



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:

In our October 3rd gospel text, we read a story about how Jesus challenged the disciples to always forgive each other. Even if someone commits the same sin against them 7 times in a row on the same day, yet each time repents, they are to forgive them. The disciples themselves are incredulous. How in the world could they ever be able to do something like that? Their response is priceless, "O' Lord give us faith!" They simply do not believe they (or anyone else for that matter) have it in them to forgive like this. Jesus reassures them that they only need a little faith (God will help with the rest). If they had as much faith as a little mustard seed, then they could do miraculous things.

Since we are not all farmers, I thought I would explain a little about just what can grow from a mustard seed. Mustard trees have been found in various locations throughout the world. Even though it's one of the smallest seeds, the trees can grow up to 20 feet tall and 20 feet wide. The tree can grow in arid, dry climates and thrive even in clay or sandy soil. It can grow in hot, dry weather or cool, wet climates. If the tree is cut down again, it can grow back as quickly and as strongly as before. It is one of the most resilient and fast-growing plants in the world. All of this from a tiny seed!

Our faith is like that. It is resilient. It grows from just a little bit of trust and can dominate the world around us. But we must always remember that our faith in and of itself does not have any real power. Here is where we tend to get tripped up. We think we must have power (or confidence) in our belief. That is not true. The power comes from who we believe in not how much belief we have. Our faith is the little line that connects us to the real power source, Jesus. It is Jesus who wields the real power. We just need to believe a little, and the Holy Spirit jumps right into our situation, changing lives, bringing hope, and setting captives free.

Our Stewardship theme this year is "Living by Faith: How allowing our faith in God to guide our stewardship lifestyle can lead to abundant life." We often view the very things that God has given us to steward (our money, possessions, talents, gifts, time, choice, etc...) in the same way the disciples responded to Jesus' command to forgive one another. "Are you kidding me?" "There is no way I could give that up?" "I do not have the time." "That is simply too big of an ask for me." These are the common responses we tend to have (in our hearts if not in our words). When it comes to stewardship, we need to remember what Jesus told us. If we just have a little faith (like the size of a mustard seed) then these things will not gain control over us. Instead, God can use them to do great things. Learning to live with this kind of faith is what we will be exploring throughout our upcoming stewardship series. Join us for life changing worship each Sunday in October.

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 9/22/19 43 + 48 91 Attendance 9/29/19 54 + 48 102

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

Gen Fund 9/22/19	\$3,227.75	Gen Fund 9/29/19	\$2,086.00
Forward in Faith	\$885.00	Forward in Faith	\$790.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,100.96	Surplus/Deficit	-\$5,337.71
53 rd /54 th Week	\$262.00	Unexpected Blessings	\$38.00

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, Judy Osiwalla, Aileen Petersen, Felicia Rawls, Tom Rogers, Sharon Schnier, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Elizabeth Tankersley, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Debra Whittcock, Sharon Wrye and Karen Younglove.



All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Marge Pearson, Kathy Cordonnier** and **Chuck Valentine**.

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 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.

October 13th—Pr. Pam Lojewski; Ed & Nancy Lorenzen; Irv Johnson; and Bert & Lola Johnson.

October 20th—Don Busekros; John McCue; Linda Becker; David & Marrienne Hoel.



Thursday, October 10th—Rejoicing Spirits Worship, 6 PM
Saturday, October 12th—Men's Breakfast, 9 AM
Saturday, October 12th—Family Worship, Gym, 4:30 PM
Sunday, October 13th—Adult Forum, NAMI, 9:15 AM
Saturday, October 19th—Academy Fall Fest & Trunk-or-Treat, Gym, 4 PM & 6 PM
Sunday, October 13th—Crop Walk for Hunger



Second Sunday

Second Sunday is a youth group led by your peers, other high schoolers, that meets the second Sunday of every month at Katie's Cup from 7-8:30 PM. There is worship, coffee, games and more.



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 1 or 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.

Alpine Academy Vendor & Craft Sale is Saturday, **October 26th** from 9 AM to 4 PM. Vendors and crafters will be displaying their wares. There will be raffles, treats to eat and of course shopping! This is an annual fundraiser for the Academy. All are welcome to attend. Share this event with your friends and family.

From the SCRIP Desk:

A new restaurant has joined the SCRIP family, Golden Corral. Please see your SCRIP order form to place your Golden Corral order. I try to remind you when a holiday or big events are coming up and this is no exception, Halloween and Truck and Treat for Alpine Academy will be here in a few weeks. Stop by the SCRIP desk and pick up your SCRIP cards to your favorite candy supplying store. Another reminder to start picking up a few extra SCRIP cards to your favorite stores each week so you are ready for the big shopping day in November also known as Black Friday. On the SCRIP order form remember to mark church so your profit from your order goes to church. If you buy a card without a form, the rebate percentage will automatically go to the church. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

If you are looking for a behind the scenes place to volunteer your time at church, **Altar Guild needs you!** We prepare the altar area for Sunday services and decorate for the different seasons. We hold a meeting once a month throughout the year. Also, we would like to offer anyone who has sponsored flowers to take them with you after services. Just let any Altar Guild member know and we will get the flowers ready for you to take home or to a loved one. (Laurel McVinnie)



50 Years of Walking—50 Years of Ending Hunger Together: This year marks the 50th year for the **Crop Hunger Walk**. Congregation members and school students have asked family and friends to sponsor them as they walk to fight hunger in Rockford and around the globe. This year's walk is **Sunday, October 20th**. There are sponsor forms on the Care and Concern counter so you may sponsor a walker.

The September/October issue of **Living Lutheran** is finally here. Copies are available on the Care & Concern counter in the narthex. Take a copy home then share it with a friend. This issue's lead article entitled "We are church—2019 Churchwide Assembly makes historic decisions", is self explanatory. The article recaps the actions made by more than 900 voting members at the 15th ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Celebrate with Alpine Academy on Saturday, October 19th.

Join us at a buffet brunch at Stockholm Inn from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$22 a person. This covers the Stockholm buffet, the drinks, the tip, and the program of recognition. We will be honoring two men who were involved in the creation of our school 22 years ago- Pastor Rick Meier and Keith Wilson. Pastor Meier was the Pastor of Alpine Lutheran Church 23 years ago. He contacted the Rockford Lutheran School Board and proposed the idea of Alpine Lutheran Church housing a primary Lutheran school. Keith Wilson, a founder of Rockford Lutheran Schools, was excited about this opportunity to establish another Lutheran school. And, working together, Luther Academy at Alpine was born. As Luther Academy evolved, Alpine Academy was created. Please join us for this short celebration of the work of these two fine men of Alpine Academy, where so many children have found happiness and faith. Call the school at 815-227-8894 and reserve a place at the table for brunch or send a check to school with the names and number of people attending. Come Celebrate with us.

Principal Bob McVinnie

Thought for the week: "It is only by spending one's self that one becomes rich."



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

October is a time during the school year when our activities kick up. From now through the holiday season our school will host a variety of activity for the whole family to enjoy. Throughout this time we encourage everyone in our Alpine Family to join us for these activities. We continue to enjoy the support of everyone in our Alpine Family.

This month we will host our yearly Fall Festival with activities for the family. The CPTO is hard at work planning to ensure a good time is had by everyone who attends. Back this year will be a Chili Cook Off, this was a huge hit at last years event. The Fall Fest takes place on Oct 19th from 4:00p to 6:00p. Following the Fall Fest our School will join with our Church Family for our annual Alpine Trunk or Treat. We would love to have everyone join us with their trunk to pass our candy to all the kids in our school as well as many who join us from across our community. You may also donate candy at the school office if you want to help but cannot attend.

We will also host our annual Fall Vendor/Craft Show in the gym. This will take place this year on Oct 26th from 9:00a to 4:00p. There will be plenty of Vendors to see and concessions including Chili and Broccoli Cheese soup. This is a great fundraiser for the school. Please join us to support our school and the Vendors who are supporting us.

New this year, Alpine Academy is hosting a Recognition Brunch at Stockholm Inn on Oct 19 from 10:00a to Noon. We will be honoring Pastor Rick Meier and Keith Wilson, two individuals who have made a lasting impact on Alpine Academy and our mission to provide quality Christian education here. The brunch is \$22.00 (22 for the number of years Alpine has had a school) and you can make reservations or pay by seeing us between services or after 2nd service each week leading up to the event. Please join us or consider sponsoring someone to attend and help us recognize these two great individuals.

Last I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone at Alpine for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and assistance following my stroke. It feels so good to have such a caring extended family here at Alpine that supports me all the time. You've all blessed me with more than you can imagine.

In Christ
Scott Dabson
Admissions/Outreach Director
Alpine Academy of Rockford



Alpine Academy will be having their **Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat** on Saturday, October 19th. We need your help in providing and distributing candy to our trunk-or-treaters. All cars should be lined up by 5:45 PM and the trunk or treating will begin at around 6 PM. You are invited to come early and participate in the Fall Festival as well.

The **Social Ministries Committee** expresses many thanks to all who have contributed the many socks and underwear for **Just Breathe 815**, a resource center for homeless teens. The collection has been extended through the month of October so when you are out shopping, stop and pick up a few pairs for those in need and donate them in the basket in the narthex.

Check out this article written in the Beloit Daily News about Pastors Dan & Lucy and their foster parenting for the past 3 years. https://www.beloitdailynews.com/front_page_slider/20191001/area_pastors_open_their_home_to_kids_in_need

Usher in the fall season with a Wine Tasting at Katie's Cup on Friday, October 18th, 7 - 9 PM! Reserve your spot for a night of appetizers, desserts, wine and music. Cost is a \$20 donation. Music provided by Steve Johnson, Rockford's "Piano Man". Wine will be provided by Artale Wine Co. Call for reservations, 815-986-0628 or by email at katiescuprockford@gmail.com by Friday, October 11th. All proceeds will benefit Katie's Cup coffeebar.

Please note address change: Bobby Mounts has moved from Wisconsin to Indiana so his address on the October birthday list is incorrect. His new address is 5886 Lisa Lane, Newburgh, IN 47630.

Please keep the church informed. Many of you are starting 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.



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. October's book is "Raven Black", the first in a new suspense series by Ann Cleeves. 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 Music on Thursdays on 7th returns: Thursday, October 10th come and hear the music talent of the Tom Mac Group.

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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.

**Adult Forum
Sunday,
October 13th**



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., October 13, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Chuck Gentry, Glen McDonald, Volunteers
(10:00) Marge Rakoczy, Volunteers
Ambass.: (8:00) Larry & Joni Graham
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Louise Dorris
Elements: (8:00) Kathy Mund, Eugene Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, Nancy Lorenzen
Lector: (8:00) Lynn Valentine (10:00) Violet Peterson
Lay Assist: (8:00) Chuck & Lynn Valentine
(10:00) Bob & Violet Peterson
Altar Guild: Kathy Mund, Sarah Neumann
Praise Singers: Ted Croisant, Jaime Doubek, Bob McVinnie

Sun., October 20, 2019

Ushers: (8:00) Jim Anderson, Bob Fanello, Bryan Garrett, Kathy Mund
(10:00) Russ Hornbeck, Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz, Brandon Williams
Ambass.: (8:00) Jan Anderson, Gwyn Brechtel
(10:00) Mari Hanson, DiAnne Beynon
Elements: (8:00) Jack & Carla Phillips
(10:00) Ardy Stevens, Volunteer
Lector: (8:00) Bob McVinnie (10:00) Jari Sproule
Lay Assist: (8:00) Bob McVinnie, David DeNale
(10:00) Zada Doubek, Rashad Hoel
Altar Guild: Laurel McVinnie, Cary Ralston
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek, Ted Croisant