8,215.67					
Gen Fund 7/26/20	\$5,130.00		Gen Fund 8/2/20	\$3,160.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,990.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,275.00	
Surplus/Deficit	- \$1,562.67		Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,780.67	
53 rd /54 th week	\$1,095.00		Unexpected Blessings	\$660.00	

***Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$11,357.12 (6/30/20)**

*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, Tim & JoAnn Christiansen, 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, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Debra Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Helen Newsome, Dale Peterson, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, Penny Wendling, Karen & Delaney Younglove, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Les Johnson** and **Deb Okeson**. **Kay Lamphere** would like to thank Dick Nelson & Pam Hemenway for their monthly "Smile" gifts. She also thanks everyone for the altar flowers she received. Please pray for **Nan Strom** as she has moved to Minnesota to be nearer her family.

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 every Tuesday 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.

Aug 16th—Michael & Diane Griffey; Marjorie Pearson; Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson; and Gene & Donna Seefeldt.

Aug 23rd—Jack & Carla Phillips; Amanda Meyers; Fred & Ardy Stevens; and Nan Strom.

Those Who Serve

Sunday, August 16, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: David & Laura DeNale, Bob & Laurel McVinnie

(10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: DiAnne Beynon, Mari Hanson, Al Neumann, Marge Rakoczy

Sunday, August 23, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Donna & Gene Seefeldt, Volunteers

(10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: John Linde, Mike Schultz, Bob & Violet Peterson



Alpine Schedule

Sunday, August 16th—Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children's Church), Facebook live, 10 AM

Wednesday, August 19th—Academy Back to School

Thursday, August 20th—Church Council, gym/Zoom

Sunday, August 23rd—Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children's Church), Facebook live, 10 AM

Thursday, August 27th—Rejoicing Spirits Worship via Zoom, 6 PM

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. You can find us on Facebook and YouTube by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford.

Recently the **Winnebago Co. Health Dept.** released a restriction for indoor gatherings saying that anyone with a fever of 100.4 or above be asked not to attend the gathering. With this in mind, please be aware that Alpine will abide by this restriction and ask you to understand. We want to be welcoming but your safety is also important.

Note about 6 month statements: Recently the 6 month statement was sent out to all Alpine members. It should be noted that with giving coming in mostly by mail, some of the statements will not reflect the last portion of June. We apologize for the confusion. Please feel free to contact Lynn in the office if you have any questions or changes. (Lynn Valentine)

Those Who Serve Changes: A new schedule of our Usher/Greeters has been sent out for August and September. We will reevaluate our volunteer needs in September and another schedule will go out for the months through the end of the year. The schedule of those serving for the next 2 Sundays can be found on page 2 of this Summit at the bottom of the page. (Laurel McVinnie)

The **Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce that we awarded 2020 Scholarships to **Taylor Boustead, Nicholas Chockalingam, Bailey Strunk and Brianna Williams.** Alpine is proud to be able to support our students in this manner every year. (Gary Hunt)

Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM via Zoom. The book for discussion in August is "*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*" by Douglas Adams. "Extremely funny...inspired lunacy... (and) over much too soon." - The Washington Post Book World. More information about the Zoom invitation will be available through katiescuprockford@gmail.com as the date nears.

July/August Collection Drive: We are pleased to announce the results from our July collection for Veterans Drop In Center and Alpine Academy. We collected many canned goods, cleaning supplies, a couple of Alexa Echo Dots, hand sanitizer and monetary gifts. We were able to donate \$80 to the Academy and \$175 to Veterans Drop In Center. For August, we will continue to collect items for the Academy: hand sanitizer, Amazon Echo Dots, and Amazon gift cards to purchase Covid-19 related supplies. (Scott Dabson)

Katie's Cup is back open and holding some of its scheduled events. Coming up on August 28th, the 8th Annual Katie's Cup Golf Outing will be held at Timber Pointe in Poplar Grove. Cost is \$100 which includes your golf and lunch. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. Denver Bittner is coordinating, 815-979-4245.

Missed August birthday: Please note that **Pat Turmo's** birthday was inadvertently left off the August Birthday list. Her birthday is August 28th. Please add her to your list.

The August copy of **Living Lutheran** is in. This month's lead story, "A call to heal creation", we are reminded that "We're called to live in hope." One way many congregations can do this is to continue their ministries even during these time of pandemic. You may pick up a copy of this magazine on the Care & Concern counter in the narthex (a few copies will be in the box outside door F). When you have finished reading your copy, please pass it along to a friend.

Alpine is now scheduling meeting for outside groups. 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. **Church committees will meet again in August.**



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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ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE :

Wow it sure is crazy to think that we are only about a week and a half until our first day of school. This year is certainly going to be different and have it's challenges. Yet, we are confident that our staff will be prepared and offer a safe learning environment for our students amid all that is going on right now in our world.

Our Classrooms are being set up to be able to socially distance students, we are prepared to teach students in new ways and we are prepared to take care of the health and safety of our Alpine Family here in school. The Winnebago County Health Dept through it's leadership of Dr. Sandra Martell have given us great information and instructions to ensure we are prepared. We appreciate their partnership with all schools across Winnebago County to ensure that we have a safe school year. We will be ready.

This month has also brought upon us again the opportunity, through the Invest In Kids Act and along with Empower Illinois, to grant scholarships to students to be a part of our Alpine Family. There is certainly still time for you to consider making a donation to this program and allow additional students to attend Alpine Academy. If this is not the most ideal way for you to donate but you would like to assist us this year in meeting our goals for our students and families you may still donate directly to the school or through the church by designating Alpine Academy. We appreciate all the help and assistance that we receive from our Alpine Family.

We want to thank everyone who made donations to the July Product Drive that will help us provide everything needed for our students and families to safely return to school. Thank you for always stepping in to help ensure the ongoing ministry in the Academy. We look forward to our continued partnership as we continue into the school year.
We will make this a GREAT school year!

In Christ
Scott Dabson, Operations Director
Alpine Academy



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