



Special points of interest:

2019 Stewardship Series
"The Lord Will Provide"

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From Pastor Desk:

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The Lord Will Provide.

This is our stewardship theme this fall. It is a phrase that we have heard often. "Of course God will provide" people tell us, "just have faith and hold on!" The un-asked questions or responses to that statement - which can often terrorize us and undermine our faith - are this; "If God provides, then why do we suffer?" "Why isn't everything wonderful?" The apostle Paul asked these very questions on several occasions. Especially when he was dealing with a very difficult part of his life that he referred to as "a thorn in my side." Eventually he came to this realization:

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT)

My grace is all you need, my power works best in weakness. Those are powerful words. It is an important truth that we need to constantly be reminded of. God is not working in/ providing for/or structuring our lives so that we can be more independent of God. Here we see God's value that the more we are dependent on God, the weaker we are, the more God's power, glory, and grace can flow through us. More lives can be touched and more people saved. This flies in the face of our cultural value that constantly teaches us that the more independent you are the more mature you are. The result is often a struggle or tension that exists in our relationship with God. We can often be working towards different goals. Our goal of independence (where we are in control making decisions based on what we think is best or desire) vs. God's goal of moving us into a position where we are more dependent on God (which often feels like a weakness to us). The tension or struggle that result can tear apart our relationship with God and totally undermine our faith. Surrendering to God is the only real way to resolve this. Utterly giving in to God's plans for our life, adapting God's values and desires and in doing so admitting that our lives really are not our own - they belong to God. This is difficult, but this is how we move forward. What we receive at the end of this process is worth it. God is glorified. God's presence, power, grace, and holiness explode into our lives - blessing us and everyone around us. The price is surrender. The reward includes a kind of peace that the world simply cannot fathom or understand.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 10/7/18 59 + 44 103 Attendance 10/14/18 One Service 89

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

Gen Fund 10/7/18	\$5,586.50	Gen Fund 10/14/18	\$5,531.00
Forward in Faith	\$777.00	Forward in Faith	\$2,210.50
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,903.52	Surplus/Deficit	-\$525.52

53/54.....\$15.00

Unexpected Blessing.....\$30.00

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



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, 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, Peggy Moorhouse, Jeff Morris, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Raye Stone, Warren Strom, Don Tennant, and Penny Wendling.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Irv Perala, Ardy Stevens, Joan Greeny and Mary DeNale. Laurel McVinnie** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and cards after her surgery. **Carol Johnson** sends her thanks for the flowers and condolences following her sister's death. God's blessings go out to **Max-well Lee Spohr** baptized 10/21; parents, Michael & Ashley Spohr.



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 28th — Ginny Johnson; Bill & Diane Billert; Pam Hemenway; Richard Nelson; and Christi & Rachael Parker.

November 4th — Carla Personette; Steve, Susan & Ava Louthain; Daniel, Deby, Jeff, Cally & Katy Damken; and Renee Evens, Roger Dittbenner, Elizabeth Ulrich, Norah & Shawn Dittbenner.



Tuesday, October 23rd—Deborah Circle, Stockholm Inn, 9:30 AM

Saturday, October 27th—Alpine Academy Vendor & Craft Fair, gymnasium, 9 AM—4 PM

Sunday, October 28th—Reformation Sunday, WEAR RED

Sunday, November 4th—All Saints Day

Friday, November 9th—Academy Veteran's Program, gymnasium, 2 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.



Get your thinking caps ready for the annual **RALM Trivia Night and Silent Auction!** Alpine will have 2 tables of highly competitive participants (just kidding, we are there to have fun). At just **\$15 each**, which includes chili, dessert, snacks a beverage and trivia, this is a bargain for a night of entertainment for all. On **Friday, November 2nd**, the doors of Our Savior's open at **6 PM** for dinner and the silent auction. The trivia portion will begin at **7 PM**. This is a favorite RALM event with all proceeds to benefit the many ministries of RALM. Please let the office know if you are interested.

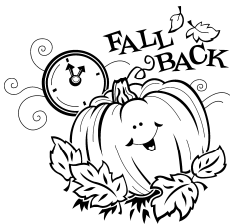
From the SCRIP Desk:

Are you a crafty person? Do you need some decorations for the fall season? Do you know that SCRIP carriers Jo-Ann Fabrics and Michael's SCRIP cards? These stores not only have items to help you with your craft project and they also carry decorations for the fall season. I hate to say this, but they have their Christmas items already out or should I say they have been out for a while. Another fun fact SCRIP also carries Sally Beauty Supply and Ulta SCRIP cards. (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: **October**—pasta.

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.



Daylight Savings ends on Saturday, November 1st. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!



We continue our Fall Stewardship Series, "**The Lord Will Provide**," every Sunday and during our Bible Studies. Throughout the series we will discuss how and what God provides for us. How do these provisions change our faith? What can we do for others with what is provided for us?

Sunday, November 2nd, is **All Saints Sunday**. We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters will be sent out to their families to let them know that we are remembering their loved one. We will also have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance of all loved ones who have passed.

Our **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will resume every Wednesday at 7 PM. We will be doing further discussion on the stewardship theme "The Lord Will Provide." All are welcome!

It is that time of year when Social Ministries begins collecting for the **Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 15th. **Here is a list of items needed:** instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional items that can be donated for the families are: cereal, macaroni & cheese or other dry pastas, canned soups, canned ravioli/spaghetti, canned meats—tuna, Ramen Noodles, and other non-perishable non-expired foods. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others.

You are invited to attend the annual **Alpine Academy Veteran's Day Program** on Friday, November 9th at 2:00 PM in the gymnasium. Come and hear the children as they honor those who have fought for our freedom.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
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With the 1st quarter of our school year wrapping up and the holiday season coming up fast, the Academy is doing great! At Alpine our enrollment over the past few years has climbed. I've now very proud to say that enrollment is the highest it's been in 5 years! We still have plenty of opportunities to see our school grow this year. If you know a student looking for a quality Christian education please pass along my contact information. I'm so proud to be part of a school that makes it it's mission to reach as many students as families as we can connect with.

This next school quarter will bring many events and programs. The first program is our annual Veterans Day Program. We invite you to join us again this year for our program. The students do a wonderful job of recognizing and celebrating those who served and allow us to live here in our country the way we do. If you are a Veteran we would love to have you in attendance this year so that we can recognize your service. Please join us Nov. 9 at 2:00pm in the school gym.

I also want to take a moment to encourage everyone in the Alpine family to connect with the school, our staff, the students and their families. Together the Alpine Lutheran Church Congregation and Alpine Academy make up the Alpine Lutheran Family. We would love to have members of Alpine visit the school, help with tutoring, participate in events or even just visit during aftercare. Taking time to visit together church and school will go a long way in strengthening our Alpine Family. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and for your referrals and interest in our success!

Scott Dabson
Admissions Director
Alpine Academy

Alpine Academy of Rockford

In partnership with Alpine Lutheran Church

Give your child the gift of a quality education that enriches the lives, spirits, and minds in a safe environment.

815-227-8894

Sunday, October 28th is Reformation Sunday. It is a **RED** Sunday so bring out your best red outfit and join in celebration of the Reformation.

Lutheran Disaster Response: The latest storm in a deadly hurricane season, Hurricane Michael, brought dangerous winds, heavy rainfall and storm surge. The storm made land-fall with winds upwards of 150 miles per hour. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Michael. Visit www.elca.org and click on the Hurricane Michael banner to give your donation. Your gifts designated for "Hurricane response" will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. We, along with the Academy, will have a **Thanksgiving worship** service on **Tuesday, November 20th at 11:15 AM**. As in years past, the Academy will be hard at work hosting a Thanksgiving Feast in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 following the worship service. This has become a very special event between our church and school. Every class contributes to the fabulous food that is offered to all who attend. There is turkey and all the fixings. If you would like to help with the meal please contact Scott Dabson, 815-494-3002. Please put this on your calendar.

On Wednesday evening, **November 21st**, we will join members of Shepherd of the Valley for a Service of Thanksgiving at 7:00 PM. This year we will travel to their church. Come and give thanks to God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to attend as well.

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. You do not need to be a master baker. Purchased treats are just as good. We also need juice to be served along with the coffee. Then all you need to do is man the table. It is very simple. (Help with clean-up is also appreciated.) A sign-up sheet is available by the coffee.

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)



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.



Babies

- Newborn disposable diapers

Clothing

- White crew socks
- Men's boxers
- Men's tennis shoes, sizes 9 to 11 1/2

Housing

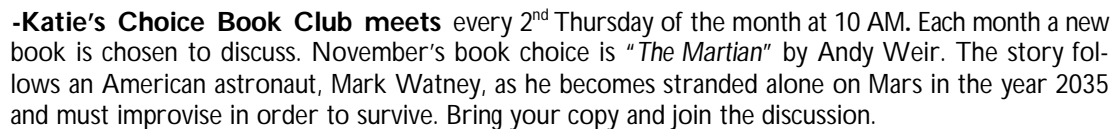
- Fitted twin sheets
- Disinfectant liquid cleaner, like Lysol or Pine-sol

Food

- Hot sauce
- Presweetened drink mixes

Misc.

- Individual tissue packets



-Katie's Cup Conversation: On **Wednesday, October 24th, 11 AM - 12:30 PM**, the conversation will feature a new novel written by Professor Tom Warren. Warren grew up very near Katie's Cup, and has written a "thought-provoking treatise on homelessness, the ministry, and that metaphor for many issues of the day: golf." You are invited!

-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- 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.



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& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., October 28, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson,
 Randy Teske, Volunteer
 (10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Ardy Stevens
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Violet
 Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Pam
 Lojewski
 (10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., November 4, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don
 Torgerson, Volunteer
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob
 Peterson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Bill & Diane Billert
 (10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson
 (10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Al Garrett (10:00) John Fridh
Lay Assist: (8:00) Al Garrett, Deb Okeson
 (10:00) John Fridh, Mike Schultz
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie