



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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Monday, December 4, 2023

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From the Pastor Don:

Dear Alpine Friends--

As of the writing of this, I am looking forward to our first Sunday together this weekend at both 8:00 and 10:00. I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Thanksgiving meal worship service and meal last Tuesday, but I know that I have a lot of names to learn. Please be patient with me.

Patience is a quality that underlies the season of Advent, which marks the beginning of the church year and also begins this Sunday. Advent is itself not about patience, but about waiting. We can wait patiently or impatiently, but we do wait.

As children, the waiting of Advent is for Christmas Day to arrive, and with it, all of the family traditions that accompany it. Including cookies and presents. We were all children at one time, and even those of us who are no longer children can still see Christmas through a child's eyes.

But in a church year that begins in December, Advent is even more about waiting for Jesus in a different way. We wait not only for a remembrance of his birth, but for his return, when heaven and earth are fully and forever joined, and when Jesus' saving work continues without interference and without interruption.

Each Sunday in Advent we light a candle, and each candle has historically represented one of God's gifts to us. This week was the candle of Hope; December 10 is Peace; December 17 is Joy, and December 24 (morning) is Love.

Reflecting back to what I said about hope Sunday morning, here's something to think about. When we speak of hope in our daily conversation, it is often about preferences: "I hope it doesn't rain tomorrow." Or about wishes: "I hope the teacher doesn't call on me." But Advent hope is closer to expectation. It's grounded in God's historic actions, and in God's promises. We hope that the same Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, whose suffering and death we remember on Good Friday and whose resurrection and ascension we celebrate each time we gather will return to his faithful people of every time and every place and remain with us forever. As promised!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

11/19/23	45 + 46	91	11//23	87	11//23	24 + 29	53
Online Views		10			Online Views		23

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44

Gen Fund 11/19/23	\$8,003.00	Gen Fund 11/26/23	\$1,170.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,655.00	Forward in Faith	\$860.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,498.56	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,424.79

Festival Offering.....\$930.00	53/54 Week.....\$1,120.00	Unexpected Blessings.....\$1,954.65
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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, Pat Turmo and Chuck Valentine.

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 **Ed Lorenzen, Irv Johnson, Carla Phillips and Pam Hemenway**. Many thanks **from Chuck Valentine** for the prayers and the flowers he received after his recent hospitalizations. **Chris Christiansen** expressed his thanks for the flowers and cards he has 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, 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. We will post Pastor Wink's office hours in the next Summit.



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 10th— Larry Johnson; Ralph & Becky Toro; and Gene & Donna Seefeldt.

December 17th — Jeanne Tengren; Barb Yahn; David & Diane McCue; and Jerry & Linda McGhee.

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Karl Okeson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassadors: (8) Janet Gentry, Volunteer (10) Terry & Pam Hodges

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Bob & Laurel McVinnie

Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Bob McVinnie

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Pam Hodges

Ambassadors: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Volunteer (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges

Lay Assistant: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges

Praise Singer: Becky Toro



We welcome Pastor Don Wink to Alpine Lutheran!

In good Lutheran style, we will welcome our interim pastor with cake during our coffee hour on Sunday, December both between service and after second service. Please plan to stay or come early to this Welcome Reception and introduce yourself to Pastor Wink.

If you have not already picked one up, this year's **Advent devotional book**, "The Light of Grace" by Michael Hoy, is available in Memorial Lounge. Share a copy with a friend or neighbor!

The **Social Ministry Committee** continues to collect for **Christmas Holiday Food Baskets**. All items need to be in by Thursday, December 14th. 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. We thank you again for your generosity in helping others. (John Linde)

The Altar Guild invites you to come and **help decorate the church** for Christmas. They will be meeting on **Saturday, December 16th at 10 AM**. All are welcome especially those willing to climb ladders or those who are not height challenged. (Laurel McVinnie)

Christmas Card Flurry! The Alpine In-reach committee has made 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 in the coatroom, along with the list.

The **Alpine Lutheran C & E Choir** invites you **Sunday, December 17th**, to our Christmas Cantata, written by our very own Richard & Connie Dowling. This year, as we have done in past years, our C & E Choir will perform their special presentation at the **10 AM worship service**. Come and enjoy the music as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful musical celebration.

(We will still have an 8 AM worship service that day)

Make It Simple Commitment Sunday will be **Sunday, December 10th**. We are collecting **2024 Pledge cards** as well as the surveys included in this year's mailing. You may place them in the offering plate, mail them, or drop them by the church office. Please make sure to put your name and envelope number on the cards and keep the end that reads "Keep this portion for your records". Prayerfully consider your giving to Alpine. We thank you for your support of Alpine and its ministries. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)

Let's fill the Mitten Tree! The Altar Guild has set up a tree in the entryway by the front door, in the vestibule. 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 to warm those less fortunate than ourselves. (Laurel McVinnie)

You are invited to attend the **Alpine Academy Christmas Program** on Thursday, December 14th, in the gym. Come and show your support to our Academy students as they prepare for this blessed season.

The **Church Council of Alpine Lutheran** has started a collection for a 2023 Christmas gift for our full-time staff; 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! (DiAnne Beynon)

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)



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. We will not be meeting December 24th or December 31st. We will resume on January 7th. Grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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From the SCRIP Desk:

Please take a look at making your final holiday orders now. We will order again on or around December 15th but this will be the last order before Christmas. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

Worship services will be held both **Christmas Eve** morning (4th Sunday in Advent) and **New Year's Eve** morning (Lessons & Carols). 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 the blessings bestowed on us in 2024!**



Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be at **4 PM** this year. With Christmas Eve on a Sunday this year, the Council has decided to have one service, our traditional candlelight service, at an earlier time to allow for those with family obligations to attend. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you and your family!

Christmas Eve Communion Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at the Christmas Eve worship service, at 4 PM. Please contact the office if you can serve or sign-up on the poster in the narthex.

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 2023 December 31st. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)