



# The Summit

Alpine Lutheran Church  
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## From the Council:

### 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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## Preparing to Welcome Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama and Family

It is with great joy and gratitude that we welcome Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama, her husband, Nathi, and their son, Thomas to Alpine Lutheran Church! Pastor Rachel will lead her first worship service with us on Sunday, November 16th, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter in our congregation's journey of faith and community.

As we embrace this new season, we encourage everyone in the Alpine family to take time in the coming months to get to know Pastor Rachel and her family. Whether it's sharing a conversation after worship, inviting them to join a ministry event, or simply offering a warm greeting, these small acts of fellowship will help make Alpine feel like home. Let's surround them with the same love and support that has always defined our church community.

Pastor Rachel brings with her a deep passion for ministry, a welcoming spirit, and a heart dedicated to serving others. Together, we look forward to discovering new ways to grow in faith, strengthen our relationships, and continue God's work in our congregation and community.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that Pastor Rachel's Ordination will take place on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church at 3 PM. We hope you'll join in celebrating this very special milestone in her ministry. We will announce the date of Pastor Rachel's Installation after she has begun with us on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Let us open our hearts and our church community to the Perkins-Gama family as we begin this new journey together in faith. Again, Pastor Rachel's first service serving worship at Alpine will be November 16<sup>th</sup> with one service at 10 AM.

## BY THE NUMBERS

<b>10/26/25—One Service</b>	92	<b>11/3/25</b>	32 + 44	76
Online Views	9	Online Views		8
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29				
Gen Fund 10/26/25	\$3,957.51	Gen Fund 11/3/25	\$6,763.00	
Forward in Faith	\$1,357.50	Forward in Faith	\$2,985.00	
Surplus/Deficit	+\$418.72	Surplus/Deficit	+\$3,968.71	
Unexpected Blessings.....\$1,883.00	53/54 Week.....\$2,770.00		Festival.....\$210.00	



### 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, 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 **Violet Peterson, Sharon Walker and Kathy Mund**. **Kathy Mund** also wishes to thank everyone for the words of encouragement she has received from her Alpine family in recent weeks. Our love and sympathies are shared with **Wendy Barton** and family. Dick passed away suddenly October 31<sup>st</sup>.



### Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
  - 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
  - 10:00 AM Praise Worship & Children's Church/ 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 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:** Until Pastor Rachel begins, all pastoral needs should go through the church office. Please call Lynn and she will make sure someone responds to your need.

**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.**

**Nov . 16<sup>th</sup> —** Marcia Olk; Al, Sarah, Matt, & Alexis Neumann; and Pat Turmo.

**Nov . 23<sup>rd</sup> —** Ginny Johnson; Bob & Bea Lundgren; and Mark & Anita Rumage.

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**

**One Service, 10AM**

Ushers: Karl Okeson, Randy Teske  
Ambassadors: Carol Johnson, Bob Peterson  
Lector: Randy Teske  
Lay Assistant: David DeNale  
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

Ushers: (8) Jack Phillips, Gene Seefeldt (10) Mari Hanson, Marge Rakoczy  
Ambassadors: (8) Karl & Deb Okeson (10) Scott & Jody Dabson  
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh  
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh  
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**Alpine is delighted to announce that we have Called Pastoral Candidate Rachel Perkins-Gama as Pastor at Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford.** She will begin serving Alpine on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, with ONE SERVICE at 10 AM followed by a Welcome Coffee Hour. We will have a larger celebration following her installation. Rachel will be ordained at **Zion Lutheran on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM** in the afternoon. Her installation will follow within the next month.



On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, **All Saints Sunday**, we acknowledged all those saints who have gone before us in the past year. Those saints recognized were: **Nancy (Nan) Strom, Les Johnson, John Linde, Rhonda Pottinger, Carl Stohle, Shirley Finger, Jan Hill, Howard McCracken, Darrell Brenner, and Dick Barton.**

**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. Our Christmas Cantata this year is "Images of Adoration". We have music books and CDs to help learn the music. The choir has already started looking at the music. We invite you to come to practice. Please see Richard if you would like to participate.

**Adult Forums** - We will not have an Adult Forum in November. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost will be \$15 per plant. Order envelopes will be on the kiosk in the narthex and will be collected until Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. (Laurel McVinnie)

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Worship & Music Committee has chosen our **Advent devotional** for this year; "**Our Dear Christ Enters In**" by Jane Wilke. "In these devotions ... we will see that what sets a home apart is placing Christ at the center, because true blessing comes to every home where Christ has entered and is centered." The books will be available by Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Alpine will have a **Thanksgiving worship** service on **Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**. We are hoping that this time will allow for those who work as well as those who don't want to drive in the dark. Come and give thanks to God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to attend as well.



**PIE! Who doesn't love pie?** Ever feel so full after your thanksgiving meal that there is no room of pie? Alpine has the solution. We will have a **Pie Fellowship** following the worship service on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. **Anyone willing to donate pies to this special coffee hour can drop them off Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning of that week.**

**Stewardship Special Collection:** On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> we welcome our new pastor to Alpine. The following Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Stewardship Committee has planned a **New Beginnings Stewardship Collection**. This will be over and above your normal giving. We ask that you note the special collection on your check so that it may be counted correctly. (Jack Phillips)

Altar Guild will put up the **Mitten Tree** early in hopes to donate all the items collected before Christmas. If you are out doing some early Christmas shopping keep donations of mittens, hats and scarves in mind. (Laurel McVinnie)

We have begun using a few songs from the hymnal "**All Creation Sings**" at both of our worship services. We have some copies available in memorial Lounge for your use. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please contact the office.

A restaurant **gift card** was found on the floor in the memorial lounge. Please see Lynn in the office if it is yours.



**Our Children's Church**

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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**8:00 & 10:00 AM**



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

**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.

**Lutheran burial plots available:** We were recently contacted by Lisa Fowler who has 4 burial plots for sale. They are in the Lutheran section at Sunset Memorial Gardens. If you are interested in learning more about them, please contact her at 951-692-2250.

Are you interested in purchasing **SCRIP gift cards** for your holiday giving? We will be taking through December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to place 2 orders during that time. An order form is on the welcome kiosk in the narthex. A percentage of each card sold will go to support Alpine's ministries.

**Thankful Thoughts** As a new month begins, you may feel pulled in a dozen directions. But what if this Monday became a reset? Not just for your tasks, but for your heart. Scripture tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. Not because everything is easy, but because God is always present. Gratitude isn't just a response. It's a rhythm that realigns us with truth: God is good. God is near. God is not done. So take a breath. Count even the smallest gifts. And let thanksgiving reset your soul. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5:18

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