



**Special points of interest:**

Sunday Worship  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM

Rejoicing Spirits  
6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)

Family Worship (Gym)  
4:30 PM (2nd Saturday)

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**From Pastor Desk:**

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## Empowered for Jesus' Mission

*"The story of Jesus doesn't end with Jesus. It continues in the lives of those who believe in him. The supernatural does not stop with Jesus. Luke makes it clear that these Christians he wrote about were no more spectators of Jesus than Jesus was a spectator of God – they are in on the action of God, God acting in them, God living in them. Which also means, of course, in us (Eugene Peterson)."*

"What can we learn from a group of people that lived so long ago?" I was once asked this question when I proposed studying the book of acts with a small group of people. The point the person was trying to make (I think) was that today's world is so different, so out of tune with God, so postmodern, that it seems like a stretch to believe that the story of the first century church presents something that today's church can relate to or learn from. "Isn't our context too radically different?"

It is an honest question. Is the world so changed today that the practices of the first followers would naturally seem outdated, old, stale, and unusable? It is tempting to fall into the trap that says we need a new theology, practice, information or technique if we are going to change the world. It is also easy to follow the idea that proclaims "Society has left the church behind. We need to look forward and develop something new, not get caught up in something that was first used over 2,000 years ago." I believe all these ideas are a mistake.

The book of Acts at its heart is not about how the church acts or organizes itself. It is about how The Holy Spirit moves in the lives of people to do the miraculous – transform a dead world. It is not the acts of the church (despite what Christian publishers might say) but the Acts of a God who simply will not stop trying to reconcile and save people. It is the powerful story of how God moves in this world - despite culture, worldviews, animosity, and competition- to constantly reveal the Good News that brings light and salvation.

This is why I am so excited to announce that our summer worship series is **"Empowered for Jesus' Mission."** Throughout this summer we will be examining the story of how the Holy Spirit empowered the first followers to change the world. Starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>, each week we will read a story from the book of Acts and discover how we too can be Empowered for Jesus' Mission.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 5/12/19	64 + 71	135	Attendance 5/19/19	66 + 62	128
	Rejoicing Spirits Worship 5/9/19			74	

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

Gen Fund 5/12/19	\$6,730.00	Gen Fund 5/19/19	\$6,008.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,370.00	Forward in Faith	\$530.00
Festival	\$10.00	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,675.71
Surplus/Deficit	-\$103.71		

**Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$12,772 (4/30/19)**

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



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Mike Bukowski, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Richard Lovitt, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Marian Olson, Ron & 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, 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 **Pat Christiansen, Joyce Viet** and **Irene Northrup**. Congratulations and God's blessings go out to **John Michael Peyton**, who was baptized on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>. His parents are Evan & Erin Peyton. **Kathy Cordonnier** wishes to thank everyone for the get-well cards and well wishes.

**Worship Schedule :**

Sunday Worship service times are **8 & 10:00 AM**. Children's Church will continue to meet during the 10:00 AM worship service.

Every 2nd Thursday, Rejoicing Spirits Worship at **6 PM**. A no hush service

Every 2nd Saturday, Family Worship at **4:30 PM**. A service in our gym with family activities following.

**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:** Meets between services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. 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 on-going 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.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Don Torgerson; Carl Stohle; Pastors Dan & Lucy Wynard; and Pam & Terry Hodges.

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**—Matt & Debbie Hier; Allen, Sarah, Matthew & Alexis Neumann; Rolly Greenland, and Bob & Bea Lundgren.



**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**—Memorial Day, Office Closed  
**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**—Alpine Academy 5th & 6th Grade Graduation  
**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**—Youth Garage Sale  
**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**—Youth Garage Sale  
**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Confirmation Sunday, 10 AM  
**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**—Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, 9 AM  
**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**—Pentecost, wear RED



Don't forget, John Linde could use all the help he can get for the **Youth Garage Sale** on **Friday & Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>**. All proceeds will go towards the work camp expenses.



The youth will be holding a **Garage Sale** in the gym on **May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact John Linde with any questions. There will also be a **Plant Sale** during the garage sale. Come and get your perennials at a great price while shopping our great deals. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Work Camp trip this summer. (John Linde)

You are invited to attend the **Alpine Academy Graduation** on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. This year will be a little different than as in years past. Our graduation ceremony will include both our 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The Alpine Academy School Board has decided that our school will only go through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Rockford Lutheran Junior High school begins with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and many of our Academy families move their children up to junior high. (Bob McVinnie)

**May is Mental Health Month.** People with mental problems are our neighbors, members of our congregations, members of our families, members in our community. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community. (Mike Schultz)

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** will collect applications through the end of May. Forms are on the counter in the co-atrium. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)



**GRADUATES TAKE NOTE:** As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

We have begun a **Stop Light Collection** for our **Alpine Fest expenses**. You will find the stop light in the Narthex and may donate your change to help us fund our annual celebration.



**Worship in the Park!**

This summer, Alpine Lutheran, joined with Shepherd of the Valley, will be holding a worship service and meal in the great outdoors. On **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** we will gather at **Olson Swedish Heritage Park** for our Sunday service. This will be a great opportunity to connect with family, friends and neighbors through God's Word and great fellowship. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate and plan this event along with volunteers from Shepherd of the Valley. Please contact Pastor Dan if you are interested.

Many thanks from the **Rock River Valley Blood Center** for hosting a blood drive for the past 15 years. We had 2 new donors and over the years we have collected 219 units of blood saving 657 lives. Many thanks to **Janet Gentry** for all her hard work organizing the event. Alpine's continued support helps to meet the needs of our community.

**From the SCRIP Desk:**

Father's Day is just a few short weeks away. Have you thought what your dad may like for Father's Day? SCRIP has the gift that fits all dads a SCRIP card to one of the areas do it yourself stores. Check out your SCRIP order form and see what do it yourself store your dad would like a SCRIP card from. Don't forget SCRIP also carries restaurant scrip cards. Be the number one child by taking your dad out for a meal and pay for it using the SCRIP cards. Need extra bonus points with your dad? Casually mention your are using SCRIP cards to pay for your meal and that you are not only paying for a great meal you are giving money back to the church by using the SCRIP card - this definitely earns extra bonus points. (Deb Geeser)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

The **Alpine Fest planning committee** would like to thank all the Alpine bakers and eaters. Due to the generous donations for our **Bake Sale** we will be able to have a train at the festival.

We will be **skipping** the first **Summit of July** for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. There will be Summits June 10<sup>th</sup> , June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your article accordingly.



**Alpine Academy**  
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We graduate our Fifth and Sixth grade students May 29<sup>th</sup>. It's hard to believe the day has arrived. I will miss these students. They have been at Alpine about the same time that I have been Principal. But they must move on.

With just one week to go until Summer Camp begins, we still have Field Day and a number of field trips planned. So, class is not over. We have had to change our last day of school on May 30<sup>th</sup> to be a half day. The Rockford Public School demolition of Thompson necessitates a water turn off to the area. On May 30<sup>th</sup>, water will be turned off to the Academy and to the church in order to change the pipes of Thompson.

Please keep our school in your prayers. We will keep you in ours.

Principal Bob McVinnie

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**Save the Date:** Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our annual **Alpine Fest**. We will have many activities for all ages. We will have games, a car club, food, police canines, a train, bouncy house, and entertainment from the Sweet Adelines, Ron Holm and our Bluegrass band. Come ready for fun and fellowship. Invite your neighbors, family and friends. If you are able to volunteer your help, please see DiAnne Beynon or Bob McVinnie.

The Soc. Min./Conn. will be serving lunch at **Carpenter's Place on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**. Donations of cookies, other dessert or fresh fruit would be appreciated. Please bring them to church prior to 9:30 AM May 30<sup>th</sup>. One or 2 more people are needed to help serve. Please call Janet Gentry at 815-985-6262 if can assist with this.

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost!** This is one of our **RED** Sundays so let's fill the pews with red.

**Rev. Norwood "Woody" Knutson** is celebrating his **50 years of ordained ministry**. As Pastor Woody has blessed many in his ministry we are asking you to help us bless him in this celebration. We would like to encourage you to send a letter to Pastor Woody at 4716 Spring Creek Rd. Rockford, IL 61114. Please no other gifts other than words of love and encouragement. We know that the people he has served continue to hold a special place in his heart. Blessings, The family of Pastor Woody

This summer the Soc. Min/Conn. Committee will be collecting **jars of peanut butter** for the **Rock River Valley Food Pantry**. Please watch for signs and a drop off area.

**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. (Laurel McVinnie)

### Alpine's Children Ministry



Although there is no specific **Vacation Bible School** scheduled, like last year, Alpine Academy's Summer Camp program, "Passport to Fun", will include a Bible lesson.

Every Tuesday through Friday a short lesson exploring Paul's travels around the world will be enjoyed. Please contact Alpine Academy for more info, camp registration and fees.

**815-227-8894**



**-Katie's Choice Book Club meets** every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is presently seeking a part-time, salaried administrator** for 20-25 hours weekly. The administrator will oversee the daily operations, staff, volunteers, and customer service of the coffeebar, reporting to, and accountable to, the Seventh Street Coffee, Inc. Board. Food service experience is preferred, as well as familiarity and proficiency with a variety of computer programs, social media and marketing venues. The Administrator must have excellent customer service, leadership and management skills and understand the mission and vision of Katie's Cup. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to: Katie's Cup, Attention: Mariel Heinke, 502 Seventh Street, Rockford, IL 61104. Applications are due no later than June 15.

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**Laundry Love**—This program, part of **RALM**, provides free laundry services to the needy every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Milestone Adopt a Camper**—For \$100 you can sponsor a camper for 1 week at camps in IL, WI and IA; or for \$75 you can sponsor a camper at Camp Winnebago. Please contact Milestone, 815-639-2965, if you want to make a donation or have any questions.

**Habitat for Humanity** kicked off its build season Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>! The Framing days will be May 4 and 18, June 1 and June 15! In between and all through August we will be building! Won't you come out to our sites some Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday to help us help four families realize their dream of home ownership? Please email or call Mona, monaschupbach@rockfordhabitat.org, 815-636-4573, with any questions!



*He is Risen!*



### Alpine Academy Summer Camp

Preschool 3 yr. to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Camp Starts Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 8 AM—3 PM**

Cost is \$125/week or \$35/day

A registration fee of \$25

will be collected from each family.

Enrollment forms

are available outside the school office or online at

[alpineacademyofrockford.com](http://alpineacademyofrockford.com)

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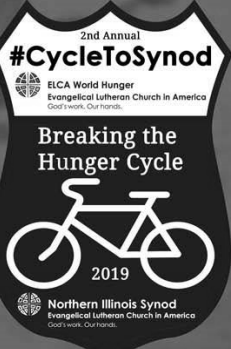
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**Sun. 8:00**  
**& 10:00 AM**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE**

**Sun., June 2, 2019**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer  
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob Peterson, Volunteer  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson  
 (10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges  
**Elements:** (8:00) Les & Carol Johnson  
 (10:00) Pam Hodges, Ardy Stevens  
**Lector:** (8:00) Becky Toro (10:00) Violet Peterson  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) David DeNale, Chuck Gentry  
 (10:00) Zada Doubek, Rashad Hyder  
**Altar Guild:** Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens  
**Praise Singers:** Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie

**Sun., June 9, 2019**

**Ushers:** (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers  
 (10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Al & Deb Geeser  
 (10:00) John Linde, David Linde  
**Elements:** (8:00) Al & Deb Geeser  
 (10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle  
**Lector:** (8:00) Randy Teske (10:00) Allen Neumann  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) Al Garrett, Volunteer  
 (10:00) Bea Lundgren, Allen Neumann  
**Altar Guild:** Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann  
**Praise Singers:** Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie