



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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Welcome Richard Popp

Alpine is pleased to welcome Richard Popp as our Director of Music. Richard's official first day was July 1st, although he has served as a substitute music leader (and been very well-received) during our search process. He brings many gifts to Alpine and we are ready to move into our new program year under his musical leadership.

Richard has bachelor's and master's degrees in history and worked for some years as an archivist. In 2005 he and his wife, Wendy, purchased a Carnegie Library building in Chillicothe, Illinois, near Peoria, where they ran a used bookstore.

Richard studied piano from age 6 through high school. He had one semester of organ lessons in college. He filled in at various churches through the years, and then in 2007 was hired to play organ and piano at Grace and Peace Lutheran Church in Peoria. He directed the adult choir and hand chime choir there starting in 2014. In 2022 he moved to Rockford, and served as pianist and music coordinator at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for 2 years. He currently accompanies the Bards of the Willows Choir at Wesley Willows, which has concerts for residents each Christmas and Easter, and also accompanies A Classic Chorale, which gives concerts at retirement centers and other locations throughout the Rockford area during the fall and spring.

Richard's wife, Wendy, is the Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rockford, and also serves as part-time Chaplain at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center.

BY THE NUMBERS

6/22/25 25 + 46 71
Online Views 10

6/29/25 One Service 68
Online Views 16

7/6/25 35 + 51 86
Online Views 5

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

Gen Fund 6/22/25 \$1,123.26
Forward in Faith \$530.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$6,155.03

Gen Fund 6/29/25 \$4,151.00
Forward in Faith \$1,095.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$3033.29

Gen Fund 7/6/25 \$6,264.00
Forward in Faith \$1,910.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$105.29

Unexpected Blessings.....\$196.00

53/54 Week.....\$275.00



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, 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 Texas flood victims & their families and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Jack Phillips, Gwyn Brechtel** and **Margo Grigalonas**. **Pam Hodges and family** send their thanks for all the expressions of love and sympathy and cards on Penny's passing. We thank God that we had her 7 ½ years longer than we expected after her pancreatic cancer diagnosis. We share our love and sympathies with **Steven Finger and family**. Shirley died June 22nd, her service was July 3rd at Alpine. Our prayers and sympathies go out to **Carla Phillips** whose sister died recently.

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.**

July 13th — Tim & DiAnne Beynon; Jim & Denise Burnett; Jame & Noreen Christiansen; David & Cathy Carter-Cyrs; and Rolly Greenland.

July 20th — Dave & Laura DeNale; Diane Billert; and Kathy Cordonnier.

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Deb Okeson (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Bob & Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Ushers: (8) Jack Phillips, Mike Schultz (10) Jody Dabson, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Volunteers
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Scott Dabson
Lay Assistant: (8) Nancy Matthews (10) Scott Dabson
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



We look forward to our annual **AlpineFest, Sunday, August 24th, 1-5 PM**. Every year, we have been adding to this event to make it better than the year before. We have many areas to volunteer. We will have kids' activities, a train, car show, bouncy house, food, bake sale and of course lots of music. We will also have several organizations and/or vendors that will participate with tables of information or items for sale. Don't forget to share this event with others outside of Alpine. We hope to make this year's AlpineFest the best ever for both our members and our community! (Outreach Committee)

Alpine is grateful for our substitute musicians for the past 10+ months. Most of their coverage was on Sundays, but they also led music for Christmas Eve and Holy Week. Linda Longardner, Sarah Flygare, Pauline Cultra, Carol Ostrom, Mark Calvert, and Sharon Hall, thank you! Many thanks to the search team who interviewed musician candidates and made the recommendation to hire Richard Popp. They are: Gwyn Brechtel (chair), Jaime Doubek, Nancy Matthews, Cary Ralston, Bob McVinnie and Lynn Valentine.

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.



We celebrate with member, **June Tongue**, who turned **100 years** young this July 9th. We wish her God's blessings on many more years to come!

Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response are collecting now for the catastrophic flash floods in Sount Central Texas. As the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood, your gifts help our neighbors on their road to recovery. Please visit elca.org or lwr.org and click on the Texas flood articles. Together we can make a difference.

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 July Critical Needs: backpacks, garbage bags (33 & 55 gal.), 8 oz. disposable coffee cups, hot sauce, travel size lotion, men's disposable razors, men's deodorant, diapers (sz. 5-8), pull-ups (all sizes), mens's t-shirts, men's boxers, woman's briefs, coffee, powdered creamer, sugar, Kleenex and TP. For a complete list of current please visit our wish list on Amazon: <https://a.co/f0yhWao>

Thought for the week: "God gave you a gift o 24 hours. Will you use one minute to thank Him?"



Our Children's Church is on summer break!
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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Sun. Worship Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM



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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.