



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:

*O sacred Head, now wounded,
 with grief and shame weighed down,
 now scornfully surrounded
 with thorns, thine only crown:
 how pale thou art with anguish,
 with sore abuse and scorn!
 How does that visage languish
 which once was bright as morn!*

*What thou, my Lord, has suffered
 was all for sinners' gain;
 mine, mine was the transgression,
 but thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve thy place;
 look on me with thy favor,
 vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
 to thank thee, dearest friend,
 for this thy dying sorrow,
 thy pity without end?
 O make me thine forever;
 and should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never
 outlive my love for thee.*

The above hymn is based on a long medieval Latin poem that describes the emotions and thoughts of a man as he imagines what it would have been like to actually see Christ hanging on a cross. As we approach Easter, I am once again reminded how easily it is to forget why we celebrate this holiday. There is simply so much to do. Most of it good things (like family get togethers) yet not having anything directly to do with Jesus' sacrifice. Many of us can easily get lost, preoccupied, worn down, busy, even frustrated with all that grabs our attention. One thing I need to do during Holy Week is to take time to just pray and contemplate what Jesus went through, and how I need to respond. The above hymn helps. It focuses my mind on the sacrifice that happened 2,000 years ago, on my behalf. That, although the sins were mine, the pain that was felt was Jesus'. It helps me to gain perspective when I realize that what I really deserve is to hang on that Cross in place of Jesus. Everything that I experience this week (family, fellowship, time off, a nice vacation,) is simply a gain, a blessing, a boon. Something extra, that I have received, because I did not need to suffer through what I deserve because Jesus took my place. The last stanza helps me to focus on how I can respond. When we are overwhelmed by the reality of what God has done, and we ask, "what words can I say to express my gratitude?" We realize that the only thing we can offer to God is our love. To pray **Lord, let me never outlive my love for thee.** My this be the desire that is upon our hearts, that our love for God will ever increase, while our selfishness decreases.

Pr Dan's Guide to Holy Week at Alpine

Palm Sunday April 14th. During our 8:00 service we will accompany Jesus as he enters Jerusalem to praise and shouts of Joy. Our 10:00 Service will be our **Holy Week Cantata Performance.**

Mauudy Thursday Celebration Thursday April 18th 11:00 AM and 7:00PM. Sometimes called Holy Thursday, this is when we remember the events in the upper room the night Jesus was betrayed, namely the institution of the Lord's Supper and the giving of a new commandment "Love one and other."

Good Friday or Holy Friday Service April 19th at 7:00 PM. Good Friday commemorates the day when our Lord gave his life to save us from our sins. It is a very humbling service, as we contemplate the cost that Jesus paid for our redemption.

Easter Sunday Celebration April 21st 8:00 & 10:00 AM. Easter is when we relive the victory of Jesus, when he defeated death by rising from the dead. This is when worship begins with the shouts of the redeemed: "Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed." The achingly painful story comes to the amazing ending which truly never ends. This is also when we embrace the new life that Jesus won for us.

Please join us for any and all of these memorable services. All are welcome!

BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday 3/13/19	38	Wednesday 3/20/19	39
Attendance 3/17/19	62 + 49	Attendance 3/24/19	54 + 38
	111		92

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,213.71

Gen Fund 3/17/19	\$5,345.00	Gen Fund 3/24/19	\$4,864.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,485.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,105.00
Festival	\$200.00	Festival	\$170.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,183.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,074.71

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$8,386 (2/28/19)

*Please note that year to date totals include several pre-payments of annual pledges.



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Al Garrett, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Marian Olson, Jan Pauly, Donna Steele, JR Stropes, 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, Daniel Hendrickson, Shirley Kagal, Kathleen Lovins, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, and Penny Wendling.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Connie Dowling**. Many thanks from **David and John Linde** for all of the help and birthday greetings for David's 80th birthday. We share our love and sympathy with **Mark Rumage**, whose mother died; and **Kim Gustafson**, whose father died. **Richard Nelson** sends his thanks for the birthday and get well cards.



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 (on hiatus until after Lent)

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 prayes you may have.

Together we worship, together we pray, together we love.

Here are the members for the next few weeks.

April 7th—Bob & Violet Peterson; Marcia Olk; and Shirley Schou.

April 14th—Irene Northrup; Dick Nelson; Pam Hemenway; and Louise Hemenway.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 3rd—Soup Supper, Altar Guild and Men's Breakfast, 6 PM

Wednesday, April 3rd—Lenten Worship, 7 PM

Tuesday, April 9th—Academy Easter Program, Gym, 6 PM

Wednesday, April 10th—Soup Supper & Worship MOVED to Thursday.

Thursday, April 11th—Soup Supper, Social Min/Connections, 6 PM

Thursday, April 11th—Lenten Worship with Rejoicing Spirits, 7 PM

(Calendar Continued)

Saturday, April 13th—Academy Open House & Easter Egg Hunt, 9 AM—2 PM

Saturday, April 13th—Cantata Practice, 9 AM



Second Sunday Youth Worship @ Katie's Cup. To stay up-to-date on Second Sunday things, be sure to like Second Sunday Rockford on Facebook and follow @secondsundayrockford on Instagram.



Lenten Worship: Join us for worship every Wednesday evening during Lent at 7 PM. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer service. This service is an Alpine favorite.

Soup's on! Come and enjoy a bowl of soup, some bread, and of course, a dessert every Wednesday prior to the worship service. Each week, a different set of committees hosts the supper, preparing soups, breads and desserts but we need your help. A sign-up poster is in the narthex for those not hosting to volunteer to bring something or to help with set-up or clean-up. This time before our Lenten worship is a great time of fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and stay for the worship service.

***PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The **last week of Lent** we will move our Wednesday soup supper and Lenten worship to **Thursday, April 11th**. This will allow Alpine to include our Rejoicing Spirits worshipers in our Lenten traditions. Please make a note on your calendars and plan to attend this service change.

The **Social Min./Connections Committee** is preparing to serve lunch at **Carpenter's Place** on **Thursday, April 4th at 12:30 PM**. Donations of desserts such as cookies, bars or fruit are appreciated. Bring them to church any Sunday or on Thursday, April 4th by 9:30 AM. Also, if you would like to help serve please contact Janet Gentry at 815- 985- 6262. About 3 more people are needed.

With Lenten services on Wednesday evenings, the **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will go on hiatus until sometime in May. Please watch future Summits for an article announcing it's return.

Both the Saturday Men's Breakfast and the Adult Forum for the month of April have been canceled. If you have any ideas that you would like to see covered in a forum or breakfast, please contact Pastor Dan, Mike Schultz, or Bob McVinnie.



The **Altar Guild** is selling **2019 Easter Glory Garden** flowers from Sunday, March 17th to Sunday, April 8th. Add beauty to our Easter celebration while you remember or celebrate an important person or event in you life. The cost is \$12 per plant. We will have traditional lilies & red and yellow tulips. Order envelopes are on the kiosk in the narthex. (Laurel McVinnie)

You are invited to attend the **Alpine Academy Easter Program** on **Tuesday, April 9th at 6 PM** in the gym. Come and hear our kids share the glory of Easter. Let's show our support of our school.

The Easter Bunny is coming a little early to Alpine Academy and we need your help. Alpine Lutheran & the Alpine Academy are hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt and Open House** on Saturday, April 13th and we need your help. We are looking for donations of candy and gift items (both for the eggs and door prizes). If you are able to help, please see Scott Dabson.

Have you noticed someone who sits in the pew behind you has been gone for a couple weeks (and they are not "snow-birds")? Please make a note and drop it in the offering plate so our Connection committee can check on them and "re-connect". Our congregation members are important to us. Maybe they need something as simple as a ride to church; or maybe they are sick and need some get-well cheer; whatever the reason, we want them to know they are missed. (DiAnne Beynon)

It is getting close to when our "**Snow Birds**" will make their return flight to the Midwest. If you receive your Summit via mail, please notify Lynn, in the office, when you have returned and she will put you back on the mailing list. We hope they all have a safe return!

Would you like to give automatically from your bank account? We can schedule your withdrawal weekly, monthly or twice a month. Please see Lynn in the office for more details.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

We are in the middle of Lent and it is finally Spring. We thank you Father for getting us through this Winter and into a Spring with robins singing.

The Academy concludes early registration this week. Now I will be able to project how many classes I will need for next year. Next, Mr. Dabson will speed up his contact to prospective families, knowing how many openings we have available in our classes. I expect another increase in enrollment, but I will be content with whoever God provides as students.

Our next big Open House is also an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13 in the morning. Scott and Jody have already begun filling eggs for the hunt. We have a few thousand eggs to fill, but we need more candy to fill them. **Please help us by providing bags of small wrapped candies to fill the eggs.**

We continue to need donors to the Empower Illinois program. Many parents in the Rockford area are trying to provide quality education to their children, but find it too difficult to afford private education with small class sizes. Empower Illinois gives them a way to that quality education at Alpine Academy. Please consider becoming a donor to Empower Illinois.

However, another means exists for those of us to help the Academy and private education if the tax credit of Empower Illinois is not beneficial to us. You can donate directly to the Alpine Education Fund. This is a financial help program jointly sponsored by Alpine Lutheran Church and Alpine Academy. Give one dollar or one thousand dollars. Your monies go directly into this Fund that is only used to give financial aid to students in need.

Your prayers and support to the school are greatly appreciated. Keep God in your heart.

In Christ,
Bob McVinnie, Principal of Alpine Academy

Alpine Academy of Rockford

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

815-227-8894



Holy Week

Sunday, April 14th—**Palm Sunday**
worship services at 8 & 10 AM

Cantata at the 10 AM worship

Thursday, April 18th—**Maundy Thursday**
worship services at 11 AM & 7 PM

Friday, April 19th—**Good Friday**, Tenebrae
worship service at 7 PM

Sunday, April 21st—**Easter Sunday**,
worship services at 8 & 10

with Breakfast served between services

The **Social Ministries/Connections committee** will be hosting a worship service and serving a meal at the **Rockford Rescue Mission on Sunday, April 14th, at 5:30 PM.** We will need sack lunches to serve to all of the patrons. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. All are welcome to come help serve and participate in the worship. (John Linde)



Enjoy Easter without having to cook! Make plans to attend the **Youth Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 21st**, between services. As in years past, we would like donations of juice and pastries to serve with the breakfast. They also request a Thrivent member to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant to use to purchase the food and supplies for the breakfast. This money acts as seed money in their effort to raise funds for the Youth Work Camp that the youth will attend this year. Please contact John Linde if you are able to apply for the funds.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Has the sunshine and warmer weather put a little spring into your step? Actually Spring is right around the corner and you know what that means **SPRING CLEAN UP.** Your yard has had a hard winter and needs some TLC. It is almost time to apply that early crabgrass preventer and get that fertilizer ready to go. You want a nice green lawn free of those pesky weeds start today and give your lawn TLC and SCRIP can help. SCRIP carries many area retailers such as Menards, Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware and Farm & Fleet that can help get your lawn in tip top shape. Stop by the SCRIP desk and pick up a few of these retailers gift cards and say "Hi" to our friendly SCRIP volunteers. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Do you give through **automatic collections** through your bank? Would you like to have envelopes for special giving such as **Lent , Easter, and Christmas?** At our annual meeting, we handed out packets of envelopes with the special giving dates on them. If you were unable to attend or did not receive your packet, they are available on the counter in the coat room. (Lynn Valentine)



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. April's book choice is "Caroline: Little House, Revisited" by Sarah Miller. "A Master at historical fiction, Miller forges Caroline Ingalls into a format able, complex pioneer woman." Kirkus Reviews. 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.

-Music on Thursdays...On Seventh: Come and enjoy the acoustic duo The Strum Brothers on Thursday, April 11th at 7 PM. Admission is free. Doors open at 6 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-Coordinator 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.



Illinois enacted the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2017. This program offers a 75 percent income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois such as Alpine Academy and other private schools. The Grater Rockford Area Lutheran Schools have chosen to work with SGO Empower Illinois. Questions, please contact Scott Dabson, 815-494-3002, or visit <http://www.revenue.state.il.us/InvestInKids/>

CARPENTER'S PLACE
and
OSF SAINT ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER
present

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

FOOT CARE EVENT



Washing the feet of homeless adults in Rockford.

APRIL 18, 2019

Each guest will receive...

1. Foot washing and nail trim by Podiatry Residents from OSF Saint Anthony with referrals for further care, if needed.
2. A new pair of shoes and socks
3. A delicious lunch

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1149 Railroad Ave
Rockford, IL 61104

How You Can Help...

1. Donate a new pair of shoes or socks
2. Make a monetary donation

QUESTIONS? CALL 815.964.4105

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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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 offer you on the Web!
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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., April 7, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Bill & Diane Billert
 (10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
 (10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Bob McVinnie
Lay Assist: (8:00) Pam Lojewski, Nancy Matthews
 (10:00) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Altar Guild: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie
Praise Singers: Gwyn Brechtel, Volunteer

Sun., April 14, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
 (10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
 (10:00) David Linde, John Linde
Elements: (8:00) David & Laura DeNale
 (10:00) Nancy Lorenzen, Bea Lundgren
Lector: (8:00) Becky Toro (10:00) Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: (8:00) Roger Bastian, Deb Okeson
 (10:00) Zoey Doubek, Rashad Hyder
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie