



**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 Don's Desk:*

## Midweek Soup and Worship

Alpine is bringing back two favorites for Wednesday evenings during Lent: Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m., and Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7.

One new element will be a conversation between an Alpine member and me as the reflection during Holden Evening Prayer. The themes will come from our devotional booklet, *The Road Back to God*, by Larry Neeb. In order, they are: Love, Grace, Faith, Hope, and Suffering. I'm looking forward to this. Be sure to pick up your copy of *The Road Back to God* and to come out on Wednesdays to support and be inspired by your friends.

Here's a bit more on the devotions. Each day's reading and reflection is short, but thought-provoking. If you already have a practice of daily intentional time with God, then add or substitute these devotions for these 40 days. If this is a new or renewed practice for you, I recommend putting it first thing in the morning. That way your thoughts throughout the day may be guided or influenced by what you read. And if you are at all like me in this way, it's easier to do something new before the day gets away from us.

One more word of encouragement: Take each day that you read and reflect as a gift, and give thanks to God for it. If you miss a day, you miss a day. You could read two the next day, but if you start to build a backlog, it's better to start again with just the next day's devotion.

Grace and Peace,  
 Pastor Don Wink

**BY THE NUMBERS**

2/4/24	36 + 47	83	2/11/24 one service	92
Online Views		4	Online Views	10

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,332.98

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

Gen Fund 2/4/24	\$11,742.00	Gen Fund 2/11/24	\$3,433.87
Forward in Faith	\$5,355.00	Forward in Faith	\$588.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$8,774.02	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,411.11

"Soup"er Bowl of Caring.....\$787.00



**Pray for Alpine members:**

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, 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, and Pat Turmo.

**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, Derek Sisson, 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**

Our love and sympathies go out to the **Diane Billert** and family. Bill died February 5<sup>th</sup>. Services are planned for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 AM at Alpine., luncheon following the service.

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



**Pastoral Needs:** During Lent, Pastor Wink plans to be in his office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, He will be working from home on Mondays and can be contacted through the office.



**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 25<sup>th</sup>**— Dave Lillegaard; Sara & Nico Nowak; Dick & Wendy Barton; and Evan, Erin, Logan & John Peyton.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Megan, Merrick, & Cooper Hill; Alan & Marlene Garrett; Joan & Nicholas Chockalingam; Gwyn Brechtel; and Darrell & Donna Brenner.

## Sunday, February 25, 2024

Ushers: (8) Tonya Bagwell, Andrea Tack (10) John Linde, Marge Rakoczy  
Ambassador: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson  
Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Lynn Valentine  
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Nancy Matthews  
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

## Sunday, March 3, 2024

Ushers: (8) Jack Phillips, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson  
Ambassador: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Jessica Rivera & family  
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Bob McVinnie  
Lay Assistant: (8) Nancy Matthews (10) Mike Schultz  
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



Our **Lenten Soup Suppers** will begin on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** 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, fellowship, and worship.

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.

**Calling All C & E Singers!** Lent is here. Ash Wednesday was February 14<sup>th</sup> and this year we have a super early Easter. This year's cantata will be a Palm Sunday presentation. We will begin rehearsals this Tuesday at 7:15 PM. We will have CDs available to help us learn our parts. All are welcome to join us as we prepare this special musical presentation.

A **special thank you to John Linde and his crew** for providing the lunch for our Annual Congregational Meeting. Once again, the meal that was shared created a great time for fellowship prior to our Annual Meeting.

**2024 "Soup"er Bowl Collection:** It was a very close game but in the end the Bears, \$451, were able to take the win away from the Packers, \$334. In the end, the true winners are those in need of hunger assistance. Thank you to everyone who contributed on Annual Meeting Sunday.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**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.

**Bible & Brew will be starting a new study!** Bible & Brew, an Alpine Bible study held currently at "Brewsky's", will be starting a new Bible study written in part by famed football star, Tim Tebow. The study entitled "Mission Possible" leads us through a "biblical plan for discovering you life's mission". Join us every Thursday at 7 PM. (Scott Dabson)

### **From the SCRIP Desk:**

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)

**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.



**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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**Sun. Worship Times**  
**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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

Please join us for the **RALM Annual Delegate Meeting** on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 675 N. Mulford Rd. in Rockford. All are welcome.

Are you up for the challenge? **Lutheran World Relief** has begun a 2024 Hunger Challenge. Their goal is to raise \$250,000 by March 15<sup>th</sup> to rush emergency food to your neighbors who need it most. Please visit give.lwr.org with your gift today.

**Are you a Thrivent member?** Every year you can direct your Choice Dollars to a non-profit organization of your choice. This needs to be done by March 31<sup>st</sup>. In previous years this amounted to over \$1500 for Alpine. We thank you in advance for choosing Alpine.

The 2024 prom season is upon us and **Becca's Closet** needs your help. We are looking for volunteers at all ability levels including those who need to sit or cannot lift. Please call our program coordinator at 779-707-1255 for more information on dates.



The March **Katie's Cup Book Club** meets Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM at Katie's Cup. This month's book choice is "The Heirloom Garden" by Viola Shipman. "In her inimitable style, Viola Shipman explores the unlikely relationship between two very different women brought together by the pain of war, but bonded by hope, purpose... and flowers." - USA Today. All are welcome to join the discussion.

**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)