



Special points of interest:

Worship Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Rejoicing Spirits

6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)

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From Pastor Desk:

Monday, February 4, 2019

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Recently I was listening to an old song by Rich Mullins called The Love of God. This poem captures the poetic beauty of what it means to be part of and caught up in the reckless raging fury that they call the love of God. In so many ways we minimize or devalue the power of God's love. The reality is that God loves us without abandon. God is wasteful, reckless, holding nothing back in pouring out God's love into our lives. This love has the power to tear down unholy places and practices as well as build up centers/bastions of care, healing, and justice. It is not a simple thing. The love of God is a transformative power that this world cannot hold down.

Rich Mullins – The Love of God

*There's a wideness in God's mercy
I cannot find in my own
And He keeps His fire burning
To melt this heart of stone
Keeps me aching with a yearning
Keeps me glad to have been caught
In the reckless raging fury
That they call the love of God
Now I've seen no band of angels
But I've heard the soldiers' songs
Love hangs over them like a banner
Love within them leads them on
To the battle on the journey
And it's never gonna stop
Ever widening their mercies
And the fury of His love
Oh the love of God
And oh, the love of God
The love of God
Joy and sorrow are this ocean
And in their every ebb and flow
Now the Lord a door has opened
That all Hell could never close
Here I'm tested and made worthy
Tossed about but lifted up
In the reckless raging fury
That they call the love of God*

You can listen this song on YouTube, Apple music, Spotify, or Amazon music.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 1/20/19 50 + 46 96 Attendance 1/27/19 42 + 44 86

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

Gen Fund 1/20/19	\$3,867.00	Gen Fund 1/27/19	\$12,696.50
Forward in Faith	\$715.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,962.50
Surplus/Deficit	\$3,685.02	Surplus/Deficit	+\$8,391.98

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$456.30 (12/31/18)

Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Richard & Nancy Ewert, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Marian Olson, Gerry Perala, Donna Steele, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & Family and Darold Walker.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Elena Hember, Daniel Hendrickson, Geri Hughe, Shirley Kagel, Kathleen Lovins, Linda & Lorna Lurvey, John Mick, Peggy Moorhouse, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, Penny Wendling and Curt Wrye.

All In the Family

Ernie DeNale sends his thanks for the many birthday well wishes. **Gil Okeson** expressed his thanks for the altar flowers he received.



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.

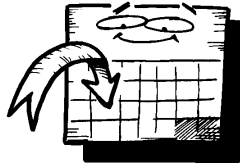
Praying weekly for Alpine's membership has had a very positive effect on our church! We have had many positive and thankful responses from those we have been praying for. The benefits are so great that we have decided to make this an ongoing part of Alpine's church life. Some comments we've received 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.

February 10th—Barbara (William) Nelson; Donna Larson; and Pastor Rick & Helen Meier.

February 17th—Gregory Skolrood; and Joshua, Christine, Peyton Hanson, Liam & Miles Brady.



Tuesday, February 5th—Worship & Music, Connections, Christian Ed, Social Ministry meetings

Saturday, February 9th—Altar Guild, Men's Breakfast, & Council Gathering, 9 AM

Sunday, February 10th—Adult Forum, 9:15 AM

Sunday, February 10th—Scout Sunday, 10 AM worship



Second Sunday Youth Worship @ 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.

Due to the Annual Meeting being held the first Sunday in February, the **Adult Forum** for February will be on the second Sunday, **February 10th**. The topic of discussion will be the Invest In Kids program and its future in Illinois. A light breakfast will be served. Please mark your calendars.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Have you gotten your sweet a sweet? Valentines Day is just about here and I am trying to keep you out of the dog house by reminding you that you need to get something sweet for your sweetie. SCRIP can help you stay out of that dog house by helping you choose a nice gift for your someone special. SCRIP has

Fannie May gift cards, area restaurants gift cards, and if you want to go all out why not get your sweetie a salon service at Ulta. SCRIP does carry Ulta gift cards. If you are having a hard time deciding what to get your someone special ask our friendly SCRIP volunteers and they can give you some suggestions that might appeal to your sweetie. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Any **2018 Giving Statements** that were not picked up by the annual meeting will be mailed out this week. If you are a snow bird and would like it emailed to you, please let Lynn know in the office.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. We also love to have you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with your Alpine family. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. If you are new to doing this, or if you'd just like some help in serving, please see a member of the Alpine Connections Committee. 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 or see Laurel McVinnie if you are able to assist in this area. (Laurel McVinnie)



Scout Sunday—February 10th

Sunday, February 10th, at the 10:00 service, several of our scouts from Troop 57 and Pack 157 will be assisting during the worship service. The Boy Scouts have been chartered by Alpine Lutheran since 1949. Come and show your support to this great group of young people and their leaders. (Mike LaFew)

February's Council Meeting will be a workshop for all returning and new Council members. We will meet on Saturday, February 9th at 9 AM. This meeting usually lasts around 2 hours. Food and coffee will be provided.

The **2019 Flower and Eternal Candle** dedication charts. Remember your loved ones or celebrate and honor a person in your life or special occasion. The flower sponsorship is \$20 a week; the eternal candle sponsorship is \$10 per month. All money collected help us defer the cost for these bills. (Laurel McVinnie)

Tabor Lutheran's tradition of **Swedish korv** was graciously taken on by RALM this year. They have several hundred pounds still available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing some, an order form is on the bulletin board in the narthex or you may call RALM at 815-962-4279.



Thank you to everyone who attended our **Annual Meeting**, Sunday, February 3rd. We especially thank John & David Linde along with Karl Okeson for the lunch served before the meeting. We were able to vote in our 2019 Council members and passed the 2019 Budget.

Copies of the **2018 Annual Report** are still available in the coat room for those who would like a copy. When the copies are gone, Lynn can make more if needed.



**Alpine Academy
of Rockford**
Faith • Family • Future

Brrr is it cold!!! As I am writing this the school is closed, church is closed and even grocery stores and the mall have closed. With all this cold going on it really gets us all excited and hopeful to see spring soon. I certainly hope that everyone has been able to stay warm through this extreme cold. Though sometimes it's nice to get these short breaks at home.

January is a busy month at school as we have now sent home our re-enrollment packets with our current students and we will begin our annual recruitment and enrollment season. Just like every year we'll be looking for your help. Be sure to encourage your friends and family members with school aged children to check us out. Share the dates of upcoming Open House Events and other happenings at the school. If you are on Facebook please share our posts, sharing really helps us to get the word out to many more families. Alpine has had recent success in growth and as I look at what we have in store it sure does look good for us going forward.

On Feb. 10th I look forward to leading an Adult Forum about the impact that the Invest In Kids Act has had on Alpine Academy in it's first year. We have been able to help a number of families and their students experience a Christian Education here at Alpine due to this opportunity. I look forward to sharing the progress of this program and an outlook for the future. Please consider joining me in the sanctuary on Feb. 10th between services to learn more. I will also include in our discussion information on an overall outlook for enrollment for next school year.

In the midst of all of this cold weather I really do get a warm feeling about where our Academy is heading. I am thankful for all of the support and assistance the congregation gives to the Academy. More importantly I'm grateful to be a part of the Alpine Family both the Academy and Church Congregation. Together we do great work in making an impact on the community around us.

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Admissions Director
Alpine Academy

The next **Rejoicing Spirits Worship** is **Thursday, February 14th, 6:00 PM** 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).

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a ministry at Alpine. It is becoming more and more difficult to complete our "Those Who Serve" schedule especially during our "snow-bird" months. If you are interested in the any of the areas of serving, please contact the church office and we will direct you to the person who heads up each volunteer position. (Lynn Valentine)



Calling all those who are musically inclined! Both of our choirs, the Chancel Choir and the Hand Bell Choir are in need of additional members. We especially need people during the winter months when a portion of our choirs "fly south." Please see Richard Dowling or just come to our rehearsals. Both choirs meet on Tuesday evenings, Hand Bell Choir meets at 6 PM and Chancel Choir meets at 7:15 PM. (Richard Dowling)

Do you own a Thrivent Financial policy? Each year you need to designate where your Thrivent Choice Dollars go. The deadline for designating your Choice Dollars is March 31st. Last year, \$3,108 was contributed to Alpine through this program. This does not count the amount we received through the Action Team monies that are available for different fundraising projects. Please contact your Thrivent Financial agent for more information or see the flyers posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Mark Your Calendars: The 2019 Congregational Resourceing Event will be Saturday, March 9th at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL. Many workshops will be offered including Administration, Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Social Justice and many others. The event is open to all congregation members. Take advantage of this learning event and discover new ways to enhance our congregation. Registration information will be available soon.



**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.

A fun way to begin the New Year, and a fun way to support the work of Katie's Cup!

Having Your Cake(or Pie!) and Eating it too!

Dinner, with a Delectable, Decadent DESSERT AUCTION

February 8, 2019

Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club

5:30 pm - Check in/dessert viewing/cash bar

6:15 pm - Dinner (Chicken or Vegetarian Lasagna)
followed by an exciting Dessert Auction!

\$30 per person, tables of 8 available

Reservation Deadline: January 30



- ♦ You won't want to miss this unique way to support the outreach ministries of Katie's Cup, all the while satisfying your sweet tooth!
- ♦ Bid on - individually or with your table - one or more of the outstanding desserts offered (homemade or donated/prepared by area businesses)!
- ♦ Share with your table or take home to eat! ENJOY!!

Katie's
coffee-conversation-community
CUP

Make a reservation by contacting your church office, a member of the Katie's Cup board, or stop by Katie's Cup, 502 Seventh Street, Rockford. 815.986.0628 www.katiescup.com



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. February's book is "Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. Bring your copy and join the discussion.

-Katie's Cup Conversation: Tuesday, February 12th from 11 AM to noon, presenters will be Pastor Dan Herman, Old Stone Church, Rockton, and Dr. Sandra Martell, the new Public Health Administrator for the Winnebago County Health Department continue Part 2 of the Opioid Crisis. Please call 815-986-0628 for more information.

-Celebrate Valentines Day at Katie's Cup: Thursday, February 14th at 7 PM, River City Sound Sweet Adelines will perform for the 2nd Thursday Concert. There is no charge for admission.

-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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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-Coordination are Bob Black & Dave Musser.

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.



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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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 offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., February 10, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald,
 Volunteers
 (10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Scouts
Ambass.: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham
 (10:00) Scouts
Elements: (8:00) Kathy Mund, Eugene Mund
 (10:00) Scouts
Lector: (8:00) Randy Teske (10:00) Scouts
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Tonya Mund
 (10:00) Zada & Zoey Doubek
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek

Sun., February 17, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello,
 Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund
 (10:00) Russ Hornbeck, Dick, Nelson, Mike
 Schultz, Brandon Williams
Ambass.: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
 (10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Al Garrett (10:00) Al Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Al Garrett, Chuck Gentry
 (10:00) Al Neumann, Craig Shelton
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine