



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)

Monday, February 5, 2024

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ELCA World Hunger

(article copied from the ELCA website)

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

At Alpine, we give monthly to the hunger relief effort. All loose giving on the first Sunday of every month, is sent to the ELCA World Hunger projects. You may also give by putting your donation into the hunger envelopes both in the pews and on the table in Memorial Lounge as you enter worship or by visiting the website ELCA.org, clicking on “Our Work” heading, and then clicking on “World Hunger” under the “Relief and Development: heading.

At this year’s Annual Meeting meal, we will donate the free-will offering to the “Soup”er Bowl of Caring (an ELCA partner), a hunger effort we have supported in past years. Together, with other congregations in the ELCA, we can make an impact on those who suffer from hunger in the United States and around the world.

BY THE NUMBERS

1/21/24	29 + 41	70	1/28/24	33 + 61	94
Online Views		17	Online Views		1

Required total receipts weekly(2023 amt.).....\$7,759.44

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

Gen Fund 1/21/24	\$6,182.00	Gen Fund 1/28/24	\$9,313.87
Forward in Faith	\$1,865.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,010.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,037.56	Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,794.43

Unexpected Blessings.....\$980.00



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Bill & Diane Billert, Cindy Bulthaus, Mary DeNale, Rolly Greenland, Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Pam Hodges, Les Johnson, Kyle MacCrimble, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, JR Stropes, Melissa Stucky, Jeanne Tengen, Pat Turmo and Chuck Valentine.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Wally Bastian, Kim Braun, Lindsay Earnest, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Ron Johnson, Brenda Newcomb, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Bob Slothower, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Michael White, Deb Williams, Ali Younglove, and all those in the Ukraine & Israel-Gaza conflicts.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Bob Peterson** and **Donna Brenner**. Our love and sympathies go out to the family of **Chris Christiansen** who died January 28th. Services are pending. Many thanks from **Mary DeNale** and **Darrell & Donna Brenner** for the many Christmas cards received. **Glen McDonald & Kathy Mund** send their thanks for the sympathy cards and prayers after Glen's daughter's death.

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.
- **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
- **Thursday Bible & Brews:** 7:00 PM, Brewsky's



Pastoral Needs: Pastor Wink will be out of town until February 8th. Please call the office for any pastoral needs and someone will be contacted to help you.



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.**

February 11th— Sharon Walker; Tim & DiAnne Beynon; and Jessica, Arayah, Joslyn & Remijio Rivera.

February 18th — Chuck & Lynn Valentine; Cary Ralston; Richard & Connie Dowling; Tim Dowling; and John & Nancy Fridh.

Sunday, February 11, 2024
ONE Service at 10 AM

Ushers: Bob Fanello, DiAnne Beynon
Ambassadors: Karl & Deb Okeson
Lector: Al Neumann
Lay Assistant: Nancy Matthews
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassador: (8) Les & Carol Johnson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Al Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Al & Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.

There will be **one service at 10 AM on Sunday, February 11th**. We hope this adjustment will allow for more people to attend the annual meeting. The Those Who Serve schedule was written before knowing the date of the annual meeting. An adjusted list is at the top of this page.

John Linde and his crew of volunteers will be providing a **light lunch prior to the annual meeting**. This year, all collections for the lunch will go to the **"Soup"er Bowl of Caring**. Launched in 1990, Tackle Hunger helps to raise awareness, food and monetary donations for food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks and other hunger-relief charities within their community. The ELCA is a partner in this effort, encouraging churches to hold fundraisers on Super Bowl Sunday. We continue to join in this effort at our annual meeting lunch.



Our **Lenten Soup Suppers** will begin on **Wednesday, February 21st** at 6 PM. **Lenten worship** will follow at **7 PM** with Holden Evening Prayer. Please sign-up on the poster in the narthex to help with soup, bread and dessert. Mark your calendars and plan to attend every week for a great meal and fellowship.

This year's **Lenten devotional** is entitled *"The Road Back to God"* by Larry Neeb. "God's forgiving and renewing power is what animates us in our Christian walk of active love and service, these pages reveal, as we draw near to Christ's cross." They will be available on Ash Wednesday.

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.



"For dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) **Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday.** We will have worship services with the imposition of ashes at both 11 AM and 7 PM. This marks the beginning of the Lenten season and our journey towards the cross.

The **Staff of Alpine** wishes to thank everyone for their generous gift for 2023. We are very blessed to work in such a loving church whose congregation shows so much support as we work together to share God's Word.

2023 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 that are left, will be mailed out. If you would prefer, they can be emailed out. Please contact Lynn for an email copy.

From the SCRIP Desk:

If you have not already done so, we have some SCRIP cards in stock for that special someone. If you are all ready for Valentine's Day, it is time to start thinking about Easter. Don't forget the church needs candy and plastic eggs this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Order your SCRIP cards now to help them with their needed supplies. (Jody Dabson)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

The 2024 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle charts are up. Remember your loved ones passed or celebrate a special event by sponsoring the flowers each week or eternal candle each month. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)



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. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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

Easter will be here be for you know it! One of the events that many look forward to is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will be on Saturday, March 23rd. In preparation for the many children who will be attending this event, we need **helpers** to fill our eggs with candy. Please see Scott or Jody Dabson if you can help. We also need **donations of plastic eggs and candy**. The candy donations should be small enough candy to fit into an egg.

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. (Scott Dabson)

Calling all those who are musically inclined! Both of our choirs, the **Chancel Choir and the Hand Bell Choir** are in need of additional members. We especially need people during the winter months when a portion of our choirs "fly south." Please see Richard Dowling or just come to our rehearsals. Both choirs meet on Tuesday evenings, Hand Bell Choir meets at 6 PM and Chancel Choir meets at 7:15 PM. (Richard Dowling)

As **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** enters its 85th year, They are excited to share the beginning of an impactful new chapter in the history of our organization. On January 17, 2024, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) is becoming **Global Refuge**. Their decision to re-brand is rooted in the massive worldwide need for compassionate support of those seeking safety. With more than 100 million people displaced by war, famine, climate change, and persecution, our mission of providing the "long welcome" is more crucial than ever.

Northern Illinois Synod's Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will be March 16, 2024 at Sauk Valley Community College. We will gather around this year's theme of Open God's Story. This will be a time to connect God's work throughout the Bible with God's work in our lives. We will have more information on this event soon. Please consider attending this event.

Olson Funeral Home is holding a **pre-planning luncheon** on **Tuesday, February 13th** at Stockholm Inn. Their staff will walk you through the pre-planning process while you enjoy a delicious meal. Space is limited so please RSVP to 815-963-6521.