



#### Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship  
8:00 AM Traditional  
10:00 AM Praise Worship  
with Children's Church  
10:00 AM YouTube Live

Church Office Hours  
Mon.—Thurs.  
8:30 AM—4:30 PM  
(@ Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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### *From the Pastor's desk:*

## Good Living (Part 2)

The happiest people I know are generous. They care more for people than for things. They are thankful to God for what they have, and they trust that God will continue to provide for them. They believe that God's word is life-giving and life-guiding. They direct their giving, their spending, and their saving in ways that honor God and serve others.

And they live very differently than the characters who want something from Jesus in Mark 10. The wealthy man seeks "eternal life," and when Jesus tells him how to get there, he turns away because he considers the cost too high. James and John think that proximity to Jesus will insulate them from suffering, when it may instead cost them everything.

We celebrated Reformation Sunday October 27th, which was prompted in part by the church's spiritual manipulation over money more than 500 years ago.

How do we turn these negative examples in a positive direction and live faithfully, generously, and perhaps happily?

Martin Luther and the reformers were right in asserting that money given to the church cannot secure salvation for oneself or loved ones. We can't pay for what Jesus has given to us. And when we really believe that, we will also not look to money as the means to securing a good life for ourselves, whether by the things we buy or the amounts we hold onto. **Generous giving is an antidote to being spiritually manipulated, whether by ourselves or others.**

Jesus told the rich man to give away everything he had because Jesus knew that for this man, his wealth kept him from putting God first. **Generous giving is an antidote to idolatry, to putting anything ahead of God.**

Jesus told James and John that the greatest impact comes from serving others, even at high personal cost. **Generous giving is an antidote to an isolated, shallow life.**

Each of us should receive a letter this week from Alpine's Stewardship and Finance committee. It asks us to reflect and respond in making a commitment to faithful, generous, good, and happy giving in 2025 on Sunday, November 10th. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don

**BY THE NUMBERS**

10/13/24	36 + 38	74	10/20/24	32 + 51	83
Online Views		27	Online Views		12

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

Gen Fund 10/13/24	\$4,503.87	Gen Fund 10/20/24	\$5,121.01
Forward in Faith	\$968.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,050.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,853.68	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,161.97

53/54th Week.....\$507.43

Unexpected Blessing.....\$500.00



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Cindy Bulthaus, Scott Christiansen, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Heidi Lykken, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

**Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:**

Sally Atkinson, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent hurricane victims, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

**All in the Family**

Birthdays thanks came in from **Wendy Barton**. We send our love and sympathy to **Chuck & Lynn Valentine**. Chuck's brother passed away October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our love and sympathies also go out to the **DeNale Family**. Mary DeNale passed away October 13<sup>th</sup>. **Rolly Greenland** sends his thanks for the flowers and card he received.

**Worship Schedule :**

- **Sunday Worship:**  
8:00 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service, resuming September 8<sup>th</sup>, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday, Everyone is invited to join us.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (Zoom) Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's - meeting every Thursday.

**Pastoral Needs:** Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office on that day or when he is not in the office.



**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 the office whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

**Together we worship, together we pray,  
together we love.**

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Kathy Cordonnier; Mike & Marlene Bukowski; and Brad, Teresa, Ellina & Jenna Bastian.

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** — David & Marianne Hoel; Paul & Margurite Godlewski; and Nick, Katie, Trent & Shaun Elder.

### **Sunday, November 3, 2024 – All Saints Sunday**

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson  
Ambassadors: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Rivera Family  
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Lisa Slothower  
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Mike Schultz  
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

### **Sunday, November 10, 2024 — Commitment Sunday**

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Volunteer (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson  
Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Volunteer (10) John Linde, Volunteer  
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Violet Peterson  
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Nancy Matthews  
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Watch your mail for the **2025 “Good Living” Stewardship** letter and 2025 Commitment (pledge) cards. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have everyone turn in your commitment cards during the worship service. After 10 AM worship, we will meet in the gym for a tailgate lunch with brats, burgers, hot dogs and watch the Bears game. Please bring your favorite tailgate side to pass.

**It’s time for RALM Trivia Night!** Join us for this annual event benefiting Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries. Teams of 6 -8 people can test their knowledge and enjoy a chili dinner, silent auction, 50/50 drawing and more. Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, doors open at 6 pm. Hosted at Our Saviors. Cost is \$15 per person. If you are interested in forming a team, please see Lynn in the office.

Altar Guild will be collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias** beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost will be \$15 per plant (red only). Order envelopes will be on the kiosk in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. (Laurel McVinnie)

**Hurricanes Helene & Milton** have brought life-threatening storm surge, flooding and winds, even wiping out whole towns in their paths. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is prepared to serve our neighbors impacted by both hurricanes. Please visit elca.org to donate.



**Alpine Academy** invites you to attend our annual **Veterans Program** on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the gymnasium. We will be recognizing all veterans with music and songs from our students. Key note remarks from Mr. Mark Finnegan who will update us on his unique mission of veteran transportation to Washington D.C. Many vets from various service areas will also be in attendance. Please plan to attend and invite family and friends.

This year, Altar Guild will put up the **Mitten Tree** early in hopes to donate the donations by Christmas. If you are out shopping keep donations of mittens, hats and scarves in mind.



**All Saints Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters will be sent out to their families to let them know that we are remembering their loved one. We will have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance all loved ones who have passed.

Alpine is planning our traditional **Thanksgiving Meal** to follow our 11:15 AM Tuesday worship service the week of Thanksgiving. We are asking for donations of turkeys to serve. They also need volunteers to cook turkeys, help serve the meal, and help with clean up. There will be additional items needed for the meal since our school attendance is smaller this year. Please Scott Dabson if you can help in any way, 815-494-3002.

**Snowbirds** If you are away from your home for a period of time please let the office know a forwarding address so that you may keep up with what is happening at Alpine while you are gone. Please provide a start and stop date to keep things current. (Lynn Valentine)

We celebrate the Confirmation of our **2024 Confirmation student, Matthew Allen Neumann**, who was confirmed last Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. God’s blessings to him as he continues in his faith.



Daylight Savings ends on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour!



**Children’s Church is back!**  
All kids are invited to join us during our 10 AM worship service. We will learn about the lessons from the worship service through crafts and a children’s worship folder.



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**Sun. Worship Times**  
**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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**Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.**

*You're invited!!*

**Katie's Cup Birthday Party!**

**Celebrating 15 Years!**

**Friday, November 15**

**8 am - 2 pm**

discounts - special menus - music  
 complimentary cookies from Quixotic Bakery

**Special evening event: 5-8 pm**

Appetizers, delicious cupcakes, coffee and tea provided.  
 Specialty drinks for purchase.

**5 pm: Music, featuring Saxophone Sam**

**6 - 6:30 pm: Program**

**6:30 - 8 pm: Music, featuring Bert and Lindy**



*Katie's Cup opened its doors in January of 2009,  
 faithfully serving the neighborhood  
 and community since that time.*

*We give thanks for our wonderful supporters:  
 customers, staff, donors, and volunteers!*

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