



### **Advent Craft Night**

**Wednesday, December 7, 5:30-7:30 pm**

**Dinner at 5:30 in Alpine Fellowship Hall**

Begin your preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at our annual Advent Craft Night. Lots of free crafts, a coloring station and fun! Bring your family, invite your friends, stop in for a short time or spend time creating small treasures. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, with the Advent crafts immediately following in Great Hall. Please RSVP for the dinner to the church office, 815-399-5910.

### **Christmas Cookie Walk**

**Saturday, December 10**

**10:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Alpine Center Dining Room**

**Numbers will be given out starting at 9:30**

All proceeds go to missions. Stop in on Dec. 10 and pick up a box of homemade Christmas cookies. Cost is \$15 per box.

### **Lessons and Carols**

**"Born to Show His Love for Me"**

**Sunday, December 11 at the 9:30 service  
in the Our Master's Sanctuary**

We will be celebrating the incarnate Christ in a service of scriptures, carols, choral and special music that will remind us again that Jesus was born to show his love for us!

**"Emmanuel, God-With-Us"**

**Sunday, December 18  
at the 9:30 and 11:00 services  
in the Alpine Sanctuary**

Ignite your Christmas Spirit through a joyous program of music celebrating the birth of Christ. Music presented by the Wesley Ringers handbell choir, Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Noise Children's Choir, Praise Team, and the Hands of Christ Puppet Ministry Team. Everyone is invited.

### **Blue Christmas**

**Monday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Alpine Center Sanctuary**

This service will be for anyone grieving any kind of loss in life: divorce, loss of job, or any other type of loss, as well as the loss of a loved one. Rev. Scott Himel will give the message. Plan to be here for this comforting service of remembrance and hope.

## *Christmas Eve Services*

**Noon**

### **Traditional Service-Alpine Center**

This is an intimate, traditional service for those who don't like driving at night or who have travel plans for later in the day on Christmas Eve. This will be a candlelight service and communion will be celebrated.

**Nursery for preschool age and under.**

**4:00 p.m.**

### **Family Service—Alpine Center**

This child-friendly family service will speak to all ages as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through word and song in a Children's Christmas pageant. All children are invited to participate as either sheep, angels or shepherds. Special music will be presented by the Joyful Noise and Praise Kids Children's Choirs. Rehearsal for the Christmas pageant is Wednesday, Dec. 21, 5:00-6:00 pm.

**Nursery for preschool age and under.**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **Candlelight Service—Alpine Center**

All are welcome to join us in the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. Traditional carols will be sung and there will be special music.

**Nursery for preschool age and under.**

**10:30 p.m.**

**Alpine Center**

**Special Music and**

### **Candlelight Communion Service**

All are welcome to join us in the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service. Our Sanctuary Choir and others will share their musical gifts as we celebrate the birth of Christ.






**One Church: Two Centers for  
Worship and Ministry**

**Alpine Center  
4509 Highcrest Road  
Rockford, IL 61107  
815-399-5910**

**Our Master's Center  
5973 Darlene Drive  
Rockford, IL 61109  
815-399-5910**

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## December, 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>4</b> <b>Sunday Service Times:</b> <b>Alpine Center:</b> <b>8:00, 9:30,</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Our Master's Center:</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Church Conference</b> <b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Advent Craft Night</b> <b>for families</b> <b>5:30-7:30 pm</b> <b>Alpine Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b>Cookie Walk</b> <b>10:00 am—1:00 pm,</b> <b>Alpine</b> <b>Dining Room</b> 
<b>11</b> <b>Lessons and Carols</b> <b>Service</b> <b>"Born to Show His</b> <b>Love For Me"</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>Our Master's Center</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Christmas Gift</b> <b>Wrapping, 4:30 pm,</b> <b>Alpine Fellowship Hall</b> 	<b>13</b> <b>Christmas Gift</b> <b>Wrapping, 9:00 am,</b> <b>Alpine Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Senior Fellowship</b> <b>Christmas Party,</b> <b>Noon,</b> <b>Alpine Dining Room</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Emmanuel,</b> <b>God-with-us</b> <b>Christmas Cantata</b> <b>9:30 and 11:00</b> <b>Services</b> <b>Alpine Center</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Blue Christmas Service</b> <b>A Service of</b> <b>Remembrance</b> <b>and Hope</b> <b>630 pm, Alpine Center</b> <b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Church buildings</b> <b>and office closed</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Services:</b> <b>Alpine Center:</b> <b>Noon</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>10:30 pm</b>
 <b>25</b> <b>Alpine Center:</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>No service at</b> <b>Our Master's Center</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Office open</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>until noon to</b> <b>accept 2016</b> <b>contributions</b>	<b>31 Jan. 1</b>  <b>Alpine Center:</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>No service at</b> <b>Our Master's Center</b>
<b>Church buildings and office closed</b>						

### Worship on December 25 and on January 1 One Service: Alpine Center: 9:30 a.m. No service at Our Master's Center

**On December 25**, worship will consist of Christmas hymns, a blessing of the children's toys (children: bring your special gifts!), and a reading from Pastor Scott of a Christmas story-book. All children and adults are welcome to attend worship in their PJs. This is a great service for the entire family. **On January 1**, the service will be a Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service and will include communion. All who attend will spend time reconnecting to God through their faith. This will be a New Year's resolution that is meaningful—a resolution to renew our covenant relationship with God, through Christ, by the Holy Spirit. Join us and start the year off right. **One service only at Alpine Center—no service at Our Master's Center.**

### The church buildings and office will be closed December 23—January 2

The office will **reopen on Tuesday, January 3**, at 8:30 a.m. In an emergency, call the church number, 815-399-5910. You will be directed to an emergency contact. Some staff will be checking messages during the week. A pastor will be available in an emergency.

**Note:** The office will be open on **Friday, Dec 30**, from 9:00 am—noon, to accept contributions to the church to be credited to 2016.