



**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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Dear Alpine Lutheran Family,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I can't help but feel a deep sense of excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead for Alpine Lutheran Church. The opportunities before us are many, and together, as one family, we will be able to build connections, grow in faith, and serve our community in ways that will honor God and the mission of our congregation.

This year brings both change and new beginnings. As many of you know, Alpine Academy, has made the difficult decision to close. While it's bittersweet to say goodbye to a chapter that has been an important part of our church's story, we are also filled with hope for what this change means for us and for the wider community. The classrooms that once housed eager students are now empty, but they will soon be filled with new life, new connections, and new opportunities.

Plans are already underway to open our doors to community organizations in need of space. This will not only allow us to generate additional funds to support our budget but also provide us with the opportunity to continue serving our community in a meaningful way. Our vision is to make these spaces available for those who share in our mission of service and outreach. By sharing this space, we can create partnerships that will enrich the lives of those around us while also providing a foundation for continued growth within our church.

The transition of Alpine Academy out of our building is undoubtedly a time of change, and it's okay to feel a sense of loss. However, it is also an opportunity for us to breathe new life into this space. We are committed to moving forward together, embracing God's direction, and exploring how we can use this space more fully for ministry. Whether through new programs, partnerships, or community events, we are ready to let God lead us in ways that will allow us to deepen our connections with one another and the world around us.

As we embark on this journey, I encourage all of you to join us in this exciting time of renewal. I invite you to attend our Annual Meeting on **February 16th**, immediately following our 10:00 AM worship service. We'll gather as one family, united in faith, as we celebrate where we've been and look forward to where God is taking us. This is an important moment for us to come together, share ideas, and continue to build the church we all love.

We are walking through a lot of change at Alpine this year, seeking a new Pastor to lead us, a new Music Director and now a new partnership to share in our physical space. I am proud to be a part of a congregation that is continually seeking new ways to use it's holy currencies to serve in our community. This coming year will be no different in that way. Change in every way is difficult yet I know that at Alpine we will embrace it and become stronger from it.

Together, we are one Alpine Family in Christ, and I have no doubt that with your support, we will continue to grow, connect, and serve in ways that make a meaningful impact on both our congregation and the wider community.

Blessings to you all,  
 Scott Dabson  
 President, Church Council

**BY THE NUMBERS**

1/26/25	27 + 42	69	2/2/25	42 + 27	69
1/26 Online views		6	2/2 Online views		29

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

Gen Fund 1/12/25	\$11,548.51	Gen Fund 1/19/25	\$5,362.00
Forward in Faith	\$4,457.50	Forward in Faith	\$1,275.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$7,733.03	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1675.98

Unexpected Blessings.....\$80.00

\*Some initial deposits of the year include full year pledge amounts



**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, Nancy Lorenzen, Heidi Lykken, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Rhonda Pottinger, 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.

**All in the Family**

Many thanks from **Carole Rogers** for all the cards, hugs and love shown for her 90th birthday. **Roger Bastian** sends his thanks for the flowers he received. **Lisa Slothower** wishes to thank everyone for the flowers and well wishes she received after her car accident.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services.
- **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:** 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. 16<sup>th</sup>** — Dave Lillegaard; Sara & Nico Nowak; Dick & Wendy Barton; and Evan, Erin, Logan & John Peyton.

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>** — Russ & Nancy Hornbeck; Jan Galster; Bob & Lori Fanello,

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**ONE Service, 10 AM**

Ushers: Karl Okeson, Randy Teske  
Ambassadors: Jack & Carla Phillips  
Lector: Andrea Tack  
Lay Assistant: Mike Schultz  
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Andrea Tack (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson  
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Lisa Slothower  
Lay Assistant: (8) Lori Fanello (10) Nancy Matthews  
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**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.**

On **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will come together in worship with **ONE service at 10 AM**. We hope this will not only give us a chance to be together as a church family but also make it easier for more people to attend our annual meeting and light lunch. Please make it a point to attend.

**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.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. This means our **Soup Suppers** will begin on **Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. In preparation, the Soup Supper sign-up poster will be soon. Please consider helping with bringing a soup, bread or dessert. This evening of fellowship and worship is always a n Alpine favorite.

**Alpine Ladies Luncheon—Friday, February 21, 1 PM** All Alpine ladies are invited to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at Stockholm Inn for lunch and fellowship. We order off the menu and everyone is responsible for the cost of their meal. This is an informal group meeting for lunch and conversation - no structured program. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions, contact Nancy Matthews 920-427-9563 or Anita Ramage 815-329-4723. Please contact Nancy to be added to the group text for reminders and reservations! We hope you will join us! Mark your calendar for our March luncheon on Friday, March 21.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. Members can direct Choice Dollars online at [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by calling 800-847-4836.

**Issue with Emails:** Recently the office has been contacted by several members who have **not been receiving our emails** from our provider Mail Chimp. After some investigation, I found that Mail Chimp has “cleaned” most, if not all, Comcast emails from our mailing list. If you are no longer receiving emails, please visit our website, [alpinelutheran.com](http://alpinelutheran.com), and click on the Welcome tab, then the Summit tab from the drop down menu. At the bottom of the page you will find “Subscribe to our email”. Fill in the form, confirm your email, and you should start receiving them again. (Lynn Valentine)

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 **Memorial Board** has been updated for 2024 with the names of loved ones whose families have contributed to the Alpine Memorial Fund. (Memorial Committee)

**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.

You are invited to the **Congregational Resourcing Event** on **March 22**, at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon. Come gather together with people from across our synod as we share ideas and inspiration for all the great ways we can grow disciples in our congregations and in our communities. The event is open to all congregation members. Take advantage of this learning event. Please call the office or see Pastor Don if you are interested in attending. The church will pay for the registration fee.



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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**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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

**Call Committee Update**

The call committee continues to meet monthly, to keep in contact and prepare as much as we can for what is to come! Recently, we edited the MSP to reflect the changes and opportunities, due to the Academy's closing. We are waiting for Pastor Jen Beamsley to offer us a willing pastor to try out our interviewing skills. Pam Lojewski attends a monthly Zoom meeting with other congregations in the call process to exchange ideas, hope and prayer. Be on the lookout for a bulletin board/poster which will give us a timeline of our progress since Pastor Dan left. It is good to see what all has been happening behind the scenes. Keep us--the committee and the church, and the leader being prepared for us--in your prayers. (Call Committee)

**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/>