



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
 8:00 AM Traditional
 10:00 AM Praise
 10:00 AM Facebook Live

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

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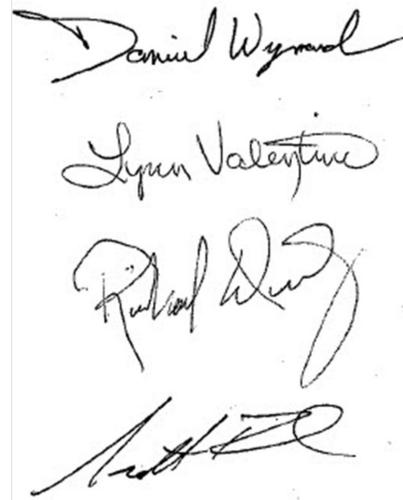
From Pastor Dan:



And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior ...”

LUKE 1:46-47, NIV

*Merry Christmas
 from the Alpine
 Lutheran
 Church and
 Academy Staff*



Saturday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Worship, 3 PM
Saturday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 7 PM
Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Day, Worship at 10 AM **ONLY**
Sunday, January 1st, 2023—New Year’s Day Worship at 10 AM **ONLY**

BY THE NUMBERS

12/4/22	38 + 64	102	12/11/22	33 + 55	88
No online video			No online video		

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,458.56

Gen Fund 12/4/22	\$6,578.00	Gen Fund 12/11/22	\$6,540.80
Forward in Faith	\$223.00	Forward in Faith	\$3,950.79
Surplus/Deficit	+\$5,998.44	Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,443.03

53rd/54th Week.....\$6,686.00	Festival.....\$380.00
Giving Tuesday.....\$1,625.00	

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... +\$351.83 (11/30/22)



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Les Johnson, Valerie Miller, Ardy Stevens, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, Don Torgerson, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Conness, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, David Rawls, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those in the Ukraine conflict, and all affected by Hurricane Ian.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Chris Christiansen**. **Bob McVinnie** expressed his thanks for the cards, visits, and prayers while he was in the hospital. Thanks to Laurel, God and the congregation he is healing.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** meets every Sunday during the 10 AM worship, monthly Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Academy Chapel:** 2:15 PM every Tuesday 1st—6th grades, 9:15 AM every Friday Preschool—K Everyone is invited
- **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.
- **Men's Bible Breakfast:** 7:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** 10 AM, Conference room



Pastor Dan's office hours: Mondays 12:00-3:00; Tuesdays 9:00 – 3:00; Wednesdays 9:00 – 3:00; and Thursdays 1:00 – 3:00. He is also available at other times by appointment.



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

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

December 25th — Roger Bastian; John McCue; Corey, Brianna, Brett & Brandon Williams; and Richard Ewert.

January 1st — Janice Bergstrom; Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; and Les & Carol Johnson.

Sunday, December 25, 2022

ONE SERVICE ONLY @ 10 AM

Ushers: Tonya Bagwell, John Linde

Ambassadors: Volunteers

Lector: Martin Scott

Lay Assistant: Nancy Matthews, Pr. Rick Meier

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, January 1, 2023

ONE SERVICE ONLY @ 10 AM

Ushers: John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassador: John Linde

Lector: Dick Nelson

Lay Assistant: Dick Nelson, Mike Schultz

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

***Please Note: We have been having technical problems streaming our worship service. We hope to have this issue fixed in time for our holiday worship services.**



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. The later service is our traditional candlelight service.

Christmas Eve Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at both worship services on Christmas Eve, 3 & 7 PM. Please contact the office if you can serve or sign-up on the poster in the narthex.

Worship services will be held both **Christmas Day** and **New Year's Day**. There will be **ONLY ONE SERVICE at 10 AM** one each of the days. We hope everyone has a blessed Christmas and look forward to 2023!

There's still time to fill the Mitten Tree! Please bring in mittens, hats and scarves, hand made or purchased, and place them on the tree. All items will be collected through out the month and then donated to the Salvation Army. Share the warmth of the season with others! (Laurel McVinnie)

The **Church Council of Alpine Lutheran** has started a collection for a 2022 Christmas bonus for our full-time staff; Pastor Dan, Lynn Valentine and Richard Dowling. 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 January. We thank them for all they do for Alpine all year long! (Scott Dabson)

Holiday Church Office Hours: The church office will be closed the day after Christmas 12/26, Tuesday, 12/27, and January 2, 2023. (Lynn Valentine)

Holiday Summit Schedule: Due to the way the holidays fall on the calendar this year we have had to change our Summit schedule. The next Summit will not go out until next year, 1/9/2023. Any article for the Summit needs to be turned in one week prior.

The December edition of the **Living Lutheran** is now available for you to pick up. This month's lead article explores a story about the importance of a broken Advent calendar.

We are in need of people to provide treats and juice for the **coffee hours**. There is a sign up poster on the coffee table in the narthex. **Special Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 1st:** coffee will be served after the one worship service as usual and we welcome you to bring any **leftover Christmas treats** to share with the congregation.

The **Nomination Committee** of the Church Council is looking to fill several positions for next year's council. Please contact Scott Christiansen, John Linde or Craig Shelton if you feel called to serve in this way. You may also contact the church office.

From the SCRIP Desk:

We thank you for shopping SCRIP this holiday season. Don't forget that we are here all year for your gift card needs. We need more participation in this program to keep it going.

(Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

As the **end of the year** approaches, Alpine has much to be thankful for. We especially 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 2022 December 31st. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)

2023 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Many thanks to those involved in our **Christmas Cantata** this year. A special thanks to Richard and Connie Dowling who wrote this year's music and drama. We are hoping to have a



We invite all children to come to our **Children's Church** during the 10:00 worship hour. We will not be meeting Christmas Day or New Year's Day. We will resume on January 8th. Grab bags will be available for pick-



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Christmas at Alpine Academy began last week with our Christmas program. We spent the last few weeks learning about Advent, waiting and preparing. I'm sure you can imagine our teachers and staff convincing these students the importance of waiting. However, I think we can all be a little impatient during this season. Not to mention how busy we can make ourselves throughout the season.

Special thank you to all who joined us for our 2022 Christmas Program. Our students always preform their best when the audience is so supportive. There couldn't be a better way to get ready for Christmas than to enjoy this program put on by the students of Alpine Academy. Thank you also to our teachers and staff who all work so hard with our students throughout the year.

As we move into the Christmas Season our students, teachers and staff take a much needed break. I have been thinking about the lunch we had with Teachers and staff last week. During our lunch it was so much fun to see our Teachers and staff socialize, laugh and have fun together. So much fun that Jody and I continued that discussion later that evening. I then realized that we hadn't taken any pictures. All I can think is that I should've invited Harriet, she'd have caught every moment with her camera for sure. Just the thought makes me want to encourage you this holiday season please take the time to capture the moments both big and small with your family this season. We often forget to pull out the camera, even though the majority of us have our cell phone right there. In our world today we find ourselves too often making ourselves so busy we miss those moments. Imagine if we could all make it a point this Christmas to catch those small and big moments.

It's been a fantastic year at Alpine Academy in 2022. We've grown both academically and literally with the addition of our campus at Resurrection Lutheran Church. The investment that Alpine Lutheran Church has made over these past 25 years has been incredible. We look forward to celebrating those 25 years with you on March 25th 2023 (details to come) but right now from everyone at Alpine Academy to our extended family at Alpine Lutheran Church, Merry Christmas!!

In Christ
Mr. Scott Dabson, Director, Alpine Academy