



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, September 23, 2019

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Takeaways from our Summer Worship Series Empowered for Jesus' Mission

- **God is personal – but God is not private. Our faith is personal, but our faith was never meant to be private or individual.**
- In Acts we see how suddenly, radically, communal and public the disciple's faith becomes.
- The power we receive from the Holy Spirit is to fulfill Jesus' Mission not our own plans.
- As we unleash this power, we will be changed.
- Switched on by The Holy Spirit = Empowered to tell God's story in both personal and life changing ways.
- How will you tell this story?
- The fruit/evidence of the Holy Spirit in action are good deeds that reflect a heart of compassion.
- These deeds of compassion create connections between us and people and God. The result is a transformed community.
- The disciples see an injustice and pattern their response after Jesus. They are prepared to give away whatever they have in order to break down barriers.
 - The Pattern:
 - Notice
 - Give away what you have to remove barriers
 - Give an invitation to Join their community
 - Build a relationship with them
- A beautiful temple gate became a barrier between God and people. What barriers exist in our congregation that we need to change?
- The disciples were "Bold" because they were more concerned about what God thinks than what other humans think.
- The disciples were "Bold" because they did not treasure their possessions or standing in the world. They had already gotten used to giving those things away.
- The disciples did not pray for the safe outcome. They prayed for Boldness instead.
- Pray for God to change part of you, so that you will better reflect or proclaim God's Good News!
- Cultivating celebrity-hood/fame is dangerous. It allows destructive forces of sin, free reign in our lives.
- The fear of the Lord reminds us that God is more powerful than the stuff/people of this world.
- God will do what is necessary to gain hold of someone's heart.
- God's chosen instruments are not based on our lives or values
- Jesus' followers see Saul as someone who needed to encounter Jesus.
- Chance encounters really aren't chance encounters when the Holy Spirit is involved.
- The Power of The Holy Spirit is unleashed as we stay focused on Jesus' Mission
- As the Holy Spirit moves, inevitably our lives and the world around us will be turned upside down. Because the world is not the way it is supposed to be, this is really our lives being turned right side up.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/8/19	48 + 42	90	Attendance 9/15/19	62 + 45	107
Attendance Rejoicing Spirits		58	Attendance Saturday Family Worship		14

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

Gen Fund 9/8/19	\$3,347.75	Gen Fund 9/15/19	\$4,467.75
Forward in Faith	\$747.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,755.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,118.96	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,991.96
53 rd /54 th Week		\$275.00	

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$2,798.16 (8/31/19)

*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, Tim Christiansen, Scott Christiansen, Scott Dabson, 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, Tim Babcock, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Aileen Petersen, Felicia Rawls, Tom Rogers, Sharon Schrier, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Debra Whittock and Sharon Wrye.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Kay Lamphere, Darrell Brenner, and Gary Hunt. Kay Lamphere** also would like to thank everyone for the flowers she received. Congratulations and God's blessing go out to **Alanna Marie** born on September 3rd to Rudy & Lindsay Arellano. **Irene Northrup** sends her thanks for the flowers she recently received.

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

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 on Stowmarket
- * 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 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.

September 29th—Jim & Jan Anderson; Diana Sundeen; Taylor Boustead; and Gordon Allen.

October 6th—Gary & Ginny Hunt; Jane Karlberg; Mark Christine, Holly & Renee Stohle; and Rhonda Paravala.



Sunday, October 6th—2020 Stewardship Kick-Off, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM
Sunday, October 6th—Stewardship Meal, Fellowship Hall, 11 AM
Sunday, October 13th—Adult Forum, NAMI, Fellowship Hall, 9:15 AM



We will have a meeting for 2020 Work Camp on Tuesday, October 1st at 7 PM. All interested students and their parents are invited to attend. We will discuss where, when and fundraising ideas. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date: The ever entertaining **RALM Trivia Night** and silent auction will be **Friday, November 1st**, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Get your teams of 8 together now and start studying your trivia. This night is always a favorite. Alpine usually reserves 2 tables (8 each) but the more the merrier. Please let Lynn in the office know if you are interested in attending. Tickets will be \$15 each and includes a chili dinner, dessert, beverage and snacks during the game. Don't miss out on this fun event.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Wow, summer sure flew by and fall has shown up with its cooler temperatures. The leaves have even begun to change their colors. With fall weather comes the time to start stocking up on those items you will need for fall clean up such as leaf bags and rakes. Guess where you can find help stocking up on your fall clean up items - you are right the SCRIP desk. SCRIP carries many area home project stores gift cards such as Ace Hardware, Lowes, Home Depot, and Menards. Don't forget this retailers have gotten their fall shipment of mums in. Mums add great color to your flower beds, patios, and decks this time of the year. So while you are stocking up on the SCRIP gift cards for your fall clean up grab an extra SCRIP card so you can treat yourself to some colorful mums. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

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.



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 through September. (John Linde)



Could you provide a meal for our Confirmation group?

Alpine hosts Confirmation class in October, November & December and we need volunteers to provide lunch for the students. There are approximately 15-18 people and we will be meeting twice a month. Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex if you are able to help in this area.

I know it is hard to believe but summer has ended. Many of you are staring to make your plans to **head south** to get away from the impending Illinois winter. Please remember to **notify the church office** as to when you will be leaving and an approximate date of return. The Postal Service charges us for all returned mail. Additionally, if you would prefer to receive your Summit via email, the office can make that change for you. Thank you.

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord." -Psalm 150:6 Our choirs have resumed rehearsals after their well deserved summer break. **Hand Bell Choir & Chancel Choir** will meet at their regular times; 6 PM & 7:15 PM respectively every Tuesday evening. We invite anyone who loves to praise the Lord to join us! We would also like to extend an invite to any new praise singers or instrumentalists to join our **"Alive In Him" praise band**. We recently added conga drums and a cajon to our set of instruments. Come and join us as we learn some new songs and lift praises to God. (Richard Dowling)

Parents of Confirmation Students: We will resume our Confirmation meeting on Sunday October 6th, from 12:30—3 PM. We will meet at Alpine in October, November & December. Other churches will host in the months to follow. If you would like to join our Confirmation class, please contact the office.



**Alpine Academy
of Rockford**
Faith • Family • Future

We thank God for the blessings He has given us. We have a number of new students, yet we have room for more. Please spread the word about Alpine Academy. As a school we have had a few staff and students come down with the typical fall illnesses, so we wish them well. And, we hope it doesn't spread far. A few of our family have more serious medical issues and we continue to pray for their recovery.

We have an upcoming event in which I hope you all will participate. On October 19 from 10a.m.-12 noon Alpine Academy will be honoring Pastor Rick Meier and Keith Wilson at a brunch at Stockholm Inn. These two men were integral in the establishment of this school at Alpine Lutheran Church and its time we celebrate their accomplishment. The \$22 cost per person covers the cost of the Stockholm buffet, the drinks, tip, and tribute to our honorees. We will be taking reservations between church services starting next week.

Tonight we have our first skate night at Skateland. I hope students have fun. Thanks CPTO. The fall Christmas wrapping paper fund raiser for the CPTO has begun. You may order between services at the Alpine Academy table in the narthex.

In Christ,
Principal Bob McVinnie

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In partnership with

Alpine Lutheran Church

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in a safe environment.

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Now enrolling students
for our 2019-20 school year

Stewardship Kick-Off—ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM: On **Sunday, October 6th**, we will have our kick-off for our 2020 Stewardship campaign; **Living by Faith: How allowing our faith in God to guide our stewardship lifestyle can lead to abundant life.** We will all meet at **10 AM** for **one worship service** and a meal to follow. Pledge cards will be mailed out in October with our dedication of pledges on Sunday, November 10th. We encourage everyone to attend and thank everyone for their support of Alpine.



Grab your western hats and your chili bowls! The Walkers will be hosting the annual **Chili Shoot-Out** on **Saturday, October 5th at 5 PM.** There will be great chili, "horse racing", and good fellowship. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This is a favorite Alpine event that you don't want to miss.

The **RALM Annual Meeting** is Sunday, September 29th at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 3 PM. RALM encourages all rostered folks and 2 delegates from each congregation to attend. The business of the meeting will be kept to a minimal. The main purpose of this meeting is to encourage discussion with the lay members and rostered to unite our congregations as one church and leave footprints in our communities. Please see Pastor Dan if you would like to become a delegate.

Alpine Lutheran is co-sponsoring a **foster training** event. The event will be held on Thursdays in October and November. This event will help train foster parents how to care for those in foster children who have experienced severe trauma and emotional/behavioral challenges. We need your help in **providing meals** for a few of the training nights. If you are interested, a sign-up poster is in the narthex.

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 on the coffee hour table. (Laurel McVinnie)



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 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: Join us on Tuesday, September 24th, 11 AM to noon, for "Midtown Medicine: Rich history, bright future" presented by LP Johnson Family Health Center.

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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.



**Introduction to
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**


The Nation's Voice on Mental Illness



NAMI envisions a world where all persons affected by mental illness experience resiliency, recovery and wellness. Each individual experiences mental illness and recovery differently, and NAMI supports research, treatment and supportive services that address each individual's needs.

Faith communities can be an incredible source of strength and support for individuals and families dealing with a mental illness diagnosis, so NAMI has developed an intentional outreach designed to give more information about mental illness and about programs offered by NAMI.

**Join Us - Public Welcome
Alpine Lutheran Church
5001 Forest View Ave, Rockford, IL
Fellowship Hall - Basement
Sunday, October 13, at 9:15 am**



"NAMI Northern Illinois is dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals with mental illness and their families through support, education, advocacy and hope."



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Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., September 29, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Al Geeser, Carol Johnson,
Tonya Mund, Jack Phillips

(10:00) Volunteers

Ambass.: (8:00) Bettie Everson, Carole
Rogers

(10:00) Pam Hodges, Volunteer

Elements: (8:00) Al & Marlene Garrett

(10:00) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Dick
Nelson

Lay Assist: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Pam
Lojewski

(10:00) Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz

Altar Guild: Joan Greeny, Ardy Stevens

Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie

Sun., October 6, 2019
Stewardship Kick-Off
ONE SERVICE, 10 AM

*Please note that those serving may have change
from the original schedule

Ushers: Larry & Joni Graham, DiAnne Beynon,
John Gustafson

Ambass.: Bill & Diane Billert

Elements: Mark & Christine Stohle

Lector: John Fridh

Lay Assist: Deb Okeson, John Fridh

Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Ardy Stevens

Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie