



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
(Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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From Pastor Dan:

Learning to Live with God

Over the last few years, it feels like our world and our lives have changed significantly. We have tried to learn how to live with a pandemic, selfishness, hatred, and violence (all of which seem to be never-ending). The world can feel like a very unsafe place. For some of us, it feels like we must learn how to live with God in a whole new way as the world shifts and turns around us.

Moses is someone who seems to have lived under some similar (yet very different) circumstances. In his life, the world changed drastically and became a very uncertain and unsafe place for him. Moses is someone who has a broken identity. He sees himself as an alien, as someone who does not belong. Someone who has been abandoned by both of his families - resulting in an inner turmoil that leads him to make some horrible decisions that result in Moses becoming a murderer. Each encounter that we witness Moses' experience with God brings the reality of healing and a new identity deeper into Moses' life. Along the way, Moses learns;

1. To trust God.
2. To not allow the rejection of others to form who he is.
3. That his core identity is based not on Moses' actions but on God's presence with him. Moses asks God "who am I?" God responds, "You are the one whom I am with!"
4. That God's power does indeed flow through Moses. That power is displayed for others to see and experience God.

Moses also realizes that his part in this process is to not hold back. He cannot partially live with God. Moses needs to be committed to allowing God's presence and their relationship into every corner of Moses' life. This is a hard thing for Moses to do. His own brokenness, rejection, and sinful choices throughout his life have taught Moses to always be in control. Always be in charge. Always have a way out. So, Moses holds back. He partially follows God and is casually (convenient) in his choices of what instructions to obey and not obey. This gets Moses into trouble. Yet the trusting in God, living a life that is different from this world, and boldly speaking unpopular truths (the things Moses fears most) are the very things he desperately needs to do to break the unhealthy cycle of hurtful choices that Moses has grown accustomed to making.

Sound familiar? Many of us struggle in the very same way. We fear the actions that living with God bring into our lives, we hate making sacrifices, we detest uncomfortableness, and we - like Moses - transpose those feelings onto God. We start to think that it is God who has broken us, God whom we should cower in fear from, and most importantly that God (and God's people) are the very people we should stay clear off. The temptation to runaway is great. Doing so is a tragedy, because if we do give in to these feelings, we separate ourselves further from the love of God. The very thing we need for healing.

Yes, learning to live with God does entail letting go of who we are, relying upon the promise that the new person God forms in us is far better off than the one we are saying goodbye to. We are thankful that God is patient with us. Yet the very presence of God in our lives calls us to constantly allow God to transform each and every area of our lives.

BY THE NUMBERS

7/24/22	25 + 43	68	7/31/22	31 + 40	71
7/24 Online views		9	7/31 Online views		2
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56					
Gen Fund 7/24/22	\$4,797.00		Gen Fund 7/31/22	\$2,858.00	
Forward in Faith	\$518.00		Forward in Faith	\$553.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,143.56		Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,214.56	
Unexpected Blessings.....\$123.00			53/54 Week.....\$810.00		
Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$16,606 (6/30/22 includes several full year pledge fulfillments)					



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Harriet Brown, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Les Johnson, Dave Lillegaard, Valerie Miller, Fred Stevens, JR Stropes, Don Torgerson and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Shirley & Larry Kagel, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Felicia Rawls, Jacob Schmidt, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Cary Ralston, Sharon Walker, Deb Okeson, Les Johnson** and **Louise Hemenway. Mary DeNale** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and thoughts after Ernie's passing. Many thanks came in for the flowers that have been delivered from **Darrell & Donna Brenner, Les Johnson** and **Louise Hemenway. Cary Ralston** also thanks everyone for the well wishes on her recent move to her daughter & son-in-law's home.

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** will be meeting this summer when children are present, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday (none in Summer)
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday, 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 12:00-3:00; 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.

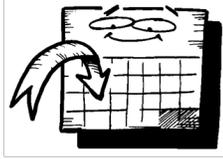


Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an on-going part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received 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 the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

August 14th — Emily Christiansen; David & Marianne Hoel; and Dave Lillegaard.

August 21st— Shirley Finger; Tim & Dawn Babcock; and Joni Graham



Monday, August 8th—Academy Board, 3:30 PM
 Tuesday, August 9th—Men's Breakfast back at Sunrise, 7 AM
 Wednesday, August 10th—Wednesday Bible Study, 10 AM
 Wednesday, August 10th—Faith Net, 5:30 PM
 Thursday, August 11th—Office Closed
 Sunday, August 21st—AlpineFest, 1—4 PM

Summer Events

August 21st—Alpine Fest
 September 10th—Golf Outing with Shepherd of the Valley
 and Potluck following (more details soon)

These events have been very successful in the past and we anticipate they will be great fun again. We will need volunteers to help plan and run these events. Please see Scott Dabson if you are willing to help.



AlpineFest is Sunday, August 21st from 1—4 PM! Come and enjoy music, games, food, a car show, a train for the kids and some great fellowship. This event is a long time favorite for our Alpine family and friends. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has resumed after a long hiatus. We are meeting every Wednesday at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend!

We continue our Summer Worship Series "**The Hero of the Bible**" through the month of August. Each week we will discuss a story from the unsung heroes of the Bible who are led by the Hero of the Bible, God. See how God leads them, like he leads us everyday.



Would you like to become a member of Alpine? We would love to have you. There will be a new member orientation for anyone interested in becoming a member of Alpine Lutheran Church on September 8th at 7 PM and September 11th at 11 AM. Contact the church office, 815-399-5013, for more details and to sign up.

A **Golf Outing with Shepherd of the Valley** is being planned for **Saturday, September 10th**. A sign-up sheet for golfers will be up in the next couple weeks. Following the golf, a **Pot-Luck dinner** for all to attend, not just those golfing, is being planned at Shepherd of the Valley. There will be a separate sign-up sheet or those who wish to attend the dinner. More information on both events will be coming soon. (Chuck Valentine, golf)

Recently the Stewardship/Finance Committee sent out **6 month statements and 53/54 week envelopes**. Please make it a point to put your name and envelope # on the blue envelope so that you can receive proper financial credit for your giving. We have received a couple envelopes with cash and no name. We thank you for your support of Alpine Lutheran Church and its ministries. (Finance Committee)

Calling all musicians or music lovers! Come and join us this fall as we praise the Lord with music. Alpine offers a Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Paise Band. All are welcome to join us. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

Keep Alpine Updated: With current HIPAA laws, the church is not informed when you are hospitalized. Please have a friend or family member notify the church directly. We want to keep in contact with you especially when you are in need of support.



Our School year is just about to begin and just a couple Sundays ago we made a big announcement for Alpine Academy. We are now on the west side of Rockford with a new campus, Alpine Academy: Resurrection Campus. We are looking forward to working with Resurrection Lutheran Church in building this new part of Alpine Academy. Please pray for us as we prepare to begin a new year with new challenges. We know that God is with us as we take on this new adventure.

With our new school year coming up we look forward to welcoming our students back into the school. We look forward to being back in worship services with our students beginning in September. Our staff returns on August 8th to begin to prepare and plan for a successful 25th School Year at Alpine!

Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering with us at the Academy this summer. I am still looking for a few more volunteers to join us and help man our booth for Alpine Academy and Alpine Lutheran Church at the Boone County Fair. If you are able and interested in taking a shift please contact me at 815.494.3002.

Thank you to all of our Alpine Family for your continued support and prayers!

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, August 14, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello
(10:00) Bob Peterson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8:00) Jan Anderson, Gwyn
Brechtel
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Amanda Dabson
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
(10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Pam Lojewski
(10:00) Allen Neumann
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Andrea Tack, Randy Teske
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Randy Teske
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8:00) Glen McDonald
(10:00) Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Becky Toro