



**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:*

**What If...? Alpine 2021 Stewardship Series**

What if...? What if we cultivated a heart like God's? What if we put God first? What if we joined into something extraordinary? What if we all used - not just our money, but our time, gifts and talents to serve God? Our 2021 stewardship series here at Alpine (coming October 31<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>) will explore what if we had not just more money, but more hearts, more creative brains, more diversity... just plain more people joining in? How can we get more connected to God's amazing world changing mission?

Our core values at Alpine are the important truths that help to guide us in all aspects of what we do. One of our key core values is **Service: We stop asking who is going to meet our needs and start asking whose needs we can meet.**

So what role does serving others play in our own Christian lives? The apostle Paul writes

*"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:1-4 ESV).*

Paul is very direct when he tells us that if we have received any kind of comfort, joy, blessing - anything at all from God - then our response needs to be adapting the mindset of Jesus and tossing aside our pride and vanity by choosing to serve and care for others. But we do not just do this as a way of saying thanks to God. Paul will go on to further tie serving others to the growth of both our experience of God and the building of our faith in God. As the church begins to encounter more and more persecution, difficulties, obstacles to faith, and dangers from the world; serving others becomes a kind of survival tactic for Paul. He encourages us not to get distracted by the pressures and goals of life in this world but instead to remain obedient to this calling that Jesus has given us. Paul is not the only one who thinks this way. The Apostle Peter writes;

*"Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it (1 Peter 4:7-9)."*

Serving others then is a core part of who we are. It is an identity that we received from Jesus, and it is what motivates our hearts, minds, desires, decision making, choices etc.... Often, when people confess to me that they feel lost, my response is "go find someone to help!" It is there that you will connect once again with God and rediscover God's true purpose for your life.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

10/10/21	32 + 27	59	10/17/21	40 + 35	75
10/10 Online views		17	10/17 Online views		5

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

Gen Fund 10/10/21	\$5,590.00	Gen Fund 10/17/21	\$3,077.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,290.00	Forward in Faith	\$768.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,022.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,057.73

**Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$11,473.73 (9/30/21)**



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Darrell Brenner, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Joan Greeny, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Norma Lucas, Pastor Rick Meier, Valerie Miller, 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, Ralph Toro, Sr., Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.

**All In the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **Ardy Stevens, Kathy Mund** and Mary DeNale. Mary DeNale also sends thanks for the sweet treats she received. Janet Gentry wishes to thank everyone who has provided transportation for the last several months while she could not drive. **Norma Lucas** expressed her thanks for the continued prayers and the flowers she recently received. Many thanks from **Linda Radford** for the kind words expressed after her brother's passing.

**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.)

**Men's Bible Breakfast:** Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



**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 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.**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** — Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; Don Busekros; and Chris Christiansen.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** — Vince Bertolotto; Ernest & Mary DeNale; Renee Evans, Roger, Elizabeth Ulrich, Norah & Shawn Dittbenner; and Bryan Garrett.



**Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**—Academy Trunk or Treat, 6 PM  
**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**—Reformation Sunday, wear RED  
**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**—Tim's Retirement Luncheon, 11:30 AM  
**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**—All Saints Sunday



With the Alpine Academy children singing at during our 10 AM worship on the first Sunday of the month, Christian Ed has decided to hold **Children's Church** on those Sundays as well. The children will be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day and return during the Song of the Day. We hope to see you there November 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> is Reformation Sunday.** It is a **RED** Sunday so bring out your best red outfit and join in celebration of the Reformation.

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

Scrip is having a sale for the first time ever. Granite City scrip cards will be half price. Please call the office if you are interest in this great sale. Here are some of the locations of a granite city restaurant: Naperville, IL; Schaumburg, IL; Fort Wayne, IN; Cedar Rapids, IA; Davenport, IA; Kansas City, KS; Northville, MI; Troy, MI ; Eagan, MN; Maple Grove, MN; Roseville, MN; St. Cloud, MN; Creve Coeur, MO; Kansas City, MO; Lincoln, NB; Fargo, ND; Sioux Falls, SD; and Franklin, TN. (Deb Geeser)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

Congratulations and God's blessings on **Tim Babcock**, who will be **retiring on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. We will have a retirement lunch that day at 11:30 AM in the gymnasium to celebrate Tim as he enters this new chapter. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to plan food. A collection for a retirement gift and lunch will be collected, please note that it is for his gift on the check or envelope.

**Social Ministries** has begun collecting for the **Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. A list of items needed is on the Cares & Concerns counter. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others. (Social Ministries)

**All Saints Sunday is November 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters will be sent out to their families to let them know that we are remembering there loved one. We will have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance all loved ones who have passed.

The **Property and Personnel Committees** are looking for a part-time replacement for the **custodian position** at Alpine. The position will include 20—25 hours a week, cleaning and possible event set-up. The pay will be negotiable according to experience. Please see one of the members of the Property or Personnel Committees for more information.

As I write this we are finalizing details and working hard to prepare for our Annual Craft/Vendor Show. This is a great event that has been a good fundraiser for our school for several years. This has also been the kickoff event to what becomes a busy, yet productive, fall and winter at Alpine Academy. Following this event we will begin our holiday event season.

Back this year, Buffalo Wild Wings Night. Join us at Buffalo Wild Wings as we "Eat Winds, Raise Funds" with a fun night gathered for dinner. We encourage everyone to join us at Buffalo Wild Wings Wednesday Oct 27<sup>th</sup> as we return our Wind Eating Contest where I will challenge School Staff, Parents and Pastor Dan to a Wing Challenge. This has always been a fun night and we look forward to returning to it on Wednesday.

On Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm we will host our "Trunk or Treat" event. We will invite our students, their families and friends, and the community around us for a safe way to celebrate Halloween. We hope you plan to participate. If you are planning to hand out candy from your trunk please arrive in the school parking lot between 5:00p and 5:30p so we can get cars set. If you are not able to attend but would like to help out you can drop off candy to the school or church office anytime during the week. Thanks to everyone who helps out with this event.

As we enter November, we begin our school program season as we take out time to thank our Veterans during our Annual Veterans Program. On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm we invite you to join us as our students preform and showcase their talent to say "Thank You" to all those who served our military. This annual program has become a staple for Alpine Academy and an event we are all very proud of. We especially invite all those Veterans in our Alpine Family to join us. This years program is being held in the gym. Please join us as we celebrate our Veterans.

As we continue through this season at the Academy we look forward to sharing with you. We look forward to singing on the 1st Sunday at 10:00am service each month. We look forward to being in worship together. Thank you for supporting the students, staff and families at the Academy. We are one Alpine Family together!

In Christ  
 Mr. Scott Dabson  
 Director  
 Alpine Academy





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



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**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Allen Geeser, Jack Phillips  
 (10:00) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
**Lector:** (8:00) Donna Seefeldt  
 (10:00) Allen Neumann  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Pam Lojewski  
 (10:00) Allen Neumann  
**Praise Singer:** Jaime Doubek

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund  
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson  
**Lector:** (8:00) Mike Schultz  
 (10:00) Pr. Rick Meier  
**Lay Assistant:** (8:00) Mike Schultz  
 (10:00) Pr. Rick Meier  
**Praise Singer:** Bob McVinnie



**Daylight Savings ends on  
 Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Don't forget to turn your  
 clocks back one hour!**

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**Katie's Cup Book Store!** If you have not already heard, Katie's Cup's mission is expanding to include our very own local, in-house, independent bookstore which will be opening soon! Visit [Bookshop.org/shop/Katiescup](http://Bookshop.org/shop/Katiescup) to shop the online store which is already open.