



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:

Blessing and Transitions

Summer is here! And with it, a time of transition for many. Our kids and teachers are winding up a school year that has been anything but normal. This month we celebrate those who graduate from high school and college, each of whom transitions to something new – more school, or a job (that they may or may not have found yet.) And even if we're not in one of those transitions – all of us, in various ways, across the country are transitioning from pandemic life to a "new normal"... whatever that turns out to be.

Transitions – whether big life ones or just smaller annual or even more frequent ones – can be both exciting and anxious. One of the best ways to say goodbye to what we leave behind, and welcome whatever comes next, is with a blessing. A blessing is simply a statement, a prayer, of good will asking God to grant good things. A blessing can express gratitude, hope, love, desire for protection, etc. One important distinction is between a blessing and merely personal wishes. While they overlap, God's will is always both for our well-being *AND* for the well-being of our neighbors, strangers, and all of Creation. Desires that trap us in self-centeredness or harm others cannot truly be blessings. But when we speak true blessings to one another (as Jesus taught us to do) we are actually proclaiming the will of God into each other's lives.

May the peace of God reign in this place and the love of God forever hold you tight, May the Spirit of God flow through your life and the joy of God uphold you day and night.
 – John Birch

Circle me, Lord.
 Keep protection near
 And danger afar.
 Circle me, Lord
 Keep hope within.
 Keep doubt without.
 Circle me, Lord.
 Keep light near
 And darkness afar.
 Circle me, Lord.
 Keep peace within.
 Keep evil out.
 – David Adam

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
 – traditional Gaelic blessing

May your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
 – Philipians 1:9-11

The Lord bless you and protect you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace.
 – Numbers 6:24-26

So blessing someone means speaking God's true desire of the fruits of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23) and all of God's best gifts into someone's life. Here is our invitation and challenge to you this month – who can you bless? Who is in a time of transition – a welcome one, or a hard one, or perhaps both – who would be blessed by hearing you pray for God's best gifts for them? Make a list! (And yes, you can always include yourself!) And then call, write, or meet up with them and share your blessings. You can borrow from other's words and the words of Scripture. (One resource is at www.faithandworship.com under the "Prayer & Worship Resources" tab at the top of the page.) But also don't be afraid to be creative and trust yourself and the Holy Spirit to find the simple words to bless the person on your heart! Who will you bless this month?

May God bless you in whatever transitions you are navigating right now. May God bless Alpine in this summer of transition. With just the right amounts of creative energy and healing rest, with compassion for ourselves and others, with lots and lots and lots of grace. Amen.

Blessings!
 Pr Dan & Pr Lucy Wynard

BY THE NUMBERS

5/23/21	26+28	54	5/30/21	29+31	60	6/6/21	25+33	58
5/23 Online views		34	5/30 Online views		41	6/6 Online views		15

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

Gen Fund 5/23/21	\$1,618.00	Gen Fund 5/30/21	\$2,607.00	Gen Fund 6/6/21	\$8,275.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,880.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,125.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,670.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,404.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$193.73	Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,753.27
		53/54	\$480.00		

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

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... + \$2,949.32 (5/31/21)



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, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, 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 **Mari Hanson** and **Carol Johnson**. Our condolences go out to **Kay Lamphere** whose son, Chuck Cross died recently. Our love and support go out to **Chris Christiansen** and the Christiansen Family. **Pat Christiansen** died on May 23rd. The family has sent their thanks for your continued support and prayers.

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, Sunrise, 6:45 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.**

June 20th — Joshua, Christine, Peyton Hanson, Liam & Miles Brady; Pastor Rick & Helen Meier; and Randy & Linda Teske.

June 27th — Bobby, Michelle & Landon Mounts; Carl Stohle; and Pat Turmo.



Monday, June 14th—Academy Board, 3:30 PM
Thursday, June 17th—Church Council, 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 20th—Father's Day
Sunday, June 20th—Work Campers leave
Saturday, June 26th—Work Campers return



Alpine Celebrates Our Graduates

Melissa Stucky
 Masters Degree in Educational Leadership
 Concordia University
Madison Onley (Kathy Cordonnier's granddaughter)
 East High School

On **Sunday, June 20th**, in the early morning hours, our **Work Campers** will be leaving for their trip to Westfield, Indiana. This is a long awaited trip for our youth since it was canceled last year due to the pandemic. We will have 4 youth and 3 adults going to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. Please keep them in your prayers for both a safe journey and a God-filled experience.

- On that note, **Pastor Dan** will be gone on the youth mission trip and returning June 26th. If you have any pastoral needs during that time please contact the church office, someone will be contacted to help you.

Coffee Hour has Returned! We would like to start scheduling a coffee hour on a regular basis. Please look for a sign-up sheet or look for Laurel McVinnie to schedule when you would like to host.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Have you noticed how fast this year is going? We are already in June and there are only 6 months until Christmas. With that said Father's Day is right around the corner. We know most dads have everything they need, but do you know what they want? If you do not know what they want, then SCRIP maybe able to help you. SCRIP carries a lot of different SCRIP cards that you dad may want. Please check out the SCRIP ordering form for many ideas to make your Father's day a great day for your dad. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



Christian Ed has assembled **"Summer" Grab-N-Go Bags** for our Children's Church kids. They are available on the table in the Memorial Lounge. Please stop and pick up one to take home and enjoy the activities.

The June/July issue of **"Living Lutheran"** is here and ready for you to pick up, read and share. In this issue's lead story the author "explores how being a good steward is the disciple's path". Copies are available on the Care & Concern counter as well as in the box outside door F.

Many thanks go out to **Deb Geeser** for gathering a plethora of plants to be sold at the Youth Garage Sale. She not only thinned out the plants around the church property but also from her own yard.



Our School year has just ended and our Summer Day Camp has begun! We learned, we grew and we ultimately survived the 2020-21 school year.

I couldn't be prouder of everyone at Alpine Academy. In a year that was supposed to be difficult and unusual, we were able to find a bit of normalcy. Over the past month we've taken time to thank all of those people involved with our school for helping us make this school year great. First it was our Teachers and Staff at school, then we thanked our parents for their support and finally on the last day of school we paraded our students out the main entrance of the school to thank them too. How awesome it was to watch our students exit the building for the final time this school year to roaring applause of parents, grandparents, friends, staff, and several Alpine Lutheran Congregation members. Thank you to all who made it. Your presence that day helped make a memory for our students.

We've now begun our Summer Day Camp "Thunderland." Already in it's first week students are having a great time and staff has been providing some fun activities. We are still accepting new students for "Thunderland" so if you know anyone looking for a fun summer activity have them contact us to learn more. We'd love to grow this opportunity this summer.

We continue to build on our enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. I am already excited with the progress we've made in preparing for this next school year. If you would like to help us in our efforts please share about Alpine Academy or contact me at school if you'd be interested in putting one of our yard signs in your yard. This is a great way to help us reach our enrollment goals and share about the great things happening at Alpine.

Thank you so much for all your support during this interesting year. Please continue to share about the Academy and pray for our ongoing success.

In Christ-
 Scott Dabson, Director
 Alpine Academy



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8:00 & 10:00 AM



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THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sun., June 20, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel, David DeNale
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Mike Schultz
Remote Lector: Craig Shelton
Cantor: Becky Toro
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., June 27, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Al Neumann, Mike Schultz
Remote Lector: Terry Hodges
Cantor: Pam Lojewski
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Alpine Lutheran Vitality Events

Save These Dates:

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.