



#### 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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## From Pastor Desk:

Monday, August 26, 2019

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### Relentless: A Workcamp reflection.

The theme of this year's workcamp/mission's trip was "Relentless." All throughout our activities we were constantly examining and pointed towards how God is relentless in God's pursuit of not just repairing God's relationship with us, but in being part of who we are and having a guiding hand in our development as people. Time after time we saw how nothing can dissuade or put off God's relentless pursuit of us.

By the end of our week we were challenged with the truth; "If God is so relentless in pursuing a relationship with us, then shouldn't we be as devoted to pursuing a relationship with God?" This might seem very daunting. Our lives can feel like they are way too busy, distracted, and broken for us to be really devoted to God in the same way God is relentless in God's pursuit of us. Fortunately, we are not left on our own. God knew that life would be difficult and filled with distractions and obstacles. So, God provided an advocate, The Holy Spirit, to walk alongside of us and provided whatever assistance we might need. In our post camp/trip devotion we were reminded that;

*"Jesus knew that life would be difficult. He knew the things we deal with and the decisions we have to make are challenging. But God never intended for us to face life alone. That's why Jesus came to this earth: to be Emmanuel, God with us. And when Jesus went back to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit, God continuing to be with us. The Holy Spirit is God coming alongside us, or actually, as Jesus put it, living inside of us, to help us live for him.*

*You don't have to figure life out on our own. The Holy Spirit is God guiding us. According to Jesus and the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit is how God helps us. The Holy Spirit is given to give us God's counsel on how to handle life's situations. The Holy Spirit comforts us when we are hurting. The Holy Spirit helps us understand God's heart as we read the Bible. And the Holy Spirit is the One who gives us the ability to obey God and live rightly. As you relentlessly pursue God, remember that it is only when you allow God to guide you by His Holy Spirit that you will enter into all that God has for you."*

For me this is an incredibly helpful reminder. God is so relentless in God's devotion to us, that God will not leave us alone, but instead walk alongside us and guide us (not taking over, still allowing us to be who we are) so that we can become the people God created us to be and experience the relationships that God desires for us to have.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance Rejoicing Spirits	77		Attendance 8/18/19	54 + 48	102
Attendance 8/11/19 (Worship in the Park)	124				

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

Gen Fund 8/11/19	\$4088.00	Gen Fund 8/18/19	\$4,564.00
Forward in Faith	\$620.00	Forward in Faith	\$815.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,505.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,834.71
53 <sup>rd</sup> /54 <sup>th</sup> Week		\$1,810.00	

**Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$10,392.48 (7/31/19)**

\*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, Scott Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Richard Lovitt, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Valerie Miller, Marian Olson, Ron 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, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Debra Whittock and Sharon Wrye.

### **All In the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **Jane Karlberg** and **Heidi Lykken**. **Julie Schellschmidt** sends her thanks for the card received after her brother Brian Johnson passed away. **Nicholas Chockalingam** expressed his thanks for the scholarship he received. Congratulations and God's blessings go out for the birth of Addison Eloise Mae Hier, born August 14<sup>th</sup> to Lucas & Samantha (Holen) Hier; grandparents, Matt & Debbie Hier.

### **Worship Schedule :**

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

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Rejoicing Spirits Worship at **6 PM**. A service for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Doesn't meet during Summer. Resumes Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**—Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; Chris & Pat Christiansen; and Lori Abbott & Kyle Davison.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**—Ernest & Mary DeNale; Bettie Everson; Roger, Renee Evans, Norah, Shawn Dittbenner & Elizabeth Urlich.



**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Labor Day, Office Closed  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**—Rally Day  
**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**—Adult Forum, 9 AM  
**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**—Rejoicing Spirits Worship, 6 PM  
**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**—Family Worship, Gym, 4:30 PM

## Thought for the Week:

"Google can't satisfy every search."

2 Chronicles 15:2

"The Lord is with you, while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you..."



**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is Rally Day!** To help us rally our faith we ask everyone to wear your favorite team jersey. Bring your backpacks, tool belts, tablets, briefcases, stethoscopes, anything you use in your daily activities. We will be doing a blessing over these items as we begin a new fall season.

Have you ever gotten home and realized you left your hat at church only to forget to look for it the following week? Have you gotten home from church and realized one of your earrings is missing? Alpine has a **Lost & Found box** located in the coat room on the counter. Please check to see if your lost item is there. You may also contact the office when you notice a missing item and Tim will help look for it while cleaning.

The August copy of **Living Lutheran** is on the Care & Concern counter for you to take home and then share with others. This month's cover story features the "I'm a Lutheran" story of Julie Yurko, President and CEO of Northern Illinois Food Bank. Stop by the counter and pick up a copy while supply lasts.

### From the SCRIP Desk:

Now that school is back in session that means our lives have gotten back on the fast track. School means busy days and busier nights. Stop by the SCRIP desk and stock up on your favorite grab and go restaurants. SCRIP has many of the areas grab and go restaurants such as Dairy Queen, Chipolte, Chix-Fil-A and many more. Stock up on a couple of your favorite restaurants so on those busy nights were cooking at home is out of the question you will be prepared by already having your favorite restaurant gift cards in hand and ready to go. (Deb Geeser)

**KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP**

This year's **God's Work, Our Hands** project is a collection of socks and undies for those in need at **Just Breathe 815**, a resource center for homeless teens. Our Social Ministry & Connections Committee will be collecting all adult sizes. A collection basket has been placed in the narthex along with a poster with more details. They will be collecting until September. (John Linde)



**"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord." -Psalm 150:6** It is time for our choirs to resume rehearsals after their well deserved summer break. **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** both our choirs; Hand Bell Choir & Chancel Choir, will meet at their regular times; 6 PM & 7:15 PM respectively. We invite anyone who loves to praise the Lord to join us! (Richard Dowling)

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.

**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)

On Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon, the Social Ministry/Connections committee will be serving lunch at **Carpenter's Place**. We will need donations of cookies to serve to the patrons along with some volunteers to help serve. If you are able to help, please contact Janet Gentry, 815-332-5951.

**Chippers Golf Outing:** Can you believe that another year of our golf league is coming to a close. With all of the rain cancellations at the beginning of the season, it seems like the year just flew by. With that said, it is almost time for our annual golf play day. We will be playing at Prairie View in Byron on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Tee-off will begin at 9 AM, cost is \$25 with a cart and lunch will be off the menu (you pay). Please RSVP to Chuck Valentine, chuck\_lynn@comcast.net, or 815-742-1335.

**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.



## Alpine Academy of Rockford

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Alpine Academy has begun its 2019-2020 school year. Because of my illness at the end of July and the first weeks of August, I was unable to complete all that was needed to begin the year. But, our great staff, led by Scott Dabson and Kim Strakeljahn and with help from Lori Holmer, were able to put together the fine points of scheduling and parent contact to bring us a successful Back to School Night followed by a great opening week. Thank you, Scott, Kim, Lori, and staff for this fine opening week.

I invite the congregation to a brunch in September to honor Pastor Rick Meier and Keith Wilson for their roles in the establishment of the school. More information will be coming over the next two weeks.

We have openings in many upper grades and in our 3 year old class. Please pass the word that Alpine Academy is a high performing academic institution that accepts God's Grace and follows God's word.

Thank you to the Alpine Congregation for your prayers and support.

In Christ,  
Principal Bob McVinnie

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Now enrolling students  
for our 2019-20 school year

As we enter into the fall season, it is time to create a new **Those Who Serve** schedule. Our core group of volunteers is dwindling. Have you ever thought of serving in any of the areas; usher, lay assistant, ambassador/greeter, element carrier, or reader? We need more volunteers. You may call the office or speak to Pr. Dan if you are willing to help in this ministry. Laurel McVinnie also needs to know for our next schedule when and for how long you will be gone if you are an Alpine Snowbird. This will prevent having to get replacements for when you are gone. Thank you for serving Alpine and its members. (Laurel McVinnie/Lynn Valentine)

**Adult Forums** will be starting up in September. Our first one will be Sunday, **September 8<sup>th</sup>** between services in Fellowship Hall. Final plans for the topic are in the works. (Mike Schultz)

**\*Please Note: Christian Ed/Youth Committee** will meet on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at the regular time, 6:30 PM. (Mari Hanson)

**Katie's Cup Conversation:** Join us on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM to noon, for "Midtown Medicine: Rich history, bright future" presented by LP Johnson Family Health Center.

#### **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?** 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)

**Financial Request:** Please include your name and envelope number on all envelopes you turn in especially if you give cash. This allows us to record your giving for tax purposes. We thank you for supporting Alpine and our ministries!



**We invite all children to come to our Children's Church during the 10:00 worship hour. We will be discussing the lessons used in the worship service for that week through discussion and arts and crafts.**

**All are welcome to join us.**



**-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. The book chosen for September is "Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys. "At once a suspenseful, drama-packed survival story, a romance, and an intricately researched work of historical fiction." - The Wall Street Journal 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.

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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-Coordinators 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 4<sup>th</sup>! 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FUNDRAISER

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**PASTOR JANE McCHESNEY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**11 am - 3 pm**

**Pork Chop sandwiches, chips and beverage - \$10**

**Silent Auction and Bake Sale!**

**502 Seventh Street, Rockford**

Outdoor seating in the bank parking lot across from Katie's Cup coffeebar.

Inside seating also available.

Pastor Jane McChesney, First Lutheran Church, Rockford, has faced ovarian cancer with determination for the past six years.

In recent months, extensive additional surgery and rehab services were required, resulting in considerable new medical expenses.



Katie's Cup is pleased to help sponsor this event!  
Tickets may be purchased ahead of time at the coffeebar  
or on the day of the event.  
For more information, call 815.986.0628

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

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## THOSE WHO SERVE

### Sun., September 1, 2019

**Ushers:** (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham, Don Torgerson, Volunteer  
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson, Bob Peterson, Volunteer  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Bill & Diane Billert  
(10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton  
**Elements:** (8:00) Kathy Mund, Eugene Mund  
(10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle  
**Lector:** (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Terry Hodges  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello  
(10:00) Terry Hodges, Nancy Matthews  
**Altar Guild:** Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens  
**Praise Singers:** Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie

### Sun., September 8, 2019

**Ushers:** (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers  
(10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Nancy Matthews, Shirley Schou  
(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) John Fridh  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) David DeNale, Pam Lojewski  
(10:00) Zada & Zoey Doubek  
**Altar Guild:** Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann  
**Praise Singers:** Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie