



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:

Light in the Darkness

We remain in the season of Epiphany, which means "manifestation." More specifically, the season of Jesus' manifestation as God in flesh, and as the light of the world.

Light draws attention. Who among us can remember large spotlights beaming into the night sky, drawing us to a county fair, a carnival, or a grand opening?

Light also illuminates. We use nightlights in our homes to keep from running into things at night. Light reveals things as they are, not as we fear them to be, or wish them to be.

Jesus' ministry serves both of these functions of light. He draws people to himself through signs or miracles, through insightful teaching, and through the attraction of a person unhindered by wounds or negative history.

All of these also illuminate. Jesus lives in the same world as everyone else, but his presence changes the way that his followers experience it. Where the world might see scarcity, Jesus reveals abundance. Where the world might see no hope, Jesus offers ultimate hope. Where the world might see fear, Jesus reveals love.

We are the bearers of his abundance, his hope, his love. Alpine is in an extended season of "in between." In between church as central to the wider community and church as peripheral. In between primary outreach ministries. In between "settled" pastors (I guess that makes me "unsettled," but I would rather be unsettled than unsettling.)

Many years ago, I was active in Scouting (we called it Boy Scouts then). One of my favorite things to do was night hiking. Sometimes it was back to camp from an activity, sometimes it was a longer trek. We had flashlights if needed, but the light provided by the moon and the stars was more consistent and more helpful in guiding our path and illuminating obstacles.

While we are "in between," we trust that the light of the world is sufficient to draw us to Himself and to help us see clearly. I'm grateful for your company on the journey.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

1/12/25	26 + 42	68	1/19/25 (Sub-zero)	21 + 27	48
1/12 Online views		59	1/19 Online views		25
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98					
Gen Fund 1/12/25	\$9,090.61		Gen Fund 1/19/25		\$2,593.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,150.00		Forward in Faith		\$725.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,907.63		Surplus/Deficit		-\$4,514.98
Unexpected Blessings.....\$500.00					



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Heidi Lykken, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Lisa Slothower, 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 California fire victims, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.



The **Staff of Alpine, Pr. Don Wink & Lynn Valentine**, wish to thank everyone for their generous gift for 2024. 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.

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, 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:** On hiatus until further notice.



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.**

Feb. 2nd — Christine, Peyton Hanson, Liam & Miles Brady; and Bob & Bea Lundgren.

Feb. 9th — Chuck & Lynn Valentine; Cary Ralston; Richard & Connie Dowling; and John & Nancy Fridh.

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Randy Teske (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Volunteers
Lector: (8) Becky Toro (10) Dick Nelson
Lay Assistant: (8) Nancy Matthews (10) Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Bob Fanello (10) DiAnne Beynon, Jim Burnett
Ambassadors: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann, Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.

2024 Giving Statements are available to pick up from the counter in the coat room. If you find any discrepancies please contact Lynn in the office. The statements will remain on the counter through the Annual Meeting and then any remaining will be mailed out. If you would prefer, they can be emailed out. Please contact Lynn, in the office, for an email copy.



The 2025 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up and ready for your dedications. Remember your loved ones passed or celebrate a special event by sponsoring the flowers each week, \$20, or eternal candle each month, \$10. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Committee Chairpersons: We need all **annual reports** to be sent to the office by February 2nd. It would be very helpful if all reports could be in electronic form and in Word format. This makes it easier for me to do any manipulation for printing. If you are unable to submit your report this way, I will understand. Thank you. (Lynn Valentine)

Our **Travel Worship** display will be refreshed during the month of January. If you would like to keep any of the worship folders that you have shared, they will be on the counter in the coatroom. We encourage you to post any new worship folders from your travels.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that eligible members of Thrivent are offered to direct to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including Alpine. Choice Dollars designated during 2025 can be directed until March 31st. Members can direct Choice Dollars online at thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 800-847-4836.

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ➤

Alpine's **Finance Committee** will hold a **Budget Forum** on Sunday, February 9th, between services in the conference room (if space allows). We will take questions and clarify any changes. That will be made for 2025.

The **Christian Ed Committee** will have the **church nursery** available after the lunch for the Annual Meeting. We hope this will make it easier for more members to attend the meeting.

The **Bible & Brew** group will be taking a hiatus until further notice. The cold weather has affected our attendance. We will resume when the weather gets warmer. Please look for a notice to when we will begin again in a future Summit.

Fellowship is a very important part of every congregation. We all enjoy conversing after church especially with coffee and a treat. We need people to provide those treats. 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.

It is important that you receive our **emails or notices on Facebook** to know the most up to date information for Alpine Lutheran. If you would like to add your email to our list please notify Lynn in the office. You may find us on Facebook by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. Like the page and then turn on notifications for new posts.

Vince Bertolotto is celebrating his **80th birthday** this February. Since he now lives in Oklahoma and can't be here with his Alpine family to celebrate, let's shower him with cards. His address is listed on the birthday list.



Join us for Children's Church! We are meeting during the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning.
Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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

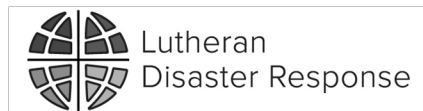


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offer you on the Web!
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Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



Join us on **Thursday January 23, 2025 at 7pm at Katie's Cup** for a special benefit concert! Your support is greatly needed as we begin the year. The Coffee Bar will be open at 6pm for refreshments: cookies, desserts and wine! Suggested donation is \$10. We are delighted to welcome **Pastor Mike and Sue (Dornbush) Blair** back to Katie's Cup for a Benefit Concert to raise funds for Katie's Cup! Donations received at the door and during the concert. You can also donate to Katie's Cup online! <https://www.katiescup.com/donate>



Lutheran Disaster Response needs your help! The wildfires of Los Angeles County in California, has impacted over 100,000 people. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, wherever and whenever disaster may strike. As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton said in her statement about the wildfires, "The prophet Isaiah writes that even when fires rage, the final word is faith, not fear. God redeems us and calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith, we respond through prayer, accompaniment and action." To give to this and any other effort by Lutheran Disaster Response, please visit <https://give.elca.org/page/77859/donate/>