



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:

Reconnecting with God

Perhaps there was a time in your life when you were close to God; you felt a real connection and your relationship was strong and healthy. But then something happened.....

Perhaps you suffered a tragedy and God did not respond in the way you wanted God to, so you gave up. Perhaps you "got burned" by a pastor or priest or Rabbi or a church, so you threw up your hands and walked away. Maybe you simply became complacent and let your relationship with God slide. It could even be that you went off to college and became "enlightened" by the professors who told you there is no God who loves you.

Perhaps the disruption of the pandemic has gotten you out of sync, with God, people, and the world around you.

But now.....now you know there's something missing. There's an emptiness and you're sensing that it's time to reconnect with God.

Regardless of why you and God became "disconnected", God is taking a step in your direction and we invite you to take a step (or two) toward God.

Reconnecting with God is our summer worship series that will offer help and insight in reconnecting and restoring your relationship with God.

Easter 2021 Takeaways

- God's unsettling power being unleashed into the world means that this broken world is being turned upside down.
- We are compelled to go into this world and let them know that Hope lives. Hope can be found in Jesus.
- Thomas was still part of Jesus' community despite his doubts.
- Faith grows when we act on our beliefs.
- Look to Jesus. As The Good Shepherd, Jesus will show us how to care and protect others.
- Jesus - The Good Shepherd/True Leader - is willing to sacrifice his life for others and his actions breathe life into people.
- We abide in God's love when it flows through us
- We abide in God's love when we allow God to love us
- We abide in God's love when we love God in return.
- Transformation, a thing of beauty and value—is the God's way of keeping us alive after something very irritating has gotten past our shell and into our heart.
- Do not be conformed/shaped by the violence and me first attitudes of this world. Instead allow God's mercies to transform you into something beautiful.

BY THE NUMBERS

		Rejoicing Spirits		38		
5/9/21	36+23	59		5/16/21	25+33	58
5/9 Online views		18		5/16 Online views		15

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

Gen Fund 5/9/21	\$4,375.00	Gen Fund 5/16/21	\$6,731.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,275.00	Forward in Faith	\$848.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,047.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$193.73
Unexpected Blessings	\$230.00	53/54	\$5.00

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

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... + \$17,010.95 (4/30/21)



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, 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 **Shirley Schou** and **Pat Christiansen**. Pat also sends her thanks for the get well and Mother's Day wishes. **Shirley Schou** also sends her thanks for the flowers she received.

Our love and sympathy goes out to **Jim & Denise Burnett** after the death their son. The Burnetts wish to thank everyone for their support through this difficult time. We also share condolences with **Cathy Merwin** and family whose sister died on April 30th.

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: Tuesday Men's Bible Study, Zoom, 7 AM

Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting: every Wednesday on Facebook, 7 PM

Pastor Dan's office hours: Mondays 9:00-12:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.



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.**

May 30th — Luke, Heidi, Krisitan & Lloyd Lykken; Tonya Mund; Evan, Erin, Logan & John Peyton; and Bob & Linda Radford

June 6th — Don Torgerson; June Tongue; Mark & Anita Ramage; and Doug, Joshua & Zachary Schrank



Thursday, May 27th—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

Monday, May 31st—Memorial Day, office closed

Thursday, June 3rd—Rejoicing Spirits via Zoom, 6 PM

Monday, June 7th—Curt Moen Memorial, visitation 12-1:45 PM, service 2 PM

Saturday, June 12th—Vitality Ice Cream Social, 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)

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)

Coffee Hour to Return! We would like to start scheduling a coffee hour on a regular basis. Please look for a sign-up sheet or look for Laurel McVinne to schedule when you would like to host. We will start with coffee hours outside, weather permitting, then move inside as we feel more comfortable socially.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Don't forget Fathers Days will be here in a few short weeks. Scrip has an overabundance of the following SCRIP cards: AMC, Amazon, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili's, Denny's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dairy Queen, Fannie May, Game Stop, Ihop, iTunes, Noodles & Company, Office Depot, Old Chicago, Outback, PetSmart, and Ross Dress for Less. If you would like to purchase any of the above cards or others listed on the order form, please contact the church office. Cross your fingers that the SCRIP desk will be open once again on Sunday mornings in the near future. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Those Who Serve Volunteers: As we return to a more traditional worship service we are in need of our trusted volunteers to help with ushering, lay assisting and lecturing. An email has been sent out which needs your response. Please contact Lynn in the office if you do not receive the email.

We thank everyone who has contributed to **the Youth Garage Sale**. The sale will be **Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th from 9 AM—4 PM**. Spread the word and come see what bargains you can find. They will also be selling perennial plants for your garden. All proceeds will benefit the Youth Work Camp 2021.

Men's Bible Study has begun meeting again at Sunrise Restaurant on Wansford Way. They meet at **6:45 AM every Tuesday**. Please come and join them.

As a part of our moving forward in our pandemic recovery, we will begin **coming forward to receive communion**. We will still be receiving the pre-filled cups and will not be kneeling yet. Each step we take in the process will move us closer to a return to normal.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Summit will not be sent out again until June 14th.

Katie's Cup will be selling Pork Chop sandwiches during the Cars and Coffee in the district 205 parking lot (across the street) on **Saturday, June 5th**, from 10 AM—1 PM. You may purchase your ticket ahead from Katie's Cup or at the event. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds benefit Katie's Cup.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

Our school year is coming to a close this week. Overall it's been a great year for Alpine Academy. Sure it's certainly been different for all of us but we've learned a lot, gotten to know each other better and had a lot of fun doing it!

Looking back on where we started this year we had some many uncertainties in front of us. What a feeling it is to know that we are finishing up this school year having not missed a single day due to the pandemic. Our students and their families are healthy and our staff worked throughout this past year without missing a beat. I am so proud of all of our Alpine Academy Family.

On Monday, May 16th we were able to thank our parents for all of their help this school year. We gave them a treat to start their day and thank them directly for all the sacrifices they made and the help they gave to both our staff and their students this year. This year we really saw how well we can all come together as one Alpine Family.

This coming Friday, May 28th we officially end our school year and I have one final "Thank You" that I'd like to make and would love your help. Our final school day this year will be a half day ending at 11:00a. We will usher our students out the main door (Door A) of the school and would love to have all of you join us to cheer on our students as they exit. These students will have just completed a school year unlike anything any of us have ever done. They accomplished this year and handed all the changes so well and I am so proud of them. Please consider being outside the school doors to cheer on our students this last day of this very different year. If you can join us please arrive around 10:45a to be prepared for the students exit. I'm sure they'll be so excited to see you there!

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 30, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Mari Hanson, Jack Phillips
(10:00) Bob & Laurel McVinnie
Remote Lector: Allen Neumann
Cantor: Carla Phillips
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., June 6, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Remote Lector: Chuck Valentine
Cantor: Craig Shelton
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Alpine Lutheran
Vitality Events

Save These Dates:

June 12th—Ice Cream Social

July 10th—Neighborhood Picnic

August 22nd—AlpineFest

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.