



**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 the Council:*

Alpine is waiting for an interim/transition pastor to lead us into Phase 2 of the call process. Which is the selection of a Transition Team. The following is an article from Christ Lutheran’s “Christ Alive!” newsletter.

**Call Committee, Transition Team:  
 Why do we need both?**

In recent years, ELCA congregations and synods have been revising the congregational call process, essentially dividing the traditional work of the Call Committee into two distinct phases. The self-study groundwork formally done by a Call Committee is now done by a Transition Team, prior to the Call Committee being formed. Self-study take a lot of energy and care. The Transition Team commits to engaging unique tasks during pastoral transition. It is a time of high challenge for any congregation: a time for self-assessment, and a time for visioning and recommitment to mission and ministry. The overall goal is to bring the congregation into a state of readiness to move forward under leadership of a new minister. The Transitions Team’s groundwork allows a Call Committee to move forward in the call process with new energy and joy

The Transitions Team engages in the self-study process by intentionally looking at who the congregation has been and is now, and who God is calling the community to be in the future. The self-study creates a roadmap for the congregation and the Call Committee, acknowledging all aspects of the congregation’s identity for the sake of the future.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

7/30/23 One Service	117	8/6/23	27 + 41	68
Online Views	29	Online Views		17
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44				
Gen Fund 7/30/23	\$4,529.00	Gen Fund 8/6/23		\$5,385.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,615.00	Forward in Faith		\$970.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,384.56	Surplus/Deficit		-\$209.44
Unexpected Blessings.....\$5,926.00		53 <sup>rd</sup> /54 <sup>th</sup> .....\$269.00		



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Bill & Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Bob Swenson, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

**Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:**

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Larry Kagel, Don Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, David Teeters, Don Tennant, Penny

**All in the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **Sharon Walker** and **Les Johnson**. Many thanks from **Gene & Donna Seefeldt** for the altar flowers they received. **Sharon Walker** also sends her thanks for the flowers she received.

**Worship Schedule :**

- **Sunday Worship:**  
8:00 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will not meet during the summer months, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up. We will resume Rally Day.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K Everyone is invited. School back Aug.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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



**Pastoral Needs:** Please call the office with any pastoral needs while we are in transition and looking for a pastor. We will return your call with any further information.



**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 the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

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

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** — Tom & Cathy Funk; Janet Gentry; Brian Ziemer & Kari Humphry; and Teresa Schoepski.

**August 27<sup>th</sup>** — Matt & Debbie Hier; Rolly Greenland; Bob & Bea Lundgren; and Valerie Miller.

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Ushers:** (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson  
**Ambassadors:** (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson  
**Lector:** (8) Donna Seefeldt (10) Violet Peterson  
**Lay Assistant:** (8) David DeNale (10) Bob & Violet Peterson  
**Praise Singer:** Becky Toro

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Ushers:** (8) Tonya Bagwell, Wendy Barton (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
**Ambassadors:** (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Mike Schultz  
**Lector:** (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges  
**Lay Assistant:** (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Our last summer event, **AlpineFest is this Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 2—5 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. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the event. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you can help. (Scott Dabson, Outreach)

Our **“coin” collection bank** is back out in the narthex. We are collecting donations to help fund our activities for this summer. Stop by and drop in your donation. Any amount is welcome!

**Six month statements and 53/54 week envelopes** will be available to pick up in the coatroom for the next few Sundays. Any not picked up will be mailed out. Please make it a point to put your name and envelope # on the blue 53/54 week envelope so that you can receive proper financial credit for your giving. We thank you for your support of Alpine Lutheran Church and its ministries. (Finance Committee)

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

Please stop by the kiosk to see if we have cards for your purchases. We will continue to order on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month for any you need that are not in stock. (Jody Dabson)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

During the **months of August and September**, Alpine will have several supply pastors for our Sunday services: August 20<sup>th</sup>—**Rev. Ralph Kuespert**, and August 27<sup>th</sup>—**Rev. Jeff Clements**, September is still being worked on. The name tags will be out on the table in the narthex so that our guests know who you are.

**Now more than ever we need your help.** As we transition through this time without a consistent pastor serving our congregation, we need everyone to communicate the needs of our congregation, If you know of anyone who has been hospitalized or is in need of prayer, please call the church office. Once we know the need, we will contact someone to visit them or add them to our prayer list. Together we can make sure that no one feels forgotten by their Alpine Family.



**Have a song in your heart?** Come and join us this fall as we praise the Lord with music. We welcome new members to our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Paise Band. All are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 5th. Choirs meet Tuesday evenings; Praise band is TBD.

Did you know that Alpine has an **apple tree** on the east end of the building? The tree is dedicated to Mike Pauly and has again produced a plethora of apples. Anyone who is interested in taking some home is more than welcome. (As I don't have a green thumb, I don't know when they are ready to be picked.)

**As we enter into the fall season, a new** Those Who Serve schedule will be created going through Christ the King Sunday in November. Our core group of volunteers is dwindling. Have you ever thought of serving in any of the areas; usher, lay assistant, ambassador/greeter or reader? We need more volunteers. You may call the office if you are willing to help in this ministry. (Lynn Valentine)

**RALM** will be joining with **Lutheran Social Services** this fall for a “God’s Work Our Hands” project. They will be collecting suitcases for children entering or leaving the foster care system. Please start looking for gently used suitcases while you are at garage sales this summer. A collection date will be determined later.

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 our to Wendy or Mike.



**Children's  
Church**

We will resume again in the fall on Rally Day. Grab bags will be available to take home during this time (one per student for the summer). We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



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



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

Our Thunderland Day Camp has concluded and Teachers are just about ready to have students return to the classroom. We've been busy with the fair, enrollment and a Kindergarten Round Up event at the Discovery Center. As always things a busy and moving at Alpine Academy.

I'd like to thank everyone who help out at the Boone County Fair. Thank you for joining us to introduce our church and school to the community around us. Thank you for helping to invite them to join us at our upcoming AlpineFest event. We were able to speck with many families at the fair and we look forward to welcoming those visitors to our event at AlpineFest.

Our enrollment is looking good overall at the Academy. We are still looking to increase our numbers especially in Pre K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades. If you know anyone who is looking for a school for their child or grandchild please refer them to Alpine Academy. We are eager to share our Christian School with these families and invite them to join with all of us in our Alpine Family.

As we finalize our preparation for the school year please keep us in your prayers, consider making a donation directly to the school to support our students and staff or contact me to discuss how you can help students attend Alpine Academy through the Invest In Kids Act and Empower Illinois.

In Christ,  
Scott Dabson  
Director  
Alpine Academy

