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

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From Pastor Desk:

Monday, August 27, 2018

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Salt & Light.

In the sermon on the mount (Matt. 5-7) Jesus gathers a crowd of Israelites together and begins to teach them truths about God, themselves, and the world around them. Many of these truths had already been communicated to them by God - but as seems typical for humanity - the Israelites had forgotten them. They needed to be reminded. One of the areas that Jesus comments on as he shares his thoughts with the multitudes is a direct challenge to them and us. He tells them that they are to be salt and light. Back then salt was a preservative. It was used to help kill bacteria that would occur in meat because there was no refrigeration/freezers. Salt was seen as something that would preserve the freshness of whatever it interacted with.

Light is obviously something we all need in order to see. We never realize just how important it is until the lights go out or we are caught in darkness. When that happens life can quickly become filled with doubts and fears (real or imagined). We also tend to forget just how desperate it can be living in darkness. Especially if we have lived with the inherent hope that having a relationship with God provides. We start to assume that everyone can see and feel just as we do. Jesus was concerned that the Israelites had forgotten that they had a special mission that had been given to them by God. The world was (and still is) in desperate straits. It needed a messiah, a savior, and the nation of Israel was going to both prepare the world for one and - through one of its own - provide that very messiah. Make no mistake, the plan was there from the beginning and the messiah was going to save the whole world, not just Israel. But Israel had lost sight of this. They had stopped being salt (influencing the world around them) and light (providing truth for people to see, and hope to drive fears away).

We face the same challenge today. As a church it is so easy to get so caught up within our own lives that we forget what it is that we are really supposed to be doing - being salt and light. Furthermore, Jesus warns us that when salt loses its saltiness (in our case our ability to influence or bring hope and truth) it really isn't good for anything else. It can just be trampled on the ground as it has lost its value. The secret of being salty is remaining connected to God. As we interact with God, we are empowered to change lives. When we remain connected to God and seek to be people of influence (salt), that is when we most powerfully experience God. Throughout this endeavor (as we strive to stay connected to God and influence others) God transforms us in the process. What's more, being salt & light is what we were created and designed to do. Testimonies from throughout Church history continue to tell us that we feel most alive when we are being salt and light to the world around us.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. (John 1:5)"

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 8/12/18 66 + 51 117 Attendance 8/19/18 58 + 57 115

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

Gen Fund 8/12/18	\$3,541.25	Gen Fund 8/19/18	\$6,561.50
Forward in Faith	\$1,009.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,792.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,716.77	Surplus/Deficit	+\$86.48

53/54.....\$325.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$445.00 (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, Laurel McVinnie, 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, Cheryl (Johnson) Mick, 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 **Jane Karlberg**, "thank you so much for the lovely Happy Birthday cards received at my last & newest address here at Wesley Willows." **Barb Yahn** wishes to express her thanks for the beautiful flowers to celebrate her mom, Carrie Yahn's, life.



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 and resume in September.

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.

September 2nd — Bill & Sue Lovitt; Randy & Linda Teske; Shirley Schou; Dorothy Rumble; and Richard, Karla, Karter & Kamden Lovitt.

September 9th — Craig & Barb Shelton; Daniel Frykman; Marcia Olk; Robert & Carol Loucks; Marguerite Lusth; and Warren Burlend.



Sunday, September 2nd—Property, between services
***No Adult Forum**

Monday, September 3rd—Labor Day, Office closed

Saturday, September 8th—RALM Food Pkg, RLHS, 10AM to noon

Sunday, September 9th—Adult Forum, 9 AM

Work Camp 2019—The next meeting to start planning for our next work camp meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM Everyone interested should plan to attend.

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



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.

From the SCRIP Desk:

I know you don't want to think about it, but the last official "Summer Holiday" also known as Labor Day will be here in just a few weeks. Are you ready to barbecue? Stop by the SCRIP desk and stock up on your favorite grocery store cards so you will be ready for the holiday extravaganzas. If you are traveling to a big barbecue bash don't forget to get you SCRIP gas cards so you are not stranded on the side of the road with an empty gas tank wishing you were at the last party of the summer. SCRIP has many different gift cards to make your holiday barbecue or travels easy. Do you purchase prescriptions? Do you know that SCRIP carries Walgreen's, CVS, Target, Meijer, and Walmart/Sams gift cards that you can use at the pharmacy. A helpful hint if you buy a prescriptions every month or every three months why not purchase a few SCRIP cards for your pharmacy every week? Just think when it is time to pick up your prescriptions you just pull out your stocked up SCRIP cards for your pharmacy, pay for your prescription, and walk out - see how easy it is to use SCRIP. Remember college students will be returning to their school in the next few weeks why not surprise them with a few SCRIP cards to restaurants and general stores such as Target and Walmart. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



Our summer worship series "**Great Stories of the Bible**" will be wrapping up the first Sunday of September. All of these stories have had an important connecting thread... God's great love for us and the lengths God will go to restore our relationship with God. We hope you have been blessed with our stories and have a new understanding of how these stories can help shape our lives today.



"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!

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.

We are currently looking for a **Volunteer Coordinator** to help the Alpine staff. This is a part time paid position. We need someone to help coordinate volunteers for the many activities at Alpine along with keeping our data base up to date. For a full description of the position, please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

A Walk to Remember is a memorial walk sponsored by Swedish American & Fitzgerald Funeral Home. This walk remembers children lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant and childhood death. It is Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 PM at the YMCA Log Lodge and Sinnissippi Bike Path. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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."

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!



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

Thank you for your support, Alpine Congregation. Our students appreciate the help, but I hope you are not done helping, because we actually have grown so much that two classrooms are full. We have no more room for kindergarten or first grade students. God has provided to us the students who desire a Christian education and a means to achieve this. Many people have heard of Alpine and have joined our family. Some because they have the financial resources. Others because Empower Illinois provides a means for less financially able families to access a quality, Christian education. You, members of Alpine, gave that money that has allowed a number of new students to join the family. Your donations to the Empower Illinois went to these students. And they are so happy. Thank you.

We begin this school year with 100 students. That is a continual growth for us over the last 4 years. The nice fact about this is that we still have room in our 3 and 4 year old classes for growth, as well as, our second through sixth grades. DiAnne Beynon and I are teaching part of the sixth grade program. At the end of last year we had one student for sixth grade. Today, we have four. Wonderful growth.

With this increase in students, we need to provide for them a quality education. We need help from you. If you are retired and have some time that you could help a student learn to read or work math problems, please consider helping us. Let me know by contacting the school- 815-227-8894 or call me, Bob McVinnie, directly-815-312-6046.

God is watching over Alpine Academy and He is watching over you also.

In Christ,
Bob McVinnie, Principal of Alpine Academy

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.

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)

Social Ministry will be serving lunch at **Carpenter's Place on Thursday, September 6th**. Donations of cookies or other dessert items would be appreciated. Please drop off donations by Thursday morning. If you would enjoy serving, call Janet Gentry at 815-985-6262. We need a couple more to assist from 12—1:30 PM.

The **RALM Annual Meeting** is Sunday, September 30th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 200 N 1st Street. We encourage all rostered folks and 2 delegates from each congregation to attend. The business of the meeting will be kept to a minimal. The main purpose of this meeting is to encourage discussion with the lay members and rostered to unite our congregations as one church doing God's work.

Adult Forums will be starting up in September. Our first one will be **Sunday, September 9th** between services in Fellowship Hall. Our topic will be Alpine Academy. We will check in with the school and hear about the current enrollment and how Empower Illinois has had a positive effect on our school.

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)

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Fall 2018:

October 12 - 14, Quality Inn, Peoria IL. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org! Lutheran Marriage Encounter helps married husbands and wives celebrate their special relationship - and provides them with unique insights and tools to improve their communication for the long haul. The experience is a whole weekend away from chores, jobs, and kids to celebrate their love, learn a delightful new method of communication, and reap joyful long-term rewards for them, their family, and their faith journey.

Thought for the week: God does not COMFORT us to make us COMFORTABLE, but to make us COMFORTERS.



-Katie's Choice Book Club every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. The Katie's Cup Book Club September selection: is "Summer Hours at the Robbers Library" by Sue Halpern. "From journalist and author Sue Halpern comes a wry, observant look at contemporary life and its refugees. Halpern's novel is an unforgettable tale of family...the kind you come from and the kind you create." Goodreads 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: Tuesday, September 18th, 11 AM to noon, Xavier Whitford, 815 Suicide Prevention Advocate & Mental Health First Aid Instructor, will be joining us to have a community conversation about the factors that lead to suicide and how it affects the community.

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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.

Special request from Faith Lutheran in South Beloit: Boyd Miller, member of Faith Lutheran Church in South Beloit, is in need of a kidney. If you or anyone you know can help, please start the living donor screening process by using the UW online form: uwhealth.org/CanIBeADonor or call Boyd Miller at 815-633-3686. Thank you.

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.

Free Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Course! Alpine is again offering a free 9 week program open to the member of Alpine (1st 10 families who apply) starting **Sunday, September 16th from 5-6:30 PM.** We will meet in conference room #1. Free child care will be available. Register at <http://www.fpu.com/1070780>. For more information, please contact Matt Hier at 779 770 7838 (voice or text). Early registration required.

New Ministry

 *Rejoicing Spirits*[®]
United in One Body

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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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., September 2, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob Peterson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Al & Deb Geeser
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Al Garrett (10:00) Becky Toro
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Al Garrett
(10:00) Maddie Merwin, Elizabeth Ulrich
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie

Sun., September 9, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
(10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Volunteers
Elements: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Nancy Lorenzen, Bea Lundgren
Lector: (8:00) Craig Shelton (10:00) Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: (8:00) Craig Shelton, Deb Okeson
(10:00) Zoey Gillette, Rashad Hyder
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie