



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 the Pastor Rick:

Thanksgiving and Stewardship Go Together

Perhaps the most American of holidays is the Day of Thanksgiving. Celebrated as a harvest festival, giving thanks to God for our blessings, the fourth Thursday in November (usually) has been set aside since the time of Abraham Lincoln as a festival day. Folklore recalls a small harvest shared by early Pilgrims and Native Americans gathering to share a harvest meal together. It has become an important occasion for families to come together and celebrate their thankfulness. Yes, in spite of any heartaches, we have much to be thankful for.

Alpine Church and Academy will celebrate Thanksgiving together on Tuesday, Nov. 21, with a **worship service at 11:15**, followed by a wonderful **Thanksgiving meal** in the fellowship hall. All are invited to attend both events.

The season of thankfulness also invites our attention to *stewardship* for the coming year. We are blessed to be a blessing. Over the next few weeks we will raise up the importance of giving our time, talent, and treasure to the work of the Lord through the church. While Commitment Sunday normally occurs in late November, it will take place this year on December 10, when our Interim Pastor is in place. More details will be given soon, but the idea this year is to “Make It Simple,” challenging each of us to give an extra 1% from our percentage giving this year. For example, if you have been giving 5% of your income this year, consider giving 6% next year. Please look for more information soon from the committee.

Finally, I want to say that I have enjoyed being “back in the saddle” for these six weeks until Pastor Don Wick joins us on December 1. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation and friendship, and for sharing a laugh with me about “un-retiring” for the umpteenth time!

BY THE NUMBERS

11/5/23	44 + 67	111	11/12/23	27 + 80	107
Online Views		15	Online Views		8
	Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44				
Gen Fund 11/5/23	\$9,559.00		Gen Fund 11/12/23		\$3,345.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,345.00		Forward in Faith		\$553.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,354.56		Surplus/Deficit		-\$3,386.44
53/54 Week.....	\$475.00		Unexpected Blessings.....	\$210.00	
Year to Date Deficit (Oct.).....-\$25,679.72					



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Bill & Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrimble, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Joslyn Rivera, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Bob Swenson, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Larry Kagel, Don Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, David Teeters, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine conflict.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Craig & Barb Shelton** and **Dick Barton**. Our love and sympathies go out to **Luke & Heidi Lykken**. Luke's brother recently died.

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, 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.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant
- **Wednesday Bible Study:** on Hiatus.
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Dusty Boots

Pastoral Needs: Please call the office with any pastoral needs while we are in transition and looking for a pastor. We will return your call with any further information.



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.**

November 26th— Dan & Linda Halvorson; Dick & Wendy Barton; Bobby, Michelle, Landon & Chloe Mounts; and Erin, Evan, Logan & John Peyton.

December 3rd — Mike & Loretta Schultz; Mike, Alyssa Kreighbaum, Chase & Camden Valentine; Emily Christiansen; and Martin Scott.

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Randy Teske (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Randy Teske (10) Martin Scott
Lay Assistant: (8) Davis DeNale (10) Martin Scott
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, December 1, 2023

Ushers: (8) Gene & Donna Seefeldt (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Gwyn Brechtel, Volunteer (10) Jessica Rivera & Family
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen & Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



Alpine and Alpine Academy, will have a **Thanksgiving worship** service on Tuesday, November 21st at 11:15 AM. The Academy will host a Thanksgiving Feast in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 following the worship service. Come and give thanks to God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to attend as well.

Alpine Academy is planning a meal to follow our 11:15 AM Tuesday worship service the week of **Thanksgiving**. To help control the costs, they are asking for donations of turkeys to serve. They also need volunteers to cook turkeys, help serve the meal, and help with clean up. Please Scott Dabson if you can help in any way, 815-494-3002.

With our Snow Birds beginning their migration south, there are many openings in our **Those Who Serve volunteer 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)

Bible & Brew Continues every Thursday! Alpine Outreach Committee has launched Bible & Brew, a Bible study held at Dusty Boots Thursday Evenings at 7 PM. We will be discussing "The Invitational Christian" by Dave Delbert. There will be copies available at the Bible Study. (Scott Dabson)

The **Social Ministry Committee** has begun collecting for the **Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be collected by Thursday, November 16th. Here is a list of items needed: instant mashed potatoes, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans, canned corn, dry gravy packets or canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, canned fruit, and Jell-O. Additional non-perishable non-expired foods can be donated for the families. As always, money to purchase the foods can also be donated. Please make a notation for the baskets on your check. Food collection will continue in December for our Christmas baskets. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others.

If you have a **key card** for the church that has STAFF written on it, please see Lynn in the church office. It was used last on September 8th around 4 PM.



Altar Guild are collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias**. 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 3rd. (Laurel McVinnie)

From the SCRIP Desk:

Thank you to everyone who has been patient while we try to re-stimulate our SCRIP program. We will continue making orders for your cards on or around the 15th of each month. **Please take a look at what cards you may want for the upcoming holidays and order early.** We may be able to order cards a few more times before the holiday if there are enough orders. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The Altar Guild invites you to come and **help decorate the church for Christmas**. They will be meeting on **Saturday, December 17th at 10 AM**. All are welcome especially those willing to climb ladders or those who are not height challenged. (Laurel McVinnie)

It's beginning to look a lot like... Cantata time. Rehearsals have begun and are every Tuesday at 7:15 PM. All are welcome to join us. There is no need to be a professional musician, just love to sing praises to God in celebration of the birth of our Lord. We will be performing our cantata on Sunday, December 17th, 10 AM worship.

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 by Sunday, November 26th. Use your extra cards to brighten some one's day. Need a few more cards to send? There are some available in the co-troom, along with the list. (In-reach Committee)



Join us for Children's Church! We meet during the 10 AM service. We are now having the kids leave the service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning.



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CARPENTER'S PLACE

Donation Needs for November

With the change of seasons, the needs of our guests change as well. The number of guests that we serve every day is growing fast, and our 'Needs List' is now longer and more diverse than ever. Today, with your help, we can fulfill the most urgent of these each and every day, on the fly. Critical Needs: Men's Boxers (M- XXXL), Men's Jeans (28-38), Men's and Women's T-Shirts, Backpacks, Sleeping Bags, Men's Reading Glasses (1.00-3.00), Garbage Bags (33 and 55 Gal.), 8 oz Disposable Coffee Cups, Hot Sauce, Q-Tips, Travel Size Lotion, Men's Disposable Razors, Men's Deodorant, and Diapers (6 & 7).

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