



**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)

Monday, June 28, 2021

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**From Pastor's Desk:**

**What Compels You?**

Independence Day is almost here. This a big Holiday for all of us. It is a day when we celebrate our freedoms. After more than a year of being cooped up, I would imagine that we will savor this year's celebrations all the more. But is independence a good thing? What is the difference between independence and freedom? Are we really free or is there always something that compels or drives us? These are a few of the questions that I have been contemplating recently.

What compels you? It is a very interesting word: to compel. The dictionary defines it as: *to force or drive, esp. to a course of action*. When we are compelled to do something, usually that means the force behind the compelling is something far greater than us, so much so that we cannot resist. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul writes *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all... that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* Paul had a powerful experience of Christ's love. It saved him not from a fiery dragon, or an evil schoolteacher, but from himself. From the horrible path his own choices had sent him down. This is something we can all relate to. Bad choices. It seems they can appear in our lives by the dozen. Let's not fool ourselves. We have the capacity to really mess up our lives and our relationships.

Paul was no different. But when he meets Christ, everything changed. He got a new life. A life filled with forgiveness, grace, and unconditional love. Knowing where he had come from and just how far God had brought him, Paul could not just sit back and enjoy life and his newfound comfort. This powerful love would not let him. It compelled him to live not for himself, but for others, specifically so that they might experience this same love. This was not simply a guilty conscience; this was a powerful force that drove Paul. It influenced every decision he made in life. It overwhelmed him. It compelled him. That is the power of Christ's love. To change. Not just to bring about a different action or habit in someone. But deep change. In our character. In whom we are at our core being. Can you imagine anything more powerful than a force that could change a zealous, murderous, compassionless, arrogant, prideful man into a saint? A Mother Theresa like servant that would give his life for others. That is powerful! That is what the love of Christ is like. So, I ask my question again. What compels you? What drives you? Is it the love of Christ? Have you even experienced it yet? Have you tasted the wonderful freedom of forgiveness that it brings? If no, then why not? What are you waiting for? For it seems obvious to me that most of us are driven by something. Why not let it be something that will bring about a peace that surpasses understanding?

**BY THE NUMBERS**

6/13/21	34+23	57	6/20/21	33+25	58
6/13 Online views		23	6/20 Online views		25

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

Gen Fund 6/13/21	\$11,295.00	Gen Fund 6/20/21	\$2,193.05
Forward in Faith	\$1,141.00	Forward in Faith	\$390.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,533.27	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,318.68

Unexpected Blessings \$78.00

\*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 Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, 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**

Our condolences go out to **Steve & Jean Fransen and family. Dorris Fransen** died on June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Ernie DeNale** wishes to thank everyone for the flowers he recently received.

**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.**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** — Erica Milton; Dale & Jill Olson; Michael, Trisha, Zayn, Landyn & Haylei Rice; and Daniel Frykman.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** — Lisa Slothower; Tina Beauregard; David & Madison Blascoe; and John & Nany Fridh.



**Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>**—Independence Day  
**Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**—Office Closed  
**Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits, 6 PM  
**Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**—Vitality Neighborhood Picnic



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.

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

Join **Jack Phillips** on **Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** as he celebrates his **80<sup>th</sup> birthday** with cake and coffee during the coffee hour between worship services. We wish him a blessed birthday.

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

As we continue to move ahead away from our Covid restrictions, we would like to begin selling our SCRIP cards between worship services again. If you were a volunteer before or would like to become a new volunteer, please contact Deb Geeser, (815) 262-6247. (Deb Geeser)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

**Katie’s Cup Book Club** will be meeting on **Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM. The book for the month of July is a throwback classic, *“Wuthering Heights”* by Emily Bronte. “It concerns two families of the landed gentry living on the West Yorkshire moors, the Earnshaws and the Lintons, and their turbulent relationships with Earnshaw’s adopted son, Heathcliff. It was influenced by Romanticism and Gothic fiction.” [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wuthering_Heights)

**Pastor Rick Meier** will be “re-retiring” from service at Faith Lutheran in So. Beloit on **Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. A pot luck picnic will be held following the worship service which is at 9:30 AM; fried chicken provided, bring a dish to pass. To RSVP. Please call or text 608-295-2590.

Please keep in mind, with the HIPAA laws, **the church is not informed when you are hospitalized**. Please have a friend or family member notify the church office so that we may be made aware.

**Unwanted catalogs in your mail?** CatalogChoice is a non-profit that can help you at no cost. Just go to [CatalogOfChoice.org](http://CatalogOfChoice.org) and select those you do not want to receive. Help to reduce waste and help to sustain the future of our earth.

**Carpenter’s Place** has a wish list of items that they need for their clients; chapstick, deodorant, lotion, hygiene products and gift cards to Wal-Mart or fast food places.



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

Our summer has started with great fun at our Thunderland Summer Day Camp! We’ve continued to enroll new students into our camp program and our cam staff have done a fantastic job organizing and preparing for each day we welcome our students. We are also continuing to prepare for our upcoming 2021-22 School Year.

Over the next 4 weeks we will be hosting Summer Open House Events. We are looking to add more families into our school. Please help us by inviting your friends, family and neighbors who are looking for Pre K through 6th Grade for their children to come visit us at Alpine. Below you will find the dates and times for our upcoming Open Houses.

- Wednesday June 30th 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Saturday July 3rd 9:00am-11:00am
- Wednesday July 7th 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Saturday July 17th 9:00am-11:00am

We will also offer tours of our school during our Neighborhood Picnic on July 10th beginning at 1:00pm. I hope that you are able to join us for this picnic event as we invite all our Alpine Family and our neighbors to join us for a meal and some fun. This is a great time to introduce your friends and family to ours here at Alpine.

Alpine Academy and Alpine Lutheran Church will be joining together at the Boone County Fair in August beginning August 10th. I will be looking for volunteers to help cover our booth at the fair this year. If you are able to help even for a couple hours please let me know. This will be another great opportunity to connect further with the community around us. Our last trip to the fair brought 3 new families to our family here at Alpine.

As we continue to prepare for our upcoming school year I’d also ask that you consider donating to Empower Illinois. If you are interested in more information on how this program works please contact me. We currently have 22 students on our wait list looking for their opportunity to attend a Christian School. If you are interested in additional ways you can help these families attend Alpine Academy please contact me at the school 815.227.8894.

Thank you for all your support and prays as we continue to provide a quality Christian Education here at Alpine Academy!  
 In Christ—Scott Dabson, Director



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



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#### THOSE WHO SERVE:

**Sun., July 4, 2021**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt  
(10:00) Laurel McVinnie, Marge Rakoczy

**Remote Lector:** Lynn Valentine

**Cantor:** Craig Shelton

**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie

**Sun., July 11, 2021**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Mari Hanson, Jack Phillips  
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Linde

**Remote Lector:** Violet Peterson

**Cantor:** Carla Phillips

**Praise Singer:** Jaime Doubek

## Alpine Lutheran Vitality Events

**Save These Dates:**

**July 10<sup>th</sup>—Neighborhood Picnic**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>—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.