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

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From Pastor Lucy's Desk:

As many of you know, I recently started a call at a **new congregation – St. Paul Lutheran in Beloit, WI**. Tonight we did a big community outreach event, and I'm riding high on the joy of the event! We had a wonderful evening welcoming our neighbors in the community to eat, play, sing and have fun with us. As we at St. Paul launch into ministry this fall, my excitement & hope for us is much the same as my hopes & prayers are for you at Alpine in Rockford. I want to see us each grow as **missional congregations**.

Missional is one of those "buzz words" in the church – for me it means being **a church that is focused on reaching our neighbors and sharing the Good News that God loves and welcomes them**. We do that by both *telling* them the Good News, but also, even more so, by *showing* them that radical love and welcome in everything we do. A missional church is always asking the question, "How does this (event, decision, practice in our community...) communicate God's love to our neighbors?" And a missional church is always looking for opportunities to invite and welcome our neighbors in so that we can show and tell them about the Good News. **Lots and lots of churches are friendly – but being welcoming requires going a step further**. Being friendly means we're delighted when new people join us; being welcoming means that we are thinking about our worship practices, our building, our events through their eyes and trying to make it as smooth and comfortable as possible for them to participate. It means adjusting how we do things to make them feel more at home.

One detail of the Pentecost story in Acts chapter 2 always stands out to me. The Holy Spirit fills the disciples on that first birthday of the church and enables them to speak in all the different languages of the people outside on the street. The Holy Spirit could have enabled the people to understand the disciples' language – but instead, the Spirit empowers the disciples to speak in the heart languages of the people. **That is my prayer for us at St. Paul and for you at Alpine! That the Spirit would fill us and empower us to speak the heart language of our neighbors – so that they too might know how much God loves us all.**

Blessings,

Pastor Lucy

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 7/29/18 59 + 55 114 Attendance 8/5/18 58 + 65 123

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

Gen Fund 7/29/18 \$5,340.50	Gen Fund 7/22/18 \$6,584.50
Forward in Faith \$947.00	Forward in Faith \$1,712.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$1,979.52	Surplus/Deficit +\$29.48

53/54.....\$2,405.00 Unexpected Blessings.....\$21.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$16,910.50 (7/31/18)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Marge Broquist, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Alyce Krusemeier, 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 **Les Johnson, Darold & Sharon Walker, Jane Karlberg** and **Louise Hemenway**. Many thanks from **Eugene Mund** for all the cards, sharing cupcakes and making his 50th birthday so special. **Valerie Miller** expressed her thank for the cards she received after her brother's death.



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 19th — Don Busekros; Lisa Slothower; John McCue; Chuck & Lynn Valentine; and Marge Broquist.

August 26th — Dan & Linda Halvorson; Jan Bergstrom; Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; and Les & Carol Johnson.



Wednesday, August 15th—Alpine Academy 1st day back
Thursday, August 16th—Church Council Picnic at the Shelton's, 6 PM
Wednesday, August 22nd—Alpine Academy Chapel, 10:45 AM (note time change)



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 August copy of *Living Lutheran* is in and on the Care & Concern counter for you to take home and share with others. In this month's cover story, "Stronger Together; ELCA congregations find vitality through full-communion partnerships", we learn about the benefits of the partnerships between the ELCA and six other denominations. In many cases, congregations are blended into one "whose identity is both/and neither fully Lutheran nor the other."

From the SCRIP Desk:

We have added a new SCRIP card—CIRCLE K gas station. These cards come in \$25 with a profit of 1.5%. A new Circle K has just opened at the corner of Charles street and Perryville. Don't forget back to school shopping has begun don't forget to get you SCRIP cards before you go shopping. (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. We have 4 stories left in our series: 3 Friends in the Fiery Pit; Ester (What to do when you become Queen); Jonah and a Really Big Fish; and Peter Walks on Water. We hope you have been blessed with our stories so far.

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.

Church Council members: Our August meeting on Thursday, August 19th, will be a picnic at Criag & Barb Shelton's home. An email has gone out asking everyone to RSVP with what they are bringing. (Matt Hier)

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.



We congratulate and extend our support to **Alpine's 2018 Scholarship Recipients:** Taylor Boustead, Nicholas Chockalingam, Bailey Strunk, Jacob Strunk, and Brianna Williams. May God continue to bless them as they further their education.

Thanks again for all who helped with **AlpineFest** this year. We ask congregation members if there are changes or additions you would like for the festival next year. What type of music would you like? Would you like different food? Please contact John Linde, DiAnne Beynon, Bob McVinnie, or Mike Schultz with your ideas. Bob McVinnie has tickets for the **Blues Festival in August at Lyran Park**. Check the poster on the bulletin board to see the list of acts. Tickets are \$5. (Bob McVinnie)

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord." -Psalm 150:6 It is time for our choirs to resume rehearsals after their well deserved summer break. **Tuesday, September 4th** both our choirs; Hand Bell Choir & Chancel Choir, will meet at their regular times; 6PM & 7:15 PM respectively. We invite anyone who loves to praise the Lord to join us!

Sunday, September 9th is Rally Day! To help us rally our faith we ask everyone to wear your favorite team jersey. Bring your backpacks, tool belts, tablets, briefcases, stethoscopes, anything you use in your daily activities. We will be doing a blessing over these items as we begin a new fall season.

Music from AlpineFest: Many people have asked about dates for future events when River City Sound (Sweet Adelines) and Ron Holm would be performing. You can Google either group for a complete schedule but listed below are a couple dates coming up. **River City Sound** -- Annual Dessert and Show Sunday, September 30th at 2:00 PM in the Community Building Complex of Boone County, 111 W. 1st St. Belvidere. **Ron Holm and Trinadora** -- Saturday, August 18th from 5—7:30 PM at the Stockholm Inn.

Thought for the week: God has two thrones: one in highest heaven and the other in the lowest heart.



**Alpine Academy
of Rockford**
Faith • Family • Future

It is hard to believe that school is about to begin again. This year marks the beginning of our next 20 years and we plan to celebrate with a celebration dinner this fall. I hope you all will attend.

But this year's students arrive Wed, Aug 15 and it's the largest enrollment in six years. We will start with 94 students and we have room for more. Please invite neighbors and friends to bring their children.

We have some changes in the staff and in the day schedule. We welcome a new music teacher-Sara Lemen and a new P.E. teacher-Rick Hodges. Sara is choir director at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Rockton and a voice teacher. Rick has been teaching adaptive P.E. at Wilson Aspire. We look forward to working with both. We are still in need of a Spanish teacher. If you know someone who may be interested, please let me know so I can ask them.

I will be asking you to help us out by choosing students to pray for. In Sept. I will set up a small Christmas tree with students names hanging as ornaments. Please choose some to pray for during the year.

You have been a generous and welcoming congregation and we thank you. It takes a village to raise these children and I think Alpine is a wonderful village.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal

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.

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** 10 AM until noon to package food for the people of our community. Packaging will take place at Rockford Lutheran High School. A sign-up poster in in the narthex for volunteers. (DiAnne Beynon)

What can you do about Alzheimer's? The Alpine Mental Health Ministry is looking for someone who can help us understand Alzheimer's Disease. Someone who can help educate the committee and members of Alpine about this devastating disease. Please see Mike Schultz or call him at 815-633-4789.

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". 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. Through 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 Alpine's budget. Any questions please contact Brian Wynn, 815-970-3680 or Chris Plummer, 815-761-6488.

As we enter into the fall season, it is time to create a new **Those Who Serve** schedule. Our core group of volunteers is dwindling. Have you ever thought of serving in any of the areas; usher, lay assistant, ambassador/greeter, element carrier, or reader? We need more volunteers. You may call the office or speak to Pr. Dan if you are willing to help in this ministry. Lynn also needs to know when and for how long you will be gone if you are an Alpine Snowbird. This will prevent having to get replacements for when you are gone. Thank you for serving Alpine and its members. (Lynn Valentine)

Financial Request: Please include your name and envelope number on all envelopes you turn in especially if you give cash. This allows us to record your giving for tax purposes. We thank you for supporting Alpine and our ministries!



-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.

-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.



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.

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.

New Ministry



This ministry reaches out to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others as we celebrate being one body. This is an accepting, unique worship and fellowship that delivers God's message of love in an inclusive faith community. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is to welcome all children of God and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Partnerships are forming in community and worship services will start soon.



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Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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 offer you on the Web!
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., August 19, 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) David & John Linde
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
 (10:00) Pam Hodges, Kyle Davison
Lector: (8:00) Craig Shelton (10:00) Terry Hodges
Lay Assist: (8:00) Pam Lojewski, Craig Shelton
 (10:00) Terry Hodges, Volunteer
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., August 26, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson, Randy Teske, Volunteer
 (10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Tonya Mund, Carole Rogers
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
 (10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald
 (10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine