



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:

Thoughts on Prayer

Prayer is God's prompting us to engage in conversation. It's an invitation to a direct, unmediated interaction with our beginning and our end, our source and our life. Prayer has the power to change us, to change the world, and even to change God (see Exodus 32:11-14). There are many excellent books on prayer, none of them under my authorship. But here are some observations about my own prayer across the first 9 waking hours of this day. When we gather with other Christians, prayer is often expected. We ask each other what to bring before God, and we use our limited language to pour out our gratitude and our grief, our concerns and our willingness to help.

Any conversation can be the occasion for prayer between ourselves and God, and also with the other person or people. When I am praying during a conversation, I am frequently prompted to listen more and talk less. When I listen to that prompting, and finally do speak, it's almost always more to the point than what I had been thinking earlier. When we're connecting with the heart and mind of God in prayer, we bring more of God's heart and mind to what we're doing. Even if the next people we see are not praying with us, they benefit from the better version of who we're becoming.

Listening without first speaking to God will bring to mind what God knows we need to be involved with. Sometimes I mistake this for becoming distracted, but more often it's reorientation to where my thoughts needed to be.

When the noise and pace pick up to the point of confusion, I have a better chance of hearing and responding to God if my room/car/walk etc. is quiet. Discipleship doesn't require a playlist or a newsfeed.

Sometimes the link between prayer and change in me or in the world around me is not so immediate that I can see the connection. But I do know that the more often I pray, the more often I want to pray.

I am praying for you! Grace and Peace,

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

8/24/25 30 + 50 80	8/31/25 One Service 64	9/7/25 33 + 44 77
Online Views 8	Online Views 18	Online Views 4

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

Gen Fund 8/24/25 \$5,951.01	Gen Fund 8/31/25 \$1,866.00	Gen Fund 9/7/25 \$4,265.00
Forward in Faith \$1,175.00	Forward in Faith \$405.00	Forward in Faith \$1,570.00
Surplus/Deficit -\$713.28	Surplus/Deficit -\$5,981.29	Surplus/Deficit -\$194.29

Unexpected Blessings.....\$2,292.00 53/54 Week.....\$425.00

AlpineFest.....\$495.00



Pray for Alpine members:

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

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, 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, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthdays thanks came in from **Jan Begstrom**. Love and sympathies go out to **Carol McCracken** and her family after the death of Howard on August 13th. Our love and sympathies also go out to **Donna Brenner** and her family. Darrell died August 29th. A memorial service for Darrell will be held at Alpine Lutheran Church on Friday, October 3rd; visitation starting at 11 AM, service at 12 with a celebration luncheon following the service.

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, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on various Sundays. Please watch for announcements of dates.
- **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.**

Sept . 21st — Erika, Rowan, Peyton & Reed Hillabolt; and Elliott, Rebecca, Elizabeth & Charlotte Kalstrom.

Sept . 28th — Carol Johnson; Greg & Barb Lee; Pr. Pam Lojewski; and Donna Brenner.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson, Deb Okeson (10) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) John Fridh
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob Fanello (10) John Fridh
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

Sunday, September 28, 2025 ONE SERVICE

Ushers: Jack Phillips, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: Rivera Family
Lector: Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: David DeNale
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



Being active in church means regularly attending services and actively participating in the congregation's ministries, community events, and outreach efforts, which can deepen your faith, build relationships, provide a sense of purpose, and fulfill biblical callings to serve others and spread faith. Alpine offers many areas to be involved from committees, choirs, our praise band, and several areas of our worship experience. Become involved in Alpine!

Alpine Committee Meetings:

Christian Education/Youth—1st Sunday, 9 AM
Altar Guild—2nd Sunday, 9 AM
Worship & Music—1st Tuesday, 6 PM
In-Reach—2nd Tuesday, 5 PM
Property—2nd Thursday, 5 PM
Finance—3rd Thursday, 5PM
Church Council—4th Thursday, 6 PM

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.

Have a song in your heart? Our Choirs have resumed! Come and join us as we praise the Lord with music. We welcome new members to our Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Praise Band. All are welcome to join us. **Bell Choir** will rehearse Tuesdays at 6 PM and **Chancel Choir** Tuesdays at 7:15 PM. Our **Praise Band** will rehearse after worship, at 11:15 AM, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

***Please note, on Sunday, September 28th we will come together in worship for ONE SERVICE at 10 AM followed by a special Congregational Meet a& Greet at 11:15 AM**



It's that time of year! The annual **Alpine Chili Shoot-Out & Horse Race Game** is planned for Saturday, October 11th at 2 PM. It will be held at the Walker Workshop. The games will be first and then we will feast on the chili selections. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the narthex. This has always been an Alpine favorite. Hope to see you there! (Sharon Walker)

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.

Scholarship Thanks! Zada & Zed Doubek wish to thank the Alpine Congregation and Scholarship Committee for the scholarships they received for their college expenses for this year. They are greatly appreciated.

Rock River Valley Pantry would like to help every child start their school day off right. They are having a **Back to School Cereal Drive**. Boxes of cereal can be dropped off at all Rockford Community Bank locations and at Rock River Valley Pantry on Rockton Ave. Monetary donations can be mailed to the pantry Attn: Cereal Drive, 421 S. Rockton Ave., Rockford, 61102. Every dollar and box will make a difference to a hungry child!



Our Children's Church is back!

We have resumed our Children's Church. Please invite your kids and grandkids 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.

Call Update

Over the last year or so our Call Committee has spent time meeting with candidates and discerning the right fit for Alpine. We continue to be grateful for their ongoing work to find the best fit in a candidate for our congregation. At our last Council meeting the Call Committee provided a candidate that they unanimously agreed to recommend to Council. Our Council met with the recommended candidate and has also unanimously agreed to put forth the candidate for consideration by our full congregation.

Please join us on **August 28th for ONE SERVICE at 10:00 AM** followed by a **Meet and Greet** with the candidate at **11:15 AM**. During this Meet and Greet we will officially introduce the candidate, allow them to share about themselves and enjoy a short fellowship. Following the Meet and Greet the Alpine Council will call for a vote of the congregation on a resolution as to whether or not to Call the candidate as the next Pastor at Alpine Lutheran Church.

We want to encourage all voting members of Alpine Lutheran Church to attend this meeting, learn about the candidate and participate in the Meet and Greet. This is an exciting time for all of us and we want you and your family to join us and be a part of it.

Scott Dabson, Council President