



From the Pastor's desk:

Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Traditional
10:00 AM Praise Worship
with Children's Church
10:00 AM YouTube Live

Church Office Hours
Mon.—Thurs.
8:30 AM—4:30 PM
(@ Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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Monday, June 23, 2025

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"Thank You"

Many thanks to all of you who made my birthday so special. I am grateful that we were able to celebrate together last Sunday and also for the cards received at church and at home.

Alpine members are exceptional at sharing in each other's lives. Not only the milestones like birthdays and anniversaries, but the expected and unexpected highlights and challenges that come our way. Celebrations are sweeter and suffering is more bearable when shared with friends who also share faith and history. Our stories are interwoven, and all knit together as part of God's salvation story.

Last Sunday was both Holy Trinity Sunday and Father's Day. We are family members through birth, adoption, and choice. And we are members of God's family by being made in God's image, claimed as God's own, and receiving that status in faith. To know God as Father and Jesus as Lord indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. Thank you again for being family together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

5/25/25 27 + 40 67	6/1/25 43 + 35 78	6/8/25 37 + 41 78	6/15/25 33 + 52 85
Online Views 19	Online Views 14	Online Views 16	No Streaming

Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29

Gen Fund 5/25/25 \$3,340.01	Gen Fund 6/1/25 \$6,806.00	Gen Fund 6/8/25 \$2,751.00	Gen Fund 6/15/25 \$2,735.00
Forward in Faith \$625.00	Forward in Faith \$1,470.00	Forward in Faith \$970.00	Forward in Faith \$540.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$4,289.01	Surplus/Deficit -\$3.29	Surplus/Deficit -\$4,538.29	Surplus/Deficit -\$4,889.29

Unexpected Blessings.....\$65.00

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



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Roger Bastian, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, Nancy Lorenzen, John McCue, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Joslyn Rivera, JR Stropes, Jeanne Tengren, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Angela Boogard, Kim Braun, Pauline Cultra, Carol Earnerst, Cornelia Foley, Daniel Hendrickson, Darlene Johnson, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Judy Osiwalla, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Penny Wendling, Ali Younglove, the recent earthquake victims, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Carol Johnson, Terry Hodges, Lori Abbott, and Margo Grigalonas. The family of Jan Hill** expressed their thanks for all of the cards and kindness shown them after Jan's passing. **Carol Johnson** also sends her thanks for the altar flowers she received. We share our love and sympathies with the **Hodges family**. Pam's sister died. **Shirley Finger** would like to thank all her Alpine Friends for their cards and prayers. She would also like to welcome visitors. Please contact Steve for details, please call the office for his number.

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 until the end of May, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, between worship services (on hiatus until Fall)
- **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:** On hiatus until further notice.



Pastoral Needs: 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 on that day or when he is not in 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.**

June 29th — Bonnie Barton; Jan Bergstrom, Richard Ewert; and Bob & Laurel McVinnie.

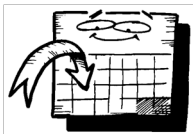
July 6th — Jeff, Jaime, Zada & Zed Doubek; Ed & Nancy Lorenzen; Barbara McCallum; and Pr. Don & Joy Wink.

Sunday, June 29, 2025—5th Sunday
ONE SERVICE

Ushers: Jim Burnett, Karl Okeson
Ambassadors: Pam & Terry Hodges
Lector: Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Ushers: (8) Gene Seefeldt, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson (10) Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Gwyn Brechtel (10) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8) Davis DeNale (10) Terry Hodges
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

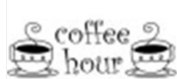


Please mark your Calendars! Sunday, June 29th is a 5th Sunday. As we have been doing, we will have **one service at 10 AM** and join together in worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We hope this time is a way to bring both service groups together in worship and fellowship.

Inviting others to join us in worship is a great way to share God's love. Alpine's mission. **Pastor Josh Ebener**, Director of Evangelical Mission in the Northern Illinois Synod, has written a **reflection on "inviting"**. You may read this reflection by visiting the Northern IL Synod website at nisynod.org/news/growing-disciples-reflect-on-inviting.

The McCue Family is planning a sale in August to clean out John's house. They have asked if we have anyone willing to help them go through items and price them for the sale. They would also like help during the sale August 8th & 9th from 9-4 PM. If you are able to assist them, please contact Diane at 815-543-2287.

The time is now! Our list of volunteers for our worship services has been slowly depleting especially when it comes time for our "snow birds" to fly south. Have you ever thought of helping during our services; ushering, greeting, reading or lay assisting? Our current schedule goes through the summer but now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity.



Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.

Thought for the week:

Faith does not eliminate questions.
But faith knows where to take them.
-Elizabeth Elliot



July Katie's Cup Book Club selection: "The Phantom Toll-booth" by Norton Juster. We'll discuss the book on Thursday, July 10th, 10 am, at the coffee bar. "A classic...Humorous, full of warmth and invention." The New Yorker We are pleased to bring this event to Katie's Cup each month (since 2013!) and look forward each time to excellent, thoughtful discussions!

Cleaning out your storage area? **Think Thrift Store!** As you freshen up your home, why not make a difference, too? Your gently used clothing, furniture and household items can find new life through Thrift Store—and every donation supports the life-changing work of **Rockford Rescue Mission**.

Carpenter's Place June Needs: Deodorant for men and women, men's boxers (sizes L and XL), disposable plates, 8oz disposable coffee cups, coffee, and creamer. For a complete list of current please visit our wish list on Amazon: <https://a.co/f0yhWao>

The **Alpine Scholarship Committee** is collecting scholarship applications. Applications can be found on the counter in the coatroom or from Lynn in the office. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to our students. Please turn them in to the church office. (Gary Hunt)



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.

We thank all our teachers who have volunteered to teach Children's Church this year.

Sunday, May 25th was the last meeting until the fall. If there happens to be a large number of kids at a service during the summer, Mari Hanson has offered to teach if she is available.

Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.


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

Call Committee Update:

Your call committee continues to meet regularly to touch base with each other and to do the work you entrusted to us. We reviewed our Ministry Site Profile, we decided on specific questions we want to ask and how interviews might go. We work within the guidelines provided by the ELCA and the Northern Illinois Synod.

At this point, we have met with a couple candidates who are not the right leader for Alpine at this time. Arrangements have been made to meet with others. We are being particular, giving thoughtful consideration to each. We want to identify the ministry and leadership qualifications needed to take our church into the future. We believe God has good things in store for us.

Pam Lojewski is in regular contact with Pastor Jen Beamsley, with regard to candidates and the call process, and she attends monthly Zoom meetings with other Northern IL congregations in the process. One of those congregations spoke of a petition in the weekly prayers, highlighting the call committee, congregation and possible candidates. We will ask Pastor Don to do this for Alpine.

We appreciate your patience and your respect of this process. It is hard not to share every step with you, but that is not helpful nor is it the best way of doing things--for those in the midst of it. We will update you as we can, when we can. Thank you for trusting us. And, please continue to ask for the Holy Spirit's guiding in this place, in this time, for all of us--God's people at Alpine Lutheran now and into the future.