



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's Desk:

Monday, November 2, 2020

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Celebrating Joy

Psalm 66 begins with these words "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise." The reason why we should make this wonderfully joyous noise? According to the psalmist it is because God has done great things in our lives! As I contemplate this psalm I know the answer to the question "What great things has God done?" God died for my sins, raised Jesus to new life, extends the gift of that life to me through baptism, grants me peace, love, and blessing untold etc.... I have heard about these great deeds all my life. But if I am honest with myself it does not always feel like God is doing great deeds in my life. Sometimes I get so lost in my present circumstances, trials, and worries that I do not feel God's great works and this leads my mind to... well... forget about them. Yes I will admit it. Sometimes it is hard to remember just how great God is. Our culture so values and lifts up the present life experience as the be all and end all to the meaning of life that we tend to over focus on it to the exclusion of the past and the future. This total focus on present life experience damages my ability to worship God. I lose sight of how wonderful God is. How much God has showered me with love in the past and how many great experiences await me in paradise once this life ends. When I focus on only my present circumstances, my perspective gets skewed and it makes it hard to see and feel God's presence.

This is why it is so important to hear the words of the psalmist -to proclaim God's majesty – regardless of what I am feeling and experiencing at any particular moment. In doing so, I take my eyes off myself and focus on God. This helps me to see where God is acting in my life. I then begin to remember that the wondrous deeds did not stop two thousand years ago on the first Easter morning. Easter is an ongoing event –it does not end! Part of growing in my faith means that I need to learn how to make a joyful noise – to proclaim God's glorious praise in new, exciting, even unorthodox ways. My prayer for all of us at Alpine is that we learn to express our gratitude and joy for God in such creative and wondrous ways that the effects of Easter can be seen by everyone whom we encounter. In our upcoming stewardship series "Celebrating Joy" we will examine how sharing God's joy is an essential part of stewardship as well. The world is in so much upheaval right now, it needs to experience some of the joy that God has granted us.

Pastor Dan

P.S. If you are wondering how you can make a joyful noise for God – one great way is to hang around some children. Children seem to have no inhibitions to making joyful noises and expressing in the most creative ways the joy they have for life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/18/20	Canceled due to weather	Attendance 10/25/20	No in-person worship
Online Views	42	Online views	120

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

Gen Fund 10/18/20	\$3,090.00	Gen Fund 10/25/20	\$9,215.00
Forward in Faith	\$535.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,445.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,590.67	Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,444.33
Unexpected Blessings	\$120.00	53 rd /54 th week	\$153.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$36,004.52 (9/30/20)



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, Jim Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, 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, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Mary DeNale, Kathy Mund, and Nan Strom**. **Rick Bried** sends his thanks for the cards and condolences he received after his brother died. **Mary DeNale** also sends her thanks for the flowers she recently received. Many thanks came in from **David & Diane McCue** for all of the healing prayers. Diane is cancer free! Our love and sympathies go out to **Norma Lucas**, Jack passed away October 21st; and to **Janet Gentry**, Chuck passed away On October 24th.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (suspended)
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ Facebook Live (in-person suspended)

*Children's Church on hiatus, monthly Grab & Go packets will be available when we return to in-person worship

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 **Worship, 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.**

November 8th—**Vince Bertolotto; Ernest & Mary DeNale; Roger, Renee Evans, Elizabeth Ulrich, Norah & Shawn Dittbenner; and Bryan Garrett.**

November 15th—**Joe & Judah Barron; Amanda & Morgan Dabson; Lori Abbott & Kyle Davison; and Jim & Denice Burnett**



Alpine Schedule

Tuesday, November 3rd—Election Day

Sunday, November 8th—Stewardship “Celebrate Joy” begins

Wednesday, November 11th—Academy Veteran’s Day Program on Facebook Live , 6 PM

Thursday, November 12th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

From the SCRIP Desk:

Are you ready? The Christmas shopping season has arrived. Have you stocked up on your SCRIP cards? If not, you are not ready. The good news is there is still time to stock up and be ready for the holiday season. The rumor has it that many stores will be offering deals weekly, some daily, instead of a big black Friday blow out. Great news! The low denominational cards are now available for you to order. Only a few of them will be on hand so make sure you plan early if you are giving them as gifts. We have included an order form with this Summit for convenience. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

With the recent changes to the Covid-19 mandates, the executive committee has decided to suspended in-person worship for the next couple of Sundays. We know that this is hard for many of us but we need to keep all of our members and staff safe. Please be patient as we all navigate this trying time together. We will resume as soon as we are able to do so safely. Please watch your email or online on our Facebook page for any changes to our worship services.



Celebrating Joy: Our 2021 pledge cards have been mailed out. Please let the church office know if you did not receive yours. **We will dedicate our pledges Sunday, November 22nd during worship.** If you are unable to attend that Sunday or we do not have in-person worship by this time, you may mail them or drop them off in the church office. As we gather these financial pledges we are able to begin the process of planning finances for 2021. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine. We thank you for your support of Alpine both financially and spiritually.

It is that time of year when **Social Ministries** begins collecting for the **Holiday Food Baskets**. With the pandemic we have had to make some changes. This year we will be collecting items every Wednesday in the barrel which will be placed outside door “C” as we did for our summer collections. Here is a list of items needed: instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional items that can be donated for the families are: cereal, macaroni & cheese or other dry pastas, canned soups, canned ravioli/spaghetti, canned meats—tuna, Ramen Noodles, and other non-perishable non-expired foods. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others. (John Linde)

FINANCIAL UPDATE: As of 9/30/2020, Alpine is showing a loss of \$36,000. Our expenses are less than last year but we have not been able to maintain any of our income accounts. Please pray about what you can give for the remaining 2020.

Stewardship/Finance Committee



Sunday, November 1st we celebrated **All Saints Sunday**. This is the day we acknowledge those who have gone before us in the past year (since the last All Saints). The list of those saints are: **Wilma Nichols, Tom Rakoczy, Jerry Nichols, Lillian Hagen, Marian Olson, Bert Johnson, Rev. Dr. Linda Kersten, Bettie Everson, Curt Moen, Donna Steele, Irving Perala, Jane Karlberg, Jack Lucas, and Chuck Gentry.**

RALM Tivia night has been canceled. If you would like to donate to RALM in place of the trivia night, please make your donation payable to Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries and mail to 200 North First Street, 61101. They are still holding their silent auction online for those interested in participating in the auction. To donate or visit the auction page please visit <http://www.rockthegood.com/>, scroll down to annual events and click on the button below the Trivia Night picture.

Summit Schedule: We will not be sending out a Summit the week of Thanksgiving. Here are the next three dates that you should receive it in the mail; November 16th, December 7th, and December 21st. This will take us through to next year.

Please note that **Irv Johnson’s** room number has changed to **301** and his zip is **61114**. It was listed wrong on the October birthday list.

Altar Guild are collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias**. Remember your loved ones who have passed or celebrate an event as we decorate the altar with these flowers. The cost will be \$12 per plant (red only). An order form is on pg. 5. We will collect orders through Tuesday, December 1st. (Laurel McVinnie)



Children's Church will be on hiatus until later this year. We will evaluate our safety situation as time passes and update everyone.

With the recent mandates in place, our Grab-n-Go bags will be on hold until we can worship in-person again as well.

We hope this will be soon.

This **Monday, November 3rd**, is Election Day and Alpine is a polling place. For the safety of our members and staff we have decided to **close the office** for the day and all of our meetings will be meeting virtually. All calls will be forwarded to Lynn who will be working from home.

Looking forward to **Thanksgiving**, we will be having our Thanksgiving Worship online only. It will be posted on **Facebook at 7 PM** on Wednesday, November 25th. We hope this will make worshipping and thanking God with your family easier and safer. Please mark your calendars and invite others to watch as well.

***With the ever changing mandates it is important that you receive our emails or notices on Facebook to know the most up to date information. If you would like to add your email to our list please notify Lynn in the office. You may find us on Facebook by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. Like the page and then turn on notifications for new posts.**

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 volunteers. All Nettie's Mercantile proceeds benefit Rockford Rescue Mission programs.

THANKS —from the— HEART

Bob McVinnie would like to express his sincere thanks for all of the cards, well wishes, and donations to the Academy in his name in honor of his retirement from Alpine Academy.



Alpine Academy
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November begins a busy period here at Alpine Academy. Our Annual Veterans Day program will go on as planned just virtually online. This is also how we plan to do our Christmas Program this year. Hopefully you will be able to join us online for both of these programs. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving this year in new ways. This school year continues to go well and it is important we continue the best we can the traditions we've developed over the years.

The years Veterans Day Program will be live on Facebook and YouTube on Veterans Day, November 11th at 6:00pm. We invite you to join us as our student sing songs and thank the Veterans in our community who bravely served to ensure our freedoms and way of life. Thank you to everyone who has served our country. We hope this virtual program will bring joy to our Vets this year!

This month we would normally be planning for the Thanksgiving Feast, a time to gather with all of our Alpine Family for meal and fellowship. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to host the feast as we have in the past. We are working on ways to celebrate this day with as many of our Alpine Family as we can and will find another great way to do so. Soon we will share our plans with everyone in how we will continue this tradition while following our guidelines.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Alpine Academy. The ministry at our school is strong and its purpose is being fulfilled through our students everyday. Soon we will be announcing plans for this years Giving Tuesday campaign. When we make our announcement we ask that you might prayerfully consider making a donation for Giving Tuesday this year. Giving Tuesday 2020 is Dec. 1st this year, however, we will kick off the start of our campaign in November.

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Operations Director
Alpine Academy



Alpine Altar Guild Christmas Poinsettia Garden 2020

Alpine Altar Guild members will be taking orders for RED poinsettias only. Payment must be received at time of ordering. Please turn in your order by Tuesday, December 1st. The plant order must be placed with the florist that week. **The cost is \$12 per plant.** Please fill out one form per plant.

NOTE: You may pick up your plant after the Christmas Eve worship services, times TBD.

Donor name

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Will take _____ Cash/Check # _____

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PICK UP @ Zion Lutheran Church
925 5th Avenue, Rockford



NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ Email _____

Quantity/Pounds of KORV Sausage: _____ @ \$6.50 PER POUND

Pick-up Date Thurs- Dec 3rd

Pick- up Time: (9:00am-3:00 pm)

To place an order call 815-962-4279, email Ralmmail@aol.com
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Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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THOSE WHO SERVE :

***Please note: In-Person Worship is suspended until further notice. Please watch your email or look for a post on Facebook as to when in-person worship will return.**

Facebook Live 10:00 AM
Sunday, November 8 , 2020

Remote Lector: Terry Hodges

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Facebook Live 10:00 AM
Sunday, November 15, 2020

Remote Lector: Violet Peterson

Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine