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Christ Is Risen!



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From the Pastor's Desk:

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"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? 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 then 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. 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 allow 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't 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 4/22/18 63 + 67 130 Attendance 4/129/18 54 + 52 106

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,267.02

Gen Fund 4/22/18	\$3,319.50	Gen Fund 4/29/18	\$3,094.25
Forward in Faith	\$1,222.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,567.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,725.52	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,605.77

Unexpected.....\$100.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$5,795.73 (3/31/18)

Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Chuck Gentry, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Alyce Krusemeier, Les Johnson, Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Marian Olson, Gerry Perala, Donna Steele and Bart Tack.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Steve Abbott, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Jim Coffman, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Tom Kovalik, Judy LeGault, Kathleen Lovins, Maryann Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Leslie Olson, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Penny Wendling, Nora, Sophia, Rett, Tripp & Liz.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Karl Okeson** and **Harriet Brown**. **Pat Anderson** expressed her thanks for all of the cards and visits for her 95th birthday. Her **new address** is 6401 Newburg Rd #107, 61107. Please call the office for her new phone number. **Ron Pauly** sends his heartfelt thanks for the cards and flowers he has received after his surgery. **Becky Toro** would like to thank everyone for their expressions of support after the loss of her mother. "I am so blessed to be part of such a wonderful Christian family."

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

Adult Forums: Meet between services on the 1st Sunday of every month, unless announced otherwise. A light breakfast will be served.

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.

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.

May 13th — Nancy & Russ Hornbeck; Alyce Krusemeier & Jan Galster; Bob & Lori Fanello; Mike, Deb Chris & Tanner LaFew; Dave & Peggy Lillegaard; John Linde; and David Linde.

May 20th — Kay Lamphere; Nancy Matthews; Pat Turmo; James, Gayle, Alyssa, Lucas & Kinsey Turmo; and Shawn & Judy Lee.



May is Mental Health Awareness month.

Sunday, May 13th—Mother's Day

Saturday, May 19th—Property Clean-up Day, 8:30 AM

Saturday, May 19th—1st Communion Class, 10 AM

Sunday, May 20th—Pentecost Sunday, WEAR RED

Sunday, May 27th—Ascension Sunday



The **Youth Garage Sale** is on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd. Please contact John Linde if you can help in any way.

High School Youth:

WHEN—every 2nd Sunday, 7—8:30 PM

WHAT—food, music, games and praise worship

WHERE—Katie's Cup, 502 7th Street

Just show up!

To learn more, call 815-962-4279

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** are collecting scholarship applications now through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Can you believe it it is May already and that means school is winding down for the year. It is time to start stocking up on SCRIP cards for teachers, teacher aides, cafeteria workers or anyone that has made the school year better because of their presents in your students life. SCRIP has low denominational cards that just say thank you for being part of your students educational journey. Remember, those summer vacations will be here before you know i. Start now stocking up on hotel SCRIP cards and chain restaurants that will be along your travel route. If you are staying in a hotel that is not listed on the SCRIP order form please contact Deb Geeser there are many hotels that participate in the SCRIP program that are not listed on the form. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The **Adult Forum** for May will be held on the **second Sunday, May 13th**. It will be presented by the **"Stars of Light"** from Stepping Stones of Rockford. They use dramatic and visual arts to promote recovery, educate the public about mental illness and reduce the stigma that surrounds it. They enhance the quality of life in our community and across Winnebago and Boone Counties with artistic products that educate as well as entertain through the artistry of their director and participants, public fear of mental illness is alleviated and barriers are broken down to understanding and acceptance. (Mike Schultz)

We need your help. On **Saturday, May 19th**, the Property Committee is holding a **"Property Clean-Up Day"**. We need volunteers to help with light painting, raking, stick pick-up and general spring cleaning of our yard. We will begin at 8:30 AM and work into the early afternoon. Coffee, donuts and light lunch will be provided. The more hands working the better. Any rakes or tools you can provide would be appreciated as well. Of course, this is all weather permitting. (Scott Dabson)

Save the Date: Monday, July 23rd, RALM Golf Scramble.



At our worship services on **May 13th, Mother's Day**, we will be celebrating all Christian women with a special blessing. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

Sunday, May 20th is Pentecost Sunday. Wear your RED!

Chuck Yarris of the **Gideons International** wishes to thank all of Alpine for the gracious reception he received on Sunday, April 15th. The free will offering collected "is tangible evidence of the love your congregation has for making the Word of God available..."

The youth will be holding a **Garage Sale** in the gym on the first **weekend of June, the 1st & 2nd**. Donations may be dropped off at the church and placed in the Fellowship Hall behind the partitions. Please contact John Linde with any questions. There will also be a **Plant Sale** during the garage sale. Come and get your perennials at a great price while shopping our great deals. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Gathering trip this summer. (John Linde)

If you are planting any plants around your yard this spring, consider saving the **larger plastic containers** for Violet Peterson. She uses them for perennials sold at the **Plant Sale** held during the Youth Garage Sale. (Violet Peterson)

The May edition of **"Living Lutheran"** is available on the Care & Concern Counter in the narthex. This month's cover story, "Two-wheeled welcome", tells how a ministry in Houston, TX helps welcome refugees with free bicycles to use as transportation as they settle in the U.S. Take home a copy to read and then share it with a friend.

We thank all our volunteers who make our worship experience at Alpine a good one. The **summer schedule** for **Those Who Serve** is in its final stages. If we have your email on file, it will be emailed out to you otherwise, it will be on the Care & Concern counter for you to pick up soon. Please watch your email or check the counter. (Lynn Valentine)



Alpine Academy of Rockford

Faith • Family • Future

The students and staff of Alpine Academy thank the congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church for their generous support this year. It is hard to believe that this school year is coming to an end in just three weeks. Yet, immediately after Memorial Day, our Summer Camp program begins, so we will have children in the building throughout the summer. I am looking forward to this time. We still have openings in Summer Camp and in our regular 2018/19 school year, so please invite your friends and family to check out Alpine Academy.

We thank the family of Carolyn Jean Johnson for designating Alpine Academy to be the recipient of her memorials. And, we thank the church members who gave monies in her name to Alpine Academy. She was a wonderful lady and we loved her very much.

Alpine Academy has some upcoming events in May. We have "Moments with Mom" on May 11 before school begins. We have the school carnival on May 19. And, we have Sixth Grade Graduation on Wednesday, May 23. All other students complete their instruction on May 25. Summer begins.

In Christ,

Principal Bob McVinnie



Royal Family Kids Camp, a foster care ministry, is collecting new or gently worn shoes to be sent to those in areas less fortunate than ourselves. They can be men's, women's or kids in any size or color. A collection barrel will be in the church vestibule.

Pastor Dan would like to announce that there will be a **First Communion Class** on **Saturday, May 19th at 10 AM**. Please contact either the office, 815-399-5013, or Pastor Dan to sign-up so he can plan for how many will be attending. Please share this with any parents or grandparents.

The **Altar Guild** is in need of more **coffee cans** to deliver our altar flowers to shut-ins and members. The best ones are the 2 lb. metal cans. If you have received flowers, the cans can be reused. (Laurel McVinnie)

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. We will be collecting names through early June. (Lynn Valentine)

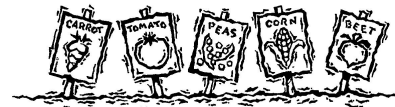
Christian Ed and our nursery workers have recently gone through the toys in the nursery and have removed ones that were broken or missing parts. Many old toys pose risks to younger children. If you have any newer toys that are no longer being used by your children, please consider donating them to the church. (Karl Okeson)

The **Social Ministry Committee** will be collecting jars of peanut butter for **Rock River Valley Food Pantry's Peanut Butter Rally**. A barrel will be in the vestibule during the month of May.

On Sunday, May 20th, **Irene Northrup** will celebrate her **90th birthday** and her family invites you to help her celebrate with cake and coffee between services.

Children's Church

How are your banks filling up? Our ELCA World Hunger project this year is to buy a vegetable garden (tools, education, drought resistant seeds, etc.) . The children will be collecting coins in banks through May. Banks are available in the Memorial Lounge for other members who would like to contribute to this project.





-Katie's Choice Book Club every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. The book for May is "**Big Magic**" by Elizabeth Gilbert. Author of "*Eat, Pray, Love*". "Gilbert leads readers through breaking out of their own creative ruts, finding fulfillment, and facing fear while finding balance between our spiritual and pragmatic beings in her forth coming book. Yes, please." —Bustle No reservations are necessary, just bring your copy of the book and join in the discussion.

-Katie's Cup Bunco: Join us every 3rd Thursday of the month at Katie's Cup for a session of Bunco and great fellowship. We meet from 1:30—3 PM.

-Music on Thursdays...on 7th will feature the music talent of Chip Messiner with a John Denver Tribute on May 10th. The doors will open at 6 PM and the music begins at 7. The full Katie's Cup menu will be available.

-Katie's Cup Conversation: Join us Tuesday, May 15th at 11 AM, for an informative discussion about Trinity House. Director, Jan Jann will share the impact Trinity House has had on their disabled residents. Lunches will be available for purchase.

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Keep Alpine Updated: With current HIPAA laws, **the church is not informed when you are hospitalized.** Please have a friend or family member notify the church directly. OSF St. Anthony's and Rockford Memorial does not call at all, Swedish American only calls when you are admitted to the hospital through your physician, not the ER. We want to keep in contact with you especially when you are in need of support.

Laundry of Love—This program, part of **RALM**, provides free laundry services to the needy every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Charles Street Laundromat. The program exists to help alleviate the strain that poor health and hygiene places on the most venerable members of our community. Co- Coordinators are Bob Black & Dave Musser.

Milestone Adopt a Camper—For \$100 you can sponsor a camper for 1 week at camps in IL, WI and IA; or for \$75 you can sponsor a camper at Camp Winnebago. Please contact Milestone, 815-639-2965, if you want to make a donation or have any questions.



Alpine Academy Summer Camp

Preschool 3 yr. to 4th grade

Camp Starts Tuesday, May 29th, 8 AM—3 PM

Cost is \$125/week or \$35/day

A registration fee of \$25 will be collected from each family.

Enrollment forms are available outside the school office, in

the church coat room, or online at

alpineacademyofrockford.com



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Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., May 13, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
(10:00) Jack Lucas, Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Carole Rogers, Volunteer
(10:00) John Linde, David Linde
Elements: (8:00) Kathy Mund, Eugene Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Gwyn Brechtel
Lector: (8:00) Al Garrett (10:00) Al Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Al Garrett
(10:00) Zada Gillette, Rashad Hyder
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie

Sun., May 20, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello, Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund
(10:00) Russ Hornbeck, Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz, Brandon Williams
Ambass.: (8:00) Al & Deb Geeser
(10:00) Gwyn Brechtel, Diana Sundeen
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) Craig Shelton
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Glen McDonald
(10:00) Terry Hodges, Craig Shelton
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine