



Special points of interest:

Worship Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Rejoicing Spirits

6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)

Contact:

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815-399-5013

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From Pastor Desk:

Monday, April 15, 2019

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As we have worshipped God during the past few months, we have encountered the power of the Cross in many powerful and exciting ways. Our Lenten theme – *"Hopeful Living"* – helped us to see how shaping our lives in light of the power hope can help us to not only connect but be transformed in our relationship with Jesus. Listed below are the Biblical truths (sermon takeaways) that helped to build our Faith as we have taken them to our hearts as individuals and as a community.

- Hopeful Living happens when we root our lives in heaven not in what happens here on Earth.
- Hopeful Living means imitating Jesus in valuing people and helping them to experience God over everything else. This includes working to remove the obstacles, oppression, and forces of evil that stand between them and God.
- Love is costly – and it will cost you your soul, your life, your bank account... But don't worry – God have so much more to give you than you could ever save up on your own.
- God is waiting for us to join the celebration!
- Mary's Love helps sustain Jesus as he faces the most difficult week of his life.
- "In other words, Jesus needed Mary's love as much as she needed to show Jesus how much she loved him. That's pretty much how love works. How relationships work." Karoline Lewis
- This is how we respond & live in a world like ours... Live like Jesus!
- Death is not purposeful or meaningful. But neither is it arbitrary.
- Jesus ignores his own people when they are consumed with self-centeredness.
- The Good News for all of us is that even when there is no condemnation, there is always an invitation to join with what God is already doing.
- God's church is a gathering of flawed people who need each other's help to resist temptation
- The most dangerous temptations are the ones that are subtle, easy to accept. Difficult to get rid of.
- Resist temptation by knowing the truth (scripture) well, by prayer, and with the help of others.
- But Jesus says one more thing: death is not as powerful as we think. Yes, death is coming for us all, but it will not overcome us—if we repent.

BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday 3/27/19	41	Wednesday 4/1/19	39
Attendance 3/31/19	54 + 59	Attendance 4/7/19	70 + 52
	113		122

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

Gen Fund 3/31/19	\$9,178.00	Gen Fund 4/7/19	\$4,717.77
Forward in Faith	\$1,745.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,432.00
Festival	\$125.00	Festival	\$245.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,834.29	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,819.06

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, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Al Garrett, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Luth, 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, Patrick Cooper, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Shirley Kagel, 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 **Jan Hill**, **Bill Billert** and **Bea & Bob Lundgren**. **Pat Anderson** sends her thanks for the birthday greetings, communion visits and flowers she received. We share our love and sympathy with **Darrell Brenner**, for the death of his brother; and **Pastor Linda Kersten** and family for the death of Orv Kersten.



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 prayers you may have.

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

Here are the members for the next few weeks.

April 21st—Kathy & Eugen Mund & Glen McDonald; Gyla Tomlinson; and Tonya Mund.

April 28th—Sue Peterson; Jack & Carla Phillips; Karl & Deb Okeson; and Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant.



Thursday, April 18th—Maundy Thursday Worship, 11 AM & 7 PM

Friday, April 19th—Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7 PM

Sunday, April 21st—Easter Festive Worship, 8 AM & 10 AM

Sunday, April 21st—Easter Youth Breakfast, between worship services

Tuesday, April 23rd—NO CHOIR

Thursday, April 25th—Church Council, 7 PM



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.

Come join the Deborah Circle! We meet the **4th Tuesday of every month at Stockholm Inn at 9:30 AM.** We have a short story with a message to ponder. Come join us as we fellowship together over breakfast. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:30 AM. See you there! (Louise Hemenway, 815-637-6312, and Shirley Schou, 815-979-1091)



The **Social Ministry/Connections Committee** is sponsoring our **annual blood drive** for the Rock River Valley Blood Center on **May 6th from 3 PM to 6:30 PM.** The bus will be parked outside of the church's front entrance. Signing up ahead of time is encouraged. Walk ins are welcome. Please contact Janet Gentry at 815-985-6262 to sign up or sign up on the poster. Our goal is to have at least 20 people sign up. (Janet Gentry)

Are you interested in joining with Lutherans to gather to study, pray, and take action for equality amongst Illinois residents? **Lutheran Day** is faith-based social service organizations or human care organizations. We are people of goodwill, standing together to exercise our vocation to speak out for justice, compassion, and equality for all people. Lutheran Day is on May 9th in Springfield. RALM and Rockford Lutheran School are providing the ability for us to attend together. Busses leave Rockford Lutheran at 6 AM. Registration is \$10. RSVP for the bus at RalmMail@aol.com. To learn more or register for www.SpringfieldLutheranDay.org.

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)

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.



It's Golfing Time Again! Spread the word...our annual kick-off luncheon for **Alpine Chippers Golf League** will be held on **Wednesday, April 24th, 12 noon,** at Stockholm Inn. Hope to see you there! Please invite your friends to join our league. Send all contact info for new players to Chuck Valentine. The league will begin the following Wednesday, May 1st, at Elliot Golf Course, tee-off 8:30 AM. (Chuck Valentine)

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** will begin collecting scholarship applications now through the end of May. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)

Doing your Spring cleaning? The youth will be holding a garage sale in the gym on the weekend of **May 31st and June 1st.** Donations may be dropped off at the church and placed in the Fellowship Hall behind the partitions. Please contact John Linde with any questions.

PROPERTY CORNER

⇒ The property committee is requesting if you split any of your **perennials** this spring and would like to donate them to the church please contact Deb Geeser. We can use all sun or all shade perennials. If you are interested in helping keep a **SMALL** area of flowers watered and weeded through out the summer please contact Deb.

⇒ The property committee is requesting your presence at the annual **Spring Clean Up** on May 4. The clean up includes many areas around the church including trimming of trees/bushes, raking, painting and other varies jobs that need to be done. No matter your skill level we are willing to train any participant. Please bring yard waste bags, rakes, hedge trimmers. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM and work begins at 9:00 AM.

See any Property Committee Member for more information.

Our **"Snow Birds"** have begun making 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 wish everyone a safe return!



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At this Easter season, we thank God for sharing his Son with us and for teaching us of forgiveness. As a school, we have many lives entrusted to our care and we pray that we are able to meet those needs.

We have had to say goodbye to some of our support staff. Ian, an aide we have had since semester, has started his mission service for his church. We pray God guides his service. Faith, an aide for Mrs. Dabson's class, has injured her foot and will not be returning after Easter break. We pray for healing. And, Angelica Winebrenner, our librarian and office support for 14 years, has been offered a full time position as an interpreter at a local business. This is a great loss for us, but a great benefit for Angelica. God has intervened and provided for her needs. She will be missed by us all at Alpine.

It is Easter and I am typing this as we prepare for our school Easter program tonight. I am looking forward to it. This Saturday will be an Open House and Easter Egg Hunt. Scott and Jody Dabson have been filling eggs for a couple of weeks. I think they have over 5000 eggs for the hunt this year. Many of the eggs are filled with gifts, donated from many business'. It should be a fun time.

I ask again for your prayers and help. One of our families is going through a hard time. The child's mother is quite ill and will be for a while. We, as Alpine family, are collecting money and gift cards to help provide for their family needs. Please consider giving. If you donate money or a gift card, put it in an envelope and mark it for "Alpine family". It will get to our office and we will send it to the family.

Blessings to you all Easter,
Principal Bob McVinnie

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815-227-8894



Holy Week

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

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:

Did you order a Lilly or Tulip from the Altar Guild for Alpine's Easter Garden? What are you going to do with your beautiful plant? A great idea is to take it home and plant it in your own garden. Remember if you are planting you may need some basic tools such as a shovel, garden gloves, and a knee pad. SCRIP can help you obtain your essential gardening tools. Browse your SCRIP order form for local retailer that will fit your specific gardening needs. Just think of the smile that will be on your face every year when your Lilly or Tulip starts sprouting in the Spring. I have many Easter Lilly's in my own garden and every year I smile knowing I will have a wonderful smelling flower in my garden. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Thank you to all who donated sack lunches and helped serve at the **Rockford Rescue Mission** on Palm Sunday. Thanks also to Pastor Dan, Richard Dowling and the choir for leading the worship.—Social Ministry

The April edition of **Living Lutheran** is on the Care & Concern counter in the narthex. This month's cover story, "God's church in two places; Inside the ELCA companion-synod program", the author discusses the many aspects of the relationships between the ELCA and companion-synods and their congregations. Stop and pick up a copy to read at home and then share your copy with others.

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. 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.

-Katie's Cup Conversation: Tuesday, April 23rd, from 11 AM to noon, Gary Anderson will be discussing the Keith Creek Greenway project. Lunch is available to purchase; the event is free.

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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.

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

DROP-OFF OR MAIL DONATIONS:
Carpenter's Place
1149 Railroad Ave
Rockford, IL 61104

How You Can Help...

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

CLICK TO DONATE

QUESTIONS? CALL 815.964.4105

2nd Annual

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Tuesday, June 11 - Friday, June 14
to raise money for ELCA World Hunger
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**Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM**

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alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., April 21, 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) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Matt & Debbie Hier
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Pam Hodges
Lector: (8:00) Mike Schultz (10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) Pam Lojewski, Mike Schultz
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: JoAnn Christiansen, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., April 28, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Karl Okeson, Randy Teske, Volunteer
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Chuck & Janet Gentry
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Allen Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
(10:00) Allen Neumann, Volunteer
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, Laurel McVinnie
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine