



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:

Monday, September 21, 2020

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"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers[a] of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body" (Colossians 2:7-9).

Let your roots grow down into Jesus. What a wonderfully descriptive phrase. This verse helps me to always remember that the source of who I am, how I think, my attitudes towards other people, the values that I proclaim, even my political beliefs, everything needs to be centered on and rooted in Jesus. For it is Jesus who will grow my faith and help me to be the person God created me to be.

Gift Card Scam Targeting Church Members

"There is a new spin on gift card scams making the rounds lately. This time, scammers are pretending to be (or on behalf of) your pastor. They are asking worshipers for gift card contributions for a worthy cause. Appeals are often made by email, but people are also getting texts and phone calls, too.

The bogus emails often include the name of a local pastor and a legitimate looking email address. But a closer look should raise some red flags. For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by the church, and the service provider is different, too. The message may begin with a simple "Hi," but doesn't include a recipients' name. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name.

The imposter asks you to buy a popular [gift card](#) — frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon — and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that's done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

If you or someone you know paid a scammer with a gift card, report it as soon as possible. Call the card company and tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Then, tell the FTC about it at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint). Your reports may help law enforcement agencies launch investigations that could stop imposters and other fraudsters in their tracks" (Consumer Education Blog, FTC).

Please remember All Donations/Gifts/Tithes to Our Ministry Should Be Given Directly to Alpine Lutheran Church. We will not ask for cash/checks/ gift cards to be given directly or made out to individuals. Please contact the church to verify or ask questions about suspicious emails or texts.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/6/20	24 + 23	49	Attendance 9/13/20 (Drive-In)	53 cars—87 people
Online Views		58	Online views	32

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

Gen Fund 9/6/20	\$3,612.00	Gen Fund 9/13/20	\$4,845.00
Forward in Faith	\$670.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,843.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,933.67	Surplus/Deficit	- \$1,527.67

53 rd /54 th week	\$100.00	Unexpected Blessings	\$20.00
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Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$22,691.92 (8/31/20)



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 Lusth, Diane McCue, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, Pat Turmo 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, Judy Osiwalla, 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 **Mike Schultz** and **Darrell Brenner**. **Jeanne Tengren** would like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers she received. **Norma Lucas** called to express her sincere thanks for the goodie bag she received. It meant so much to her. **Pat Christiansen** sent her thanks for the lovely flowers she received. **Kathy Cordonnier** called with her thanks for the flowers she received this week end. "Many thanks" from **Darrell & Donna Brenner** for the flowers and many anniversary greetings they received celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary. **Betty Davis** sends her thanks for the goodies and the devotional booklet she received.

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 but monthly Grab & Go packets are available.

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 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.**

Sept. 27th—Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian; Pam Hemenway; and Harriet Brown.

Oct. 4th—Alan & Marlene Garrett; Mike & Gwyn Brechtel; Megan Brechtel; Darrell & Donna Brenner; and LeRoy Dokken.



Alpine Schedule

Thursday, September 24th—Rejoicing Spirits Worship via Zoom

Thursday, October 1st—Property, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 6th—Worship & Music, 6 PM

Tuesday, October 6th—Chr Ed/Youth, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, October 6th—Connections/Soc Min, 7 PM

Thursday, October 8th—Rejoicing Spirits Worship via Zoom

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

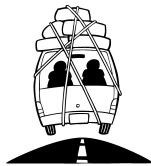
***Norma Lucas** has a 2 year old Acorn Stairlift she is looking to sell. If you would be interested, please call her for more info, 815-979-6850



Our **Alpine Bell Choir** will begin rehearsals starting **Tuesday, September 22nd at 6 PM**. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be having 2 small 6 person bell 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 have reevaluated our volunteer needs for the next few months and another schedule will go out before the end of the month. We have added the lector back into our needs. The lector will send in a video of the readings which will be put into our service. Thank you to those who have accepted this new version of lector and if you would like to be added to our list, please let us know. A listing of those serving for the next 2 Sundays can be found on page 6 of this Summit. (Laurel McVinnie)

The **Creation Care Team**, a sub-committee of the No IL Synod Social Ministry Committee is excited to offer a seven-session Book Study via the Zoom Platform, on the book "Rooted & Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis", edited by Leah D. Schade and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas. The Book Study will begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 7 PM, with the subsequent sessions each Tuesday evening through Tuesday, November 17th. To register visit <https://nisynod.org/creation-care-book-study/> There is no cost to attend



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.

Drive-In Worship: Since our Drive-In Worship Services have been so successful, we are planning one last time before the snow flies. Please join us on Sunday, October 18th at 10 AM. As in the past, there will not be an 8 AM worship service. We will however, post a service on Facebook at 10 AM (barring any technical difficulties like on September 13th). In case of rain, the service will only be online. We would like to thank **Freddy Nowak** for allowing us to use his equipment and running our sound for us. We appreciate him and all he has done for our Drive-In Worship services.

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 later this year. We will evaluate our safety situation as time passes and update everyone.

In the mean time, we have created **Grab and Go** packets that you may pick-up for the children or grandchildren in your family. The packet contains one activity and the Children's bulletins for the month. Each month a new packet will be made ready for you to pick up and take home.

We hope to see you soon!



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

It's mid-September and we continue to grow at Alpine Academy! We anticipate that we will continue to see some growth in our school through September. As we navigate this year with our students, staff and families we continue to learn and maintain safety at school.

As we work to develop new relationships with families outside of our Alpine Family we look for new ways to meet them where they are. One way we have been able to do this is at Cherry Vale Mall. During the month of September we have our commercial running on video boards throughout the mall and also have a kiosk in the mall outside of Barnes and Noble. At times we are there in the mall talking with individual families about how we at Alpine can connect with them. These are great conversations and allow us to share all of the things that we offer here at Alpine. We are also able to share about the commitment of everyone in our Alpine Family both at school and church.

Recently we met with our CPTO who has elected a new President in Becky Kallstrom. The CPTO has begun conversations about what it may look like this year as they work to support our families and teachers. The group was able to discuss several ideas and ways to work together amid our current world today. We are very excited to see where the CPTO is able to go this year and are happy to see new membership in that group.

It is important to us at the Academy to thank everyone for all of the continued prayers and to those who have made donations to the school in so many ways. These donations, both in items and materials as well as financial donations, go a long way in ensuring that our students continue to receive a quality Christian Education here at Alpine. Thank you so much to all our Alpine Family for the continued support in this difficult year.

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Operations Director

The US has been hit with many disasters recently; wildfires, severe storms, flooding, hurricanes and of course the pandemic. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is responding to them all with teams evaluating the current needs of those who have been traumatized by each event. Your help is needed. If you are willing to donate to their efforts, please visit <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Nettie's Mercantile is a coming together of Rockford Rescue Mission's Remade Store and Restoration Café, in the former café's location at 625 West State St. Nettie's offers a delectable eatery, unique shopping and so much more. Where else can you savor a cup of coffee, enjoy a freshly baked muffin or cookie, find a gift ... and change a life? Most of the furniture and décor is created or repurposed by individuals rebuilding their lives through our Life Recovery programs along with Mission staff and volun-

The Funny Corner: Favorite Songs in Bible Times

Adam and Eve—"Strangers in Paradise"

Lazarus—"The Second Time Around"

Elijah—"Up, Up and Away"

Samson—"Hair"

Noah—"Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"

Moses—"The Wanderer"

Joshua—"Good Vibrations"

Daniel—"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"

Job—"I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"

**from "Hey! Christians Have a Sense of Humor, Too!"*

Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 4 Virtual Meeting

RSVP to get the link
3pm



We ask each congregation to send Rostered Leaders and 2 representatives
RSVP by September 25 to Amy 815 962-4279 or RalmMail@aol.com



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.

GoFundMe Breakfast 815

The Rock River Valley Pantry (RRVP) announced today a new GoFundMe Campaign today called Breakfast815. The Campaign will start Sunday September 6, 2020 thru October 31st, 2020. All donations are 100% tax deductible, with all proceeds going to the Rock River Valley Pantry, Northern Illinois largest food pantry. With the support of our community we can reach the goal of \$50,000 by the end of this Campaign.

The Rock River Valley Pantry is Northern Illinois largest Food Pantry. Support for Families who have urgent needs now can easily support this extremely important event. Go to www.gofundme.com/f/Breakfast-815 and donate quickly on a secured server. For more information please visit our website RRVP.org. or call 815-965-2466.



Katie's Choice Book Club

Thursday
October 8
10 am

A ZOOM discussion.
More info will be available
at katiescuprockford@gmail.com
as the date nears.

This month's book choice is "Murder on the Oxford Canal" by Faith Martin. Readers say "A great story and a great read. Likable and interesting characters and I hope to read more about DI Hillary Greene and her team.

Contact katiescuprockford@gmail.com for the Zoom information.



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



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THOSE WHO SERVE :

Sunday, September 27, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Al & Deb Geeser,
Gwyn Brechtel
Cantor: Carla Phillips

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

Praise Singers: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, October 4, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: David DeNale, Debbie
Geeser

Cantor: Becky Toro

(10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Bob & Violet Peterson

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie