



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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2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held July 28–Aug. 2, 2025, at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church.

Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or by-laws.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

For more information on the assembly, please visit <https://www.elca.org/about/leadership/churchwide-assembly>

We Are Pleased to Announce the Election of the REV. YEHIEL CURRY as ELCA Presiding Bishop

Bishop Curry is currently serving as the
Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod



BY THE NUMBERS

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|----------------|---------|----|----------------|---------|----|
| 8/10/25 | 31 + 47 | 78 | 8/17/25 | 29 + 51 | 80 |
| Online Views | | 16 | Online Views | | 15 |

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

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| Gen Fund 8/10/25 | \$4,097.00 | Gen Fund 8/17/25 | \$2,983.00 |
| Forward in Faith | \$845.00 | Forward in Faith | \$735.00 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -\$3,336.49 | Surplus/Deficit | -\$4,321.29 |
| Unexpected Blessings.....\$80 | | 53/54 Week.....\$240.00 | |



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, 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, Bill LeGault, 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 **Eugene Mund**. **Glen McDonald** wishes to express his gratitude for all the visits, rides, and encouragement from his friends. **Kathy Mund** also expressed her thanks for all the help she has received, words of encouragement, and especially all the hugs she receives when she is able to be at Alpine.

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.**

Aug. 31st — Megan Brechtel; Gwyn Brechtel; Scott & Kathy Christiansen; and Sylvia Emerson.

Sept. 7th — Joni Graham; Sandy Cooley; Kelly & Hanna Denk; and Warren Burlend.

Sunday, August 31, 2025

ONE SERVICE

Ushers: (10) Wendy Barton, Karl Okeson
Ambassadors: (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Lector: (10) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (10) Bob & Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Ushers: (8) Gene Seefeldt, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson (10) Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Terry Hodges
Praise Singers: Bob McVinnie

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.

Homecoming Sunday: Join us in worship Sunday, September 14th as we begin our program year. It's a great time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. And it's a great time to invite newcomers and to widen existing networks. Know of someone you haven't seen at Alpine for a while? Why not give them a call and personally invite them for this, or any other, Sunday. We will begin (or restart) the following ministries on or shortly after September 14th: Children's Church, Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Thursday Bible and Brew, Confirmation (in collaboration with other ELCA churches), and possibly even more.

Request from the office: Often we receive checks for your giving without some pertinent information. Please include your envelope number and how the gift received should be dispersed (general giving, building fund, 53rd/54th week, etc.). This will help in recording your giving properly. Thank you.



We rejoice with **Arayah Hope Rivera** who was confirmed on Sunday, August 24th at our 10 AM worship service.

Additional Sound/video techs needed! We thank those who have served and continue to serve as our Audio/Video techs for our 8 & 10 AM worship services; Joni Graham, Dave DeNale and Morgan Dabson. We would like to train additional people (at least one per service). Joni may become a snowbird and it won't be long before Morgan will be graduating and heading off to college. If this is something you might enjoy, please contact Lynn in the office.

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? Now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity. A new **Those Who Serve schedule** going from September 14th through **January** will be started soon. If you are a snowbird 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.



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 Tuesday, September 2nd.** Bell Choir will rehearse at 6 PM and Chancel Choir at 7:15 PM.



AlpineFest 2025 is in the books! Many thanks to everyone who helped make AlpineFest 2025 a success. We enjoyed great music from several musicians, food (special thanks to all the cooks and bakers), crafts for kids, a train, a car rally, a bouncy house, vendors, and fellowship with our neighbors around us and our Alpine members. This event has become a great way to bring us all together as a community of Christ and as our mission statement says "share God's love." We look forward to next year! (Scott Dabson, Outreach Committee)

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.

*** The next Summit will be sent out in 3 weeks instead of 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.**



Our Children's Church will soon be back!

We will resume our Children's Church on Homecoming Sunday, September 14th. Please invite your kids and grand-kids to attend.

Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up until we resume.



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



Share Soap—Share Hope

“You need clean clothes to get out of the condition of homelessness.”

— Jason, Men's Crisis Guest

It's not just the gift itself, but the impact of the donation and what it means to the people your gift helps. The Rockford Rescue Mission needs over 400 bottles of laundry detergent each year to serve our guests and residents, and we want to fulfill the rest of the year's supply by collecting 160 bottles of detergent. Items may be shipped to the Mission or dropped off on weekdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 715 W. State Street

Back to School Is Upon Us!

As we begin the school year in both private and public schools, we ask for your prayers for our students and teachers. “Dearest Father in Heaven, Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this staff and student body, And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, And to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ Amen”