



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)

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From the Alpine Staff:

Monday, December 20, 2021

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Merry Christmas
From the staff of
Alpine Lutheran
Church & Academy

Daniel Wenzel
Lynn Valentine
Tim Babcock (Retired)
Laurel McInnis
Richard D. Dwyer
Scott D.



Thanks be unto God
for his unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

BY THE NUMBERS

12/05/21	47 + 98	145	12/12/21	32 + 56	88
12/5 Online views		6	12/12 Online views		10

Required total receipts weekly.....\$7,902.73

Gen Fund 12/05/21	\$4,273.00	Gen Fund 12/12/21	\$5,652.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,000.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,063.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,124.73	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1052.73

Unexpected Blessings.....\$635.00

Surplus/Deficit YTD..... - \$19,972.52 (11/30/21)



Pray for Alpine members:

Linda Becker, Rick Bried, Cindy Bulthaus, Chris Christiansen, Ernest & Mary DeNale, Marybeth Gillette, Louise Hemenway, Rich & Jan Hill, Norma Lucas, Valerie Miller, Velma Shoudy, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

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

All In the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Diane Billert. Norma Lucas and Irv Johnson** called in to express their thanks for the flowers they recently received.

Worship Schedule :

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (in-person)

10:00 AM Praise Worship/ YouTube-Facebook Live (in-person and online)

Children's Church will be meeting the first Sunday of the month (skipping January), monthly Grab & Go packets will also be available

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.)

Men's Bible Breakfast: Tuesdays, Sunrise Restaurant, **7:00 AM**



Please call the office at 815-399-5013 for all pastoral needs. Please leave a message and we will return your call 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 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 26th — Jan Bergstrom; Tim & JoAnn Christiansen; and Les & Carol Johnson.

January 2nd — Bill & Sue Lovitt; Shirley Schou; Dorothy Rumble; and Tom & Carol Rogers.

January 9th—Craig & Barb Shelton; Marcia Olk; and Robert & Carol Loucks.



*** Christmas Eve Worship**

Friday, December 24th

3 & 7 PM

7 PM—YouTube Live Worship

1st Sunday of Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 26th

ONE SERVICE—10 AM

Official Notice:

The congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church is hereby convened for its annual meeting to take place on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will include reports and election of members to the church council.

*** Please note that this year's Christmas Eve services at 3 & 7 PM will be identical worship services with Pastor Rick Meier presiding. We thank him for sharing God's Word.**

We thank all of those involved in our **Christmas "Cantata"** this year. A special thanks to Richard Dowling and his dedication to Alpine music ministry. If you were unable to attend a recording of the worship service with the cantata is available on our YouTube channel.

From the SCRIP Desk:

Thank you for a great holiday season of shopping with SCRIP. Remember SCRIP is available all year round so don't stop shopping SCRIP just because the holidays are almost gone. We are in need of SCRIP volunteers! SCRIP volunteers "work" one Sunday a month in between services. Please see Deb Geeser or Lynn for more information.

Past SCRIP volunteers please turn in your SCRIP file cabinet key to Deb Geeser or Lynn. (Deb Geeser)

KEEP CALM...SHOP SCRIP



Beginning Sunday, January 16th, the Christian Education Committee will offer **Children's Church** every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at our 10 AM worship. The children will be dismissed after the Prayer of the Day and return during the Song of the Day. We ask that the children wear their mask and we will observe social distancing. Share the good news with your family and friends! (Christian Education Committee)

The Church Council of Alpine Lutheran has started a collection for a **2021 Christmas gift** for our church staff. 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)

2022 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)

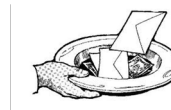


If you ordered a Christmas Poinsettia and would like to pick it up to take home, Lynn will be in the office on December 28th—30th from 10 AM—3 PM. A listing of dedications can be picked up at the same times. We thank all who participated in this beautiful Poinsettia Garden. (Altar Guild)

***This will be the last Summit of 2021. The next Summit will be received on Monday, January 10th, 2022. We wish you a very blessed New Year!**

Committee Chairpersons: Can you believe that we are nearing a new year? The **2022 Annual Meeting** will be January 30th. 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)

Please visit our new **Alpine Book Nook** in the vestibule of the church. A recent donation of a bookcase led to the reorganization of our "Alpine Free Library" table. You can leave a book, take a book, read it, and then pass it on to someone. Many thanks to Jack Phillips for his hard work organizing the area.



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 2021 December 31st. (Al Geeser)



Alpine Academy will host a **Vaccine Clinic** with IDPH on **Monday, January 4th from 1 to 6 PM**. Vaccines will be available to all those 5 years and up including boosters. To schedule an appointment visit <https://www.prism.org/alpineacademyrockford>. Walk-ins welcome.

The December edition of the **Living Lutheran** is now available for you to pick up.

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.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS:

Please be sure to notify the church office when you will be leaving and coming back from your winter get-aways. The church is charged \$.58 every time a Summit is returned for "Temporarily Away". Please provide a stop & start date so we can get you back on the list when you return. If you have a forwarding address, we can continue to send you your Summit while you are away or you can look for it online.

It is important that you receive our **emails or notices on Facebook** to know the most up to date information for Alpine Lutheran. 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.



Merry Christmas to our Alpine Lutheran Church Family from everyone at Alpine Academy! It's been an incredible year even with all the COVID protocols and rules to deal with. It's been great these past few months having our students singing during worship on Sunday's the 1st weekend each month. A joy to hear from such appreciative Congregation Members when we have students and their families join us on Sunday. What a wonderful time of year this is.

At the time you receive this we will have hosted our annual Christmas Program at the Academy and I am confident in the wonderful job students will have done. We also will have just started our Christmas Break. The time off of school is always something everyone looks forward to, but, knowing that our students are excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus with their families and hearing our youngest students say how much they look forward to sharing that story with their family makes this break so much better.

As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus birth I'd also like to take extra time to express our deepest appreciation for all that this Alpine Family has done for us at the Academy. Your ongoing support and encouragement of all the events, programs, projects, our students and our staff is nothing short of amazing. Our Academy continues to grow as a result of your support. Special thanks to those who chose Alpine Academy to donate to this Giving Tuesday. We have plans to improve our learning spaces and our curriculum and your donations will go a long way in allowing those improvements to take place.

As we celebrate Christmas and the coming of the new year I ask that you continue to pray for the Academy, it's students, staff and families. Continue to support the activities of the Academy and helping us to grow and bring more children and their families into the family of Christ.

Merry Christmas
Mr. Scott Dabson
Director
Alpine Academy

Are you a **Thrivent Financial** member? If so, did you know that you are allowed 2 Action Team cards per calendar year that can benefit projects and events at Alpine? This \$250 card provides seed money to make the event or project a success. Please see the office to be put on a list if you are a member. We can then contact you when a need arises for an Action Team card.

Carpenter's Place is in need of items for the winter season: cough drops, disposable antibacterial bathing cloths, foot powder, hand and foot warmers, hand lotion, individual packets of tissue, and lip balm. Donations may be dropped off M-TH 8:30 to 4:00 pm and Fridays 8:30 to 2:30 pm at 1149 Railroad Avenue. We thank you for your continued support.



Lutheran World Relief Gifts will be matched dollar for dollar until the full \$215,000 Christmas match amount is met. As always, any donations received after the match is met will be used to do God's work on earth and ensure that your love reaches and eases the burdens of your most vulnerable neighbors.

To donate visit www.donate.lwr.org



Family Blessing Luminary Walk 2022



Our Alpine Family will hold a **Family Blessing Luminary Walk** on **Saturday, January 1, 2022 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, 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 from the church 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



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alpinelutheran.com

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday, December 26, 2021

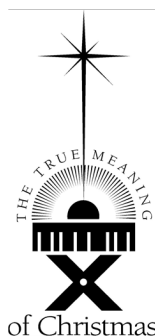
ONE SERVICE ONLY

Ushers: (10:00) John Linde, Tonya Mund

Lector: (10:00) Jari Sproule

Lay Assistant: (10:00) Mike Schultz

Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Sunday, January 2, 2022

Ushers: (8:00) Glen McDonald, Kathy Mund
(10:00) DiAnne Beynon, John Gustafson

Lector: (8:00) Carla Phillips
(10:00) Dick Nelson

Lay Assistant: (8:00) David DeNale
(10:00) Dick Nelson

Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

