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From Pastor Dan's Desk:

"Woman in the Bible" Worship Series

"Is the Bible still relevant?" "Can I learn anything that will actually change my life?" "Isn't the Bible outdated, written by men in a patriarchal society that oppressed women?" "How can it possibly speak to my life today?" These are some of the many questions about the Bible that I often hear these days. The general consensus (even among Christians) is that the Bible is a great book, just not useful enough for me to spend time and energy on it today!

Although these attitudes are prevalent today, I would counter that the Bible is extremely relevant for our lives. Yes, it is filled with violence and death – but that is because the world back then (and today) is filled with violence and death. One of the unique strengths of the Bible is that it does not cover up people's mistakes, cruelty, sins, and abandonment of God. Instead it tells story after story of people – who with God's help- stand tall in the face of racism, injustice, oppression, and evil. It shows us people who are flawed, but who have faith, and through their faith shine God's love in a very dark world. Many of these people of faith are women. Women who have often been overlooked, stereotyped, labeled, or just plain misrepresented by the Christian church throughout the ages.

Our summer worship series this year will seek to lift up many of these faith stories. We have selected 11 women who played prominent roles in the story of salvation - the story of God's relentless pursuit of us. Each of these women faced difficult circumstances, tough choices, ridicule, scorn, and evil. Yet in the midst of this, their faith was shining. They connected with God and left behind a testimony of how faith and trust in God is what we need most in these dark and trying times.

All of these women had their flaws and mistakes. But with God's help in sustaining and lifting them up, they were able to overcome whatever the world threw at them. Throughout these stories, the Bible richly affirms the dignity and value of women and many of their stories provide us with spiritual insights and lessons. These women spoke words of courage and help and displayed a kind of God-confidence that is to be admired.

Here is a list of some of the faithful women we will encounter this summer. Mary the mother of Jesus, Sarah, Ruth, an intelligent and insightful woman (from John 4), Hannah, Abigail, Esther, Rahab, Mary & Martha, a grateful woman (anointing Jesus feet Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 7, and John 12), and a desperate and forgotten woman (Mark 5:25–34, Matthew 9:20–22, Luke 8:43–48). Come join us for worship each Sunday this summer as we retell the faith stories of these extraordinary women of the Bible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 5/21/17	65 + 46	110	Attendance 5/28/17	54 + 55	109
	Attendance 6/4/17	72 + 75		147	

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,452.92

Gen Fund 5/21/17	\$5,887.50	Gen Fund 5/28/17	\$2,341.00	Gen Fund 6/4/17	\$7,539.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,949.00	Forward in Faith	\$918.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,888.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$616.42	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,193.92	Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,974.08

Unexpected Blessings.....\$51.00 53/54 Week.....\$20.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$134.53 (5/31/17)

Pray for Alpine members:

Liz Bertolotto, Rick Bried, Jeanne Carter, Pat Christiansen, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Edith Graham, Jan Hill, Greg Hunt, Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Barbara Nelson, Gerry Perala, Betty Peterson, Bob (Sue) Peterson, Donna Steele, Jim Stropes and Chuck Valentine.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Steve Abbott, Carol Jean Backer, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Steve Klotz, Pr. Woody & Diane Knutson, JoAnne LaPorte, Kathleen Lovins, Patti Moorhouse, Carol Nelson, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Nora, Sophia, Rett, Tripp & Liz.



All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Irene Northrup, Jim Hill, Carol Johnson** and **Roger Bastian**. **Jan Hill** expressed her thanks for the cards and best wishes after her recent hospital stay. Our love and sympathy is shared with Gwyn Brechtel and her family after the death of her father. **Barbara Nelson** sends her thanks for visits and Connections' spring gift.

Worship Schedule :

Our Sunday worship service times are **8 & 10:00 AM**. Children's Church will continue to meet during the 10:00 AM worship service.

Bible Studies :

- * Tuesday Men's Breakfast Bible Study at 6:45 am at Sunrise Restaurant
- * Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10 am, Conference Room, breaks for summer
- * Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7 PM in either the Conference Room or Fellowship Hall. Currently on break, will possibly resume next year.

Adult Forums: Meet between services on the 1st Sunday of every month. A light breakfast will be served. We will break for summer.

Contact information for **Pastor Dan** for **after hour pastoral needs** is **815-399-5487**. Please leave a message with your contact information and the reason you are calling. Pastor Dan will then receive a notification and return your call as soon as he is able.

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 Pastor Dan whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have. **Together we worship, together we pray, together we love.**

Here are the members for the next few weeks.

June 11th — Alan & Marlene Garrett; Allen Deb, Rebecca, & Brianna Geeser; Lillian Hagen; Jean Johnson; and Jane Karlberg.

June 18th — Curt Moen; Elliot, Rebecca, Charlie & Elizabeth Kallstrom; Les & Carol Johnson; Gene & Donna Seefeldt; and Janice Peden.

June 25th — Bob & Carol Loucks; Nancy Matthews; Allen, Sarah, Matt & Alexis Neumann; Terry & Pam Hodges.



Thursday, June 8th—Work Camp meeting at Pr. Dan's, 6 PM

Saturday, June 10th—Men's Breakfast, 9 AM

Sunday, June 11th— Confirmation service during 10 AM worship

Saturday, June 17th—Tamil/ Christian Worship, 6 PM

Sunday, June 18th—Father's Day



There will be a **MANDATORY Work Camp** meeting **June 8th, 6PM** at Pastor Dan's house. We need to fill out and sign paperwork required for our trip. Please contact him if you need to make other arrangements.



AlpineFest will be held in mid July. We want to make this an extension of our 75th Anniversary. Bob McVinnie will be heading up the planning committee and would like your help. He will be calling some of you personally. If you would like to help in planning or volunteering for the event, please either call Bob, or Lynn in the office or sign-up on the poster in the narthex.

The **Social Ministries Committee** continues their new outreach for 2017. We are making donations of non-perishable foods to the **Emmanuel Food Panty**. As always we will accept monetary donations. Please place food donations in the barrels by the doors; **June** – Peanut Butter, **July** – Paper Goods, **August** – Cereal, **September** – Meats/Tuna, **October** – Pasta and Chili. (Social Ministries Committee)

Due to holidays over the summer (and Lynn's vacation), the **schedule of the Summit** will be a little different. Here are the dates you should receive your newsletters: **June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, and September 5.** As always, these date are subject to change but this should give you an idea of when you may want to submit any articles for publication. Articles are needed the week prior to the date of the Summit.



Luke & Heidi Lykken would like to thank the congregation of Alpine for all of their support they have been shown after the passing of Easton. The prayers and monetary donations for his medical and memorial costs were greatly appreciated. The memorial service and luncheon were a great testament to how Alpine Lutheran share's the love of God with everyone.

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** has collected the scholarship applications. If you still have one to submit, please do so ASAP. (Gary Hunt)



Sunday, June 18th is **Father's Day**. We will be celebrating all men with a special blessing during both worship services. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

Congratulations and God's blessing go out to **Pastor Rick Meier** for the **45th Anniversary of his Ordination!** He celebrated this anniversary on Sunday, June 4th. We celebrate his continued service to God along with his current church, Faith Lutheran in So. Beloit.

On **Saturday, June 24th**, 12 adult and students from Alpine, 2 students from Open Arms, and 6 students from Faith Lutheran in So. Beloit will begin their journey to **Group Work Camp** in Covington, TN. They will spend a full week repairing and restoring homes while building their relationship with God. We ask for prayers for safe travels and that God will bless them while they serve others. We are accepting donations for gas for their trip. You can place them in the offering marked gas for Work Camp or drop them by the office. We appreciate all of the support the congregation continues to show. Without you we could not continue this special ministry. (John Linde)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Scrip has an updated order form. Please check the top right hand corner of your order form for the date 5/25/2017. Many retailers have decided to not participate or have changed their percentage of return. Happy news, SCRIP has a new retailers; Aeropostal at \$25/10% and Hilton Hotels at \$100 and \$500/2%. Panino's changed their denomination to \$10 cards. We will try to keep a supply of Woodman's for the summer but can't order any more until school starts again. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Friday, July 14th is the annual **RALM Golf Scramble** at Westlake Golf Course. The cost is \$85/person (\$5 discount if registered by June 20th). Register your foursome by calling 962-4279 or online at www.rockfordarealutheranministries.com Don't miss out!



Alpine Academy
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Alpine Academy thanks the congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church for the support you have given this year. We so appreciate it. Please continue. We need you.

Summer has arrived and Summer Camp has opened strong at Alpine. Director's Scott Dabson, Jody Gowan, and Dianna Sundeen have created an active, fun experience for the children in which they also learn of God's love. Dianna wanted it to be like Vacation Bible School every day. I think that has been achieved. The Academy will continue to have Open House every Thursday for families to check out the school and the summer camp. We still have some discounts to offer. So please invite family and friends to look over the school.

Our enrollment for June is ahead of last year's enrollment in June and we continue to pray that God opens the hearts for Rockford families to come to Alpine and find out what a family school is like. Our standardized test scores continue to maintain grade levels above the national average from Second through Fifth grade. I congratulate the teachers and students for working so diligently in achieving high marks.

AlpineFest will be July 9 from 2-5. Some changes have been made as we continue to celebrate our Alpine Lutheran Church 75th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of Alpine Academy. And, we can't forget the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther. Much of the music will be in the air conditioned gym, so we can all sit comfortably drinking a cold beverage and listening to fine music. Children games will be in the north parking lot with a carnival atmosphere. And in the south parking lot we will have a "car cruise" with many special automobiles for everyone to view. Some will be vintage. Others will be unique. I believe this will be an entertaining addition to AlpineFest.

Let us all have a wonderful summer. I will see you at AlpineFest on July 9.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal of Alpine Academy

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We join in celebration with our recent Confirmands. On Sunday, June 11th, **Madalyn Jean Merwin & Elizabeth Renee Ulrich** were confirmed. God's blessings go out to both of these young ladies.

During the summer months several of our groups take a hiatus. The **Adult Forum** will not meet until the first Sunday of September. Our **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will not be meeting after Wednesday, June 14th. They will resume closer to fall. The **Men's Breakfast** is done until the fall as well. **Altar Guild's** next meeting is Saturday, September 9th. **Confirmation** will not meet again until after school is back in session. Enjoy your summer!

Volunteers Needed: We will begin the update in Fellowship Hall starting **Saturday, June 17th**. We need volunteers to tear up the old carpeting starting at 9 AM. If you are available to help, please just meet in Fellowship Hall. Bring gloves, masks (for dust), and any carpet knives you may have.

The June edition of "**Living Lutheran**" is now available to pick up. This month's lead article is entitled "E Pluribus Unum Deus: Out of many, one God". This story shares the relationships between the ELCA and our Muslim and Jewish communities.

The Royal Family Kids Camp is in need of some items. The Royal Family provides care and mentoring for foster children in our community. They are looking for donations of toiletries: toothbrushes, full size toothpastes, toothbrush holders, travel size mouthwashes, travel size bottles of shampoo, bars of soap and soap holders. If you are able to assist with this list, please leave items in the barrel in the front vestibule.



We have a trusted member of our community who would like to volunteer some of her time by **helping a person in need**. If you are an elderly person who would like assistance grocery shopping, getting to the doctors, or running errands, please contact the church office so that we can connect you.

Children's Church

Through the month of May, our Children's Church was collecting change to purchase a Fish Farm through the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. If you have any money you have collected, please turn it in to the office now. Thank you! (Barb Shelton)

Let's All Stock the Pond!



Katie's Cup hosts the **Katie's Choice Book Club** every **2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM**. No reservations are necessary, just bring your copy of the book and join in the discussion. The book for June is "*The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu - And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscript*" by Joshua Hammer. This is the incredible story of how Haidara, a mild-mannered archivist and historian from the legendary city of Timbuktu, later became one of the world's greatest and most brazen smugglers.

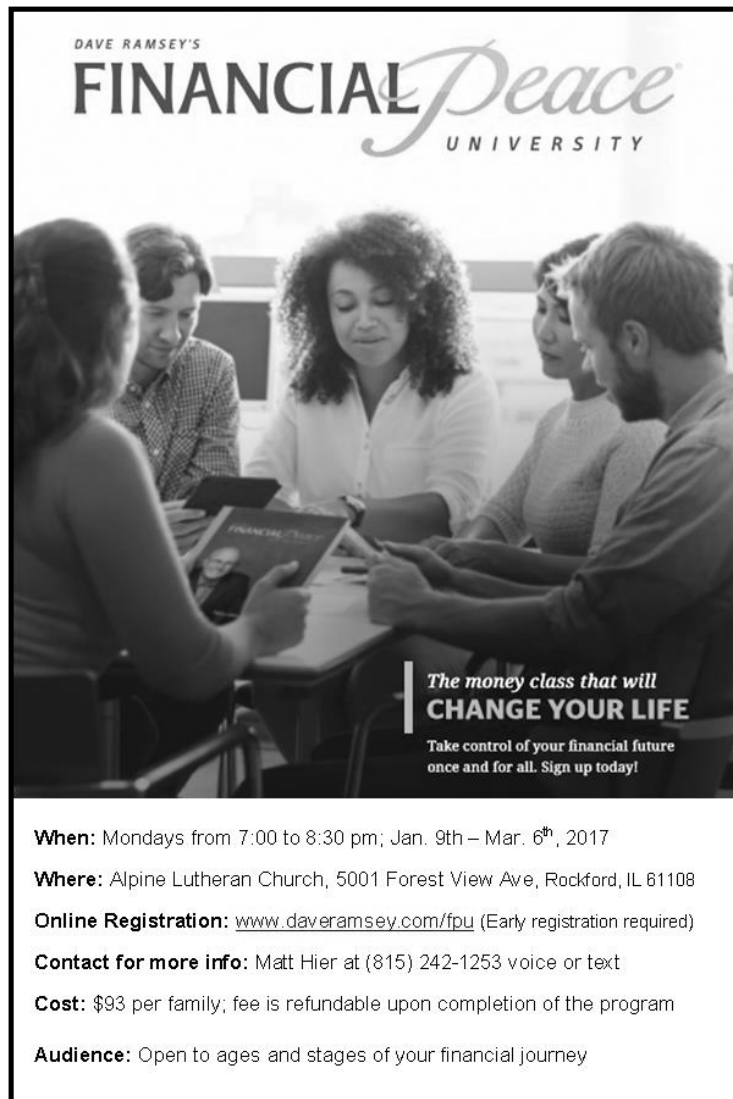
Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on **Friday, August 4** at Alpine Lutheran Church. Ultrasound screenings to Identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

With current **HIPAA laws**, the church is not informed by the hospital when you are admitted. Please ask a family member or friend to give the church a call to let us know. Swedish American is the only hospital that makes any calls to churches and that is only when you are admitted by your doctor, not through the emergency room.

Several of our congregation members no longer are able to drive to attend worship services and church events. We want to create a list of **members who are willing to pick someone up** and bring them to worship. Please call the office if you are able to assist in this area.

Do you mail in your church offering? We have many additional envelopes available on the Care & Concern counter for mailing them in if you need. Please help yourself.

*There is still time to register to attend this seminar. The first class would just have to be made up. (Matt Hier)



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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., June 18, 2017

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello, Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund
(10:00) Russ Horbeck, Mike Schultz, Brandon Williams, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) Pam Lojewski, Dale Olson
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., June 25, 2017

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson, Ron Pauly, Randy Teske
(10:00) Jim Burnett, John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Elements: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Criag & Barb Shelton
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips (10:00) Becky Toro
Lay Assist: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Tonya Mund
(10:00) Karen Conti, Nancy Matthews
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine