



Special points of interest:

AlpineFest 2018
July 15



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From the Pastor's Desk:

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Great Stories of the Bible

2018 Alpine Summer Worship Series

"The history of the world is determined less by the battles that are lost and won than by the stories it loves and believes in." (Harold Goddard)

Author and Professor George Guthrie writes "As we live in the modern world, we see the power of story all around us. People have particular views of the world, and those views often are driven by the stories they have embraced. God wants to pull us into his Story and shape us by it. You may not be terribly familiar with the Old Testament stories, which play a vitally important role in telling the Grand Story, but there are a number of reasons why you should read those stories (which make up a bit less than 50% of the Old Testament). You really can't make sense of the New Testament unless you "get" the Old Testament (see Hebrews 1:1-2a). The Old Testament narrative material is *great* literature, and the people, events, power struggles, personal crises, and hope we find in these stories often are as relevant as this morning's news. Thus, the Old Testament stories, read in the right way, form an indispensable resource for Christian living." Here are 4 principles that he gives in our approach to reading the stories of the Bible

- Read the story in light of the bigger STORY of which it is a part!**
- Read the story in light of its purpose.**
- Understand important cultural elements in the story.**
- Read the story, recognizing God as the Hero.**

Our summer worship series at Alpine will be "Great Stories of the Bible" Each week we will tackle one of the following stories using these four principles to help connect us to God. The goal here is to allow our lives to be shaped by God's great redemption story. All of these stories have an important connecting thread... *God's great love for us and the lengths God will go to restore our relationship with God.*

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|------------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Abraham and Isaac | June 17 th | Daniel & the Lion's Den | August 5 th |
| Noah & The Flood | June 24 th | David and Bathsheba | August 12 th |
| Job Has Words with God | July 1 st | 3 Friends in the Fiery Pit | August 19 th |
| Joseph's Coat | July 8 th | Esther (What to do when you become Queen) | August 26 th |
| Joseph in Prison | July 15 th | Jonah and A Really Big Fish | September 2 nd |
| Ten Plagues | July 22 nd | Peter Walks on Water | September 9 th |
| David and Goliath | July 29 th | | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Attendance 5/20/18 | 64 + 72 | 136 | Attendance 5/27/18 | 48 + 55 | 103 |
| | | Attendance 6/3/18 | 54 + 61 | | |

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

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| Gen Fund 5/20/18 | \$4,531.75 | Gen Fund 5/27/18 | \$2,750.50 | Gen Fund 6/3/18 | \$6,170.25 |
| Forward in Faith | \$847.00 | Forward in Faith | \$1,587.00 | Forward in Faith | \$1,192.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -\$2,883.27 | Surplus/Deficit | -\$3,929.52 | Surplus/Deficit | -\$904.77 |

Unexpected Blessings.....\$218.61

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$8,602.47 (5/31/18)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Marge Broquist, 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, and Donna Steele.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

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

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Shirley Schou, Mari Hanson** and **Roger Bastian**. **Irene Northrup** would like to thank everyone for making her 90th birthday a very blessed one. **Carol Johnson** sends her thanks for the cards and best wishes for her 80th birthday. **Marge Broquist** expressed her thanks for the get well wishes and prayers. She misses everyone.

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.

June 17th — Larry & Joni Graham; Gerald & Mari Hanson; Louise Hemenway; and Pat Anderson.

June 24th — Elliott, Rebecca, Charlie & Elizabeth Kallstrom; Debbie & Ryan Matthews; Kent & Barb Milton; Erica Milton; Charlie & Gail Davidson; Bill & Pam Frey; and Greg & Barb Lee.



Friday & Saturday, June 15th & 16th—Synod Assembly in Rock Island, IL

Sunday, June 17th—Father's Day

Sunday, June 17th—Summer Worship Series begins, "Great Stories of the Bible"

Thursday, June 21st—Church Council



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



At our worship services on **June 17th, Father's Day**, we will be celebrating all Christian men with a special blessing. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend.

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 25th, July 16th, July 30th, August 13th and August 27th**. 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 (one week prior to date).



ALPINE GRADUATES. We congratulate and wish all of Alpine's graduates God's blessings on all they do in the future:

Joseph Barron
Ellina Bastian
Eugene Mund

East High School
Taylor Boustead
Zachary Sturges
Freeport High School

Kyle Davison
Seaholm High School, Birmingham, MI
Allie Stecker
Sir Francis Drake High School, San Alselmo, CA
Isabelle Zuroske

Chandler Chockalingam
Iowa State University, BS in Software Engineering

Jennifer Sproule
Columbia College Chicago, BA in American Sign Language

The **Social Ministries Committee** expresses many thanks to all who contributed the many jars of peanut butter for the Rock River Valley Pantry's Peanut Butter Rally. They will continue collecting for Emanuel's Food Pantry: **June**—cereal, **July**—canned vegetables, **August**—canned fruit, **September**—soup/chili, and **October**—pasta.



ALPINEFEST IS COMING! There will be a planning meeting for the July 15th AlpineFest on **Tuesday, June 5th at 7 PM** in the sanctuary. We are looking for all of the wonderful ideas that you, the congregation, have about activities that will make this event more successful than ever.

- What might attract the people in the neighborhood?
- What new games, or old ones, should we try for the kids or maybe even adults?
- What kids' activities will draw a crowd?
- What are the new ways we can reach out to serve?

We have put a sign in the narthex with post-it notes for your ideas. We would like to fill up the board. The planning committee will then discuss ways to add all of the fun ideas to our festival. Let's fill up that space with new and creative ideas and activities! (DiAnne Beynon)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Father's Day! Father's Day! Father's Day! Did I get your attentions? You have been warned that Father's Day is June 17. No excuses for not getting your dad something for his day. Scrip has many area retailers gift cards that may put a smile on your dad's face especially if he received a gift card to Home Depot, Lowes, Menard's, Ace Hardware, and Farm and Fleet. I have heard many times by many different people stating "if you can't get it at Farm and Fleet you don't need it" and maybe your dad has the same philosophy. Why not get him a gift card from Farm and Fleet? So if you are completely out of ideas for your dad just stop by the SCRIP desk and see all the amazing gift cards that your dad will love. If you are completely baffled on what to get your dad why not take your dad out to dinner for Father's Day. SCRIP has many area restaurants gift cards that sure to put a smile on your dad's face. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The **Property Committee** has decided to move their meeting from the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM to the first **Sunday of the month between services, 9:15 AM**. They meet in a classroom on the second floor. Please take note of this change. (Scott Dabson)



Alpine Academy of Rockford

Faith • Family • Future

Graduation on May 23, went well with 4 graduates- Hannah Denk, Olivia Harwood, Kiara Macklin, and Melanie Schwalen. Our music teacher, Miss Martinez, worked with the girls on two songs that they sang at the ceremony. The families, along with teacher Beth Stephans, went to a restaurant to celebrate, at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Enrollment for Summer Camp is 28. These are not all fulltime students, But, this number is a nice increase from previous years. Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year, as of May 29, 2018 is 75. This is an increase from this time last year, as well.

Meetings will be conducted over the month of June to develop the calendar of events for the next school year, as well as, activities for marketing and fundraising. We will be planning a fall dinner that includes the church congregation, as a celebration of 20 years and a kick off to 20 more years.

For the next school year Alpine Academy is searching for part time teaching positions in music, Spanish, and Physical Education If anyone knows someone who may be interested please contact Bob McVinnie at Alpine Academy-e-mail Mr.McVinnie@alpineacademyofrockford.com.

Alpine Academy is still in need of donators to the Empower Illinois program or to the GRALS (Greater Rockford Area Lutheran Schools, or to Alpine Academy directly. If you are interested in helping out please give to the schools. Thank you for your support.

Bob McVinnie,
Principal of Alpine Academy



Get your dad a slice of the pie! On Father's Day, June 17th, the Alpine Connections Committee will again sponsor a humongous (and now phantasmagorical) bake sale. They are hoping to offer home-made pie slices for a mere \$2 each. The money raised will go towards Alpine's (\$2000) pledge to RALM's "God's Work, Our Hands" food packaging project. There will be a sign-up chart for all of our wonderful Alpine bakers, those who contributed in December and any new volunteers. (DiAnne Beynon)

We join in celebration with our recent Confirmands. On Sunday, June 10th, **Zada Gillette, Rashad Hyder & Lucas Turmo** were confirmed. God's blessings go out to them as they journey through their faith.

Cary Ralston has **raffle tickets** for a queen size quilt that was made by a member of **Faith Lutheran in Forreston**. The proceeds will go to a kitchen remodel at Faith and their Good Samaritan fund. The quilt, pattern dubbed "Stars in My Crown". Is 87'x87' in vivid red, white and blue. Please see Cary between services in June for more information.

During the summer months several of our groups take a hiatus. The **Adult Forum** will not meet until the first Sunday of September. The **Men's Breakfast** is done until the fall as well. Our **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will continue meeting on Wednesday mornings. **Altar Guild's** next meeting is Saturday, September 8th. **Confirmation** will not meet again until after school is back in session. Enjoy your summer!

Summer Worship Series: Come hear the **Great Stories of the Bible**. We all remember the stories we learned in Sunday School but how do they relate to us as adults? Is there more to these stories that we did not learn as children? Pastor Dan will discuss these things in his message.

We celebrate those who received their **1st Communion** on Sunday June 3rd, at the 10:00 worship service. They are: **Lucas & Ava Louthain**. May God bless them as they continue to receive this sacred sacrament.

★ Thank You! ★
★ Thank you! ★

The Property Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the **Property Clean-up Day**. It was a lot of work but the pride of Alpine shows in your effort.

Children's Church

We thank you for contributing to the Children's Church purchase of an ELCA Vegetable Garden and Supplies. The food grown will help those with food and possible income for their families.



-Katie's Choice Book Club every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. The book choice for June is "The Hearts of Men" by author Nickolas Butler. 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.

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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-Coordinator 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.



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.

Lutheran Area Ministries is holding their **annual Golf Scramble** on Monday, July 23rd, at Swanhills Golf Course in Belvidere. To register, please call 815-962-4279 or email RALMmail@aol.com.

The June copy of **Living Lutheran** is here and on the Care & Concern counter for you to take home and share. This month's cover story "Divine inspiration" shares the stories of individuals who have used their talents to share God's Word. Stop and pick up a copy today!



Alpine Academy Summer Camp

Preschool 3 yr. to 4th grade

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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& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., June 17, 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 & Marlene Garrett
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Al Garrett (10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Al Garrett
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., June 24, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Ies Johnson, Karl Okeson, Randy Teske, Volunteer
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Elements: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Lector: (8:00) Becky Toro (10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Tonya Mund
(10:00) Karen Conti, Bob McVinnie
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine