



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:

Monday, July 28, 2019

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10 Things Dietrich Bonhoeffer taught us about Christian Community in his transformative book [Life Together](#).

1. Accountability is an absolute necessity among brothers and sisters in the body.

"Nothing can be more cruel than the leniency which abandons others to their sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe reprimand which calls another Christian in one's community back from the path of sin."

2. The kingdom of God is to live in the midst of its enemies and His children must be ready for what that means for their lives.

"Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. At the end all his disciples deserted him. On the Cross he was utterly alone, surrounded by evildoers and mockers. For this cause he had come, to bring peace to the enemies of God. So the Christian, too, belongs not in the seclusion of a cloistered life but in the thick of foes. There is his commission, his work. 'The kingdom is to be in the midst of your enemies. And he who will not suffer this does not want to be of the Kingdom of Christ; he wants to be among friends, to sit among roses and lilies, not with the bad people but the devout people.'"

3. The church is best served when we all recognize what we are and aren't afraid to admit our sinfulness and humble ourselves.

"If my sinfulness appears to me to be in any way smaller or less detestable in comparison with the sins of others, I am still not recognizing my sinfulness at all. ... How can I possibly serve another person in unfeigned humility if I seriously regard his sinfulness as worse than my own?"

4. Community is not something attained but created through the mutual love and respect of its members.

"The person who loves their dream of community will destroy community, but the person who loves those around them will create community."

5. A community that doesn't pray for one another won't be transformed spiritually and will eventually collapse and die.

"A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses. I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died, the face of a forgiven sinner."

6. God will constantly test us through interruption and the needs of others. We must be ready to discern and answer those interruptions.

"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions."

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BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance Rejoicing Spirits	67	Attendance Family Worship	20
Attendance 7/14/19	66 + 54	Attendance 7/21/19	56 + 29
	120		85

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

Gen Fund 7/14/19	\$5,448.00	Gen Fund 7/21/19	\$5,401.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,090.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,510.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,675.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,302.71

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$15,593.58 (6/30/19)

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



Pray for Alpine members:

Valerie Ahnquist, 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 **Cary Ralston**. **Louise Hemenway** sends her sincere thanks for the cards, flowers and all the hugs and best wishes for her 90th birthday. "A great big thank you" from **Betty Davis** for the flowers she recently received. Also, for the communion she receives every month.

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. Doesn't meet during Summer

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.

August 4th—Megan, Merrick & Cooper Hill; Alan & Marlene Garrett; Gregory Garrett; and Bryan Garrett.

August 11th—(will be prayed for with those on Aug. 18th due to Worship in the Park) Louise Dorris; David, Laura & Nick DeNale; Allen, Deb, Rebecca & Brianna Geeser.



Monday, July 29th—Work Campers return
Sunday August, 4th—Scholarship Sunday, 10 AM
Sunday, August 11th—Worship in the Park, 10 AM
Wednesday, August 21st—Academy first full day back to school



Are you an alumnus of Boy Scout Troop 57? All Alpiners are invited to attend 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.

Join Us at the Fair: The Alpine Family, church and school, will have a table at the Boone Co. Fair, August 6th through the 11th. Stop by and say "Hi", bring your friends and introduce them to our family. Show them what Alpine has to offer! (Scott Dabson)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Have you seen the stores getting ready for back to school sales? That means you should be getting ready for back to school sales by stocking up on your favorite back to school stores SCRIP cards. Don't forget those college kids they need school supplies and food supplies. Great gift idea would be giving them a Woodman's card and telling them to go shopping for their survival at school food. By letting them shop they get what they want and you don't have to listen to them complain that you bought the wrong food. Stop by the SCRIP desk and the wonderful volunteers can help you pick out gift cards for any occasion. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



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)

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. This series will run through the beginning of September.

Please watch you mail box: The **half year statements** are printed and will soon be going out in the mail along with our annual **53rd/54th week appeal** letter. We thank everyone at Alpine for their generous support of our church and its mission.

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 Christian's home. More information is to come. (Scott Dabson)

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. Look for an email if there is a change. 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!

Are you able and willing to pick someone up and drive them to church? Many of our Alpine members are no longer able to drive and may want to attend worship services or events. Please contact Laurel McVinnie or the church office to be added to our list of drivers and thank you for assisting our Alpine home-bound.

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)



As we close out the month of July we begin our final approach to the new school year. I'm excited and looking forward to see what the 2019-20 school year has in store for us here at Alpine. We are still enrolling new students and inviting more families to join ours here at Alpine.

I am continuing to reach out to people within our Alpine Family to encourage them to consider making a donation to the Invest In Kids Act through Empower Illinois. Last school year due to some generous donors in our Alpine Family we were able to see 26 students experience a Christian Education at Alpine. Many of these same students experienced their first encounter with the Bible and in an environment that shared Christ's love with them. It was extremely exciting for me to see the change in these students both academically and in their faith. So often I too forget the blessing that was given to me from parents who were able to raise me to have faith in God. If you would like to learn how you can truly be a change maker in the life of a young child in allowing them to attend Alpine Academy and joining our Alpine Family please reach out I'd be happy to share what steps and opportunities there are.

One of the summer items we have been working to ensure we improve for the upcoming school year is our communication. We are addressing our website and enhancing our newsletters so that we can share information in a more timely and wide ranging format. For those that follow us on Facebook you may note we now share our Newsletter there. If you would like to receive it by e-mail as well please send us your e-mail address and we will include you. We will announce the launch of our new web page soon so please check it out there. Also await another new tool that will be announced in the coming weeks that will also continue the trend of improving communication.

We need you.... We need your prayers, your volunteering, your donations and your caring comments of encouragement as we continue to provide a quality education here at Alpine! This is our school and we are one Family lets celebrate as we continue in our mission together!

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Admissions Director
Alpine Academy

Alpine Academy of Rockford
In partnership with
Alpine Lutheran Church
Give your child the gift of a quality education
that enriches the lives, spirits, and minds
in a safe environment.
815-227-8894
Now enrolling students
for our 2019-20 school year



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.

Wednesday Bible Study will not resume until Wednesday, August 14th. We will meet at the normal time of 10 AM.

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)

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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7. We often minister to others more through listening than through many words spoken.

"There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the brother and is only waiting for a chance to speak and thus get rid of the other person. Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that we may speak the Word of God."

8. We are called as the body of Jesus to mutually bear each other's burdens faithfully, prayerfully, and practically as Jesus did for us.

"The Christian, however, must bear the burden of a brother. He must suffer and endure the brother. It is only when he is a burden that another person is really a brother and not merely an object to be manipulated. The burden of men was so heavy for God Himself that He had to endure the Cross. God verily bore the burden of men in the body of Jesus Christ."

9. We must endeavor to be faithful in the small things of life, or else the great things in life will not be entrusted to our care.

"Who can really be faithful in great things if he has not learned to be faithful in the things of daily life?"

10. Thankfulness is the foundation and the strength of any community rooted and grounded in Jesus.

"If we do not give thanks daily for the Christian fellowship in which we have been placed, even where there is no great experience, no discoverable riches, but much weakness, small faith, and difficulty; if on the contrary, we only keep complaining to God that everything is so paltry and petty, so far from what we expected, then we hinder God from letting our fellowship grow according to the measure and riches which are there for us all in Jesus Christ."

Adapted from <https://churchleaders.com/daily-buzz/277152-10-things-bonhoeffer-taught-us-life-together.html>



-Katie's Choice Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 AM. Each month a new book is chosen to discuss. The book chosen for August is *"This is how it always is"* by Laurie Frankel. This novel is about revelations, transformations, fairytales and family. 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.

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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.

Anderson Gardens Tuesday Morning Worship—This is a free non-denominational Christian Service at 7-7:30 AM in the pavilion in the Garden. Each week the service is lead by a different pastor and musician from the community. After the service you are encouraged to explore the gardens for no charge.

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!

The **Rockford Midtown Market** is the first Saturday, of every month through September 7th from 9am-noon in the Rockford Public Schools District 205 Parking Lot. The Market's purpose is to encourage a community gathering for ethnic food, farm produce, coffee drinks, kid activities, music, and crafts. The Rockford Midtown Market is a partnership between Katie's Cup and the Rockford Midtown District Association.


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& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., August 4, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer

(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Volunteers

Ambass.: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Terry & Pam Hodges

Elements: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Pam Hodges, Ardy Stevens

Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips (10:00) Violet Peterson

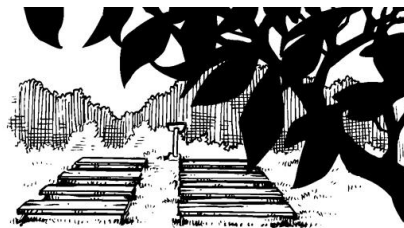
Lay Assist: (8:00) David DeNale, Glen McDonald

(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson

Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens

Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie

Sun., August 11, 2019
10:00 AM



Worship in the Park

Olson Swedish Heritage Park
7901 Harlem Road

Lunch and Fellowship to follow service