



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 Pastor Desk:

Monday, September 10, 2018

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Great Stories of the Bible

2018 Alpine Summer Worship Series

Throughout this past summer we have been examining some of the most famous stories of the Bible. Our goal was to see how these stories could help shape and grow our faith in and our relationship with God. Here are several of the takeaways that we encountered that are crucial in helping to connect our personal stories with that of God's greater story. They are:

- Sin destroys! When we sin, we unleash destructive forces that effect everyone.
- Just as sin unleashes destructive forces in our lives, Forgiveness unleashes healing forces.
- Our circumstances in life do not determine how God feels or is acting towards us.
- We take part in this great story when we know and act on God's promises.
- We stay connected to this great story when we trust that the Lord will provide, not what we want but what we need.
- God allows us to live in this broken world so that we might "Get to know God."
- God's promise You will never suffer in vain.
- Your community (friends and family) are crucial. Choose and cultivate them wisely. When the storm comes there will not be time to develop deep relationships that you can rely on.
- We all crave love.
- Realize God's desire to use us.
- Remember the battle belongs to the Lord.
- Sin has devastating consequences. Our abuse of power destroys both our relationships and our ability to garner trust. The loss of both cripple our faith.
- We Honor Bathsheba by naming sin for what it is and by standing up to injustice, assault and abuse of power in all its forms.
- God's greater desire is to redeem people, rather than see them punished for their deeds. Both The Good News and The Offense of the Gospel is that God Forgives the worst of our sins.
- Material Success and Safety in David's life brings about temptations that David is not equipped to handle. This leads to devastating sins.
- God goes with us no matter what kind of pit we fall into.
- Our mission remains the same even when our life circumstances change abruptly.
- Life isn't always about you. You are not the center of the universe.
- Prayer and fasting help shift our perspective away from self... allowing us to see God more clearly.
- Jonah had to leave his home and have his life turned upside-down to overcome a major prejudice in order to preach in Nineveh.
- Our concern should not be whether a man can live inside a fish, but whether the spirit of Jonah lives inside of us.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Attendance 8/26/18 69 + 50 119 Attendance 9/2/18 59 + 52 111

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

Gen Fund 8/26/18	\$3,627.50	Gen Fund 9/2/18	\$7,416.50
Forward in Faith	\$877.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,254.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,762.52	Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,403.48

53/54.....\$710.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$445.00 (7/31/18)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Alyce Krusemeier, Ruth Lindgren, 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, Judy LeGault, Kathleen Lovins, Cheryl (Johnson) Mick, Peggy Moorhouse, Jeff Morris, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, 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 **Darrell Brenner**. Scholarship thanks came in from **Brianna Williams & Nicholas Chockalingam**. Our love and sympathies go out to the family of **Marge Broquist**. Marge passed away on Tuesday, September 4th.



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 16th — Cathy & Maddie Merwin; Amanda Meyers; Don & Pat Lundquist; Tonya Mund; and RC, Rhonda, Conlan, Chase & Bobby Pottinger.

September 23rd — Robert, Jaron & Jennifer Sproule; Gyla Tomlinson; Gregory Wernick & Christine Morel; Corey, Brianna, Brandon & Brett Williams; and Aaron Ayen.



Wednesday, September 12th—Alpine Academy Board, 3:30 PM

Sunday September 16th—Dave Ramsey Financial Freedom Class, 5 PM



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

Confirmation

Calling all Confirmation students. We will resume our classes on **Sunday, October 7th, 12:30 PM**, meeting here at Alpine.



“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!

From the SCRIP Desk:

A new SCRIP order form is out. Please look at your order form and make sure the date of 8/27/2018 is in the right upper hand corner. Some retailers are no longer participating in the SCRIP program and there have been some additions especially in the hotel section of the order form. As you plan for your fall and winter getaways check out SCRIP and see if you will be using any of the SCRIP hotels for your gate away. SCRIP is a great way to stock up on your favorite stores gift cards. The holidays will be here before you know it and won't it be nice to have a some extra gift cards set aside to your favorite stores during for the holiday season? Start stocking up a few extra cards every week starting this week to ensure you are ready for that holiday season. Remember stocking up now will help lessen the wallet hurt in a few months! (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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

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.



God sees the heart not the hand; the giver not the gift.

Please note: The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet on Wednesday, September 12th. Pastor Dan will be at a pastoral conference.

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.

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.

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!

Carpenter's Place is in dire need of more toilet paper for their patrons. With over 80 people a day using their bathrooms, the toilet paper supply can be depleted quickly. If you are able to assist, donations can be mailed directly to Carpenter's Place: 1149 Railroad Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104, or dropped off in-person Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Friday: 8:30am - 2:30 PM. Thank you in advance for your help with this urgent request!

We need your help. On **Saturday, October 6th**, the Property Committee is holding a **“Property Clean-Up Day”**. We need volunteers to help with light painting indoors, raking, stick pick-up and general fall clean-up of our yard. We will begin at 8:30 AM and work into the early afternoon. Coffee, donuts will be provided. The more hands working the better. Any rakes or tools you can provide would be appreciated as well. Of course, this is all weather permitting. (Scott Dabson)



Alpine Academy
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I hope you all had a pleasant Labor Day weekend. My wife and I spent the time helping her sister in northern Wisconsin. Just after her sister left Rockford, after Laurel's surgery, she went home and fell through the hatch of their boat and broke her shoulder and leg. We went up to help her out while her husband worked. It was a good visit at a rough time. One of our preschool three year old teachers, Joanne Ellingson has been helping her sister recover from surgery. We are glad to hear that Joanne's sister is home now. We will keep praying for her and for Joanne.

The last Thursday afternoon Empower Illinois program was well attended by parents, congregation, and staff. We were able to visit with a number of parents and teachers from other schools, as well as, dignitaries. Scott Dabson was directly involved in planning and executing the event to the point of making certain the news media was present. He was able to have Rep. Sosnowski, and Senator's Stadelman and Syverson in attendance, with the Catholic Bishop, Marilyn Hansen, ELCA Assistant to the Bishop, and Pastor Busse, Director of LCMS Education, along with many Principals and parents. Alpine Academy was in good light on television and in the newspaper. Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Ford's classes made the front page of the Rockford Newspaper during their music class. It is a really nice picture.

Friday, Sept. 7, is Donuts with Dad. Please invite your students to invite their parent or grandparent to come and enjoy a donut with them. In future Updates I will be letting you all know the calendar of events for the school year.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal of Alpine Academy

Children's Church

Join us every Sunday during the 10 AM worship service for Children's Church. We will be learning about the lessons from the worship service and how we can share God's Word with others.

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.

The **Altar Guild** is in need of more **coffee cans** to deliver flowers to our members. The best ones are the 2 lb. metal cans or something of a similar size.

A new **Those Who Serve** schedule is completed and ready for pick-up. Hard copies are on the care & Concern counter in the narthex. If we have your email on file, it was emailed out in both Word and PDF formats last week. Thank you for serving Alpine and its members. (Lynn Valentine)

Attention All Chili Enthusiasts! The Walkers will be hosting the annual Chili Shoot-Out on **Saturday, October 13th at 5 PM**. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is a favorite Alpine event that you don't want to miss.



I know it is hard to believe but summer has ended. Many of you are starting to make your plans to **head south** to get away from the impending Illinois winter. Please remember to **notify the church office** as to when you will be leaving and an approximate date of return. The Postal Service charges us for all returned mail. Additionally, if you would prefer to receive your Summit via email, the office can make that change for you. Thank you.

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.

Introducing 'Three Sides Podcast' "Three Sides" is a new monthly podcast featuring stories from the ELCA. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world - together, "Three Sides" will share diverse voices from across this church. Typically, it's said there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of the story is revealed, providing another perspective to consider. In our introductory episode, our hosts give listeners a sneak peek of the first episode, "Women who lead." Subscribe at www.livinglutheran.org/podcast/ and listen today!



-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- Coordinators 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 meeting at Alpine soon



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 at Alpine will start soon.



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**Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM**

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alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., September 16, 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) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
(10:00) Pam Hodges, Ardy Stevens
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Pam Lojewski
(10:00) John Fridh, Allen Neumann
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., September 23, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson, Randy Teske
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel, Tonya Mund
(10:00) Volunteers
Elements: (8:00) Kathy & Eugene Mund
(10:00) Violet & Bob Peterson
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
(10:00) Bob McVinnie, Lucas Turmo
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine