



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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With Praise and Thanksgiving

I am grateful to God and to you, the people of Alpine, for the gift of sharing life together for the past 23 months. And it feels a little odd to be thanking you for the wonderful party that I know you have been planning (but have kept the details from me!) before it takes place. But such is the schedule of preparing a newsletter a week ahead of the time it will be read.

But thanks in advance are better than thanks unexpressed. So thank you as well for a wonderful time of celebration and surprise. I know that I leave having had my life enriched by you. And I hope that I have also been of service to you. You are in very good hands with Pastor Rachel. And she is in good hands with you.

What's next for me? I will have two months before I begin another interim appointment, this one back in the Metro Chicago Synod and a bit closer to home. In that time of waiting I will be able to worship sitting next to Joy for the first time in a long time. We're looking forward to that.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastor Don Wink

BY THE NUMBERS

10/12/25	24 + 51	75	10/19/25	41 + 51	92
Online Views		11	Online Views		7

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

Gen Fund 10/12/25	\$2775.00	Gen Fund 10/19/25	\$4,890.00
Forward in Faith	\$960.00	Forward in Faith	\$785.00
Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,269.29	Surplus/Deficit	+\$556.40

Unexpected Blessings.....\$1,599.00 53/54 Week.....\$1836.69



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, Daniel Hendrickson, Sandy Jackson, Darlene Johnson, Bill LeGault, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Bob Schult, Derek Sisson, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Ali Younglove, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Laurel McVinnie, Sue Lovitt and Marge Rakoczy. Ava Louthain** sends her thanks for the scholarship she received. God's blessings on the baptism of **Ryan Matthews**, son of Debbie & Dan Matthews.

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.**

Oct . 19th — Joan Greeny; Bobby, Michelle, Landon & Chloe Mounts; and Russ & Nancy Hornbeck.

Oct . 26th — Richard Nelson; Pam Hemenway; Jim Hill; Steve, Sue, Lucas & Ava Louthain.

Sunday, November 2, 2025—All Saints Sunday

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) Scott Dabson
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Scott Dabson
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Jody Dabson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Gene Seefeldt (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Allen & Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. We will be acknowledging all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Letters have been sent out to the families to let them know that we are remembering their loved one. We will have a time during the worship service when everyone may come forward and light a candle in remembrance of all loved ones who have passed.



Daylight Savings ends on Saturday, November 1st. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

Calling all C & E singers! Have you ever thought about participating in our **Christmas cantata**? Every year we welcome our C & E singers to participate in both our cantatas. Richard has chosen the selection for this year. We will have music books and eventually CDs to help learn the music. The choir has already started looking at the music. Please see Richard if you would like to participate.

Rock River Valley Pantry's Back to School Cereal Drive, will conclude on October 31st. We thank everyone for their participation in this collection.

Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet Collection: Recently, a volunteer from Ruthie's Kitchen & Closet spoke at our Adult Forum. With a long history at Zion Lutheran, they serve the people of the Mid-town area. Donations of supplies and money are always welcome. We have a collection box in the front vestibule. Some of their needs are: new underwear; sweatpants and hoodies; socks, shoes and boots; soaps and deodorant; and other hygiene items.

Adult Forums - We will not have an Adult Forum in November. The 3rd Sunday will be Rachel Perkins-Gama's first Sunday and there will be only one service followed by a welcome gathering. If you have any topics that you would like to see for future adult forums, please contact Lisa Slothower, 815-289-6933, or any member from the Christian Ed Committee.

Altar Guild will be collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias** beginning November 2nd. The cost will be \$15 per plant. Order envelopes will be on the kiosk in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, November 30th. (Laurel McVinnie)

On Sunday, September 28th, we came together as a congregation for a Meet & Greet with pastoral candidate Rachel Perkins-Gama. We enjoyed fellowship, a meal and got to know Rachel and her family. Following our Meet & Greet, our congregation voted to offer a Call to be pastor at Alpine Lutheran Church. Council President, Scott Dabson reached out to Rachel and shared with her the positive vote. Rachel nearly immediately accepted the Call and shared her excitement for joining us at Alpine! **Alpine is delighted to announce that we have Called Pastoral Candidate Rachel Perkins-Gama as Pastor at Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford.**

Rachel will be ordained and installed in the coming months. She will begin serving Alpine on **Sunday, November 16th, with ONE SERVICE at 10 AM** followed by a Welcome Fellowship. We will have a larger celebration following her installation.

To Our Wonderful Alpine Lutheran Church Family:

Our entire family is so very grateful for the love and support shown to us at Darrell Brenner's celebration of life service. We want to extend a huge thank you to the Bereavement Committee who provided a wonderful, welcoming luncheon for our family and friends. We are so very grateful for the love and care shown to our mother, Donna. Alpine has been mom and dad's church home since 1963, and we are forever grateful for the wonderful Christian community of support and encouragement over the years. With grateful hearts, Donna Brenner and Family

Snowbirds If you are away from your home for a period of time please let the office know a forwarding address so that you may keep up with what is happening at Alpine while you are gone. Please provide a start and stop date to keep things current. (Lynn Valentine)

Additional Sound/video techs still needed! We thank those who have served and continue to serve as our Audio/Video techs. We would like to train additional people (at least one per service). If this is something you might enjoy? Please contact Lynn in the office.



Our Children's Church is back!

We have resumed our Children's Church during the 10 AM Worship. Please invite your kids and grandkids to attend. Seasonal grab bags will continue to be available.



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New Hymns Coming in November

In November we will start introducing hymns from All Creation Sings, a supplement to the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book we use. There will be a new hymn or song each week for each service.

All Creation Sings was published by the ELCA in 2020, to support the ongoing renewal of worship as it responds to fast-paced changes in church and society. The book was somewhat overlooked because it appeared during the COVID pandemic. A few individual songs have been used in Alpine services, but we will be making an organized attempt to introduce these songs to the congregation. There are new hymns written by living composers, new words set to familiar tunes, new tunes using familiar texts, and songs being added to the Lutheran hymnal from other sources, such as "Deep River" and "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In." Some hymns are suitable for playing on organ, while others are better for use with the praise band.

A few hymn books have been purchased and are available to anyone who wants one to sing along. Those who like singing with a hymn book may like to keep one near their seat. If we need to order more, please let Lynn know. Those who would like to purchase copies should contact Lynn in the office. The purchase price is \$15.50 per book. There are enlarged print and e-book editions available as well.

Lyrics for the new songs will be included in the slides for the first service as well as for the second. Band and choir members will be learning the songs to help other congregation members. Hopefully some of these songs will become your new favorites. Remember that "Amazing Grace" was new once! And it didn't really catch on until after the words written by an Englishman in the 1700s were paired with a tune published in America in 1835.

Richard Popp, Director of Music