



Special points of interest:

- Sunday Worship
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
- Academy Chapel
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM
- Rejoicing Spirits
6:00 PM (2nd Thursday)
- Family Worship (Gym)
4:30 PM (2nd Saturday)
- 815-399-5013

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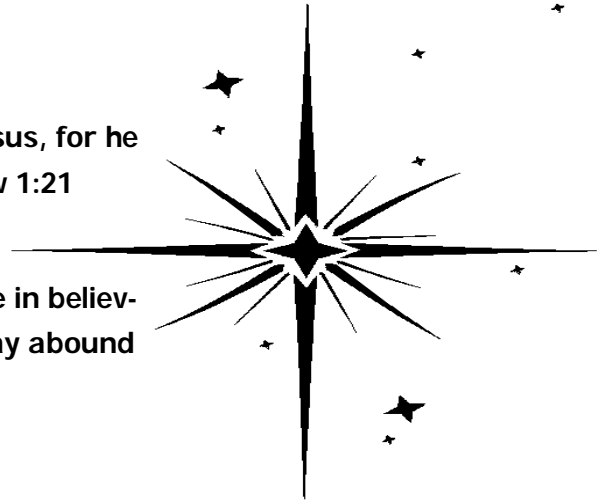
From Pastor Desk:

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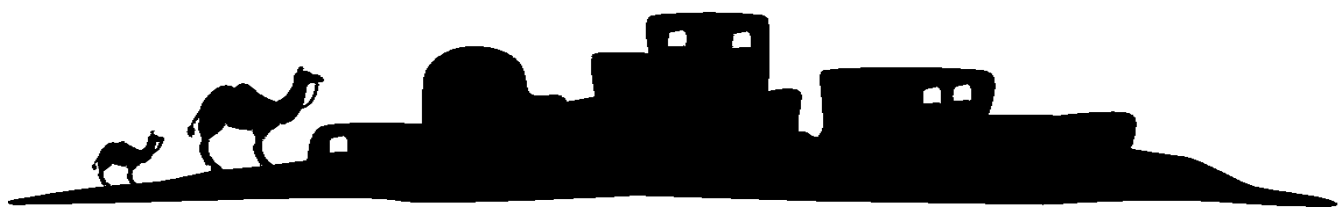
"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:21

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13



Merry Christmas from the Staff at Alpine!

Daniel Wyzard
Lynn Valentine
Tim Bohrer
Bob & Laurel McDunn
Richard Wenzel



BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 12/8/19 62 + 51 113

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

Gen Fund 12/8/19	\$5,771.75
Forward in Faith	\$1,647.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$794.96

53 rd /54 th Week	\$295.00	Festival	\$10.00
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Surplus/Deficit YTD..... -\$7,864.16 (11/30/19)



Prayer Requests

Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Scott Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Chuck & Janet Gentry, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Gary Hunt, Peggy Lillegaard, Ed Lorenzen, Richard Lovitt, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Valerie Miller, Marian Olson, Ron Pauly, Marge Pearson, 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, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Carol Nelsen, Judy Osiwalla, Tom Rakoczy, David Rawls, Felicia Rawls, Tom Rogers, Sharon Schnier, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Sharon Wrye and Karen & Delaney Younglove.



All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Diane Billert**. Our love and sympathy goes out to **Roger Bastian**. His brother Gerald died this past Sunday.

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 #1

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.

December 29th—Bill & Diane Billert; Richard Nelson; Christi & Rachael Parker; and Jim Hill.

January 5th—Steve, Susa & Ava Louthain; Dan, Deby, Jeff, Cally & Katy Damken, and Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson.

January 12th—Bob & Violet Peterson; John, Kim & Kelly Gustafson; Rich & Janet Hill; and Gregory Garrett.



Thursday, December 19th—Alpine Academy Christmas Program, Gym, 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 22nd—4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cantata "Love Made a Way" @ 10 AM Worship

Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Worship, 3 & 10 PM

Wednesday, December 25th—Jesus Christ is born!

Thursday, December 26th—Office Closed
(continued next column)

Sunday, December 29th—Lessons & Carols service, 8 & 10 AM

Tuesday, December 31st—Office closes at 12

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020—Office Closed



Venture Crew Lock-In

Are you 14 years or older? Come and join the Venture Crew 57 for a night of fun and new faces on Friday, January 3rd! The Venture Crew is part of the Boy Scouts for both male & females. You can come for the fun from 7 to 11 PM or stay the whole night until 9:30 AM the next morning. More information is on the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Candlelight Christmas Eve services are at **3 & 10 PM**. The earlier service will hopefully make it easier for families with younger children or those who don't drive at night to be able to attend this very special worship. The later service is our traditional candlelight service. The church office will be closing early on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and will be closed Christmas Day, the day after Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Christmas Eve Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at both worship services on Christmas Eve, 3 & 10 PM. Please contact the office if you can serve or sign-up on the poster in the narthex.



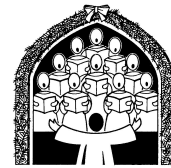
Let's fill the Mitten Tree! The Altar Guild has set up a tree in the entryway by the front door, in the vestibule. Please bring in mittens, hats and scarves, hand made or purchased, and place them on the tree. All items will be collected through out the month and then donated to the Salvation Army to warm those less fortunate than ourselves. So many people in the Rockford area need something warm to wear for the winter. Share the warmth of the season with others! (Laurel McVinnie)

From the SCRIP Desk:

I would like to thank every one that has shopped SCRIP this holiday season. We have been very busy not only ordering, but the volunteers have had busy Sunday mornings filling everyone's request. We appreciate everyone's patience and all the orders this busy holiday season. As we head to the end of the year remember SCRIP's challenge to give back to the church over a \$1000.00 of unexpected blessings. Lets make this goal a reality designate your profit to Alpine Church. The SCRIP family would like to wish every a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



Christmas Cantata

The **Alpine Lutheran C & E Choir** invites you **Sunday, December 22nd**, to our Christmas Cantata, "Love Made a Way", by Mary McDonald and Jay Rouse. This year, as we have done in past years, our C & E Choir will perform their special presentation at the **10 AM worship service**. Come and enjoy the music as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful musical celebration.

(We will still have an 8 AM worship service that day)

You are invited to attend the **Alpine Academy Christmas Program** on Thursday, December 19th, at 6:30 PM in the gym. Come and show your support to our Academy students as they prepare for this blessed season.

Committee Chairpersons: Can you believe that we are nearing a new year? The 2020 Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 2nd, and it will be here before we know it. We need all annual reports to be sent to the office by no later than **January 12th**. It would be very helpful if all reports could be in electronic form and in Word format. This makes it easier for me to do any manipulation for printing. If you are unable to submit your report this way, I will understand. Thank you for your quick response in this matter. (Lynn Valentine)

As the **end of the year** approaches, Alpine has much to be thankful for. We especially thank you for your commitment to Alpine's ministries both spiritually and financially. The end of the year is also the time to review your stewardship commitment to ensure you are current with your pledge. If you have any questions about where you are at with your giving, please call Lynn in the church office. We will be closing our books for 2019 December 31st.

***This will be the last Summit of 2019. The next Summit will be received on Monday, January 13th, 2020. We wish you a very blessed New Year!**



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

The Christmas Season is upon us and we've begun our journey through Advent. As we wait and prepare we are also busy at work in our school. Students are preparing for the upcoming Christmas Program and celebration as well as keeping up with their learning in their classrooms. This week we Teachers will celebrate Christmas with students in their classrooms with activities and parties throughout the week. We are all certainly excited for the students upcoming Christmas Break, sometimes the staff might even be more excited than students. We look forward to spending Christmas Break with family and are beginning to prepare for the second semester of school this year.

I have already begun giving tours of our school to perspective families for the next school year. I certainly anticipate a pick up in those tours as we move into the beginning of 2020. We are still seeking more Pre School students to fill up those classrooms. Second semester is often a time when we have additional students joining us in those rooms. If you know a family in need please share our contact and have them contact me.

At the beginning of December Bob and I hosted the Adult Forum and discussed some of what has been happening during this school year. We will be hosting the Adult Forum again on Jan. 5th to share what is coming in the second semester and plans for next school year. I want to really encourage you to join us at the Adult Forum for a big announcement about an upcoming event that you will surely not want to miss.

As Christmas comes please be sure to join the Academy on Dec. 19th at 6:30p in the Gym for our Christmas Program. Students have worked hard preparing their songs and are ready to share this program with you. We'd certainly love to fill the gym with supportive members of our Alpine Family for their program.

We want to extend a very Merry Christmas to everyone in our Alpine Family and thank you for your support through another calendar year at Alpine!

In Christ
Scott Dabson, Admissions Director
Alpine Academy



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Join us for Children's Church during the 10 AM worship. We will be learning about the lessons from the worship service and how we can share God's Word with others. On 12/22 & 12/29, we will not be meeting for Children's Church. Classes will resume 1/5.



The **Church Council of Alpine Lutheran** has started a collection for a 2019 Christmas bonus for our full-time staff; Pastor Dan, Lynn Valentine, Tim Babcock, and Richard Dowling. If you would like to contribute, all donations can be placed in the offering marked **Staff Christmas** or dropped off at the office. We will be collecting through the end of January. We thank them for all they do for Alpine all year long! (Scott Dabson)

Special Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 29th: Coffee will be served between worship services as usual. We welcome you to bring any leftover Christmas treats to share with the congregation. We are in need of people to provide treats and juice for the new year. There is a sign up poster on the coffee table in the narthex.

A new "**Those Who Serve**" schedule is being finalized and assembled. It will be available for picked up on the Care & Concern desk soon. As in the past, if your email is on file, you will be sent the new schedule via email to save on paper and postage costs. Please keep an eye out for them and pick up your copy. (Laurel McVinnie)

The **2020 Flower and Eternal Candle charts** are now up and ready for you to sign-up for your dedications. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

The **Altar Guild** is in need of more **coffee cans** to deliver flowers to our members. Unfortunately the plastic and shorter decaf cans do not work. They need the 39 oz. taller cans. (Laurel McVinnie)

Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, did you know that you are allowed 2 Action Team cards per calendar year that can benefit projects and events at Alpine? This \$250 card provides seed money to make the event or project a success. **John Linde** is looking for a card to purchase supplies and food for the Annual Meeting. Please see him if you are able to help with a card. (John Linde)

The December issue of "**Living Lutheran**" is here and ready for you to take home to share. In this month's lead story, "Bread for today, hope for tomorrow", the author discusses how complex the food "insecurity" is in the United States, how it is not evenly distributed across the nation and how the church today can aid in this matter.

Save the Date: Sunday, February 2nd, 11:15 AM, Annual Meeting. We will be having one blended service at 10 AM followed by a light lunch and the meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



-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. We will not meet in December.

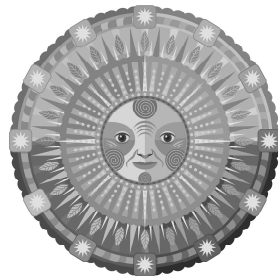
-Katie's Cup Bunco: Join us every 3rd Thursday of the month at Katie's Cup for a session of Bunco and great fellowship. We meet from 1:30—3 PM.

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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-ordinators 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.

December Needs for Carpenter's Place—Boots, vinyl gloves (waterproof), socks, hats, and bar soap/body wash. Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place M-F, 9-3 PM, 1149 Railroad Ave.



Longest Night

Calling Back the Sun

Christmas, Hannuka, Solistice and Winter Celebrations from Around the World

A Multimedia Songfest
with Composer, Guitarist, Singer

Jim Scott

and

David Stocker, percussion
and Louisa Scott, violin



7:00 PM Saturday December 21

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

920 Third Ave. Rockford IL

Suggested donation \$15 - or visit www.elrockford.org

In this time of the shortest days and long dark nights, the human family has always turned to story and song. Jim leads an exciting multimedia program of music, words and pictures of many faiths and their observations in this season.



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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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 offer you on the Web!
 alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., December 29, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Allen Geeser, Carol Johnson,
 Tonya Mund, Jack Phillips
 (10:00) Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Bettie Everson, Carole
 Rogers
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Volunteer
Elements: (8:00) Matt & Debbie Hier
 (10:00) Craig & Barb Shelton
Lector: (8:00) Pam Lojewski (10:00) Bob
 McVinnie
Lay Assist: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Pam
 Lojewski
 (10:00) Nancy Matthews, Bob McVinnie
Altar Guild: Joan Greeny, Laurel McVinnie
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie

Sun., January 5, 2020

Ushers: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham,
 Volunteers
 (10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson,
 Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Bill & Diane Billert
 (10:00) David Linde, John Linde
Elements: (8:00) Karl & Deb Okeson
 (10:00) Mark & Christine Stohle
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
 (10:00) Nancy Matthews, Dick Nelson
Altar Guild: Gwyn Brechtel, Gail Davidson
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie