



Special points of interest:

AlpineFest 2018
July 15



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From the Pastor's Desk:

Monday, June 25, 2018

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He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Why is humility so important? Christians talk about it all the time. Sure, it makes for the development of good character and proper social customs, but is there anything of more significance that Christians need to be more aware of? I would argue that the practice and cultivation of humility is essential to our faith development. Humility is so important because of what it offers us. It creates in us a capacity for the closest possible intimacy with God. Intimacy is important because it personalizes God's presence and actions in our lives. Sometimes God can feel very distant. We can acknowledge that he is doing stuff in the world, but it may feel like it has nothing to do with us. Developing intimacy in our relationship with God personalizes or connects us to all of these great things that God is already doing all around us. Humility is a key component in creating the conditions for intimacy with God.

There is however some confusion about what humility is. Often people mistakenly think humility is the opposite of pride. Pride is thinking too highly of yourself. The opposite of that is low self-esteem (thinking too low of yourself). Humility is not self-deprecation. It is not putting yourself down or saying bad or untrue things about yourself. A humble person is someone who focuses on other people, seeing their needs met. Helping them to excel or succeed instead of yourself. Humility means being focused on others, not yourself. The opposite of humility is self-centeredness. The danger we face in self-centeredness is that when left unchecked or un-confronted in our lives it rots away at who we are and our ability to experience God and make good healthy decisions. In essence it destroys our ability to have intimate contact with the one true living God. Because self-centeredness can be so ingrained in who we are, we must take steps to root it out. We need to cultivate and model humility, for our benefit and for the benefit of those around us. The more we are committed to being humble, the greater and deeper our experience of God will be.

"Therefore, I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 6/10/18	64 + 69	133	Attendance 6/17/18	67 + 62	129
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Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,267.02

Gen Fund 6/10/18	\$2,505.00	Gen Fund 6/17/18	\$6,889.00
Forward in Faith	\$792.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,722.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,970.02	Surplus/Deficit	+\$343.98

Unexpected Blessings.....\$20.00

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



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Marge Broquist, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, 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, Jonathan Ahnquist, Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Jim Coffman, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Linda Groner, Elena Hember, 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

Pat Anderson wishes to thank everyone for the birthday cards celebrating her 95th birthday. She also sends her thanks for the many gifts from the Visitation & Connections Committees and flowers from Altar Guild.



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. We will take a break during the summer months.

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.

July 1st — Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; Pat Busekros; and Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian.

July 8th — Vince Bertolotto; Ernest & Mary DeNale; Bettie Everson; Bryan Garrett; and Harold & Pat Christiansen.

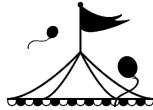
July 15th—Joseph & Judah Barron; Amanda & Morgan Dabson; Jim & Denise Burnett; and Doug, Zachary & Joshua Schrank.



Sunday, June 24th—Kids leave for Youth Gathering
Wednesday, June 27th—RALM Park Players at Alpine, 12:30 PM
Sunday, July 1st—Property Committee Meeting, 9:15 AM
Wednesday, July 4th—**Independence Day**, Office Closed



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



ALPINEFEST IS ALMOST HERE! You are invited, **Sunday, July 23rd**, for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Alpine's annual **AlpineFest**. Listen to our local musicians entertain with Bluegrass and Christian rock music at our indoor Music Café. Enjoy a nice meal as you visit with friends in the air conditioned gym. Listen to the laughter of the children playing in the bouncy house. Watch kids run in sprinklers while they play games. We have invited local community service agencies to man a table under a canopy and to present you with their service projects. Everyone is invited to this **FREE** event; bring your neighbors, bring your friends, bring your family! It will be a relaxing afternoon of getting to connect with your neighbors and church family. (AlpineFest Committee and Alpine Connections)

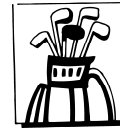
Due to the holidays over the summer (and Lynn's vacation), the **summer schedule of the Summit** will be a little different. Here are the dates you should receive your newsletters: **July 16th, July 30th, August 13th and August 27th**. As always, these date are subject to change but this should give you an idea of when you may want to submit any articles for publication (at least one week prior to date).

From the SCRIP Desk:

The weather has been a little steamy in the state line which really means it is too hot to cook. SCRIP carries many area restaurant gift cards for a quick bit to eat to a nice sit down restaurant. Check out the SCRIP order form to find your favorite restaurant which really means keeping your kitchen cool while someone else cooks for you. It is half way through the year have you made your monthly purchase from SCRIP and naming the church as the recipient of the profit from your order? SCRIP has a goal of giving the church an unexpected blessing of \$1000.00 at the end of the year. So far we are falling short of this goal and hopefully we can make it up in the next few months in order to stay on track to make our goal. Remember to mark Alpine church at the top of your order form in order for the church to receive your profit from your purchase. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Our summer worship series "**Great Stories of the Bible**" continues every Sunday! Our goal 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.



Rockford Area Lutheran 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. Golf package, \$85, includes lunch, green fees, cart, golf balls, tees, prizes, and a donation to RALM.

Carpenter's Place guests go through a lot of coffee, and our supply is running **VERY** low! We are in **URGENT NEED** of ground coffee. Any and all donations will be **MOST** appreciated! Donations can be mailed directly to Carpenter's Place: 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104 or drop off in-person Monday-Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00pm Friday: 8:30am - 2:30pm Thank you in advance for your help with this urgent request!

SAVE THE DATE: Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Alpine Lutheran Church on **Wednesday, August 8th**. More information regarding registration will be in future Summits.

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.

Please pray for our youth; Maddie Merwin, Elizabeth Ulrich & Skylar Eckelbarger as they attend the **2018 National Youth Gathering** in Houston, TX from June 25th to July 2nd. We pray that all 30,000 youth attending will have a life transforming experience with God. To learn more about this event, visit <http://www.elca.org/youthgathering>.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

It's Summer at Alpine Academy and we're off to a great start! Our summer camp enrollment has been higher than previous years, our fall enrollment is still pacing ahead of where we were this time last year and many of our staff and families are enjoying rest relaxation and some fun!

With Diana Sundeen and Jody Gowan leading our Summer Camp again this year we've seen increases in students attending. Last week was Western Week and Diana had the students make horses to ride out of foam noodles. It was fun to see the kids running around the gym on their horses they'd made. We continue to look forward to many more fun activities at Alpine Academy's Summer Camp.

While we continue to work on our Fall Enrollment for the 2018/19 school year we are feeling good about our potential. Student enrollment is currently at nearly 80 students and we are ahead of where we were last year. Our projections for the fall are to have another increase in enrollment at Alpine Academy. Through the generosity of the Alpine family here at Alpine Lutheran Church we've been able to continue to grow our ministry at Alpine Academy. We are very thankful for the support of everyone in our Alpine family.

We have continued to see opportunities to reach more families in need as a result of the Invest In Kids Act. While it may not have been the intent, this new law is allowing Christian Schools to reach new families and give these student an opportunity to build on a relationship with Christ. We currently have nearly 50 students hoping to get scholarships through the program to be able to attend Alpine Academy. We are still working together with Empower Illinois to raise funds in order to support these students. If you feel called to make a donation and are interested in learning how you can assist these families in experiencing a Christ Based Education at Alpine please let me know. As we move through the summer please also know that the Summer Camp and activities at the Academy will take a break from July 4th through July 6th to allow the staff to take a break and spend time with family.

Thank you all so much for the support you give to all of us at Alpine Academy!

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Outreach Director
Alpine Academy



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: *The Alive In Him Praise Band* presents a **Bluegrass Worship Service** on **Sunday July 15th**, at the 10 AM worship service. Bluegrass music is a tradition-based modern style of string band music. Bluegrass combines elements of old-time mountain music, square dance fiddling, blues, gospel, jazz, and popular music. Bluegrass makes frequent use of close-harmony duets, trios, and quartets. Come enjoy this special music.

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!

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!

The **Property Committee** has moved 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. The next meeting will be Sunday, July 1st. (Scott Dabson)

Alpine Endowment Fund - give a gift and "leave a legacy". Brochures are available on the table in the coatroom or in the brochure holders on the walls in the narthex. Donations are always accepted.

Is your **Family Wall story** and photo up to date? Many visitors to Alpine like to stop and read about the families that are currently members of Alpine. Is your family represented? Please submit a family photo and a short "bio". There are forms available in the pocket on the wall. If you would like to update your photo or information, we would love to do that as well. Just resubmit your info and we will update it. (Dave DeNale)

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 July is "The Other Alcott" by Elise Hooper. "[May's] adventures illuminate the world of intrepid female artists in the late 1800sThe Other Alcott comes alive in its development of the relationship between Louisa and May." -The New York Times 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.

-Katie's Cup Conversation: There will not be a Katie's Cup Conversation in the months of June or July. On Thursday, August 23 from 10 to 11:30 AM, Ed Weisbart, MD will be leading a conversation about "Medicare for All: Simple, Prudent, and Proudly American".

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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.



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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Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM**

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., July 1, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob Peterson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) John & David Linde
Elements: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lowjewski (10:00) Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: (8:00) Pam Lojewski, Terry Hodges
(10:00) Mike Schultz, Aaron Ayen
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek

Sun., July 8, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
(10:00) Jack Lucas, Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
(10:00) Zoey Gillette, Rashad Hyder
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie