



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
10:00 AM Facebook Live

Academy Chapel
Every Tuesday, 2:15 PM

Rejoicing Spirits
6:00 PM (2nd & 4th
Thursday via Zoom)

815-399-5013

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From Pastor's Desk:

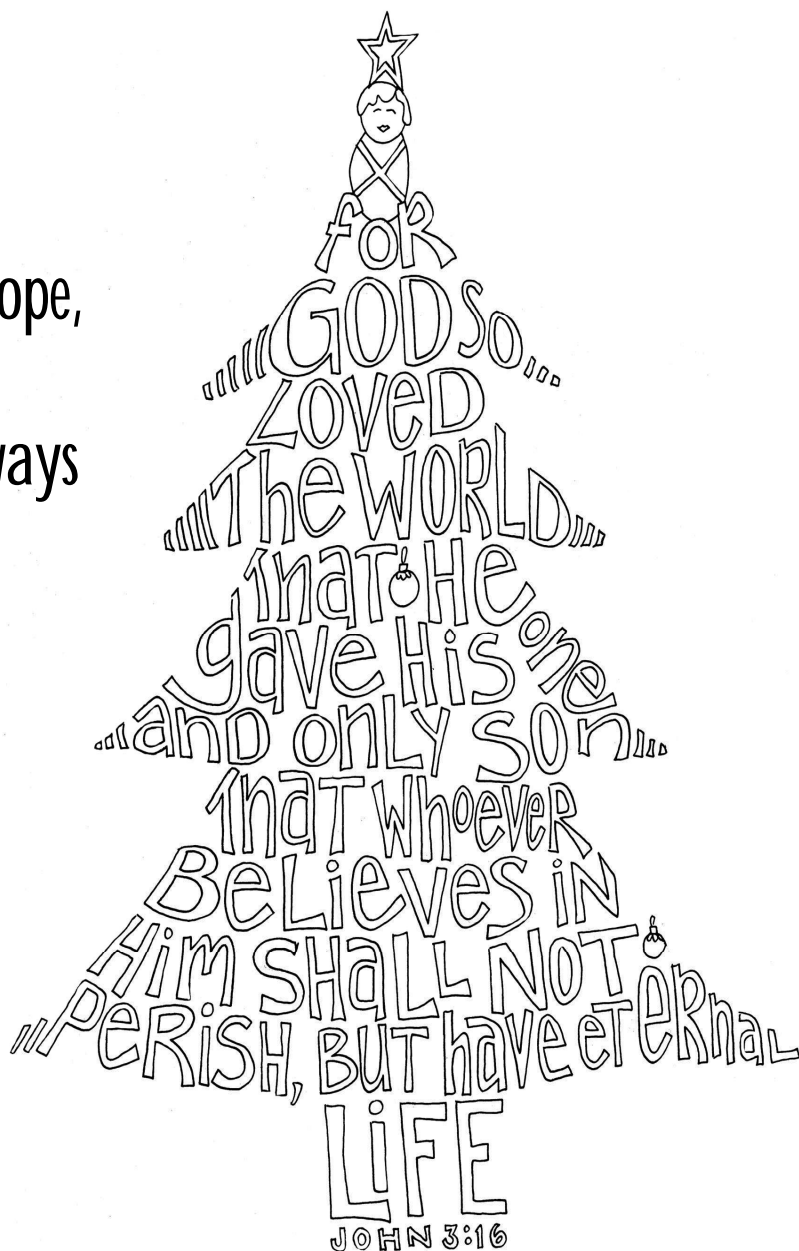
Monday, December 21, 2020

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May you have
the gift of Faith,
the blessing of Hope,
and the peace of His Love
at Christmas and always

Merry Christmas
from the staff at Alpine

Daniel Weyand
Lynn Valentine
Tim Bohrer
Bob & Laurel McDermie
Richard Weyand
Scott D.



BY THE NUMBERS

12/6/20 Online Views

79

12/13/20 Online views

64

Required total receipts weekly.....**\$8,215.67**

Gen Fund 12/6/20 \$3,405.00

Forward in Faith \$1,895.00

Surplus/Deficit - \$2,915.67

Gen Fund 12/13/20 \$4,228.00

Forward in Faith \$798.00

Surplus/Deficit - \$3,199.67

Festival \$430.00

53rd/54th week \$1,090.00

Giving Tuesday \$650.00

Unexpected Blessings \$125.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$23,632.27 (11/30/20)



Pray for Alpine members:

Pat Anderson, Linda Becker, Vince Bertolotto, Tim Beynon, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Tim & JoAnn Christiansen, Pat Christiansen, Scott Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Doris Fransen, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Jim Hill, Peggy Lillegaard, Norma Lucas, Marguerite Lusth, Valerie Miller, Ron & Jan Pauly, Marge Pearson, Steve Shoudy, JR Stropes, Melissa (Bukowski) Stucky & family, Karen Bateman Swanson, Gyla Tomlinson, Pat Turmo and Darold & Sharron Walker.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Kim Braun, Linda Carter, Linda Conness, Linda Fry, Jerome Gill, Daniel Hendrickson, Debra Johnson, Kathleen Lovins, Todd McDonald, Sharon Mund, Judy Osiwalla, Tom Rogers, Bob Schult, Jeremy Sturges, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, all those on the front line and those affected with Covid-19.



Birthday thanks came in from **Mike Bukowski**. **Norma Lucas** wishes to express her thanks for all of the kindness shown since Jack's death. **Alpine Academy** would like to thank all who contributed to the school for Giving Tuesday. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (suspended)

10:00 AM Praise Worship/ Facebook Live (in-person suspended)

*Children's Church on hiatus, monthly Grab & Go packets will be available when we return to in-person worship

Academy Chapel: 2:15 PM every Tuesday

Rejoicing Spirits: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday, via Zoom, 6:00 PM (This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.)

Our in person **Worship, Bible Studies, Women's Circles, Adult Forums & Men's Breakfasts** will be on hold during the Covid-19 Phase 4 until further notice.

Wednesday Evening Prayer meeting: Facebook Live at 7 PM



To reach Pastor Dan after office hours, you may call 815-399-5487. Please leave a message and he will respond as soon as possible.

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 Pastor Dan whenever the need arises for extra prayers you may have.

**Together we worship, together we pray,
together we love.**

December 27th—Janice Bergstrom; Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; Les & Carol Johnson; and Irene Northrup.

January 3rd—Bill & Sue Lovitt; Shirley Schou; Dorothy Rumble; and Tom & Carole Rogers.

January 10th—Craig & Barb Shelton; Marcia Olk; Bob & Carol Loucks; and Marguerite Lusth.

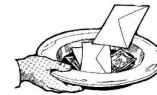


Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Drive-In Worship, 3 & 5 PM

Thursday, December 24th—Christmas Eve Facebook Live Worship and In-Person by reservation, 7 PM

Sunday, December 27th—Lessons & Carols Worship Service/Facebook Live, 10 AM

Saturday, January 2nd—Family Blessings Luminary Walk, 5-7 PM



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 2020 December 31st. (Al Geeser)



Christmas Eve Worship 3 PM, 5 PM & 7 PM

2020 has brought us many challenges and we have had to become very creative in coming up with ways to worship and remain connected to Alpine. Our **Christmas Eve Services** have been especially difficult to navigate. We have come up with 2 options for you: **#1** we will continue with a Facebook Live service at 7 PM; and **#2** a choice of 2 drive-in style services.

Join us for a **drive-in Christmas Eve worship**, Thursday, December 24th. There will be 2 worship times at 3 PM and 5 PM. This will be a bit different than the drive-in services that we have had in the past in that we will be transmitting the service with a FM transmitter. What this means is that you will stay in your vehicle, nice and warm, for the service and be able to hear everything through your radio in your car. We will even have battery operated candles for the singing of Silent Night along with a service of Holy Communion.

Join us on **Facebook Live or in person (by reservation) for a Christmas Eve worship** at 7 PM on Thursday, December 24th. We will have a service of Holy Communion along with our traditional music and message. **We will have limited seating for in-person worship by reservation only.** Please contact Lynn in the office to make a reservation. You can find us on Facebook by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. The service will be posted on our app and YouTube as well.

With the recent changes to the Covid-19 mandates, the executive committee has decided to suspended in-person worship for the next few Sundays. We know that this is hard for many of us but we need to keep all of our members and staff safe. Please be patient as we all navigate this trying time together. We will resume as soon as we are able to do so safely. Please watch your email or online on our Facebook page for any changes to our worship services.



Gifts for the Staff

The **Church Council** of Alpine Lutheran has started a collection for a **2020 Christmas gift** for our full-time staff; Pastor Dan, Lynn Valentine, Tim Babcock, 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! (Scott Dabson)



Children's Church will be on hiatus until next year. We will evaluate our safety situation as time passes and update everyone.

We hope to see you soon!

From the SCRIP Desk:

I would like to thank every one that has shopped SCRIP this holiday season. Covid definitely changed our way of shopping for gifts this year. The SCRIP family would like to wish every a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's hope next year brings us joy and more shopping! (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP

***With the ever changing mandates it is important that you receive our emails or notices on Facebook to know the most up to date information. If you would like to add your email to our list please notify Lynn in the office. You may find us on Facebook by searching Alpine Lutheran Church of Rockford. Like the page and then turn on notifications for new posts.**



In case you missed it this past Sunday, December 20th, a **Christmas Cantata, "Joy, Unspeakable Joy"** is posted on Facebook and YouTube for your enjoyment. We thank all those involved in the presentation; Richard Dowling, Sharon Walker, Jaime Doubek, Craig Shelton, Becky Toro, Allen Geeser, Scott Dabson, and Chuck & Lynn Valentine. We hope this adds a small part of "normalcy" to your Christmas.

A **2021 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle** chart will be up soon. 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. Since we are not currently worshipping in-person, you may call either Laurel, 815-980-5326, or Lynn in the office, 815-399-5013, to sign-up.



As a part of our Christmas celebration, we would like you to submit a **photo of your family** around your Christmas tree or outside decorations to be included in one of our services or devotions. Please send your photo to office@alpinelutheran.com by **Monday, December 21st**.

During our **Live Facebook** worship services, you may make **prayer requests** in the comment section. These requests will be collected and given to Pastor Dan to pray during the Prayers of the Church. We hope to get to all of the requests each service.



Alpine Academy
of Rockford
Faith • Family • Future

From Alpine Academy students, staff and families, we'd like to wish our extended Alpine Family a very Merry Christmas! We've completed the first half of our school year. Our students are hot off there latest Christmas program and we're just starting our Christmas Break.

This Christmas we are so thankful for our ability to continue with In-Person learning at Alpine Academy. We've navigated the pandemic well and our families have continued to walk alongside our staff to ensure we're following all the health guidelines. We are truly blessed to have these students, their families and our staff all here working, growing and learning together.

Our students just completed their Christmas Program which you can still find on our YouTube channel, just go to YouTube.com and search Alpine Academy of Rockford. On Christmas Day we will re-share the link to the program on both the School and Church Facebook pages. We hope that this program might bring a little extra joy to your home this Christmas.

Staff, students and families have begun their Christmas Break and will be off safely celebrating Christmas through New Years. We return to school on Jan. 4th. We appreciate your support and prayers as we return and continue to work through the pandemic. We pray for all of our Alpine Family and hope that everyone finds special ways to connect and enjoy their families in this season!

Merry Christmas

Scott Dabson
Operations Director
Alpine Academy



If you ordered a **Christmas Poinsettia** and would like to pick it up to take home, Lynn will be in the office on **Tuesday, December 29th and 30th from 10 AM—3 PM** and again on **Wednesday, December 31st until noon**. A listing of dedications can be picked up at the same times. We thank all who participated in this beautiful Poinsettia Garden.

***This will be the last Summit of 2020. The next Summit will be received on Monday, January 11th, 2021. We wish you a very blessed New Year! Let's hope 2021 will bring us back together again.**

Committee Chairpersons: Can you believe that we are nearing a new year? The 2021 Annual Meeting will be here before we know it. We need all annual reports to be sent to the office as soon as you can after the first of the year. 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 for your response in this matter. (Lynn Valentine)

The December edition of the **Living Lutheran** is now available for you to pick up. Copies will be in the box outside of door "F" or from Lynn in the office. The lead article this month, "Living in Mary's time" was written by Karoline M. Lewis. In this article she discusses how the timing of events surrounding the first Christmas story relate to our very own Christmas story now.

Keep Alpine Updated: With current HIPAA laws, the church is not informed when you are hospitalized. Please have a friend or family member notify the church directly. OSF St. Anthony's and Rockford Memorial does not call at all, Swedish American only calls when you are admitted to the hospital through your physician, not the ER. We want to keep in contact with you especially when you are in need of support.

December Needs for Carpenter's Place—Boots, vinyl gloves (waterproof), socks, hats, and bar soap/body wash. Donations can be dropped off at Carpenter's Place M-F, 9-3 PM, 1149 Railroad Ave.



Family Blessing Luminary Walk 2021



Our Alpine Family will hold a **Family Blessing Luminary Walk** on **Saturday, January 2, 2021 from 5-7 PM**. Dedicate a luminary bag in memory or honor of your loved one for a suggested \$15 donation per luminary. This is open to both church and school families. Please note who your donation should benefit on the form below. We will then put your dedication on a luminary that will be placed around the outside of the church. You may walk or drive through the parking area where we will have the luminaries set up. We are hoping to have music playing during the walk for your enjoyment. At the end of the walk, Pastor Dan will be blessing each family as we normally do the first Sunday of the year. The luminary is yours to keep and will be available to pick-up the following week.

Donor name

(Please print name)

In memory of/ In honor of (circle one)

(Please print name)

Will take _____ Cash/Check # _____

Please give my donation to the church or school.
(circle one or both to split)



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



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offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE :

***Please note: In-Person Worship is suspended until further notice. Please watch your email or look for a post on Facebook as to when in-person worship will return.**

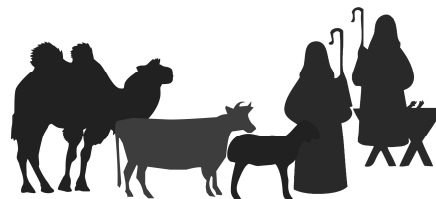
Facebook Live 10:00 AM
Sunday, December 27 , 2020
Remote Lector: Pam Lojewski
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Facebook Live 10:00 AM
Sunday, January 3, 2021

Remote Lector: Allen Neumann
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Facebook Live 10:00 AM
Sunday, January 10, 2021

Remote Lector: Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24th

3:00 PM—Drive-In Worship

5:00 PM—Drive-In Worship

**7:00 PM—Facebook Live Worship/In-Person
Worship by Reservation**