



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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Summer 2020 Takeaways

Growing in our faith during the Covid-19 pandemic has been a challenge. With so many supports, activities, freedoms etc. having been temporarily taken away, many of us have felt distanced from God and each other. Isolation is tough and over time it can eat away at our faith. During worship this summer we have been reminded over and over again that although we feel alone, God does not abandon us. Jesus was never alone, even when he was being tempted in the wilderness. Learning to sense how God is always present in our lives - despite the feelings of isolation that can overwhelm us - has been a big part of what we have learned this summer. Here are some more of our takeaways (remember takeaways are the Biblical truths we discover in worship that we can hook our faith on, take home with us, and put into practice throughout the week).

1. God is always present in our lives despite feelings of isolation
2. The Church has a racism problem when it fails to see how the structures, organizations, rules, and laws we participate in benefit one ethnic group over the other.
3. People filled with the Holy Spirit work to tear down systems of racism and abuse.
4. All people are created in God's image and thus have equal value
5. When people in my community are devalued or cheapened by injustice and inequality, my spirituality is cheapened or broken as well.
6. When Jesus encountered crowds of hungry, sick, helpless, even unruly and demanding crowds... He had compassion on them.
7. The harvest is ready, the workers are few. Often the people that cause the biggest problems with spreading the Gospel are the religious ones among us.
8. Sin reflects both our status before God (which God has cleansed) and a life eating disease.
9. Embrace the new life Jesus won for you. Throw off the old way of thinking and living.
10. People are to identify you with Jesus and Jesus with you.
11. Few people will ever be willing to receive Jesus' presence into their lives if they are not willing to receive those who represent that same Jesus.
12. Do our lives reflect Jesus enough so that sinners feel welcome there?
13. When our connection with Jesus is strengthened, we begin to be our real selves. We discover true purpose, experiences, and meaning to our lives.
14. The more we allow Jesus to lead our lives, the more we receive mercy, strength, and help.
15. God sows God's seeds of love everywhere. God does this because people are worth it.
16. What soil people are is determined as much by uncontrollable circumstances as by the choices they make.
17. The world, our society, and our intuitions will fail us. So we place our hope in God, the one who relentlessly pursues us.
18. God allows evil people to exist. We cannot always distinguish who is evil and who is not.
19. God is willing to endure the presence of evil out of love - so that people can be saved.
20. Great love is needed in order to endure evil.
21. You don't go into a room and turn off the dark—instead you turn on the light.
22. The Kingdom of God is filled with the unexpected.
23. The Kingdom of God is a place where lives are changed because of the influence of Jesus.
24. Jesus embodies God's constant call to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and give hope to the desperate.
25. When Jesus is not with us, Jesus is still watching over us!
26. Sometimes Jesus sends us out into a storm in order for us to learn difficult, but life changing lessons.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 8/9/20	21 + 22	43	Attendance 8/16/20	23 + 20	43
Online Views	73		Online Views	43	
Required total receipts weekly..... \$8,215.67					
Gen Fund 8/9/20	\$5,593.00		Gen Fund 8/16/20	\$5,583.00	
Forward in Faith	\$715.00		Forward in Faith	\$633.00	
Surplus/Deficit	- \$1,907.67		Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,299.67	
53 rd /54 th week	\$301.00	Unexpected Blessings	\$100.00		

***Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$18,709.45 (7/31/20)**

*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, 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, 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 **Sharon Walker** and **Eugene Mund**. **Jan Hill** sends her thanks for the beautiful altar flowers she received. **Ernest & Mary DeNale** expressed their thanks for the flowers and cards they received. A note of thanks was received from **Irv Perala** for the thoughtful pick-me-ups he has received. Our condolences and prayers go out to Carl Steele for the loss of Donna who died last week. Scholarship "thank you"s were received from **Bailey Strunk & Nicholas Chockalingam**.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

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
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, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts** 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 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 Pastor Dan whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

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

Aug 30th—Darold & Sharon Walker; Jeff, Jaime, Zada & Zoey Doubek; Carl Steele; Tim & DiAnne Beynon; and Pastors Dan & Lucy Wynard

Sept 6th—Chuck & Lynn Valentine; Cary Ralston; Sandy, Shannon & Rachel Cooley; Richard, Connie & Tim Dowling; and John & Nancy Fridh

Those Who Serve

Sunday, August 30, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Gwyn Brechtel, Allen & Deb Geeser, Donna Seefeldt
 (10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: DiAnne Beynon, Mari Hanson, Al Neumann, Marge Rakoczy

Sunday, September 6, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Deb Geeser, Laurel McVinnie, Gene & Donna Seefeldt
 (10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: John Linde, Mike Schultz, Bob & Violet Peterson



Alpine Schedule

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

Sunday, August 30th—Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children's Church), Facebook live, 10 AM

Sunday, September 6th —Worship services, 8 & 10 AM (no Children's Church), Facebook live, 10 AM

Sunday, September 13th—Drive-In Worship & Rally Day (NO 8 AM Worship), 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

***Norma Lucas** has a 2 year old Acorn Stairlift she is looking to sell. If you would be interested, please call her for more info, 815-979-6850



Drive-In Worship & Rally Day: Sunday, September 13th, we would like to meet all together for a Drive-In Worship service at 10 AM (NO 8 AM service). You may stay in your cars or bring your lawn chairs to socially distance and enjoy music, the Word and an uplifting message from Pastor Dan. This is also Rally Day, we will rally our faith and ask everyone to wear your favorite team jersey. Bring your backpacks, tool belts, tablets, briefcases, stethoscopes, anything you use in your daily activities. We will be doing a blessing over these items as we begin a new fall season. There will not be a rain date for this worship service.

A **Special Thank You** goes out to **Dick Nelson and Pam Hemenway**, and any others involved, for delivering "pick-me-up" items to our shut-ins during this Covid-19 time. It has meant so much to them to be remembered when they are stuck in their rooms with no visitors. Hopefully the visitation committee will be able to start their visits again soon.

Those Who Serve Changes: A new schedule of our Usher/Greeters was sent out for August and September. We are reevaluating our volunteer needs for the next few months and another schedule will go out shortly. A listing 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)

August Collection Drive: 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)

Financial Request: Please include your name and envelope number on all envelopes you turn in especially if you give cash. This allows us to record your giving for tax purposes. We thank you for supporting Alpine and our ministries!

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.

The **Rockford Midtown Market** is up and going. It is every Saturday through October 31st from 9am-1pm in the parking lot at 502 Seventh St. The Market's purpose is to encourage a safe and socially distanced community gathering for farm produce, coffee drinks, activities, music, and crafts. The Rockford Midtown Market is a partnership between Katie's Cup and the Rockford Midtown District Association.

Profit Sharing Day at Dairy Depot for Carpenter's Place: Dairy Depot has chosen to partner with CP for a profit sharing day. Stop by Dairy Depot on Saturday, August 29. Buy and enjoy a tasty ice cream treat. CP receives a portion of the profits from the day's sales. Talk about a win-win!!

Additional Ways to connect with Alpine: As we continue our in-person worship services, we will also 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.

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 in September at the regularly schedule meeting days and times.**

Crop Hunger Walk 2020—Walk on the Web: This year on October 18th, the Crop Walk for Hunger will go virtual. You can register to "walk online" by going to their website www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil. Sign-up as a team or individual then start getting your sponsors. All monies collected benefit local hunger in our community.



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



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ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE :



Alpine Academy
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The day has arrived. Hallelujah! Academy students return to school in the building. We are prepared for this day. We thank God and ask Him to keep us all safe as we move through this pandemic.

Changes have occurred over the past 5 months. Mrs. Holmer has retired. Mrs. Stephens has taken up farming in southern Alabama. Mrs. Greenland has chosen to take some time off. And, one of our own Alpine parishioners- Shannon Cooley has been offered a position in the Harlem school district. We hate to lose her, but we understand and pray all goes well for her in such a large environment.

Because of parent concerns of getting covid-19, we are down in numbers but not enthusiasm. Our Back to School night was on Sunday and we were able to answer many parent concerns about returning to 5 days a week. It was joyous to witness the children meet up with friends that they may not have seen for 5 months.

We have openings, for children whose parents need a five day a week school. Please share this with your families. We also will need your financial support and prayers throughout the year.

Thank You,
In Christ,
Principal Bob McVinnie