



Special points of interest:

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Sunday Worship Times:
Traditional Worship
8:00 AM
Praise Worship
10:00 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk:

Unexpected Love

Have you ever unexpectedly received a gift or an expression of love? It is a great feeling isn't it? Emotions can overwhelm you. Often tears come to your eyes as you realize that someone, without having been obligated to, has sacrificed something significant just for you. These types of moments can have a profound effect upon us - especially if we are going through a tough or lonely time in life. These acts can bring light to darkness, hope to desperation, and meaning to what feels like insignificance.

We should never underestimate how powerful an encouraging word or an act of help can be. Often we do not always see, understand, or simply forget the impact this can have on someone's life. As a result, we discount its value. Or even worse, we get so caught up in our own lives, we never notice the needs, pain, or desperation of others around us. The way we organize our lives, it is just too easy for us to forget how powerful and significant our help can be to others. We don't realize how much hope, love, friendship, and help we have to offer. This is due to the fact that we lose sight of what God wants to accomplish in our lives.

God is always concerned foremost about people. God wants us all to experience God in life changing ways. Considering all the barriers that exist between people and God, often God's intention is that through our lives, others will experience God as well. Take forgiveness for example. Much of this world is living under a tremendous burden of guilt. It is oppressive and leads to all sorts of destructive behavior as people try to be free, yet the guilt they live with is too overwhelming. Then along comes an unexpected person (you me, or anyone else in our church) who offers forgiveness freely, without asking for remorse or contrition or anything in return (the same way that God forgives us). This can be a life changing event for someone. It can be the pivotal moment that will help them to see and understand that freedom from the oppressiveness of guilt only happens when they receive unconditional forgiveness from God.

Moments like these are so important that I believe that God can orchestrate our lives just to put us in these types of situations. The next time you are in a difficult spot, don't ask God "why me?" Pray, "Ok God, who is it that you want me to bless today? Who needs to experience your love in this situation?" If we all adapted this attitude, think of the impact we could have on our city! God has given us a tremendous power, a power to change lives. The power to love and spread forgiveness. When was the last time we chose to use it?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 7/15/18 63 + 64 127 Attendance 7/22/18 56 + 45 101

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

Gen Fund 7/15/18	\$5,475.75	Gen Fund 7/22/18	\$5,573.25
Forward in Faith	\$1,877.00	Forward in Faith	\$967.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$914.27	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,726.77

53/54.....\$1,528.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$16,910.50 (6/30/18)



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, Jack & 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, 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

Birthday thanks came in from **Deb Okeson** and **Pam Hodges**. **Irene Northrup** sends her thanks for the lovely flowers she recently received.



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.

August 5th — Mike, Lisa, Tiana, Briana, & Alana Kelly; Gary & Ginny Hunt; Jane Karlberg; and Ruth Lindgren.

August 12th — Pr. Pam Lojewski; Ed & Nancy Lorenzen; Irv Johnson; Mark, Christine, Holly & Renee Stohle; Bert & Lola Johnson; and Rick & Christie Bried.



Wednesday, August 1st— Alpine Visitation Committee, Conference Room, 11 AM

Sunday, August 5th—Scholarship Sunday at the 10 AM worship

Thursday, August 9th—Lifeline Screening Event in Fellowship Hall



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 **half year statements** are printed and ready for pick-up on the Care & Concern counter in the narthex. If you would like it mailed out , please contact the office, 399-5013.

The **Alpine Visitation committee** will be meeting on **Wednesday August 1st at 11 AM**. Our committee visits those members who are no longer able to attend our worship services. We need new people to join this very important ministry, even if you can only do a visit one or twice a month. Please plan on coming if you are interested/available. (Jan Pauly)

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: **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:

Back to school sales will be here before your know it. Start stocking up on SCRIP gift cards to your favorite back to school stores. Your wallet will thank you by stocking up on SCRIP cards and using them for your store purchase instead of your credit cards. Remember SCRIP cards are easy to use at the store and easy to purchase at the SCRIP desk. Keep your like simple shop with SCRIP gift cards. (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.

Carpenter's Place guests go through a lot of coffee, and our supply is running VERY low! Other needs are: men's jeans/shorts, men's tennis shoes, disinfectant cleaners, individual tissue packets, backpacks, air freshener, aluminum foil, and storage bags (all sizes). We appreciate any and all donations! You can drop them off at 1149 Railroad Avenue, Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM & Friday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Monetary donations are accepted as well.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases
- \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease
- Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

The 6 for Life Health Assessment measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings. Alpine will be hosting a **Life Line Screening** preventive health event on **Thursday, August 9th**. Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

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: **August**—canned fruit, **September**—soup/chili, and **October**—pasta.



The **Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce the distribution of scholarship monies to 5 young students. The presentation will be on **Sunday, August 5th, at the 10:00 AM** worship service. Alpine is very blessed to be able to help these students financially and spiritually as they continue their education into adulthood. (Gary Hunt)

Church Council members: Our August meeting on Thursday, August 19th, will be a picnic at a TBD location. An email will go out with the location soon as well as a list what everyone should bring. Please watch your email for the final plans. (Matt Hier)



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

Summer has been fun at Alpine Academy thanks to the work of Diana Sundeen and Jody Dabson for working a wonderful summer program for our students. Summer attendance really grew this year over the past couple of years. This is a testament to the work these two have done these past few years with our summer students.

Alpine Academy continues to grow as we prepare for the upcoming school year. We begin school again soon. On August 13th students and their families will join us from 3:00pm to 6:00pm for our Back to School Night. This is the yearly day when students meet their new teacher learn about what the next grade will be about and parents complete sign ups and paperwork. This is great day to see all of our returning students and to welcome those who are new to us. Throughout this evening many of us at the Academy look forward to catching up with students and their families after summer break. Our school year begins on August 15th and then we're off to another exciting year of learning at activities.

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to share with many of you about the new Invest in Kids Act. Already through the generosity of donors we have been able to accept new students to Alpine Academy through scholarships from Empower Illinois. On behalf of Alpine Academy as well as the students and families who have received scholarships, I'd like to thank everyone who took it upon their heart to make a donation to this program. So many students and families will continue to be impacted by the work done right here at Alpine Academy due to your generosity. Alpine Academy of Rockford has been very successful with this program and you will be seeing a lot of talk about that success in the coming months. If you would like to learn more about the effect on Alpine Academy from this program or would like to learn more about how you can make a donation that affects our school please let me know.

We look forward to beginning our new school year and sharing in all of our events and activities with everyone at Alpine Lutheran Church. We thank you for your ongoing support for Alpine Academy!

In Christ,
Scott Dabson, Admissions Director
Alpine Academy

We are currently looking for a **Volunteer Coordinator** to help the Alpine staff. This is a part time paid position. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please inquire in the church office. A description of the job and its requirements will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Celebrating with ELCA congregations across the country RALM is hosting a day of service. **God's Work Our Hands Day** will bring together congregations, schools, community organizations, and people of all ages together for a day to help end hunger in our communities. It is our goal to package 75,000 meals to help feed our neighbors. **Save the date, September 8, 2018** 10AM until noon to package food for the people of our community.

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)

Thrivent Financial members: Have you called the church office to put yourself on our list of Thrivent members? Alpine may be able to benefit from the giving opportunities that Thrivent has to offer its members. Please be aware that your Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be directed to Alpine or the Academy every year. Look for an upcoming notice from Thrivent regarding this. Through the Action Teams, every Thrivent member is able to receive \$250 towards an event twice a year. This amount can really add up and take some stress off our budget. Any questions regarding Thrivent's charitable programs please contact Brian Wynn, 815-970-3680 or Chris Plummer, 815-761-6488.

Thought for the week: God writes with a pen that NEVER BLOTS; He speaks with a tongue that NEVER SLIPS; He acts with a hand that NEVER FAILS.

Are you planning on moving? Drop a note to the church office so you do not miss any mailings. The church has to pay for each newsletter that is returned for a wrong address.

Children's Church

We thank you for contributing to the Children's Church purchase of an ELCA Vegetable Garden and Supplies. We were able to contribute \$ 256.68 to the efforts of the ELCA. 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 August selection is "Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig. "A fitting finale...Last Bus is rich in details about Montana as it was in the early 1950s, seen through a boy's eyes on a grand adventure." –Great Falls Tribune
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: 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 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.



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.



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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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

See what Alpine has to
 offer you on the Web!
 alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., August 5, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob Peterson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
 (10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Elements: (8:00) Matt & Debbie Hier
 (10:00) Ardy Stevens, Diana Sundeen
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
 (10:00) Allen Neumann, Lucas Turmo
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie

Sun., August 12, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
 (10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Sandy Cooley, Volunteer
 (10:00) Bill & Pam Frey
Elements: (8:00) David & Laura DeNale
 (10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips (10:00) Becky Toro
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Mancy Matthews
 (10:00) Zada & Zoey Gillette
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie