

**Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise Worship
with Children's Church
10:00 AM YouTube Live

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

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Monday, October 14, 2024

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Good Living

What makes a good life? Family? Friends? Health? Wealth? Influence? Legacy? What are the elements that make up good living for you, and in what priority and measure?

We're going to be exploring that question for the next three Sundays, October 13th, 20th, and 27th. October 27th is Reformation Sunday, and we will likely focus on the question through the lens of the early 16th century. Martin Luther, from whom we draw our denominational name, asked it this way: "How can I be right with God?" No spoiler alert here, but the church at the time located the answer in human actions, including monetary contributions. Luther was restless over the lack of certitude that he could ever do enough. He found through a careful reading of the Bible that we do not make ourselves right with God, but God makes us right through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Good living is found in and through him.

You'll notice that the question in the 1500's placed God at the center of good living. That is less of a given for many people in our time and place. We'll see that as we reflect on two passages from the Gospel of Mark on October 13th and 20th. In the first, a man comes before Jesus seeking a path to good living, and he wants to keep what he has. In the second, some of Jesus's disciples want to end up ahead of everyone else. I can summarize Jesus's responses (while somewhat oversimplifying) this way: God first, then other people, then ourselves last.

More on all of that as we gather together on Sundays, in person or via livestream.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don

BY THE NUMBERS

9/29/24	One Service	62	10/6/24	36 + 45	81
	Online Views	20		Online Views	8

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

Gen Fund 9/29/24	\$5,051.87	Gen Fund 10/6/24	\$4,497.00
Forward in Faith	\$540.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,460.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,391.02	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,348.98

53/54th Week.....\$350.00 Unexpected Blessing.....\$27.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Cindy Bulthaus, Scott Christiansen, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Heidi Lykken, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent hurricane victims, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Jerry Hanson**. We send our love and sympathy to **Rolly Greenland** whose brother, Dick, passed away.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, resuming September 8th, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday, Everyone is invited to join us.
- **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.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's - meeting every Thursday.

Pastoral Needs: Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office on that day or when he is not in the office.



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.**

Oct. 20th — Doug, Zachary & Joshua Schrank; Keenan, Samantha & Elia Yahn; and Tonya Bagwell.

Oct. 27th — Randy & Linda Teske; Warren Burlend; Rich, Carla, Karter & Kamden Lovitt.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson

Ambassadors: (8) Volunteers (10) Scott Dabson, John Linde

Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh

Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh

Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, October 27, 2024/Reformation Sunday

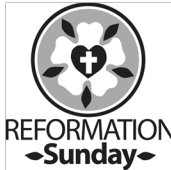
Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy

Ambassadors: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Bob McVinnie

Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Bob McVinnie

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Sunday, October 27th is Reformation Sunday. Wear your **RED!** Not only will it be Reformation Sunday, but also **Confirmation Sunday.** We will celebrate the Confirmation of **Matthew Nuemann** who completed his Confirmation classes earlier this year. Come and celebrate this special day with Matt and the Neumann family.

Adult Forum - Sunday, October 20th, we will host the **Northern IL Food Bank.** Learn how they can help us meet the need for food assistance for our neighbors though food and fund donations and volunteering. If you have any topics that you would like to see for future , please contact Lisa Slothower, 815 -289-6933, or any member from the Christian Ed Committee.

Bible & Brew has resumed our weekly schedule. We will now meet at **Blackhawk Athletic Club** at 7 PM. We have started the book "What If Jesus Was Serious?" by Skye Jethani. "If you've traditionally been dissatisfied with Christian devotional resources but love to learn about Jesus and think deeply, this book was written for you." We have purchased a few extra copies of the book, please see Scott Dabson. We welcome all new members to our group. (Outreach Committee)



Alpine Outreach is planning a community **Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat** for Saturday, October 26th (time TBD). We need donations of candy (or monetary donations to purchase candy) as well as "trunks" to distribute the candy to the kids in our community. Please see Scott Dabson if you are able to volunteer for this event. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

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.

Hurricanes Helene & Milton have brought life-threatening storm surge, flooding and winds, even wiping out whole towns in their paths. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is prepared to serve our neighbors impacted by both hurricanes. Please visit elca.org to donate.

Crop Walk 2024 is October 20th. John Linde will be walking again. If you would like to sponsor him, a sheet is on the Cares & Concern counter. All monies collected go towards local hunger organizations.

Watch your mail for the **2025 "Good Living" Stewardship** information. Mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 10th, with a meal and tailgate fun.



It's time for RALM Trivia Night! Join us for this annual event benefiting Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries. Teams of 6-8 people can test their knowledge and enjoy a chili dinner, silent auction, 50/50 drawing and more. Friday, November 1st, doors open at 6 pm. Hosted at Our Saviors. Cost is \$15 per person. If you are interested in forming a team, please see Lynn in the office. They are also looking for volunteers, donations of Chili (in a roaster), 9x13 pan of your favorite dessert, 2 dozen cookies, crackers, shredded cheese, sour cream, and hot sauces. If you can help with these items, please contact Scott Dabson. Registration is due October 25th.

Snowbirds If you are away from your home for a period of time please let the office know a forwarding address so that you may keep up with what is happening at Alpine while you are gone. Please provide a start and stop date to keep things current. (Lynn Valentine)



Children's Church

Children's Church is back!

All kids are invited to join us during our 10 AM worship service. We will learn about the lessons from the worship service through crafts and a children's worship folder.



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



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 offer you on the Web!
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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

You're invited!!

Katie's Cup Birthday Party!
Celebrating 15 Years!
Friday, November 15

8 am - 2 pm

discounts - special menus - music
 complimentary cookies from Quixotic Bakery

Special evening event: 5-8 pm

Appetizers, delicious cupcakes, coffee and tea provided.
 Specialty drinks for purchase.

5 pm: Music, featuring Saxophone Sam

6 - 6:30 pm: Program

6:30 - 8 pm: Music, featuring Bert and Lindy

Katie's Cup presents:

October 29, 2024
From 5-7pm

Hosted by Chris Sims

SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

OPEN MIC NIGHT!



Doors open at 5pm! Free admission.
 Katie's Cup coffee and food menu will be available

*Katie's Cup opened its doors in January of 2009,
 faithfully serving the neighborhood
 and community since that time.
 We give thanks for our wonderful supporters:
 customers, staff, donors, and volunteers!*

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