



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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Celebrating Joy

Alpine Stewardship 2021

As we look out our windows, many of us can observe that the world seems like a scary place. We have a deadly pandemic, civil unrest, fear, injustice, and grief over loss of life weighing us down. Our political discourse aims to demonize opponents instead of persuading us to follow. We have less trust in our leaders than ever before. All round us it feels like this world is a very unwelcoming place. So, what are followers of Jesus to do? How do we live in such an environment?

As difficult as it might seem to believe, the first followers of Jesus did not live in a world that was all that different than ours. From their example, we learn that during difficult times our goal is not just to "survive the times" but rejoice at all that God is doing. The darkness in this world cannot overcome the light because the light has defeated it. Too often we focus on the negative stuff and miss out on the Joy of God's blessings (even as we suffer). God has indeed filled our lives with grace, peace, love, and joy. We also tend to forget that part of being a Christian Steward is sharing these life-giving elements with the rest of the world.

Our upcoming stewardship series this year (Nov. 8th -22nd) is going to be centered around **Celebrating Joy**. The goal is to learn how to recognize, embrace, and share the joy God has given us. This is one of the greatest gifts that we have. The world certainly longs for and needs more joy in it right now. *Our joyfulness is a huge way we combat darkness in this world. Sharing/giving our Joy to others will not just inspire them but connect them to the God who saves.*

This series will include:

3 Sundays (11/8, 11/15, 11/22) of teaching and worship on this theme, allowing God's Spirit and word to shape and form us.

6 prerecorded online devotions/Bible studies (made by Pr. Dan) that will guide us in diving deeper into God's word and these formational truths. These will also help lead us in how we can respond. The videos will premier throughout the 3 weeks. People can journey through them at their own pace.

Celebration Sunday (Nov 22nd) where we collect pledge cards for next year. Due to the pandemic we will to be able to have a fellowship meal on this Sunday.

I look forward to going on this wonderful journey with you, learning how to see and spread God's wonderful joy. Amen!

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/20/20	24 + 23	48	Attendance 9/27/20	24 + 30	54
Online Views		48	Online views	48	
	Rejoicing Spirits (Zoom)	48			
Required total receipts weekly..... \$8,215.67					
Gen Fund 9/20/20	\$4,420.00		Gen Fund 9/27/20	\$2,975.00	
Forward in Faith	\$395.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,030.00	
Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,400.67		Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,210.67	
53 rd /54 th week	\$425.00		Unexpected Blessings	\$300.00	
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, Scott 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, Steve Shoudy, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, Karen Bateman Swanson, 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, 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 **Kathy Cordonnier, Chuck Valentine, Kay Lamphere and Gary Hunt. Ron & Jan Pauly** expressed their thanks for the beautiful flowers they received. We share our love and sympathies with Bonnie Barton and the family of **Jane Karlberg** who passed away Tuesday, September 29th.

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: 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.**

Oct. 11th—Louise Dorris; David & Laura DeNale; Nick DeNale; Kelly & Hanna Denk; Shirley Finger; and Al, Deb Rebecca & Brianna Geeser

Oct. 18th—Larry & Joni Graham; Gerald & Mari Hanson; Louise Hemenway; Pat Anderson; and Bryce & Cindy Bulthaus



Alpine Schedule

Thursday, October 8th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

Thursday, October 15th—Church Council, 7 PM

Sunday, October 18th—**NO 8 AM WORSHIP**

Sunday, October 18th—Drive-In Worship, 10 AM

From the SCRIP Desk:

We will have a “SCRIP counter” set up outside for our Drive-In Worship on Sunday, October 18th. Please have a list of cards you would like and we can check our stock to see if we have them. If we do not have what you need, we will order them and they would be available for pick up later in the week. Come early if you would like to look at our order form and make an order. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



As we enter into the fall, it is time for our **2021 Stewardship** campaign. We will be starting our campaign November 8th and culminate on November 22nd, Stewardship Sunday. Pledge cards will be going out soon for you to prayerfully consider your giving for 2021. As always we thank you for your support of Alpine Lutheran both financially and spiritually.

During the pandemic many of our **shut-ins** have been unable to leave their place of residence and may not be able to visit with any friends inside their facility. Please feel free to contact the office for a list of names and their addresses or telephone numbers as we are sure they would appreciate a “thinking of you” note or phone call to brighten their day.

The newest edition of **Living Lutheran** is available for pick-up in the box outside door F as well as on the counter in the narthex. In this month's copy the lead article, “Discipleship in a Democracy; How should Lutherans be involved in politics?” tackles the subject so apropos for the upcoming election time. Please enjoy this issue and then pass it on to someone for them to read.

All Saints Sunday is November 1st. Since we are social distancing and remaining in our seats during worship we would like everyone to email us photos of loved ones who has passed and a photo of your family around a candle in remembrance of them.. We will then gather all of the photos together for a video to be played during the worship service. Please email them to office@alpinelutheran.com by no later than Monday, October 26th.

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

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.

It is time for Confirmation! If you have a child or grandchild in 7th or 8th grade and you would like to enroll them in Confirmation, please contact Pastor Dan directly ASAP, pastor@alpinelutheran.com. This year, we will be teaching remotely so it will be a bit different (isn't everything this year). We will “meet” 1st and 3rd Sundays, starting in October.

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.



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

May God Bless you all. Alpine Academy has been Blessed with great parents and students and a strong supportive congregation. We thank God for all He has provided to the school and to the congregation.

We have now entered our third month of the school year. And, academically, the year is going well. Only a couple of our student's parents have chosen to have their students remote learn. So almost 70 students attend daily, 5 days a week. This is less students then previous years and it has required us to make changes. This impacts our monetary bottom line. We need your help more than we have ever needed it before.

We need your prayers. We need your support. A few ways you can help is to support our fundraising drives. We have just begun a Christmas Wrapping Paper and Gifts drive in October. We will send you further information so you may purchase Christmas necessities on-line. In November, we begin a popcorn sales called Popcornopolis. These are bags of flavored popcorn to nibble on while you are covid19 home watching television. It is a fundraiser so its more expensive than if you made it yourself, but the cause is good. In December, we will have a direct call-in fund drive to support the Academy. More ideas will come with the new year.

Please help us out. Perhaps, with your regular church offering you could add \$5 or more weekly/monthly and designate it for the Academy. Every amount helps us from \$1 on up. Like our local businesses the Academy needs to survive the pandemic. We survive it by helping each other. Wear face masks for others. Socially distance for others. Give to those who need for others.

As I sit typing this Alpine Update, I reflect on Christ's teaching to love one another. The Academy was made a mission of Alpine Lutheran Church because we realized that our community children needed to learn of God's love and word. And there were few places in academia where this message was presented. There is a place and it is at Alpine Academy. With your help and God's Blessing the Academy continues.

In Christ,
Principal Bob McVinnie

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: ('Cause we all need a laugh in 2020)

Bill thought of a clever way to remember his wife's birthday and their wedding anniversary. He signed up with a flower shop and told them to send flowers to his wife on these dates with a note saying, "I love you! Bill." His wife was thrilled to receive the flowers. All went smoothly until one anniversary. Bill arrived home, kissed his wife, and saw the bouquet... "Nice flowers," he said. "Who from?"

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



CROP WALK GOES VIRTUAL

This year the Rockford Area CROP Hunger Walk will be a virtual one. In past years many who were unable to attend the event walked in spirit. This year everyone will be a spirit walker in our virtual CROP Hunger Walk.

For the first time in two decades, we will not gather at the Riverfront Museum Park on the third Sunday in October. Because of the Covid-19 virus, October 18th will be devoted to your personal or small group walks or rides around your local community. You are encouraged to think outside the box of ways to demonstrate that Trinity Lutheran Church is a community of people responding to the hunger issues in Rockford and around the world.

To donate or to sign-up as a "walker" go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/rockfordil/>. **John Linde** is walking this year and you can donate to his collection by searching his name as a walker.



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, October 11, 2020

(8:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: Gwyn Brechtel,
Mari Hanson

Cantor: Pam Lojewski

Remote Lector: Lynn Valentine

(10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: John Linde,
Marge Rakoczy

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, October 18, 2020
Drive-In Worship

No 8 AM Worship

(10:00 AM) Usher/Greeter: DiAnne Beynon,
Mike Schultz

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine