



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)

Contact:

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815-399-5013

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From Pastor Desk:

Monday, July 15, 2019

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August 11th Worship in the Park.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with other believers and enjoy the blessing of Christian Fellowship. *(Please note, there will be no worship service at Alpine on Aug. 11th. We will gather instead at Swedish Heritage Park at 10:00 AM for worship and fellowship in the park).*

Why is Christian Fellowship so important? The New Testament word for fellowship "koinonia" expresses the idea of being together for mutual benefit. Hebrews 10:24-25 shares this idea, saying, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." So Fellowship is a mutual bond that Christians have with Christ that puts us in a deep, eternal relationship with one another. It is an essential component for the growth of our faith. Below are 2 descriptions of Fellowship and 18 blessings/fruits that come from the unique fellowship that we have as followers of Christ.

"Aloneness can lead to loneliness. God's preventative for loneliness is intimacy - meaningful, open, sharing relationships with one another. In Christ we have the capacity for the fulfilling sense of belonging which comes from intimate fellowship with God and with other believers." Neil T Anderson

"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

18 Blessings that come from Christian Fellowship ¹

1. You demonstrate a sincere love for Jesus. 1 John 4:19-20; Romans 12:9-16
2. You receive the encouragement of harmony. Rom. 15:5
3. You experience mutual acceptance among radically different people. Rom. 15:7
4. You benefit from mutual instruction, encouragement and correction. Rom. 15:14
5. You gain opportunities for joy, mutual comfort, unity, encouragement and peace. 2 Cor. 13:11;
6. You use your newfound freedom for the loving service of others. Gal. 5:13
7. You receive God-given opportunities to develop patience. Eph. 4:1-2
8. You become aware of God-given opportunities to grow in kindness and forgiving others. Eph.
9. You receive mutual encouragement and growth that comes from corporate worship before God.
10. You demonstrate reverence to Christ. Eph. 5:21
11. You put yourself on God's pathway for cultivating spiritual growth. Col. 3:7-10

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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 6/23/19	52 + 64	116	Attendance 6/30/19	65 + 45	110
	Attendance 7/7/19	66 + 47	113		

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

Gen Fund 6/23/19	\$4,820.00	Gen Fund 6/30/19	\$5,442.00	Gen Fund 7/7/19	\$5,623.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,175.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,315.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,350.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,218.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,456.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,240.71

AlpineFest.....\$320.20

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$10,676 (5/31/19)

*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, Tim 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, Iris Blake, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Patrick Cooper, Barbara Difiore, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Kathleen Lovins, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Brendan Welsh, Penny Wendling and Debra Whittock.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **John McCue, Gwyn Brechtel, Jan Anderson, Pam Hodges, Rolly Greenland** and **Jack Phillips**. **Terry & Pam Hodges** send their many thanks for the cards celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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 1st 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 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.

July 21st—Chuck & Lynn Valentine; Cary Ralston; Sandy, Shannon & Rachel Cooley; and Louise Hemenway.

July 28th—Irv Perala; Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian; Pam Hemenway; and George Wanfalt.



Friday, July 19th—Work Campers leave for Dexter, ME

Monday, July 22nd—RALM Golf Scramble

Monday, July 29th—Work Campers return

Sunday August, 4th—Scholarship Sunday, 10 AM

Sunday, August 11th—Worship in the Park, 10 AM



Are you an alumnus of Boy Scout Troop 57? Join us on Saturday, August 3rd at Alpine Lutheran for an **80th Anniversary celebration**. Come see the youth in action in the afternoon. There will be a picnic style meal served from 4:30 to 7 PM. Come and share your stories. Hope to see you there!



Worship in the Park!

Alpine Lutheran, joined with Shepherd of the Valley, will be holding a worship service and meal in the great outdoors. On **Sunday, August 11th** we will gather at **Olson Swedish Heritage Park** for our Sunday service (no services will be held at the church). This will be a great opportunity to connect with family, friends and neighbors through God's Word and great fellowship. Sign-up forms are in the narthex for both volunteers to help and for those attending to plan for the food. One has been conveniently included with this Summit.

Many thanks! We thank all of those who worked so hard to put together and run another year of **AlpineFest**. Many enjoyed the music of our Bluegrass band and the group from Sweet Adeline's, great food, kid's games, bouncy house, car cruise, and great fellowship with friends and neighbors. Thank you to all involved! We also thank everyone for contributing to our **Stop Light Collection for Alpine Fest expenses**. Over \$175 was collected. (Bob McVinnie)

From the SCRIP Desk:

As we enjoy our summer vacations let's not forget what will creep up on you faster than your next birthday - back to school. Now is the time to start stocking up on your favorite back to school store gift cards. Don't forget those broke college students who will need some restaurant gift cards when they return to school so they will not starve to death. Start stocking up on your school gift cards now so your wallet will not feel so empty when the back to school frenzy starts. Also, the warm summer days have finally arrived in the state line. Warm weather brings out the need for ice cream. Pick up the SCRIP order sheet from the SCRIP desk and check out all the local ice cream shops and restaurants that can help satisfy the need for ice cream. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

We continue our Summer Worship Series "**Empowered for Jesus' Mission**". Each week we will discuss a story from the book of Acts and how it can empower us just as it empowered Jesus' first followers.

Wednesday Bible Study will be taking a trip to Morning Star on Mulford Rd. on July 24th to have lunch with Shirley Schou. Please let Pam Hodges know if you will be attending, 815-95-4720 or pamstamps4u@gmail.com, by July 21st. The cost for the lunch is \$6. (Pam Hodges)

Are you on Facebook? Search for "Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford", then like and follow our page. You will be able to see and follow any Alpine events that are posted to the page. When there is an event posted, if you click like and share, all of your friends will see the event too. What a great way to share what is going on at Alpine with others! (Scott Dabson)

The **Scholarship Committee** has received the applications for this year's recipients. They are pleased to announce that we will be handing out those scholarships on **Sunday, August 4th** at the 10 AM service. Alpine is proud to be able to support our students in this manner every year. (Gary Hunt)

The July copy of **Living Lutheran** is here and on the Care & Concern counter for you to take home and share. This month's cover story "Stories of Hope & Resilience" puts into words the journeys of three Honduran migrants returned to their home country. With support from the ELCA, the Lutheran World Federation and the Mennonite Social Action Committee assist these individuals and families with holistic vocational support.

During the summer months several of our groups don't meet as regularly as the rest of the year.. The **Adult Forum** will not meet every first Sunday. Please watch for announcements in the Summit and worship folders for the topics and when they will meet. The **Men's Breakfast** plan to continue to meet on the second Saturday of the month. Our **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will continue meeting on Wednesday mornings with some exceptions for when Pastor Dan is away for camps in July. **Altar Guild's** next meeting is Saturday, September 14th. **Confirmation** will not meet again until after school is back in session. Enjoy your summer!

Council Members: We hope that you are enjoying your summer, As in the past, we will not have a council meeting in the month of July. Our next council meeting will be on **Thursday, August 22nd** and it will be a picnic at Scott & Kathy Christiansen's home. More information is to come. (Scott Dabson)



We thank the Alpine Congregation for AlpineFest. Many school families attended and enjoyed the train and bounce house, as well as, the entertainment, food, crafts, and car show. We also had six community families tour the school. So, for the Academy, this was very successful.

Summer Camp is going strong with an average of 20 students a week. We have room for more. You may choose just some days or weeks instead of the entire summer.

We are also in the middle of enrollment for the 2019-20 school year. We have space available at nearly every grade. So please spread the word. The new school year will be with us before you know it.

New this year, Alpine Academy will have a booth at the Boone County Fair. We will also have Alpine Lutheran Church information available. We hope this expands peoples' awareness of the school and at church. Please come down and visit us or volunteer to sit the booth.

In Christ,

Bob McVinnie, Principal

Alpine Academy of Rockford

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in a safe environment.

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Now enrolling students
for our 2019-20 school year

On **Friday, July 19th**, several Alpine youth and adults will be leaving for **Work Camp** in Dexter, ME. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels and a "God filled" week of mission work. (John Linde)

Are you new to Alpine and thinking of joining our Alpine family? Pastor Dan will be holding a **New Member Orientation** on **Sunday, August 4th** after the 10 AM worship. Please contact him or the office if you would like to attend.

On **Saturday, August 10th**, there will be a **1st Communion Class** for all those interested. Pastor Dan will give instruction and teach the meaning of this holy sacrament. If you have a child who you feel is ready to receive communion, please call the church office to sign-up. All those receiving instruction will receive 1st Communion the following Sunday, August 18th.

This year's **God's Work, Our Hands** project is a collection of sock and undies for those in need. Our Social Ministry & Connections Committee will be collecting all sizes. Please watch for a collection are in the vestibule. They will be collecting until September. (John Linde)

Do you enjoy the fellowship during our coffee hour?

Why not provide treats to be served. 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)

There is still time: Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries is holding their **annual Golf Scramble** on **Monday, July 22nd**, at Swanhills Golf Course in Belvidere. To register, please call 815-962-4279. Golf package, \$90, includes lunch, green fees, cart, golf balls, tees, prizes, and a donation to RALM.

Are you new to Alpine? Do you have a photo on our **Family Wall**? Many visitors to Alpine like to stop and read about the families that are currently members of Alpine. Is your family represented? Is your story up to date? Please submit a family photo and a short "bio". There are forms available in the pocket on the wall. If you would like to update your photo or information, we would love to do that as well. Just resubmit your info and we will update it. (Dave DeNale)

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.

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12. You gain opportunities to see God's answers to prayer especially in the lives of others. 2 Th. 1:3
13. You receive confrontation from others, making yourself less vulnerable to the hardening deceitfulness of sin. Heb. 3:13
14. You stir up others to love and good works, while being stirred up by others to love and good works. Heb. 10:24-25
15. You gain many opportunities to put to death your judgmental spirit. James 4:11, 5:9
16. You are freed to confess your sins to a brother or sister and benefit by their prayers for you. James 5:16
17. You grow in humility. 1 Peter. 5:5
- 18. You make the Gospel more visible to a dark world!**

¹ adopted from <https://www.claytonvalleychurch.com/walking-closer-with-god/>



Join us for a celebration of 3 years of Laundry Love Rockford!

Wednesday, July 17th at 5pm

Charles St. Laundromat
2125 Charles St.

Complimentary ice cream cones for everyone who comes provided by Laundry Love Rockford and Grampa's Sweet Treats

This is a great chance to see Laundry Love in action serving our neighbors and help us celebrate this milestone in our ministry. Hope to see you there!

For more information you can contact us at info@laundryloverockford.org or call the one of the Program Coordinators:
Dave Musser 815-519-7503
Bob Black 815-742-9197



-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.

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.

Habitat for Humanity kicked off its build season Saturday, May 4th! 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!





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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., July 21, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello,
Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund
(10:00) Jim Burnett, Russ Hornbeck, Dick
Nelson, Volunteer
Ambass.: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel (10:00) Mike
Schultz
Lay Assist: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen
McDonald
(10:00) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sun., July 28, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Les Johnson, Randy Teske,
Volunteers
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt
(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) Allen
Neumann
Lay Assist: (8:00) Nancy Matthews, Tonya
Mund
(10:00) Dick Nelson, Allen Neumann
Altar Guild: Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine