



Special points of interest:

2019 Stewardship Series
"The Lord Will Provide"

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From Pastor Desk:

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If you ask someone what does peace look like they would probably describe a tranquil scene, absent of trouble, hardship, or suffering. For that is the common way of think about peace in our culture. Nothing bad happening. No violence. No obstacle. No negative or discouraging words. That's what people usually think of or imagine peace to be.

This is different then the biblical idea of peace. Every Sunday in church we say "Peace" to each other. More than a greeting, this actually a blessing we are giving each other. This practice comes from the word shalom. The sentiment – when used in a Biblical way – is to greet people and as you do so speak God's peace into their lives. In English we used to say "May God's peace be upon you." But in our hurried and rushed world that was way too many words to say so it was shortened to just saying "peace" (losing most of the meaning along the way).

Author John MacArthur laments this practice when he writes *"The biblical concept of peace does not focus on the absence of trouble. Biblical peace is unrelated to circumstances; it is a goodness of life that is not touched by what happens on the outside. You may be in the midst of great trials and still have biblical peace. Paul said he could be content in any circumstance; and he demonstrated that he had peace even in the jail at Philippi, where he sang and remained confident that God was being gracious to him."* The peace we speak into each other's lives is not dependent upon what the world is doing. It does not need paradise to exist. It something that is a great and wonderful gift that God has already given us. Sadly, because of the brokenness of the world it is a gift that is often left unopened and pushed aside in our lives. We keep waiting till our circumstances are peaceful (something that will never happen this side of heaven for more than a minute or two) instead of experiencing the gift that God has already presented to us. One of the secrets to experiencing this gift of peace is learning to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5)" In this chaotic and hurtful world is often very difficult to trust in God. Learning to do so is a key element to the exercising and growing of our faith – and thus in experiencing God's peace.

Our worship theme for this Advent – the time that we dedicate to preparing for Christmas - is **Peace on Earth**. We will be exploring – both in worship and in our advent devotional- how we can learn to open this wonderful, precious gift of peace that God has already given us.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 11/4/18	66 + 59	125	Attendance 11/11/18	56 + 61	117
Rejoicing Spirits 11/8/18			52		

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

Gen Fund 11/4/18	\$10,825.50	Gen Fund 11/11/18	\$4,681.50
Forward in Faith	\$1,652.00	Forward in Faith	\$460.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,210.48	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,120.52

53/54.....\$685.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$19,634.45 (10/31/18)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Kathy Cordonnier, 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, Elena Hember, Daniel Hendrickson, Geri Hughe, Gwen Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Linda & Lorna Lurvey, Peggy Moorhouse, Jeff Morris, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Laura Olson, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Don Tennant, and Penny Wendling.

All In the Family

Nan Strom sends her thanks for the thoughts and messages sent after the passing of Warren. We share our love and sympathy with **Kathy Cordonnier** whose husband, Richard, died on November 6th.



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
- * Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7 PM, check board for location

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.

November 25th — Valerie Mille; Paul & Marguerite Godlewski, Nick, Katie, Trent & Shaun Elder

December 2nd — Terry & Pam Hodges; Virginia Duskuski; Jerry & Wilma Nichols



Tuesday, November 20th—Thanksgiving Worship & Meal with Alpine Academy, 11:15 AM

Wednesday, November 21st—Joint Thanksgiving Worship at Shepherd of the Valley, 7 PM

Sunday, November 25th—Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, December 2nd—1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2nd—Youth Connect Advent Party, gym, 5 PM



Confirmation students: We will meet for Confirmation at 4 PM on Sunday December 2nd. We will then host the annual Advent party in the gymnasium at 5 PM.

Sunday, December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent. Do you know what that means? It is time for the annual **Advent Party at 5 PM** in the gym. Put your gingerbread house building skills to the test and more! This event is geared to all students middle school and up.

The **2019 pledge cards** have been sent out and were dedicated on **Sunday, November 11th** at our **Celebration Worship services**. If you were unable to attend that Sunday, you may mail them or drop them off in the church office. Make sure to put your name and envelope number on the card. As we gather these financial pledges we are able to begin the process of planning finances for 2019. Please prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine. We thank you for your support of Alpine both financially and spiritually. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Are you ready for the dreaded winter season? It is that time of year to put away the lawn mowers and get out the snow blowers. Remember in order to keep those machines in good working order you need to prepare them for a the up coming season. Make sure the lawn mower is ready to sit for the winter and the snow blower is reading to plow through the many feet of snow we may get (did I get your attention on that one). SCRIP has many of the area hardware stores that can help get your machines in working and sitting order such as Ace Hardware, Lowes, Home Depot, and Menards. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



Donations are being collected for the **Youth Connect Gingerbread house building contest** for the annual **Advent Party** held on December 2nd. Frosting, graham crackers, marshmallows, candy & anything else you can think of can be placed in the donation box located in the Narthex until the day of the event. Thank you. (Christian Ed/Youth Committee)

Have you picked up your copy? This year's Christmas Cantata rehearsals have begun. We meet at 7:15 PM every Tuesday evening. All are welcome to join us. There is no need to be a professional musician, just love to sing praises to God in celebration of the birth of our Lord. We will be performing our cantata on Sunday, December 23rd. As in years past, a CD is available to help learn the music. (Richard Dowling)



Altar Guild are collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias**. Remember your loved ones who have passed or celebrate an event as we decorate the altar with these flowers. The cost will be \$12 per plant (red only). Order envelopes will be on the kiosk in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, December 2nd. (Laurel McVinnie)

Scott Dabson is asking for volunteers to help out at the **Alpine Academy/Alpine Lutheran Thanksgiving Feast**. He needs servers and/or individuals to cook a turkey a day or two before the feast. Turkey's will be provided for you to cook. The Academy students bring many of the other ingredients for this meal. If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please contact Scott at (815) 494-3002. Thank you!

Sunday, December 2nd is the **1st Sunday of Advent**. The Worship & Music Committee has chosen the Advent devotional **"Peace on Earth"** by Danielle Bean. This is a devotional book with activities designed to bring us together as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Please stop and pick up a copy. They will be available in the Memorial Lounge.

Do you know what happened to Tabor's Korv? With the closing of Tabor Lutheran, RALM has taken over the tradition of making and selling the Swedish traditional sausage or Korv. Volunteers are needed December 4th—6th. If you are interested in volunteering or making an order, please contact RALM at 815-962-4279 by December 1st.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS:

Please be sure to notify the church office when you will be leaving and coming back from your winter get-aways. The church is charged \$.49 every time a Summit is returned for "Temporarily Away". Please provide a stop & start date so we can get you back on the list when you return. If you have a forwarding address, we can continue to send you your Summit while you are away or you can look for it online.



Alpine Academy
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We are very proud of the Veterans Day Performance that our students just completed here at school. Huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the program as well as those who participated in our panel discussion. Our sincerest thank you to those who served and who continue to serve in our military. The sacrifices of the men and women who have served and continue to serve and the families who support them have our greatest gratitude.

Again this year Alpine Academy is looking forward to joining together with our Alpine Lutheran Family for our Annual Thanksgiving Feast. On Tuesday November 20th Alpine Lutheran Church will have a Thanksgiving worship service at 11:15am. Our upper grade students look forward to joining with the congregation for this service and following the service all are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for a meal as we share thanks together for the many things that God has provided this Alpine Family.

At this time of Thanksgiving it is fitting that we at the Academy say Thank You for the many ways that Alpine Lutheran supports our activities. The variety of things you do for us including tutoring, reading with young students, playing, visiting, attending programs and much more is very much appreciated. This congregation graciously provides a school building inside it's walls to allow students to learn in a Christian environment. In so many cases each year we witness students who experience their first opportunity to meet with Jesus and discover God's Love. It is all of the things that this congregation does for our students that allows God to form a deeper bond in the hearts of these children. Thank you for your continued support of Alpine Academy!

Tuesday Nov. 27th is "Giving Tuesday", a day that many choose to make additional contributions to their favorite non profits. If it is in your heart to choose to make a donation to Alpine Academy we would so much appreciate that additional support. You may make a donation on our website at www.alpineacademyofrockford.com or are welcome to drop a donation in the school or church office marked Academy. These donations go a long way in allowing us to continue to provide quality Christian education here at Alpine.

Our students have begun preparing for our Christmas program and look forward to inviting you to join us as we celebrate Jesus birth together. This holiday season is an exciting time for all of us as Christians and for all of us in the Alpine Family!

In Christ
Scott Dabson, Admissions Director
Alpine Academy



We, along with Alpine 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, possibly cook a turkey, 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.

This year has been a devastating year for natural disasters. As we think about what we are thankful for consider helping those who have been hit with these horrific events. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is now taking donations to help those who have lost everything in the California fires. If you are able to help, please visit **ELCA.org** and click on the USA Wildfire banner. We pray for all who have been affected by this and all disasters, especially this year.

The **Visitation Committee** will be meeting on Wednesday, **November 28th at 11 AM** in the church conference room #1. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend.

Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service: The next Rejoicing Spirits service is Wednesday, December 13th. All are welcome at this no-shush worship that enriches the lives of all people, especially those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rejoicing Spirits includes music and joyous singing, brief, meaningful messages and the chance to connect with others. Contact: Pastor Dan for more info on how you can help out (pastor@alpinelutheran.com).



Children's Church

Join us on Sunday for Children's Church during the 10 AM worship. We will be learning about the lessons from the worship service and how we can share God's Word with others. On 12/23 & 12/30, we will not be meeting for Children's Church. Classes will resume 1/6.



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. Bring your copy and join 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-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.

First Lutheran Church announces its

60th Annual Lucia Celebration

Saturday, December 8

9 am - noon



Traditional Kaffe Kalas
with

Santa Lucia

Candy Boy & Girl

*Musical entertainment
provided by Joseph Schenk*

Crafts, "treasures," & homemade bakery
plus Swedish Korv sausage

(made by Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries using Tabor Lutheran Church's traditional recipe)

*Holiday Concert at 10 am in the sanctuary
Music Academy of Rockford students*

225 S. Third Street, corner of Third & Oak
in the heart of Rockford's historic Haight Village 815.962.6691



CURRENT NEEDS LIST

- Thermal long underwear (size XL and larger needed most)
- Women's underwear (sizes 8, 9, and 10)
- Individual tissue packets
- Men's deodorant
- Air freshener spray
- Hot sauce
- Pre-sweetened drink mixes
- Newborn diapers
- New or gently used pack-n-plays

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

See what Alpine has to
 offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., November 25, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson,
 Randy Teske, Volunteer
 (10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham
 (10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
 (10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Terry
 Hodges
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
 (10:00) Terry Hodges, Lucas Turmo
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., December 2, 2018

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don
 Torgerson, Volunteer
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob
 Peterson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
 (10:00) Bob & Laurel McVinnie
Elements: (8:00) Matt & Debbie Hier
 (10:00) Bob & Laurel McVinnie
Lector: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel (10:00) Violet
 Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Deb Okeson
 (10:00) Zoey Doubek, Rashad Hyder
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek