



**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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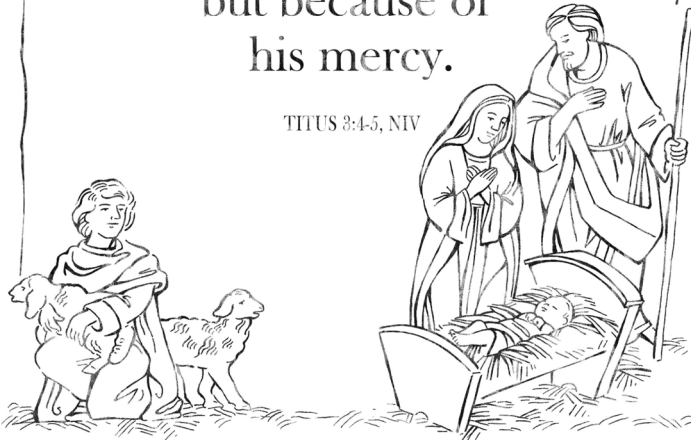
*From the Staff at Alpine:*



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**—4th Sunday of Advent worship, ONE SERVICE 10 AM  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**—Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 4 PM  
**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**—Lessons & Carols, ONE SERVICE 10 AM  
**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**—Baptism of our Lord, Baptism Renewal, Family Blessing,  
 8 & 10 AM

But when the kindness  
 and love of  
**GOD**  
 our  
**SAVIOR**  
 appeared, he saved us,  
 not because of righteous  
 things we had done,  
 but because of  
 his mercy.

TITUS 3:4-5, NIV



*Merry Christmas  
 from the Alpine  
 Lutheran  
 Church Staff*

*Pastor Don  
 Wink*

*Lynn Valentine*

*Richard  
 Dowling*

*Scott Dabson*

**BY THE NUMBERS**

12/3/23	50 + 77	127	12/10/23	41 + 58	99
Online Views		23	Online Views		9
Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,759.44					
Gen Fund 12/3/23	\$8,091.00		Gen Fund 12/10/23	\$5,411.78	
Forward in Faith	\$1,850.00		Forward in Faith	\$2,897.78	
Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,410.56		Surplus/Deficit	+\$775.12	
Festival Offering.....\$75.00	53/54 Week.....\$869.00		Unexpected Blessings.....\$510.00		
Year to Date Deficit (Nov.).....-\$19,177.05					



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Wendy Barton, Bill & Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrindle, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, 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 & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

**All in the Family**

Birthday thanks came in from **Diane Billert**. **Glen McDonald** wishes to thank everyone for all of the cards and prayers he has received recently. **Bill & Diane Billert** also send their thanks for the get well cards and call they have 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 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
- **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 24<sup>th</sup>**— Margo Grigalonas; Jim & Linda Whale; and Rudy, Lindsay, Joaquin & Adrianne Arellano.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** — Marge Rakocy; Jim Stropes, Jr.; and Beverly Clayton.

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**  
**ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM**

**Ushers:** John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
**Ambassadors:** Mike Schultz, Aaron Ayen  
**Lector:** Lisa Slothower  
**Lay Assistant:** David DeNale  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**  
**ONE SERVICE @ 10 AM**

**Ushers:** Tonya Bagwell, Jack Phillips  
**Ambassadors:** John Linde, David Linde  
**Lector:** Carla Phillips  
**Lay Assistant:** Martin Scott  
**Praise Singers:** Chuck & Lynn Valentine



**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.

We continue 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)



**There's still time to 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)

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 a local establishment. We will be moving to Brewsky's to give their space a try. Come and join us as we discuss the "Invitational Christian" by Dave Delbert.

**Holiday Church Office Hours:** The church office will be closed the day after Christmas Day 12/25, 12/26, and New Years Day 1/1/24. (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, 1/8/2024. Any article for the Summit needs to be turned in one week prior.

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, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 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 last physical copy of **Living Lutheran** is available on the Care & Concern counter. Please stop and pick up a copy and share it with someone when you have finished reading it. All future issues may be found at [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org).

**2024 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 "**Christmastime Miracles**" this year. A special thanks to Richard and Connie Dowling who wrote both music and drama. The worship service along with the performance is posted on our YouTube channel. Search Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford.

**Committee Chairpersons:** We need all annual reports to be sent to the office by January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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)



**Join us for Children's Church!** We are now having the kids leave the 10 AM service at the beginning of the worship service allowing more time for learning. We will not be meeting December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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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**Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.**

Worship services will be held both **Christmas Eve** morning (4th Sunday in Advent) and **New Year's Eve** morning (Lessons & Carols). There will be **ONE SERVICE at 10 AM** each of these 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 31<sup>st</sup>. (Finance & Stewardship Committee)