



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:

Worth It: Work Camp 2021

Each year I have the privilege of joining our youth on a mission trip somewhere in the U.S. Due to the pandemic, last year's trip was cancelled. So, it has been 2 years since we last had this wonderful privilege. This year, we traveled to Westfield Indiana, a small rural suburb north of Indianapolis. The purpose of these mission trips is simple - to remove some obstacles (through free acts of service) that prevent people from encountering the hope and grace God has offered them. All the while experiencing the power that Jesus has to transform our very own lives as we encounter the power of Jesus' presence that is already in us.

The theme for this year's camp was **Worth It**. We all struggle at times with a sense of worth or significance. Am I worthy of what I receive? This can be both positive – “Do I deserve the gifts I've been given?” Or negative – “Why did this bad thing happen to me?” Throughout the week we examined the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15). A story that is familiar to us, but (as is often the case) in its familiarity we tend to gloss over its deeper meanings and relevancy to our lives.

Timothy Keller points out that the two brothers in this story represent the two basic ways people try to make life work. The younger son pursues "self-discovery"—he's on a quest to find and fulfill himself, even if a few people have to get hurt along the way. The older brother is committed to a more socially respectable way of being in the world—the way of "moral conformity." He's on a program of self-salvation, earning the approval of his community and the favor of his father; when he feels the terms of this deal are violated, his good attitude evaporates into resentment.

Both sons are in need of “grace encounters.” These are encounters with God, when God's grace touches us and transforms or changes the way we see ourselves, people, relationships, and everything that surrounds us. Grace encounters change us as we adjust to seeing the world the way God's sees it. The first son needed to understand that he was **Worth It**. That he had value long before he tried to find meaning via self-experience and hedonism. The older soon need to see and believe that he was **Worth It**. That he had value long before he tried to discover meaning and significance through achievements and conformity to a worldly standard.

That's what experience God's grace does. It changes us. That's why we do workcamps, so that we can help others experience this life changing grace from God. So that they can see that they are special. So that they can feel loved and know deep down inside that they are indeed **Worth It**. Throughout this time we also discovered that we are **Worth It** as well.

BY THE NUMBERS

8/1/21	35+28	63	8/8/21	33+32	65
8/1 Online views		9	8/8 Online views		9

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

Gen Fund 8/1/21	\$4,095.00	Gen Fund 8/8/21	\$4,560.50
Forward in Faith	\$1,195.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,190.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,521.27	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,972.23

53/54.....\$190.00	Unexpected Blessings.....\$80.00
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Surplus/Deficit YTD..... + \$4,613.81 (7/31/21)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Vince Bertolotto, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary De-Nale, Marybeth Gillette, Joan Greeny, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Dave & Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, 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, Larry Kagel, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Maryann Moorhouse, 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-

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Les Johnson** and **Louise Hemenway**. They also thank Altar Guild for the flowers they received. **Betty Davis** sends her thanks for the senior cheer packages and the recent visit from the visitation committee. God's blessings on the birth of **Ethan Michael Whelan**. He was born on July 21st to George & Alexandra (Bukowski) Whelan.

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 (none during summer)

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.**

August 22nd — Richard & Christie Bried; Nancy Matthews; and Ashley Naleway.

August 29th — Sharon Walker; Jeff, Jaime, Zada & Zoey Doubek; Tim & DiAnne Beynon; and Pastors Dan & Lucy Wynard, Travis & Lexi.



Wednesday, August 18th—Academy 1st Day of School
Thursday, August 19th—Church Council, 6 PM
Sunday, August 22nd—AlpineFest, 1-4 PM



Calling all who love music! We want to start up our choirs again on Tuesday, September 7th. Our **Bell Choir** meets at 6 PM in the sanctuary and our **Chancel Choir** meets at 7 PM in the choir room. Please see Richard for any additional information. All are welcome to join us!

The August copy of **Living Lutheran** is in and on the Care & Concern counter. This month's lead article "The Spiritual Discipline of Rest", discusses the need for all of us to take time to rest and listen to what God is saying to us in that rest.

Donations are needed for the **bake sale at the Alpine Fest**. Cookie, Bars, candy, cakes, or pies would all be greatly appreciated. They need to be in zip lock bags or separate containers. Items will be sold during the Fest. Items could be brought to the Gym on Saturday, August 21st from 9 to 11 am or to church on Sunday the 2nd and/or to the Gym before 1 pm. (Kathy Mund)

From the SCRIP Desk:

When was the last time you picked up a SCRIP order form and ordered Scrip Cards? For many of us it has been a long time. Let's start a new habit which not only benefits you by making your life easier, it also benefits the area's you designate your profit to go to such as the church, school or workcamp. Did you know that you can use your SCRIP cards to pick up your medication at a local pharmacy such as CVS, Target, or Walgreen's? Scrip also carries specialty store SCRIP cards such as Dick's, Old Navy, Ross, Home Goods, TJ Maxx, and many more. Stop by the SCRIP desk pick up your order form and place your order, it is as simple as that. Remember the SCRIP desk is now open in between services. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Get Involved in Alpine! Do you know it takes many volunteers to run our worship services, run our special events, help with keeping our facility looking nice, and to do many of the other tasks to run Alpine? We are always looking for more of those volunteers. Do you like to talk to people or are you more of a "back scenes" kind of person? Please share your interests with **Laurel McVinnie**, our volunteer coordinator, and she can match you up with an area where we need volunteers.



We congratulate and extend our support to **Alpine's 2021 Scholarship Recipients:** Bailey Strunk and Erika Hillblot. (Gary Hunt)

Children's Church would like to look at starting back up some time this fall or winter. We need volunteers to teach during the 10 AM worship service. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Mari Hanson. In the mean time, our **Grab-N-Go bags** will continue to be available on the table in Memorial Lounge.

Alpine Academy will be hosting their **Fall Craft & Vendor Fair** on Saturday, October 23rd. We are looking for more vendors to participate. Do you know of anyone who may want to have a booth/table to sell their crafts or home based business items? Please contact Jody Dabson at 815-227-8894 or Mrs.dabson@alpineacademyofrockford.com.

Thanks to a memorial bequeath from the **Curt Moen Family**, a new **key fob system** is being installed at the church. We will need everyone to turn in any outside door keys that you have so you may be issued a key fob. Please turn them in by **September 12th**. (Lynn Valentine)

Last year, one of our two boilers succumbed to its age and stopped working. An opportunity came about and we were able to acquire a newer used boiler system. We are currently **raising funds** to install that system, and facilitate other repairs, with a **matching gift of \$25,000** from an anonymous doner. If you are able to donate, please see Al Geeser, Scott Dabson, or any of our members of the Finance Committee.



Our Academy students will be back starting this Wednesday, August 18th. Since our students are not able to be vaccinated yet, we ask that you wear a face mask if you enter the building during the week, church or school end. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers for a safe and Christ filled school year.



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



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THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sun., August 22, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Tonya Mund, Jack Phillips
(10:00) Jim Burnett, John Linde
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
(10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Nancy Matthews
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sun., August 29, 2021

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Mike Schultz
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello
(10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Bob Fanello
(10:00) Craig Shelton
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek

Alpine Lutheran
AlpineFest

Sunday, August 22nd
1-4 PM

Music: Bluegrass, Trinadora, Jim Hill, Richard Dowling, Ron Holm and Jaime Doubek
Food: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Bake Sale
Fun: Games, Kid's Activities, Train Rides

This event is designed to connect and build relationships with our community around us and to keep the vitality of Alpine Lutheran going into our future.