



**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:**

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**Empowered For Jesus' Mission**

During our summer worship series we have been following the stories of the early church in the book of Acts. We have discovered many truths about how the Holy Spirit empowers us to continue the mission of Jesus. These experiences/truths are often deeply personal. This reflects God's personality as God is deeply committed to relationships and to intimate and vulnerable experiences that allows us to know who God really is.

This is God's pattern of ever-increasing self-revelation. God reveals Godself to Abraham as the One Creator God, who sees and knows and cares about God's world & God's people. Then God reveals more of Godself to Moses in the revelation of the Law – a revelation of God's character, God's Holiness. Then God reveals Godself to the prophets, a God who weeps over the brokenness and injustice in the world, a God who stands with the oppressed and the poor. Then God reveals Godself in the Word made Flesh – Jesus, God with skin on. And Jesus reveals God in everything he says and does, in who he eats with and who he heals and in the powerful way he talks about God. And, of course, ultimately, Jesus reveals a God of grace, of love and forgiveness so wide God would die to show us God's heart for the broken world. And he reveals a power mighty enough to conquer death. What could possibly follow that act?! This – God poured out into the hearts of every person. God spoken not just once but in every language. God giving a piece of Godself to every man and woman, son and daughter, young and old, even slave and free. God poured out into us.

The story of acts emphasizes that God is personal. God is deeply, deeply personal. God speaks the language of your heart, of every heart. God crosses the barriers and comes to us. Our faith is deeply personal. We each have our own story, our own encounter with God, in our own experience and our own language.

But in the West, especially in America, we have sometimes taken another step – a step that's antithetical to the Gospel story – and equated our personal God and personal faith with privatization and individualism. **God is personal – but God is not private. Our faith is personal, but our faith was never meant to be private or individual.** If you keep reading the story in Acts that's one of the most immediate things that stands out – how suddenly, radically, communal and public the disciple's faith becomes. Every day they're gathering together, hearing the stories of God's work, especially the stories of Jesus. And when they gather together, they eat together, and they gather their money and give to the poor. Communal, personal and public. They take their preaching out on the streets. They begin to do the things that Jesus did, healing people and proclaiming the Good News. Personal and public. As they encounter the power of the Holy Spirit, their deeply personal faith is pushed more and more into public spaces for everyone to encounter and see.

The story of the early church reminds us that the Good News is meant for us – and for our neighbor. That the Gospel comes to us in our heart language – and transforms us, and empowers us, to take it to our neighbor in her heart language.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 7/28/19	56 + 50	106	Attendance 7/21/19	52 + 50	102
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**Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,213.71**

Gen Fund 7/14/19	\$3,011.00	Gen Fund 7/21/19	\$5,774.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,155.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,150.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,047.71	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,289.71

**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:**

Pat Anderson, Rick Bried, Mike Bukowski, Cindy Bulthaus, Pat Christiansen, Tim Christiansen, Ernest & Mary De-Nale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Rich & Jan Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Richard Lovitt, Jack & Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Valerie Miller, 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 **Les Johnson, Darold & Sharon Walker, Deb Okeson** and **Eugene Mund. Kay Lamphere** wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers she received. Many thanks from **Eugene Mund** for the cards he received after his cataract surgery. **Diana Sundeen & Taylor Boustead** send their thanks for the kind thoughts, words and prayers after Diana's mother's death.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Rejoicing Spirits Worship at **6 PM**. A no hush service

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

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**—Larry & Joni Graham; Gerald & Mari Hanson; Corey, Brianna, Brandon & Brett Williams; Bryce & Cindy Bulthaus; and those names from 8/11.

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**—Kent & Barb Milton; Erica Milton; Charlie & Gail Davidson; and Bill & Pam Frey.



**Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**—Academy first full day back to school

**Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>**—Work Camp Sunday

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Labor Day, Office Closed

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**—Rally Day

### Thought for the Week:

“Prayer is more effective when we spend as much time listening as we do talking.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”



**Council Members:** We hope that you are enjoying your summer, Our next council meeting will be on **Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** and it will be a picnic at Scott & Kathy Christiansen's home. More information is to come. (Scott Dabson)

The August copy of **Living Lutheran** is in and 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:

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

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.

By now, you should have received your **half year statement and 53rd/54th week appeal**. Please include your name and envelope number on the envelopes when you turn them in. If you have any questions about your statement, you may contact Lynn in the office. We thank everyone at Alpine for their generous support of our church and its mission both financially and spiritually.

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.

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.

**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)



**Alpine Academy**  
of Rockford  
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In just over one week we will begin the 2019-2020 School year at Alpine. We are still focused on working families through the enrollment process and anticipate additional families enrolling yet before school begins. This upcoming school year is shaping up to be another great beginning for everyone at the Academy.

This past week I spent time at the Boone County Fair at a booth where we talked about the Academy and our Church. It was great to have seen several of our Alpine families at the fair and them stopping by to say hello. Pastor Dan and I began the fair together at our booth and while there met some families expressed interest in the programs offer both at our School and our Church. It's a great pleasure for me to be able to share with so many people all of the things happening here at Alpine. I'd also like to thank Al Neumann, Beth Stephans, Lori Holmer and Jody Dabson for joining us at our booth at the fair. It's great to have so many people working to spread the good that we do here at Alpine.

We've also now launched a redesigned website that I'd encourage you to check it out. Go to our web page at [www.alpineacademyofrockford.com](http://www.alpineacademyofrockford.com) and check out all the new information and features on the site. Our goal is to use our website, social media pages and another soon to be announced piece to better communicate information to everyone in our Alpine Family. Please stayed tuned for our next big announcement.

As we make final preparations for another new school year I'd like to encourage all of you to pray for our Alpine Family both our Church Congregation and our School. We have a large Family here at Alpine and I am proud of all the work we do together. There is strength in knowing that we are all one Alpine Family.

In Christ,

Scott Dabson  
Admissions Director  
Alpine Academy

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We congratulate and extend our support to **Alpine's 2019 Scholarship Recipients:** Taylor Boustead, Nicholas Chockalingam, Brianna Geeser, Bailey Strunk and Brianna Williams. (Gary Hunt)

**Wednesday Bible Study** will resume this Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the normal time of 10 AM. We welcome all who would like to join us in learning more about God's Word.

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)

### Worship in the Park

We thank everyone who was involved in the planning of the Worship In the Park this past Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. A great time was shared through worship, food, fun and fellowship with those from both Alpine and Shepherd of the Valley. God was truly present during this special event. Special thanks to Dick Nelson, Matt Hier & Mike Schultz for all of their hard work.

### 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.



**-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 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 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-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 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, monaschubach@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.

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

### 11 am - 3 pm

Pork Chop sandwiches, chips and beverage - \$10

Silent Auction and Bake Sale!

### 7th Street & 4th Avenue, Rockford

Outdoor seating in the BMO Harris Bank/Rockford Public Schools parking lot.

Inside seating also available across the street in Katie's Cup coffeebar.

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., August 18, 2019

**Ushers:** (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello,  
Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund  
(10:00) Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz, Brandon  
Williams, Volunteer  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Jan Anderson, Bettie Everson  
(10:00) Barb Shelton, Diana Sundeen  
**Elements:** (8:00) Matt & Deb Hier  
(10:00) Barb Shelton, Diana Sundeen  
**Lector:** (8:00) Randy Teske (10:00) Craig  
Shelton  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) Roger Bastian, Glen  
McDonald  
(10:00) Allen Neumann, Craig Shelton  
**Altar Guild:** Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine

### Sun., August 25, 2019

**Ushers:** (8:00) Les Johnson, Randy Teske,  
Volunteers  
(10:00) John Linde, Volunteers  
**Ambass.:** (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt  
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson  
**Elements:** (8:00) Gene & Donna Seefeldt  
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson  
**Lector:** (8:00) Donna Seefeldt (10:00) Jari  
Sproule  
**Lay Assist:** (8:00) Alan Garrett, Tonya Mund  
(10:00) Zoey Doubek, Rashad Hoel  
**Altar Guild:** Janet Gentry, JoAnn Christiansen  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine