



#### 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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### *From the Pastor's desk:*

## "Both/And"

Lutheran Christianity is full of "both/and" realities. Law and Gospel. Saint and Sinner. Two Kingdoms (spiritual and worldly). Christian Freedom (totally free and totally bound). Old and New Covenants. Frameworks like these help us to hold two things in tension, and grasp more of reality than if we were to see these as forced or either/or choices.

Last Sunday's Gospel reading (Luke 10:38-42) was the story of Martha and Mary hosting Jesus in their home. You may be familiar with it. Martha (clearly the older sister!) expresses her frustration with Mary to Jesus. Martha is doing all of the work (in her mind) while Mary is sitting idly and enjoying time with Jesus. But Jesus doesn't take the "either/or" bait. He won't jump in between the sisters, he won't tell Mary to get in the kitchen, and he won't tell Martha to come out of the kitchen and join the group. He does tell Martha that Mary is making the better choice at that moment.

Jesus knows that time in his presence is at a premium, as he will soon be on his way to Jerusalem to face arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death. And he would have all of his disciples (including Martha and Mary) be with him as much as possible. They will be left to carry his movement and ministry forward after his resurrection and ascension.

This movement and ministry that is now carried forward by the church includes both "Marthas" and "Marys." We count on the Marthas within and among us to get things organized and completed. And we count on the Marys within and among us to keep us connected to Jesus. Many of us have elements of both sisters within us.

Alpine Fest is fast approaching, within four weeks as you read this article. On Sunday, August 24th, Alpine will open our indoor and outdoor spaces for music, games, cars, trains, food and more. This is our gift to our neighbors and community. The "Mary" within us sees Alpine Fest as a time to begin or deepen relationships. And the "Martha" within us sees the need for many hands to lighten the workload. Please contact Scott Dabson (815-494-3002) if you are able to help out in preparation and/or on the day of Alpine Fest. In advance, thank you for your help.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don Wink

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>7/13/25</b>	34 + 39	73	<b>7/20/25</b>	24 + 40	64
Online Views		8	Online Views		7

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

Gen Fund 7/13/25	\$3,686.00	Gen Fund 7/20/25	\$3,553.00
Forward in Faith	\$580.00	Forward in Faith	\$470.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,401.29	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,056.29
Unexpected Blessings.....\$2,537.00		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, Ali Younglove, the Texas flood victims & their families and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

### All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Deb Okeson, Pam Hodges** and **Cary Ralston**. Our prayers and sympathies go out to **Jody Dabson and her family** whose father died last week. **Bob & Bea Lundgren** expressed their thanks for the flowers they received. Our love and sympathies go out to **Richard & Wendy Popp**. Wendy's mother died this past week.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, between worship services (on hiatus until Fall)
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1<sup>st</sup> (in person) & 3<sup>rd</sup> (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.**

**Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>** — Taylor Boustead; Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson; and Megan, Merrick & Cooper Hill.

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>** — Janet Gentry; Beverly Clayton; Dan Frykman; and Charlie & Gaile Davidson.

### Sunday, August 3, 2025

Ushers: (8) Gene Seefeldt, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson

Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) DiAnne Beynon, Amanda Dabson

Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Dick Nelson

Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Dick Nelson

Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

### Sunday, August 10, 2025

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Gene Seefeldt (10) Di Anne Beynon, Bob Peterson

Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Karl Okeson (10) Pam Hodges

Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Terry Hodges

Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Terry Hodges

Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek



We look forward to our annual **AlpineFest, Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 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)

**Sunday, August 31st is a 5th Sunday.** We will join together in worship at **ONE SERVICE at 10 AM**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend at 10 AM.

**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.

A new **Those Who Serve** schedule going from September 14<sup>th</sup> through **January** will be started soon. If you are a snow Bird and know when you will be leaving, please let Lynn in the office know so that she can make the schedule as accurate as possible.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 9-4 PM. If you are able to assist them, please contact Diane at 815-543-2287.



**Have a song in your heart?** As the summer winds down, we begin thinking of the fall and restarting our choirs. Come and join us as we praise the Lord with music. We welcome new members to our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Paise Band. All are welcome to join us. Rehearsals will begin in the beginning of September.

**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](http://elca.org) or [lwr.org](http://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**.

**Rockford Rescue Mission Critical Needs:** Bus passes, backpacks, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, dish soap, plastic forks & spoons, foam cups, plates & bowls, Advil, Tylenol, Aleve, drink mixes, salad dressing, instant rice, stuffing, canned fruits & veggies, oatmeal, BBQ sauce, sour cream, and non-stick spray. Items may be dropped off weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM, 715 W State St. Monetary donations may be given via their website at [rockfordresscuemission.org](http://rockfordresscuemission.org).



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.**

### Northern IL Synod Assembly Follow-Up:

Recently, the No. IL Synod held its annual convention at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Mark & Anita Rumage graciously accepted to be the representatives for Alpine. Below you will find some questions Rev. Stacie Fidler, Bishop, has provided as a place to start conversations about the future for our ELCA congregations.

- What memories about our ministry are still part of us? What was important in those memories that we still live out today? What have we released? How was following Christ, being a disciple, part of those ministries?
- What ministries today are important to our congregation? What are the memories the next generations will look back on? How is following Christ, being a disciple, part of those ministries?
- What do you think we value as a community? How do you think that value shows up in our life together? How does it reflect Jesus?
- How do you describe our congregation to others? Does everyone around the table think that is accurate? How does it lift up being followers of Jesus over being a member of a club or another group?.

A print out of the 2025 highlights from the assembly are available on the counter in the coatroom.

Additional resources including recordings can be found at [www.nisynod.org/assembly](http://www.nisynod.org/assembly).