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From the Pastor's Desk:

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Our Turn Now

Our 2017 Stewardship Campaign begins on October 22nd. This year's theme is called Our Turn Now. In conjunction with our 75th anniversary as a congregation we are looking back at how people (both in the story of the Bible and in the story of our congregation) have left behind a lasting legacy of faithfulness. Our vision is that this might encourage us to pick up the mantle and see how we might pass these wonderful legacies of faithfulness on to future generations.

Here is a great example of how to pass a legacy down to the next generation. Through the parallel passages of 1 Kings 2 and 1 Chronicles 29, we can see how King David uses his final days to leave a legacy for his son, Solomon, to embrace and thrive in. There are three important things that David does:

1. David challenges his son to love and fear the Lord. More important than any accomplishment or failure for David is this understanding that nothing comes close to outweighing the pursuit of God. Most of David's biggest regrets are all centered around moments in his life when he had given up on this pursuit and instead lived for himself and his own agenda. David implores his son to never lose sight of this. Love the Lord with everything you have.
2. David uses the vast amount of resources that he has collected to further the work of God. David had already come to grips with the truth that he will not be allowed to build the temple (God informed him that he had too much blood on his hands. All the killing he had done would leave a stain and connect the building of the temple to murder and pillage). So David – realizing his own limits – sets up his son Solomon to have what he needs to further God's mission and build God's Temple. He also gathers the wealthy leaders of Israel and challenges them to do the same.
3. He intercedes for his people. David shares a powerful perspective in reminding us that our lives are mere shadows and everything that we have is a gift from God that must be held loosely and with thankfulness. He wants everyone to understand that the tighter we hold on to the things of this world (our possessions, achievements, status, and awards) the more we lose sight of God. He pours his heart out, pleading with God to work in the lives of David's children and people, that they would continue to thirst for and obey the Lord.

So what are your stories? Who has communicated the Gospel of grace to you in such a way that it helped you trust God more? What are the stories of faithfulness from Alpine's past that people today need to hear? Let me know! (pastor@alpinelutheran.com)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 10/1/17	63 + 46	109	Attendance 10/8/17	56 + 75	131
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Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,452.92

Gen Fund 10/1/17	\$5,349.75	Gen Fund 10/8/17	\$5,810.75
Forward in Faith	\$1,629.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,590.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,481.17	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,052.17

53/54 Week.....\$140.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$15,861.35 (9/30/17)

Pray for Alpine members:

Liz Bertolotto, Rick Bried, Darrell Brenner, Jeanne Carter, Pat Christiansen, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Jan Hill, Louise Hemenway, Alyce Krusemeier, Les Johnson, Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Marguerite Luth, Barbara Nelson, Irene Northrup, Ron Pauly, Gerry Perala, Betty Peterson, Bob (Sue) Peterson, and Donna Steele.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Steve Abbott, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Jim Coffman, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Pr. Woody Knutson, Kathleen Lovins, Maryann Moorhouse, Carol Nelson, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Jim & Joann Salter, Bob Schult, Penny Wendling, Nora, Sophia, Rett, Tripp & Liz.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Joan Greeny**. **Marge Broquist** expressed her thanks for the altar flowers delivered to her recently. **Irene Northrup** thanks everyone for the flowers she received. We received a thank you note from **Jean Knutson** for remembering her in the prayers.

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
- * 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 and resume in October.

To reach Pastor Dan after office hours, you may call 815-399-5487. Please leave a message and he will respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Oct. 22nd — Daniel Frykman; Jeff & Jaime Doubek and Zada & Zoey Gillette; and Rich, Erika, Reed, Peyton, & Rowan Hillabolt.

Oct. 29th — Matt & Debbie Hier; Irving Johnson; Donna Larson; and David & Diane McCue.

YOUTH

Second Sunday Youth Worship October 10th at 7 PM @ **Katie's Cup**. All high school youth are encouraged to attend. To stay up-to-date on Second Sunday things, be sure to like Second Sunday Rockford on Facebook and follow @secondsundayrockford on Instagram.

Next summer we have two big youth events scheduled. #1 The ELCA Youth Gathering (30,000 youth from across the country gather for a youth conference) June 25-July 2. #2 Our youth mission work camp trip to Elizabeth City North Carolina (July 20-29). We'll have an informational meeting for parents and youth on September 12 @ 5:30 @ Alpine (questions answered and details on both trips will be provided).

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YOUTH CONNECT Sunday, October 22nd @ 3 PM - Trip to Richardson Adventure Farm & Corn Maze in Spring Grove, IL; cost \$15 per family; open to jr. high and high school youth.



Saturday, October 21st—Academy Trunk or Treat, 6 PM
Sunday, October 22nd—Stewardship series begins
Sunday, October 22nd—Youth Connect Event, 3 PM
Thursday, October 26th—Council Meeting, 7 PM
Saturday October 28th—Academy Vendor Fair, 9-4 PM
Tuesday, October 31st—500th Anniversary of the Reformation from Washington, DC, all day



Saturday, November 11th is fast approaching. Alpine Lutheran Church invites you to the **75th Diamond Anniversary Dinner**. Social hour will begin at 4:30 PM, dinner at 5:30 with a program following dinner. Cost is \$15 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and beverage. Tickets need to be purchased by October 29th so we can plan the food amount. We will have a ride service to and from the dinner if needed and child care & activities for the kids. We thank the 75th Anniversary Committee for all of their hard work planning this whole year of celebrations.

Get your thinking caps ready for the annual **RALM Trivia Night and Silent Auction!** As in years past, Alpine will have at least 2 tables of highly competitive participants (just kidding, we are there to have fun). At just **\$15 each**, which includes chili, dessert, snacks a beverage and trivia, this is a bargain for a night of entertainment for all. On **Friday, November 3rd**, the doors of Our Savior's open at **6 PM** for dinner and the silent auction. The trivia portion will begin at **7 PM**. This is a favorite RALM event with all proceeds to benefit the many ministries of RALM. Sign-ups have begun on the bulletin board in the narthex. If we fill the 2 tables we can get a third.

Alpine Academy Holiday Sale is Saturday, October 15th from 9 AM to 4 PM. Vendors and crafters will be displaying their wares. Come beat the rush and do some early Christmas shopping. This year there will be a craft time from 9 AM—12 for children so the parents can shop. There will be raffles, treats to eat and of course shopping! This is an annual fundraiser for the Academy. All are welcome to attend. Share this event with your friends and family.

Thought for the week: "One's destination is never a place but rather a new way of looking at things." - Henry Miller



On **Saturday, October 21st**, the Aline Academy is having their **Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat**. The Trunk or Treat will begin shortly after **6:00 PM**. The Alpine congregation is invited to come and hand out candy as well. You provide the candy and the trunk; decorate your car, come in costume or just be there to hand out candy. If you can't be there, you could contribute candy for others to hand out. We appreciate Alpine's support of our school.

The October issue of **Living Lutheran** is on the Car & Concern counter. This month's article, "50 ways the Reformation still impacts pastors", wraps up the series on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Five pastors each discuss five ways they are directly impacted. An additional 25 ways can be found at livinglutheran.com.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Did you know that SCRIP carries cards for your furry friends? Petsmart is available for all your pet's needs. Did you know that SCRIP carries Ulta and Office Depot cards? Check out the back of the SCRIP order form. You may be surprised at the many different retailers that SCRIP has to offer. If you have a special need that you don't see listed, drop us a note and we can see if that retailer is available. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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; **October - Pasta and Chili**. (Social Ministries Committee)

Council Members: Don't forget this month's meeting has been moved to Thursday, October 26th so that Pastor Dan will be there.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
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Tonight is our first volleyball game of the season. Our girls will be traveling to Freeport to face a tough team. We wish that they play well and stay safe.

Alpine Academy has a busy October. This coming Saturday is a CPR/AED training for staff in the morning. The following weekend, October 21 is our **Fall Festival**. It runs from 4-6 in the school gym, with children decorating gourds, bobbing for donuts, getting into and out of jail and lots more fun activities. This is not just for Academy families. You may invite your church friends and relatives to have fun with us. Families may eat hot dogs and popcorn at the festival before gorging on candy. Most activities do not cost money, but there will be some costs. Food will have a cost. It will cost to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets. You will have an opportunity to purchase church Anniversary raffle tickets. If you get thrown into jail, it will cost 25 cents to get out of jail. (This is a fund raiser for the fifth/sixth grade classes.)

After the gym festival, everyone will go to the north parking lot (next to the gym) for a **Trunk or Treat**. You are asked to bring your car and bring some candy by 6 o'clock. Back your car into a space in the lot and have your trunk full of candy. Sometime, after 6, our students will line up in the gym and we will open the doors for the children to walk to your cars so you can give them some safe candy. You may dress up. (we remember we are a church school, so some costumes would be inappropriate). We have a very nice time.

We thank you for all you do for the Academy. We appreciate all Alpine Lutheran Church does for the children.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal of Alpine Academy

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It is that time of year when Social Ministries begins collecting for the **Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 16th. Here is a list of items needed: instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional items that can be donated for the families are: cereal, macaroni & cheese, canned soups, canned ravioli/spaghetti, canned meats—tuna, Ramen Noodles, and other non-perishable non-expired foods. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others.

You are invited to attend the annual **Alpine Academy Veteran's Day Program on Thursday, November 9th** at 1:00 PM in the gymnasium. Come and hear the children as they honor those who have fought for our freedom.

Get your ticket here! The **75th Anniversary Committee** is still selling raffle tickets for our 75th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The prizes you can win are: **1st Prize**—Diamond ring valued at \$1000; **2nd Prize**—2016 Chicago Cubs World Series framed poster; and **3rd Prize**—\$200 gift card to Country Side Meats. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, November 12th. Get in on the fun! Buy early and often!

We recently had to replace the program that handles our membership data. In transferring the information from one program to the other, we found many incomplete data fields. Please fill out the **informational form** provided in the September Summit. If you need an additional form or can't locate yours, more forms are available in the coatroom. You can either drop it off to the office or place it in the offering on Sunday. We appreciate your quick response to this request so we can finish entering the information and begin using the new program.



We invite all children to come to our Children's Church during the 10:00 worship hour. We will be discussing the lessons used in the worship service for that week through discussion and arts and crafts.

All are welcome to join us.



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. All are welcome. Come and join us!

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.

ELCA to celebrate 500th anniversary of the Reformation with public event in D.C.

6/8/2017 4:20:00 PM

CHICAGO – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), will host a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Oct. 31 at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C.

Eaton will be joined by the Rev. William O. Gafkjen, bishop of the ELCA Indiana-Kentucky Synod and chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops; the Rev. Richard H. Graham, bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod; and ELCA Vice President Bill Horne.

The event, which will meet under the theme "Looking Back and Called Forward," will be available online via livestream for all to watch.

The event will be open to the public and available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as the ELCA bears public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us.

***Alpine Lutheran will live stream this event in the sanctuary all day.**



Music on Thursdays . . . on Seventh!

A fall music series at Katie's Cup

November 9:

Georgia Rae Fiddle Champion—A Girl and her Loop

December 14:

Trinadora's Holiday Frolic, Jannie Nelson & Ron Holm

Doors open at 6 pm. Concerts begin at 7 pm. Free Admission.

Musicians will have CDs and merchandise for sale.

Katie's Cup full drink and food menu available.



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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., October 22, 2017

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson, Randy Teske, Volunteer
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Pam Hodges, Barb Shelton
Elements: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Pam Hodges, Kyle Davison
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) John Fridh
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Dale Olson
(10:00) John Fridh, Lucas Turmo
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., October 29, 2017

Ushers: (8:00) Allen Geeser, Carol Johnson, Tonya Mund, Jack Phillips
(10:00) Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Pat Anderson, Carole Rogers
(10:00) Volunteers
Elements: (8:00) Kathy Mund, Eugene Mund
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Terry Hodges (10:00) Becky Toro
Lay Assist: (8:00) Terry Hodges, Deb Okeson
(10:00) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Altar Guild: Joan Greeny, Volunteer
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Lynn Valentine