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ONE SERVICE

Sunday, October 14, 2018
10 AM
Followed by a Fellowship
Meal

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From Pastor Desk:

Monday, October 8, 2018

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The Lord Will Provide

Fall Stewardship Series

"We can be certain that God will give us the strength and resources we need to live through any situation in life that God ordains. The will of God will never take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us." — Billy Graham

"A God wise enough to create me and the world I live in is wise enough to watch out for me."— Philip Yancey

Our fall stewardship series this year is **"The Lord Will Provide."** Throughout this series we will be delving deep into this very truth and trying to figure out just how and what God provides for us. Seeing and learning how God provides can change our faith. The changes begin first with our mindset and attitudes but can spread quickly to our relationships, decision making, dreams, and many other areas of our lives. These changes will help move our relationship from one of "What God can do for me" to "What God can enable me to do for others." Here is a schedule of what is to come!

Start Date is Sunday October 14th with one worship service at 10:00 AM with a fellowship Meal to follow.

October 14th **God Provides for Our Needs.** Matthew 6. Our worries and concerns are misplaced. How does God provide a change in our thinking and attitudes? Learn about how God begins to transform stubborn and selfish people.

October 21st **God Provides the ability to see the world differently.** Acts 9:1-31. Paul is blinded and then receives sight – both literal and metaphorical.

October 28th **God Provides Freedom.** Acts 16:16-40. God Provides freedom from what oppresses us - so that we can take part in God's mission - not live for ourselves. Paul and Silas freed from prison only to serve the people that oppressed them.

Nov 4th All Saints Day Service. **God Provides meaning to Life and Death.**

Nov 11th **God Provides Community/Relationships.** Acts 20:17-38 God provides the people that bring intimacy and support that enable us to comprehend "that it is better to give than receive"

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/23/18	52 + 57	109	Attendance 9/30/18	50 + 49	99
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Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,267.02

Gen Fund 9/23/18	\$2,864.25	Gen Fund 9/30/18	\$4,277.50
Forward in Faith	\$422.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,522.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,980.77	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,467.52

53/54.....\$410.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$7,851.94 (9/31/18)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Jeff Doubek, 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, Donna Steele and Darold Walker.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Steve Abbott, Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Linda Groner, Elena Hember, Daniel Hendrickson, Kathleen Lovins, Cheryl (Johnson) Mick, Peggy Moorhouse, Jeff Morris, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Raye Stone, Don Tennant, and Penny Wendling.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Kathy Cordonnier** and **Chuck Valentine**. Our love and sympathy goes out to **Carol Johnson and family**. Carol's sister died this week.



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.

We will have **ONE SERVICE** on Sunday October 14th at 10:00 AM.

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.

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.

October 14th — Jack & Norma Lucas; Bob & Laurel McVinnie; Karl & Deb Okeson; Keenan & Samantha Yahn; and Tom & Carole Rogers.

October 21st — Jan Rungren; Velma Shoudy; Rich, Erika, Peyton, Reed & Rowan Hillabolt; and Harold & Carol McCracken.



Saturday, October 13th—Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 9 AM

Sunday, October 14th—Property Meeting, 9AM

Sunday, October 14th—**ONE SERVICE ONLY** followed by a Fellowship meal, 10 AM

Thursday, October 18th—Church Council Meeting, Conference Rm #1, 7 PM



Second Sunday Youth Worship at 7 PM @ Katie's Cup. All high school youth are encouraged to attend. To stay up-to-date on Second Sunday things, be sure to like Second Sunday Rockford on Facebook and follow @secondSundayrockford on Instagram.



**SHARE YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURES**

Stewardship Kick-Off & Meal: On Sunday, October 14th, we will come together as a congregation and "Kick-Off" our annual stewardship campaign with **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM** followed by a meal together in Fellowship Hall. We will also begin our stewardship series "The Lord Will Provide". Please mark your calendars and plan 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

We need your help. We are currently looking for more volunteers to help with the folding, sealing and labeling of our Summit newsletter. We could also use help putting our worship folders together. The Summit is sent out every other week and is ready to be assembled on Thursday morning (every other week). Worship folders can be assembled on Thursday or Friday. Please see Lynn in the office if you are able to assist us with these tasks.

Rockford Ice Hogs & RALM Lutheran Night is **Sunday, October 14th at 2 PM** (Our Stewardship Meal should be over by this time). Show your support of our local hockey team while showing your Lutheran pride. If you are interested in attending, tickets are \$15 each. Please call Amy at the RALM office to get your tickets, 815-962-4279.



Alpine Academy is having their **Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 20th. With our increased number of students your help is needed more than ever. Sign-up on the poster in the narthex to be a trunk and/or provide candy for the event. There will be a trunk decorating contest for all who come with their trunks decorated. All cars should be lined up by 5:45 PM and the trunk or treating will begin at 6 PM. You are invited to come early and participate in the Fall Festival.

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: **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.



The ever entertaining **RALM Trivia Night** and silent auction will be **Friday, November 2nd**, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Get your teams of 8 together now and start studying your trivia. This night is always a favorite. Alpine usually reserves 2 tables (8 each) but the more the merrier. Please let Lynn in the office know if you are interested in attending. Tickets will be \$15 each and includes a chili dinner, dessert, beverage and snacks during the game. Don't miss out on this fun event.

Alpine Academy Vendor & Craft Sale is Saturday, **October 27th** from 9 AM to 4 PM. Vendors and crafters will be displaying their wares. There will be raffles, treats to eat and of course shopping! This is an annual fundraiser for the Academy. All are welcome to attend. Share this event with your friends and family.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

We thank God for the Blessings He has given the family of Alpine. We thank you for your support and prayers. We thank you for the memorial donations to Alpine Academy in Ruth Lindgren's name. She was a great supporter of our school. We will miss her.

Our enrollment continues to grow. We now have more students than at any time that I have been Principal at Alpine Academy. This is a great testament to the strength of the academic and religious program, the dedication of our staff to make the school into a family, and to the prayers and support you have offered.

I invite you to attend our Chapel on Wednesdays at 10:45. We have a lot of singing. I also invite you to participate in our Trunk or Treat on Oct. 20. Bring bags of candy and your car. Pull into the north parking lot by the gymnasium around 5:30. Back into a parking spot and open your trunk to hand out candy to our students, their friends, and neighbors. This provides a safe environment for children dressed up in costume. We expect over 200 children, so we need your help to make it fun with many cars and much candy.

Saturday, Oct. 27, we are sponsoring our annual Vendor and Craft Fair. Our gym will be filled with items to purchase. Come over on that Saturday and enjoy the unique items for sale.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal



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 **Chili Shoot-Out** scheduled for **Saturday, October 13th** has been canceled. Please keep Darold Walker in your prayers.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Drop off a note, send a card or just express your appreciation for all that Pastor Dan and all other pastors do for their congregations. Thank you Pastor Dan!

On September 28th a 7.5 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami hit parts of the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. Our prayers are with the people of Sulawesi during this time of mourning, rescue and recovery. Your gifts to **Lutheran Disaster Response** are at work in Indonesia and around the world as people rebuild their lives and livelihoods following a disaster. To learn more about the ELCA's response and ways you can help at ELCA.org/disaster.

Deb Geeser is looking for more **shade perennials** to plant around the church. If you have some you were planning on splitting off or removing, they would be appreciated. (Property Committee)

The October issue of **Living Lutheran** is available for you to take home. In this month's lead story, "By the light of Grace : How does the ELCA understand heaven and hell?" the author explores theological insight along with quotes from various leaders in the ELCA. Pick up a copy while supplies last and share it with a friend.

Report from the National Youth Conference

This past summer, the three of us were lucky enough to go to Houston for the National Youth Gathering. This week long trip was a crazy awesome experience for all of us. Along with bringing us closer to God, we were able to have a good time with our friends. While we were there, we participated in chapel services, learning center opportunities, and a service project.

Before the services they had food trucks outside and places to chill with your group and even meet some new people. During the chapel services the best place to be was on the floor. If you wanted a floor spot you had to get in line super early. While standing there people were passing around little gifts and clothespins. Once you made it to the floor, there was fun music to dance to and you could get close to the stage and the singers. They had a variety of music choices, from some Christian rappers to Tauren Wells. The music was incredible. Along with the music there was amazing speakers. People from all over with all different backgrounds came and spoke about their encounters with Christ. Most of the sermons were very moving and powerful personal stories about their own experiences. Chapels didn't feel boring or long, they were fun and got you excited about learning about God. It was overall a very fun experience to enjoy with friends and praise God.

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Another fun experience to share with your group was the Learning Center. It was a huge arena full of tons of fun activities to do. There was a room full of giant inflatables like bulls, bouncy houses, and lazer tag. Along with fun rooms like the bouncy area there were room for ball games like gaga ball, spikeball, and ladder ball. There was also a stage with a DJ to dance to. There was a walk through exhibit about planting crops and walking to get water. The activities were very interactive and interesting. Some presented challenges like searching for all the planets and earning a prize.

One day in the week we did a service day. Our service day consisted of pulling vines off of a fence at a park. We worked to beautify the park a little more and make it more usable for the residents of the area. It was hot and sweaty and very buggy, but helping out the community down there made it all worth it! Working out there helped us appreciate God's creation a little more. After we worked we ate some lunch and headed back to the hotels. Our day of service was really great for helping us experience working getting our hands dirty to help others.

Overall, this week was very impactful on all of us in different ways. The chapels helped us praise God in an open way. The different speakers provided a variety of opinions and input on God's action in our lives. The learning center provided a way for us to get to know the kids that came for the same reasons, and have the same beliefs, as us. The service day helped us experience God through service, by using our hands to do God work. The National Youth Gathering was a great experience we'll remember for the rest of our lives.

Liz Ulrich, Maddie Merwin, & Skylar Eckelbarger



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. October's book selection is ***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*** by Alan Bradley. 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.

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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-ordinators 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.



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& 10:00 AM**

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THOSE WHO SERVE

**Sun., October 14, 2018
ONE SERVICE
Stewardship Kick-Off**

Ushers: (10:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Marge Rakoczy, Volunteer
Ambass.: (10:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
Elements: (10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Lector: (10:00) Carla Phillips
Lay Assist: (10:00) Nancy Matthews. Al Neumann
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., October 21, 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) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) John Linde, David Linde
Elements: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
(10:00) Pam Hodges, Diana Sundeen
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) Craig Shelton
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Tonya Mund
(10:00) Aaron Ayen, Craig Shelton
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie