



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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Take Aways from our Advent & Christmas Worship Series

Advent and Christmas are times when we prepare, acknowledge, and receive the presence of Jesus into our lives. Listed below are the main truths that we encountered as a congregation on our Journey to Bethlehem.

- Getting our hearts in the right place is the most important part of Advent – the season of preparations
- We get our hearts right by making room for God.
- When we don't repent, we worship ourselves.
- Repentance allows mercy to flow into our lives.
- When we experience mercy, peace comes right after!
- God's power is being unleashed in our lives and in the world!
- God will sustain you. It is God's faith that will prevail not yours.
- God's not asking you to live like this for the rest of your life. God's just asking you to live like this today.
- Joseph is prepared to go against expectations/rules so that a person's dignity can be saved.
- The capacity to love beyond the world's expectations or rules is a central theme of the Christmas story.
- The miracle of Christmas is that God gave up so much so that we could encounter this gift of love.
- Jesus is born into our messy lives so that our lives can be grafted into God's story.
- God is not undone by the evil that threatens our lives. In Christ, there will be healing. In that is all the hope of the Gospel.
- Life is a gift. Let's live it with the intention of spreading hope, grace, and love that God has given us.
- God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven... in order so that we might live with God
- We tend to evaluate our relationship with God based on if God has blessed our plan for our life instead of embracing God's vision for abundant life.
- Baptism is a foundational step in our faith development. In baptism we receive God's grace, gifts, presence, community, and promise. There really is no good reason to wait to be baptized.
- Don't let social awkwardness, customs, or falsehoods stop you from dedicating your life to God.
- Following Jesus is a second foundational step in building our faith.
- Following Jesus means you are no longer the central figure in your life.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 1/5/20	49 + 60	109	Rejoicing Spirits Worship 1/9/20	77
Attendance 1/12/20	31 + 36	67	Attendance 1/19/20	45 + 52
				97

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,213.71 (2019 still listed until budget for 2020 is approved)

Gen Fund 1/5/20	\$6,622.00	Gen Fund 1/12/20	\$3,565.00	Gen Fund 1/19/20	\$13,645.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,015.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,030.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,125.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$576.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,618.71	Surplus/Deficit	+\$8,556.29

Unexpected Blessings \$189.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$3,667 (12/31/19)



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, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Brendan WelshPenny Wendling, Sharon Wrye and Karen & Delaney Younglove.

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Ernie DeNale**. Our condolences and God's comfort goes out to **Jerry Nichols** and family for the death of Wilma on November 24, 2019.

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 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.

February 2nd—Sharon Milbourn; Terry & Pam Hodges; and Jeanne, Alexis, Courtney, Evan & Haley Novak.

February 9th—Curt Moen; Sheri Barnhart, Maribeth Gillette, and Ashley Naleway.



Sunday, February 2nd—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE, 10 AM

Sunday February 2nd—Annual Meeting & Light Lunch, 11:30 AM

Sunday, February 9th—Scout Sunday, 10 AM

Sunday, February 9th—Adult Forum, Cherryvale Place; Myths About Assisted Living, 9:15 AM

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 2nd is our **Annual Meeting Sunday**. There will only ONE worship service at 10:00 AM. The service will be followed by the meeting in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM. At the meeting, we will be having elections for the 2020 Church Council as well as going over the financial information from 2019 and the 2020 budget.

Join us for lunch prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd. John Linde and his crew are serving a light lunch for a free will offering that will go to costs and youth work camp.

Due to the Annual Meeting being held the first Sunday in February, the **Adult Forum** will be on the second Sunday, February 9th. A representative from Cherryvale Place will be her to discuss the myths of assisted living and what is a good fit for you. A light breakfast will be served. Please mark your calendars.

2019 Giving Statements will be available to pick up at the Annual Meeting. Any remaining statements will be mailed out the following week. If you would prefer, they can be emailed out. Please let Lynn know.

From the SCRIP Desk:

SCRIP has some exciting news on our annual report so make sure you attend the annual meeting to get the details on SCRIP payouts this year. December was a great month for SCRIP and we encourage everyone to continue to use SCRIP throughout the year not only for special occasions but for your everyday needs. Remember SCRIP cards are easy to use plus they do not accumulate interest charges like your credit card this is an added bonus for using the SCRIP program. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Recently a new **Those Who Serve** schedule went out. In the holiday rush, the phone/e-mail list was not ready when the schedule was sent. The list is now available on the Care & Concern counter along with any remaining schedules that have not been picked up.

The **Memorial Board for 2019** has been updated with the names of those whose families gave to memorials in remembrance of: Alyce Krusemeier, Geraldine Perala, and John Ralston. (Karl Okeson, Memorial Committee)

We would like to create an **email list** of all members so that we may send out notices for events that are happening at Alpine. If we have your email on file it will be added to the list. If you would prefer to remain off the list, please let Lynn know in the office and she can make the change.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. We also love to have you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with your Alpine family. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. If you are new to doing this, or if you'd just like some help in serving, please contact Laurel McVinnie.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a ministry at Alpine. It is becoming more and more difficult to complete our "Those Who Serve" schedule especially during our "snow-bird" months. If you are interested in the any of the areas of serving, please contact the church office and we will direct you to the person who heads up each volunteer position. (Lynn Valentine)

Calling all those who are musically inclined! Both of our choirs, the Chancel Choir and the Hand Bell Choir are in need of additional members. We especially need people during the winter months when a portion of our choirs "fly south." Please see Richard Dowling or just come to our rehearsals. Both choirs meet on Tuesday evenings, Hand Bell Choir meets at 6 PM and Chancel Choir meets at 7:15 PM. (Richard Dowling)

By now you should have received an invitation to **Alpine Academy's "Family Feud"** fundraiser dinner on **Saturday, March 14th**. Scott Dabson and/or Bob McVinnie will be available between worship services to purchase your tickets. We thank you for your support of our school.



Alpine Academy thanks Alpine Lutheran Church for all the support you have given the school. As a congregation member you volunteer to tutor in classrooms, to monitor recess, to teach skills, to give financial support, to purchase needed classroom items, and to give of yourself to these children. We cannot survive without this support. Thank you.

We have some upcoming events in January and February. We have Family Fit night on January 31 that you will find exhilarating. And we have a teacher institute on Feb. 14 that will be quite the learning experience for staff.

I ask you to help in any way you feel comfortable. Working with children makes you feel young.

God bless you all.

In Christ,
Principal Bob McVinnie



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.



Scout Sunday—February 9th

Sunday, February 9th, at the 10:00 service, several of our scouts from Troop 57 will be assisting during the worship service. The Boy Scouts have been chartered by Alpine Lutheran since 1949. Come and show your support to this great group of young people and their leaders. (Mike LaFew)

***Those Who Serve for Scout Sunday—**The date of Scout Sunday had not been decided at the time of the printing of the new schedule. The Scouts will serve in several areas that Sunday. **Please take note of the changes on page 6.**

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The **Staff of Alpine** wishes to thank everyone for their generous gift for 2019. We are very blessed to work in such a loving church whose congregation shows so much support as we work together to share God's Word.

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. (Laurel McVinnie)

Mark Your Calendars: Friday, February 28th we will host another Lifeline Screening. Appointments will be needed. More information with the tests offered and how to make appointments will be coming soon.

Are you a Thrivent Financial member? John Linde is looking for an Action Team card to purchase supplies and food for the Shrove Pancake Supper. Please see him if you are able to help with a card. (John Linde)

Attention 2020 Council members: Our annual Council Organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9 AM to 1 PM. More information will be available soon. (Scott Dabson)



The **Altar Guild** of Alpine wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the **mitten tree** over the holidays. All items that were collected were donated to Carpenter's Place to keep their patrons warm. We collected: 9 winter hats, 7 pairs of gloves, 17 pairs of mittens, 40 scarves, and 4 pairs of socks. A special thank you to our Knit, Crochet, Pray group who made many items.



-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.

Celebrating the Woman Behind the Name - at Katie's Cup! On Wednesday, January 29th, Katie's Cup coffeebar, 502 Seventh Street, will hold a double birthday celebration honoring Katharina Von Bora Luther's 521st birthday, as well as the coffeebar's 11th year serving the community. For more information about the birthday celebrations, contact Katie's Cup at 815.968.0628.

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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-Coordination 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.

January Needs for Carpenter's Place: Hand warmers, travel-size tissues, lip balm, long underwear (men's & woman's), winter coats, scarves, gloves, deodorant, shaving cream, gallon size bags, and air freshener. Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place M-F, 9-3 PM, 1149 Railroad Ave.

On **Saturday, March 14th, Becca's Closet** will open for the prom season in Rockford. Becca's Closet collects and distributes formalwear free of charge to young women from Rockford and surrounding communities. We need volunteers during the spring on Saturdays, March 14— May 2, 9 AM - noon with set-up starting at 8:30 am. It is located at: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 North Rockton. We also have a cleaning day before we open for the season, February 29 starting at 9 AM. RALM office, 815.962.4279.



Presents: Second Thursday Concerts

Music on Thursdays . . . on Seventh!



*Beatles Night with The Tribute Trio
Thursday, Feb. 13*

This tight-harmony family band performs the timeless world-changing songs of one of the best-loved bands in the world: The Beatles! Sing along and join in the fun!

Doors open at 6 pm. Concert begins at 7 pm. Free Admission.

CDs and merchandise offered for sale. Katie's Cup full drink and food menu available.

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Having Your Cake (Or Pie!)

Dinner, with a Delectable, Decadent
Dessert Auction

And Eating it too!

Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club
5151 Guilford Rd, Rockford

Friday, February 21

5:30 PM: Check in/dessert viewing/cash bar

6:15 PM: Dinner—Chicken or Vegetarian

Followed by an exciting Dessert Auction!

\$30 (Tables of 8 available)

Reservation Deadline: February 12

A Fun-draiser for Katie's Cup


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Worship Times –
Sun. 8:00
& 10:00 AM

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THOSE WHO SERVE

Sun., February 2, 2020
ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:00 AM

Ushers: Russ Hornbeck, Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz, Brandon Williams
Ambass.: Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Elements: Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: Zoey Doubek, Rashad Hoel
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Sun., February 9, 2020

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
(10:00) Scouts
Ambass.: (8:00) Gwyn Brechtel, Louise Hemenway
(10:00) Scouts
Elements: (8:00) Darold & Sharon Walker
(10:00) Scouts
Lector: (8:00) Bob Fanello (10:00) Scouts
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob & Lori Fanello
(10:00) Dick Nelson, Allen Neumann
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Bob McVinnie