



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:

Rekindling Our Faith in God

Spring is here! It is time to get back out of the house and experience the renewal of God's creation. Spring often conjures up all sorts of images of new life. The grass turns green, the birds return with their singing, and the flowers bloom once again. All around us we see signs how God brings forth life from the cold season of winter. God's creation isn't the only thing that can be revitalized this Spring. Our faith can also be revitalized as we encounter the power of Easter once again.

I recently read a blog post where the author encouraged us to **Worship Unashamedly**. They wrote *"If I place a frozen steak next to a blazing fire and leave it there, it will thaw. When? I don't know. But I do know it will eventually. When we worship God, we are placing our frozen hearts next to the all-consuming fire. I promise you your heart too will eventually thaw."* Too often we close our lives off in regret, disappointment, and bitterness. We worship God either reluctantly or because we are supposed to. God's word is often encouraging us to worship God with our whole hearts – with everything we have. We are told to not hold back, to not go through the motions, to not worry about what others think or say. But simply put our passion into worshipping God. It will do wonders for our faith.

Here are some more ways to rekindle your faith.

1. Pray for a burning heart until you have it.
2. Keep a journal of answered prayers.
3. Be surrounded by people who are passionate about God.
4. Remember God's faithfulness in the past.
5. Give back to God.
6. Practice your faith through actions.
7. Hold on to God's promises.
8. Get Rid of the Negative
9. Talk to God.
10. Preach the Gospel to Yourself
11. Share the Gospel with Someone Else
12. Worship Unashamedly
13. Pray Until You Fall in Love

BY THE NUMBERS

4/2/23	28 + 84	112	4/9/23	41 + 117	158
Online Views		8	Online Views		38
Maundy Thursday		17	Good Friday		64
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44					
Gen Fund 4/2/23	\$5,998.00		Gen Fund 4/9/23	\$3,365.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,198.00		Forward in Faith	\$648.00	
Surplus/Deficit	-\$241.44		Surplus/Deficit	-\$456.44	
Festival	\$3,178.00		Unexpected Blessings	\$273.00	



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Jeanne Tengren, 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, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Don Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Connie Dowling** and **Bob & Bea Lundgren**. **Diane Billert** sends her thanks for the many get well cards, visits and phone calls. She is still at St. Ann's improving daily.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** meets every Sunday during the 10 AM worship, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K Everyone is invited
- **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:** 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10 AM, Conference room



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.**

April 23rd — Scott & Kathy Christiansen; Bonnie Barton; Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant; and Cary Ralston.

April 30th — Jim & Jan Anderson; Diana Sundeen; Taylor Boustead; and Roger Bastian.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Andrea Tack (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Pr. Rick Meier
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Pr. Rick Meier
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, April 30, 2023
ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM

Ushers: Jack Phillips, Andrea Tack, Jim Burnett, John Gustafson
Ambassadors: Karl & Deb Okeson
Lector: Andrea Tack
Lay Assistant: Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Many thanks to the **Alpine C & E Choir and Hand Bell Choir** for the moving presentation of "God So Loved" on Good Friday at the Tenebrae worship. A special thanks to Martin Scott for his narration and to Richard Dowling for his direction and leadership. We are hoping to have the video posted to our YouTube this week.

We would also like to thank **John Linde and his crew** for the fantastic **Easter Breakfast** that we served between worship services. It was great to have this event back and to see so many smiling faces enjoying the fellowship. Many thanks to all who contributed food to make this so great!

The Church Council has voted to hold a **joint service at 10 AM every 5th Sunday** that occurs. The first of these will be **Sunday, April 30th**. Please mark your calendars of this change.

Pastor Dan & Pastor Lucy Wynard (along with Travis & Daisy) want to invite everyone to come and celebrate our recent adoptions! Please join us for an afternoon of stories, fun, food, and games. Saturday, April 29th, from 1-5 PM at GPS Faith Community 11189 Forest Hills Road, Machesney Park, Illinois. Drop in, celebrate with us, and share some updates. Anytime from 1-5 PM.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Our Scrip program is in need of your help. For the past couple of years (after Covid) our sales of cards have been steadily going down. This makes it hard to keep cards in stock and the shipping cost on small orders eats up all of the scrip credits to be applied and then some. Have you considered making an order of cards? Take a look at what we have in stock or what cards can be ordered. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Starting **Monday, May 15th**, a shared event between Shepherd of the Valley and Alpine, **Monday Millers**. This is a walking group that will meet at 9 AM at Baumann Park in Cherry Valley by the 911 display weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you are interested in joining the group. Someone will contact you with any further information.

Our "**Snow Birds**" are making their return flights to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We pray they all have a safe return!

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has begun collecting scholarship applications through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

Coming Soon! Lynn, in the office, has been going through the call sheets from the 75th Anniversary Committee and updating the congregation's addresses, phone numbers and emails. As soon as everything is completed, she will be printing out a new "directory" and will make it available for you to take home. She hope to complete this by the end of the month.

Chipper's golf league is getting ready for the upcoming 2023 golf season. They will be meeting on Wednesday, April 26th at 12 PM, at Stockholm Inn. Golf will begin the following Wednesday, May 3rd, 9 AM, at Sandy Hollow. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Valentine at 815-742-1335.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.



The **Alpine In-Reach Committee** is reaching out to our congregational family to help provide rides to church for those in need. Please contact Wendy Barton, 815-399-0520, or Mike Schultz, 815-633-4789, if you can offer to give rides to church. If you or someone you know needs a ride to church, please also reach out to Wendy or Mike.



We invite all children to come to our **Children's Church** during the 10:00 worship hour. Grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

We've already had a very busy Spring at Alpine Academy. With preparations for the remainder of our current school year and beginning preparations for the upcoming 2023-24 school year already in full swing, we will continue to be busy.

We thank everyone who helped us with our Easter Egg Hunt/Open House; from donating candy and eggs to filling them and ultimately helping us on a cold day get the eggs out onto the field. We were especially thankful for help from the Harlem Tri-M Club who came to help put our the eggs at our Main Campus. The weather was definitely better for our Resurrection Campus Egg Hunt. The congregation from Resurrection and our Academy staff did a great job making the Easter Egg Hunt/Open House at Resurrection a success. Many families were thankful for the Egg Hunt being so close to their home. Alpine Academy continues to strive to be focused on being a part of our community around both locations and throughout Rockford. With your help we did hit our 40,000 Egg goal between both campuses.

Thank you also to everyone who began their Easter with us at Alpine Academy on Maundy Thursday for the Easter program. The evening saw our students share their talents in singing, playing their instruments and sharing the resurrection story with us.

As we continue to complete our 2022-23 school year, please watch for Open House opportunities to share. Beginning this week, stop by the Academy and pick up a yard sign from around the flag pole. Please consider placing one in front of your home to share your school with those around you. We could especially use your help in spreading the word about our expansion into 7th Grade this coming school year and 8th Grade in our 2024-25 school year.

Thank you for continuing to support Alpine Academy. Now is the time to share what God is doing at Alpine with others and invite them to be a part of our Family!

In Christ,
Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy



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