



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
 8:00 AM Traditional
 10:00 AM Praise
 10:00 AM Facebook Live

Academy Chapel
 Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM
 YouTube

Rejoicing Spirits
 6:00 PM (2nd & 4th
 Thursday via Zoom)

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From Pastor's Desk:

**Pr. Dan's Top Ten Spiritual
 Spring Cleaning Tips:**



1. Relax and enjoy the sunshine. God gives it to us for our enjoyment.
2. Look back at those New Years resolutions. This time realistically set some new goals for rededication.
3. Renew your mind. *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. (Romans 12:2)."* Dust off the Bibles on your night stand. Read a psalm everyday for the next month. You will find plenty of encouragement there.
4. Spring is about a new beginning. In a broken relationship choose to forgive and start anew. (Perhaps the person you most need to forgive is yourself).
5. Ask your kids (or grandkids) what they are learning about God. All too often they only hear what adults believe; rarely are they asked what they believe. Take a few minutes just to listen.
6. Give journaling a try. Pr. Lucy Wynard recommends <http://annagram.org/extras/journaling.html> for those who find it overwhelming.
7. It's tempting during a pandemic to skip church. Keep in mind how vital it is to keep plugged into God through your connections to God's community.
8. As you make your summer plans keep in mind a Christian camp, conference or retreat for your family. Even in this year of unprecedented change, there are options available. Check out [LOMC \(http://lomc.org/\)](http://lomc.org/), [Lutherdale \(http://www.lutherdale.org/\)](http://www.lutherdale.org/) or your friendly local pastor for specific ideas.
9. Take your spouse, significant other or best friend on a date. Be intentional about discussing where you are at spiritually and how you want to grow.
10. Did I mention relax and enjoy the sunshine? Eugene Peterson, the theologian and pastor who translated *The Message* version of the Bible, writes about Sabbath as being best kept in praying and playing. He says: "Praying and playing share this quality: they develop and mature with age, they don't go into decline. Prayerfulness and playfulness reverse the deadening effects of sin-determined lives. They... counter boredom, reduce anxieties, push, pull, direct, prod us into the fullness of our humanity..." (*Working the Angles*, pg. 78).

BY THE NUMBERS

		Rejoicing Spirits		39	
4/11/21	27+28	55	4/18/21	25+24	49
4/11 Online views		58	4/18 Online views		45

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,902.73

Gen Fund 4/11/21	\$11,911.00	Gen Fund 4/18/21	\$4,465.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,438.00	Forward in Faith	\$470.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$7,521.27	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,717.73
	Festival		\$1,325.00

*Please note, the giving amounts at the beginning of the year include several full year pledge receipts.

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... + \$12,919.13 (3/31/21)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris & Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Joan Greeny, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave & Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, Steve Shoudy, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, and Pat Turmo.

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, Tina Randolph, 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 **Gil Okeson** and **Glen McDonald**. We share our love and sympathy with **Tiffany Croisant** and family upon the loss of her father, David Healy. Our love and sympathy also goes out to **Sharon Walker** and her family. Darold passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 14th. Many thanks from **Lynn & Chuck Valentine** and family for the love and sympathies shown after Irene's death.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

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

*Children's Church on hiatus, monthly Grab & Go packets will be available

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday via Alpine Academy of Rockford YouTube channel

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Bible Studies, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts See the announcement on page 3 for information on the Tuesday Men's Bible Study.

Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting: every Wednesday on Facebook, 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.**

May 2nd — Margo Grigalonas; Sue Peterson; Mike & Loretta Schultz; and Andrea Tack, Samantha & Alex Todd

May 9th — Scott & Kathy Christiansen; Nick, Katie, Trent & Shawn Elder; Sylvia Emerson; and Paul & Marguerite Godlewski



Saturday, May 1st—May Day
Tuesday, May 4th—Men's Bible Study via Zoom, 7 AM
Sunday, May 9th—Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 11th—Men's Bible Study via Zoom, 7 AM
Thursday, May 13th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM
Saturday, May 15th—Alpine Vitality Event: Outdoor Movie Night, time TBA



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: Graduation time is fast approaching. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)



The **Property Committee** has planned a **Yard Clean-up Day** for **Saturday, May 1st from 9 AM—noon**. We can always use rakes, hand tools, and a little bit of muscle Donuts, juice and coffee will give everyone that boost of energy we need to complete the job. Alpine Academy and Church family members are encouraged to come out and together we can give the outside a Spring cleaning. See you there! (rain date TBD). Allen Geeser

Men's Bible Study returns April 27th! Tuesday Morning Men's Bible study will resume once again on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 AM. We will be meeting virtually for the first few weeks until everyone is vaccinated and then plan on returning to in person meetings over breakfast. We will email out a zoom link. So let us know if you are interested. Let's begin our Tuesdays with God's Word, Prayers, & Fellowship.

Scholarship applications are being collected now through the end of May. Applications may be requested by calling the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Mother's Day is almost here. Have you done your shopping? SCRIP has many gift cards in stock for Mom. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Our "**Snow Birds**" have begun making their return flight to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We wish everyone a safe return!

Doing your Spring cleaning? The youth will be holding a **garage sale** in the gym on the weekend of **June 4th & 5th**. Donations may be dropped off at the church and placed in the Fellowship Hall behind the partitions. Please contact John Linde with any questions. Please no TVs.

Do you have any aluminum cans to dispose of? Kathy Cordonnier is collecting them for the Shriners. You can drop them off in the barrel in the coat roo



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

The month of May will bring an end to the current school year and we turn our sights towards planning for the 2020-21 school year.

We will watch our 5th Grade students move on toward their next chapter in Junior High. We also look forward to seeing what will come for them in their future. God certainly blessed us when he brought these bright students to us here at Alpine. We will find ways as we close this 2019-20 School year to recognize these students and celebrate them as they prepare for that next step.

As we begin planning for our next school year we also would like to encourage you to consider donating to the Invest In Kids Act with Empower Illinois. Through generous donations made this past year we were able to provide a Christian education to 24 students, many of whom would have never found another way to attend. Some students in this group for the first time made a real connection to Jesus and the love that he has shared with us all. We would love to be able to continue to serve these students and their families and continue to be a part of their ongoing faith journey. Consider making a donation to Empower Illinois to help to make these dreams continue for those students. Making a donation to this program allows you to claim a 75% tax credit on the donation made. Any donation helps to ensure this opportunity. Need help understanding how the program works please let me know and I'll help answer questions. If making a donation to helps students attend Alpine through this program doesn't work for you, yet you'd still like to help please contact me directly and we can work with you to determine the best way to help.

As we continue to plan and prepare for a new school year please pray that God will guide us into a path that allows us to be successful for our students, their families and our staff. Alpine has always had a strong education connection in ministry efforts and we will continue at the Academy to work to make this congregation proud of the ministry of Alpine Academy! We are one Alpine Family together.

In Christ
Scott Dabson, Admissions Director, Alpine Academy



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



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THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sun., May 2, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel, David DeNale
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Remote Lector: Allen Neumann
Cantor: Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sun., May 9, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Mari Hanson
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Linde
Remote Lector: Pam Lojewski
Cantor: Carla Phillips
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Alpine Lutheran
Vitality Events

Save These Dates:

May 15th—Outdoor Movie Night

June 12th—TBA

July 10th—TBA

These events are designed to connect and build relationships with our community around us and to keep the vitality of Alpine Lutheran going into our future.