



#### 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

What is a faith practice? In short, they are the different ways we use our faith or “*put our faith into practice*” each day. As we put our faith into practice, it grows - alongside our connection and experience of God. If we fail to use our faith, then it weakens and shrivels up. It will never go away totally, but our connection to God and experience of God will certainly be minimized.

The epistle (letter) from the apostle James in the New Testament has always been a slightly confusing book. Throughout the New Testament we read so much about grace. Salvation and faith are free gifts of God, based on grace - not works. This is a core Christian belief. Why then does it seem that the author (who probably is the younger brother of Jesus) speak so much about works and righteous actions? Author Chuck Swindol writes “*For James, faith was no abstract proposition but had effects in the real world. James offered numerous practical examples to illustrate his point: faith endures in the midst of trials, calls on God for wisdom, bridles the tongue, sets aside wickedness, visits orphans and widows, and does not play favorites. He stressed that the life of faith is comprehensive, impacting every area of our lives and driving us to truly engage in the lives of other people in the world. While James recognized that even believers stumble (James 3:2), he also knew that faith should not coexist with people who roll their eyes at the less fortunate, ignore the plight of others, or curse those in their paths.*”

During the month of August, we have been examining the Faith Practices that are outlined in the New Testament book of James. You can find all these video devotions on our Facebook and YouTube pages as well as in the video section of our app. Here are some of the Faith practices that we discovered:

James 1:5-8: Be loyal to God.

James 1:12-15, 21: Don't just listen to God's words but be doers of God's word. Obey the truths and commands that we receive from God's word.

James 1:22-25: Resisting, fleeing, and removing temptation from our lives.

James 1:27: Caring for people who are vulnerable, disenfranchised, abused, and rejected by society.

James 2:1-7: Demonstrate Equality (get rid of discrimination and prejudice) in your life.

James 2:14-20: Faith without works (good deeds) is dead/useless

James 3:1-6: Control your tongue. Use your speech to edify, build up, and bless others.

James 4:1-10: Come close to God and God will come close to you. (Draw closer to God).

James 5:7-8: Being patient and wait.

James 5:16-18: Confess your sins to one another.

James 5:19-20: Forgive one another

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance 8/23/20	29 + 20	49	Attendance 8/30/20	23 + 27	50
Online Views	51		Online Views	77	

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

Gen Fund 8/23/20	\$2,435.00	Gen Fund 8/30/20	\$3,890.00
Forward in Faith	\$925.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,565.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,865.67	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,760.67
53 <sup>rd</sup> /54 <sup>th</sup> week	\$15.00	Unexpected Blessings	\$75.00

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

**Pray for Alpine members:**

Pat Anderson, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Tim & JoAnn Christiansen, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Jane Karlberg, Peggy Lillegaard, Ed Lorenzen,, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Luth, Diane McCue, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, 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, 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 **Jane Karlberg**. **Jane Karlberg** also sends her thanks for the flowers she received. **Dorris Fransen** expressed her thanks for the flowers she received. We share our love and sympathies with the family of **Irv Perala** who passed away September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 in person **Bible Studies, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts** will be on hold during the Covid-19 Phase 4 until further notice.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting:** Facebook Live at 7 PM



**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.**

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**—Russ & Nancy Hornbeck; Jan Galster; Bob & Lori Fanello; Mike, Deb, Christopher & Tanner LaFew; Dave & Peggy Lillegaard; John Linde; and David Linde.

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**—Kay Lamphere; Angela, Madeline & Lauren Zuzevich; Richard & Joyce Veit; Becky Toro; and Nancy Matthews.

**Those Who Serve**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**  
(8:00 AM) **No Service**

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

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Bob & Laurel McVinnie, Gene & Donna Seefeldt

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



### Alpine Schedule

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**—Knit, Crochet Pray Returns, 1 PM  
**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits Via Zoom, 6 PM  
**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**—Altar Guild Meeting, 9 AM  
**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**—Drive-In Worship & Rally Day (NO 8 AM Worship), 10 AM  
**Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>**—Church Council, 7 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**

**\*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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

This month's issue of **Living Lutheran** is here and available for you to take home and share with others. In this month's lead article is entitled "A source of Light; Covid-19 disrupts, evolves ELCA global engagement". This article discusses how the ELCA set in place and continually evolved both financial efforts for their global companions, efforts to protect its staff as they were recalled from their missions abroad, and efforts to support those in our companion churches. A few copies of the magazine will be placed in the box outside of entrance "F" if you would like to pick one up when the office is closed.

Our **Alpine Bell Choir** will begin rehearsals starting **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM**. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be having 2 small 6 person choirs. Please see Richard Dowling if you have any questions. Our **Chancel Choir** will still be on hold during phase 4.

**Those Who Serve Changes:** 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)

The **Rockford Midtown Market** is up and going. It is every Saturday through October 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### A snap-shot of the student Alpine sponsors through Friends of WATS: Oluwasum Duyile

Oluwaseun is a seminary student from Lagos, Nigeria. He is married, 40 years old and expects to graduate in 2021. He especially enjoys his classes on evangelism and discipleship and is currently ministering to his local church as well as other assemblies. "The main reason I came to school is to be theologically inclined majorly on Salvation..." Our prayers for his strength are extremely important to him as he continues his schooling. He is very grateful for our continued sponsorship.

I know it is hard to believe but summer has come to a close. Many of you are staring to make your plans to **head south** to get away from the impending Illinois winter. Please remember to **notify the church office** as to when you will be leaving and an approximate date of return. The Postal Service charges us for all returned mail. Additionally, if you would prefer to receive your Summit via email, the office can make that change for you. Thank you.

**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. Our Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting has resumed and is on Facebook Live at 7 PM every Wednesday. 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.



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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**Sun. Worship Times**  
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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#### ALPINE ACADEMY UPDATE :



**Alpine Academy**  
of Rockford  
Faith • Family • Future

In the midst of all the change that has come with this pandemic we are all so proud of our students, staff and families. We've been able to successfully begin our new school year and continue to work to provide a safe environment for our students to learn. It's certainly different, but, it's happening and it's great to see the work of our students and their understanding the new rules we have in front of us.

As part of our new school year we have met with our CPTO and they have a newly elected CPTO President in Rebecca Kallstrom whose family are members here at Alpine. We look forward to meeting with Rebecca and her team to further discuss the ways that the CPTO group will be able to impact our students and staff this school year. We are excited to see the new creative ways that our CPTO can find to help keep Alpine Academy connected. Having a solid parent group is essential to our future.

You may have recently seen our latest commercial that is running on 23 WIFR. These ads are running during the news hours this month, Monday through Friday. Our new commercial is also running on the video boards at Cherry Vale Mall where we have a cart set up outside of Barnes and Noble. We'd like to encourage you to share our school with family and friends. We'd love to have you or your friends and family stop by to visit with us on a weekend in September and we continue to connect with and make invitation to new families and students to join our family here at Alpine.

We are excited to be open and offering opportunity to families in our community for a safe Christian environment for their education. With COVID-19 impacting our enrollment and so many other areas we want to thank all of you who have donated to the school to help us reach our mission. We are together in all of this and are so appreciative to those who have been able to contribute in so many ways to our school. If you are interested in donating to the school please contact me or you may mark it with Academy and place it in the offering plate on Sundays.

With your kindness and prayers we will have a successful year at Alpine Academy and we look forward to being able to invite all of our Alpine Family back together when we move away from this pandemic.

In Christ  
Scott Dabson  
Admissions Director