



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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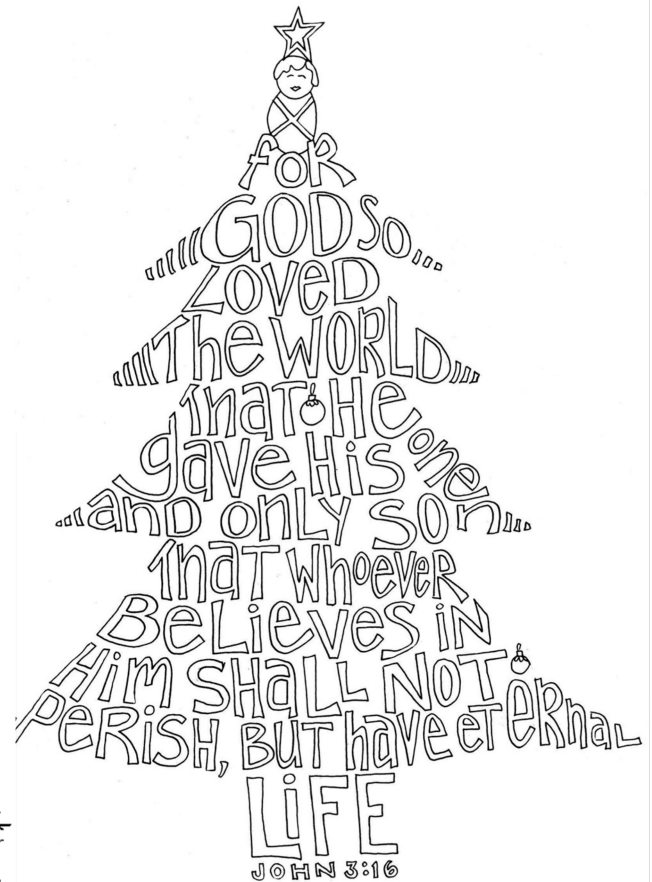
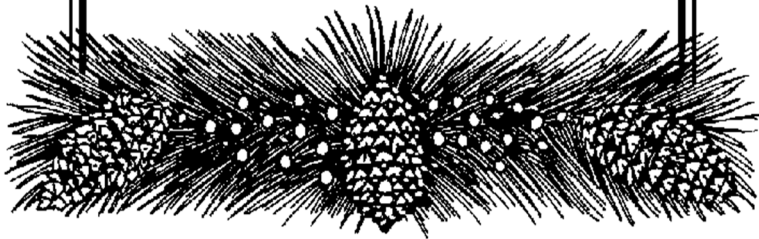
Monday, December 23, 2024

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From the Pastor's desk:

*Merry Christmas
 from the Staff at
 Alpine Lutheran
 Church*

*Pastor Don Wink
 Lynn Valentine*



Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 3 & 7 PM

Sunday, December 28th—Lessons & Carols, **ONE SERVICE 10 AM**

Sunday, January 5th—2nd Sunday of Christmas, 8 & 10 AM

BY THE NUMBERS

12/8/24	42 + 44	86	12/15/24	28 + 36	64
Online Views		13	Online Views		11

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

Gen Fund 12/8/24	\$5,900.00	Gen Fund 12/15/24	\$3,778.87
Forward in Faith	\$985.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,798.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$756.14	Surplus/Deficit	-\$976.11

Festival.....\$260.00 53/54th Week.....\$2,909.12 Unexpected Blessing.....\$815.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Cindy Bulthaus, 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

Diane Billert sends her thanks for the birthday cards she received. "It's nice to be remembered. I miss all of my Alpine church family." **Kathy Cordonnier** expressed her thanks for the beautiful flowers she 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 January 12th, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (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, Blackhawk Athletic Club - 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 pray-ers you may have.

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

Dec. 29th — Margo Grigalonas; Jim & Linda Whale; and Rudy, Lindsey, Joaquin & Adrianne Arellano.

Jan. 5th — Marge Rakoczy; Gerald & Mari Hanson; Matt & Debbie Hier; and Jim & Denise Burnett.

Sunday, December 29, 2024
ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM

Ushers: Jim Burnett, Randy Teske
Ambassadors: Scott & Jody Dabson
Lector: Carla Phillips
Lay Assistant: David DeNale
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, January 5, 2024S

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Randy Teske (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Tonya Bagwell (10) John Linde
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Jari Sproule
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Candlelight Christmas Eve services are at 3 & 7 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. Both service times will be our traditional candlelight service. Please share these times with your neighbors, family and friends to attend.

Christmas Eve Communion Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at the Christmas Eve worship service, at 3 & 7 PM. Please contact the office if you can serve.

Just a reminder that **Sunday, December 29th is a 5th Sunday, ONE SERVICE** Sunday and also our Lessons & Carols service. We will gather to worship together and sing our favorites at 10 AM. Coffee will be served after the worship service as usual and we welcome you to bring any **leftover Christmas treats** to share with the congregation.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Mitten Tree. We were able to deliver several items to the Rock House Kids organization: 10 pairs of socks, 11 hats, 25 pairs of gloves, 14 pairs of mittens, 1 set of earmuffs, and 4 glove & hat sets. (Laurel McVinnie)

The **Church Council of Alpine Lutheran** continues the collection for a 2024 Christmas gift for our full-time staff; Pastor Don Wink and Lynn Valentine. 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 beginning of January. We thank them for all they do for Alpine all year long! (Scott Dabson, Council President)

Christmas Card Flurry! The Alpine In-reach committee will be making a list of Shut-ins and others who might enjoy Christmas greetings from their friends at Alpine. Use your extra cards to brighten some one's day. Need a few more cards to send? There are some available on the Cares & Concerns counter, along with the list. (In-reach Committee)

Holiday Summit Schedule: This is the last Summit of 2024. The next Summit will be received on or around January 13, 2025. Articles for the Summit need to be turned in one week prior.



On **Sunday, January 5th**, we will have a special guest musician who will share his music during our worship services. **Brendan Brooks** is a singer/songwriter of Christian music. He has been a worship leader since 2001. He also performed during our most recent AlpineFest. Please mark your calendars for this very special music experience.

Holiday Church Office Hours: The church office will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th and reopen on Monday, January 30th. Please call the office and leave a message for any pastoral needs during this time. We will also close the office at 12 noon on New Year's Eve and reopen Thursday, January 2nd. (Lynn Valentine)

Many thanks to those who contributed to our **2024 Christmas Poinsettia Garden**. What a beautiful display of red for our Christmas services. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 7 PM Christmas Eve worship. Any plants left will continue to decorate our sanctuary for the 1st & 2nd Sundays of Christmas.

Our Christian Ed & Youth Committee has scheduled our next Adult Forums. On **Sunday, January 19th**, join us as we hear from our **Rejoicing Spirits** worship group and on Sunday, **February 16th**, we will be joined by our **Lifescape** partners. Both Adult Forums will be held in the conference room.

As the end of the year approaches, Alpine has much to be thankful for. **We 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 2024 December 31st. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)



Children's Church Break

Children's Church will be taking a break over the holidays, 12/29 and 1/5. We will resume on 1/12. During this time the Grab-n-Go bags will be available to pick up as well as the canvas bags for during worship.



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Call Committee Update

In the season of Advent, we wait and prepare for Christmas and the wonder of Jesus' birth. As your call committee, we do the same--wait and prepare. We meet monthly for a check in and to touch base with one another. Committee Chair Pam Lojewski attends a regular Zoom meeting, by Pastor Jen Beamsley, gathering people from congregations throughout the synod in the call process. These meetings are for support, encouragement, ideas and hope.

After Christmas, we will be reaching out to the synod office to schedule a "mock" candidate interview, so we can practice our skills and present our best selves when given a candidate. We are reminded that we cannot hurry this process and we continue to pray for the pastor who is being prepared for us and that we are being prepared for him or her. Great things are to come.

May the holidays bring peace, hope and joy!
Alpine Lutheran Call Committee

A new **Those Who Serve** schedule has been completed and sent out. Please mark your calendars with when you serve. As you can see, we are in need of more volunteers. Ask a friend! With our Snow Birds migration south, there are many openings in our schedule. If you notice "volunteer" written in for a duty that you can help with, we appreciate anyone stepping in to assist. Thank you in advance. (Lynn Valentine)