



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's Desk:

Let Love and Faithfulness Lead You

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight”. Proverbs 3:3-6

The above proverb seems so obvious, so simple when we first read it. Let love and faithfulness never leave you? Of course, we don't want love to leave us. Trust God? Seems pretty basic. Acknowledge God in everything? Sounds like a safe plan to me. Can't really go wrong with this advice, can we? The problem is, life tends to work out differently, doesn't it? Despite our desires to have love, it seems so often to slip through our fingers. Despite our desires to trust God, it is a lot harder than it first seems. Maybe that's why the author encourages us to bind love and faithfulness around our neck. To write it upon our hearts. To do what we must so that these things are forefront in our lives. The first thing anyone might notice when they see us. As we dig deeper into these verses, I notice that there are two rewards listed if we follow this advice. 1) Favor and a good name in the sight of God and man, and 2) having God make straight out paths for us. Sounds like something we all want. Something we long for as humans. Acceptance, respect from others, and God working to smooth out our life's difficulties. In fact, we tend to want these things so much that we focus more on the rewards, instead of the advice on how to get them. For example, respect and acceptance from others is something we all strive for, sometimes we are even consumed with it. But how often do we take the time to focus instead on binding ourselves to love and faithfulness and allowing the acceptance and respect we covet to simply be a by-product. I think the key here is to let go of trying to earn acceptance and respect. To let go of trying to make our own life straight, and instead focus on love, faithfulness, and trust. Make developing these three things the priority in our lives. Make these things what we strive for most and allow God to do the rest. This is difficult. Largely because looking out for ourselves and our own self-interests is so ingrained in us, we can hardly think otherwise. We need to choose to change the way we think, react, speak, and make choices. We can start by acknowledging God in everything we do, then move on to making sure that love and faithfulness are the key characteristics of our relationships. If we do that, I think the trusting in God will develop naturally. Leading to some pretty amazing rewards.

BY THE NUMBERS

	Rejoicing Spirits	74		
7/2/23	36 + 51	87	7/9/23	30 + 53
Online Views		17	Online Views	15

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44

Gen Fund 7/2/23	\$4,890.00	Gen Fund 7/9/23	\$5,509.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,090.00	Forward in Faith	\$485.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,779.44	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,765.44



Pray for Alpine members:

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 Wendling, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Gwyn Brechtel, Pam Hodges** and **Jack Phillips. Pam Hodges** also thanks everyone for the flowers she received. Our love and sympathies go out to the family of **Dottie Rumple** who died Sunday, July 2nd. Many thanks from **Chuck & Lynn Valentine** for the flowers they 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
- **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 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.**

July 23rd — Jan Rungren; Harold & Carol McCracken; Greg Garrett; and Nan Strom.

July 30th — Bill & Diane Billert; Christine Morel; Ginny Johnson; and Tina Gonzalez.

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Daisy Wynard (10) Lisa Slothower

Lay Assistant: (8) Glen McDonald (10) Mike Schultz

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, July 30, 2023

5th Sunday, One Service 10 AM

Special Coffee Hour 9 AM

Ushers: (10) Jim Burnett, John Gustafson

Ambassadors: (10) Gene & Donna Seefeldt

Lector: (10) Martin Scott

Lay Assistant: (10) David DeNale

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Our next **Alpine Summer Event** will be the **Ice Cream Social** on **Saturday, July 29th from 1 – 4 PM**. We hope to see you there! We are also starting our planning for **AlpineFest**, Sunday August 20th. If you are a **Thrivent member** and can provide an **Action Team card** for expenses, please see Scott Dabson or Lynn in the office.

Sunday, July 30th is a **5th Sunday** so we will have **one combined service at 10 AM**. Since this will be Pastor Dan's last Sunday, we will hold a special coffee hour starting at 9 AM to celebrate his time here at Alpine.

On **Saturday, July 22nd**, from 11 AM – 4 PM, **Resurrection Lutheran Church**, 811 Locust St., will hold their **Neighbor Fest**. We encourage everyone to attend. Resurrection is the location of the Academy's second campus, currently with a pre-school class. Show your support as we nurture this relationship.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Can you believe that Back to School deals are already starting?! The summer has flown by and it is time to begin our shopping. Please stop by the kiosk to see if we have cards for your purchases. We will continue to order on the 15th of every month for any you need that are not in stock. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



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.

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!

13th Annual "No Bull" Golf Outing for GiGi's Playhouse

is Monday, August 7th at Rockford Country Club. Cost is \$150 each player or \$600 for a foursome. You can register online at gigisplayhouse.org/rockford/golf or call 815-654-7529. Deadline to register is July 28th.

Are you on Facebook? Search for "Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford", then like and follow our page. You will be able to see and follow any Alpine events that are posted to the page. When there is an event posted, if you click like and share, all of your friends will see the event too. What a great way to share what is going on at Alpine with others! (Scott Dabson)

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 out to Wendy or Mike.

Alpine Committees:

- Christian Education/Youth—1st Tuesday, 5 PM, Barb Milton
- Finance/Stewardship—3rd Tuesday, 6 PM, Mike Schultz
- In-reach—2nd Tuesday, 5 PM, Pam Hemenway
- Outreach—3rd Tuesday, 2 PM, Scott Dabson
- Property—1st Thursday, 5 PM, Scott Dabson
- Social Ministry—1st Tuesday, 7 PM, John Linde
- Worship & Music—1st Tuesday, 6 PM, Lynn Valentine



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.

We're continuing to have a fantastic summer at our Thunderland Summer Day Camp. Our campers are enjoying the outdoors, creating fun crafts and always looking forward to water day. We still have 3 more weeks before we begin to prepare for our School Year.

Throughout the summer we have also had the opportunity to meet new families and show them our school. Our enrollment is certainly looking good as we inch closer to the start of the school year on August 16th. Please continue to help us to share our school with those that you know that may be looking for a quality Christian Education for their children. We still have many openings in most classes from Pre K to 7th Grade. If you have not yet picked up a yard sign to put in your yard at home, helping us to spread the word, please pick one up from the school today.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year and work to provide to as many families as possible I'd also like to remind everyone about the Invest In Kids Act. We work with Empower Illinois to provide scholarships for students who otherwise would not be able to attend our school. This program has been impactful for our school. We are always seeking additional donors for this program. When you make a donation to Empower Illinois you also receive a 75% State Tax credit for your donation. I'd be happy to share more with you about this program and the impact it has had on our school since it's beginning. Due to this program we have increased our diversity in our school, in fact, last school year our student population was 43% non-white. This is an amazing statistic that we should all be proud of. Please consider helping us to continue to maintain the ability to offer Christian Education to a wider community of people.

We also recently announced the return of our Dinner Tour Nights for this coming year. Our first was this past week on July 13th at Beef-a-Roo. These Dinner Tour Nights will continue and be held on the 2nd Thursday each month (excluding December). These nights have been wonderful opportunities for all of our Alpine Family to be together, both church and school, so mark your calendars and join us on the 2nd Thursday each month. Locations will be announced each month.

In Christ,
 Scott Dabson
 Director
 Alpine Academy

