



# 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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Greetings to you, Alpine Lutheran Church!

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

I am thrilled to be with you all serving as your Pastor. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and hearing all the stories that you have to tell, stories about your lives and stories about your time here at Alpine. I am thinking creatively about ways that I can get to know you all in the beginning months. I welcome you to come by the office for a chat or give me a call! I will be setting up visitation times soon so please stay tuned.

I will be in the office with open office hours Tuesday through Thursday from 10am until 3pm. You are welcome during these times. I will be in the office on Fridays for closed office hours and utilizing that time for sermon preparation and other work needs. I can be available by appointment as well! Every week I will be sharing my schedule with Lynn including what meetings I have and when. My hope is to be as transparent with my time as I can be.

Nathi and Thomas and I are excited to join this community! Thank you for welcoming us! We continue to trust in where God is calling us and leading us! Thanks be to God!

Respectfully,

Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

## BY THE NUMBERS

<b>11/9/25</b>	<b>22 +43</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>11/16/25 One Service</b>	<b>80</b>
Online Views		13	Online Views	20
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,279.29				
Gen Fund 11/9/25	\$3,579.00		Gen Fund 11/16/25	\$2,288.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,320.00		Forward in Faith	\$1,230.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,820.29		Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,218.71
Unexpected Blessings.....\$295	53/54 Week.....\$3,302		Festival.....\$50	New Beginnings.....\$3,315



### 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, 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 Tenant, Ali Younglove, and all those in Ukraine & Israel-Gaza.

### All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Pam Hemenway**. **Wendy Barton** wishes to thank her Alpine family for all of the love and support shown after Dick's death. **Chuck Valentine** sends his thanks for the card and prayers during his recent hospital stay. Our love and sympathies go out to the family of **Jeanne Tengren** who died November 20<sup>th</sup>, arrangements are pending.



### 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



**Pastoral Needs:** Pastor Rachel will be off on Mondays and in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. She will also be available by appointment on Fridays. All other times, please contact the office, 815-399-5013.

**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 . 30<sup>th</sup>** — Ron & Jean Johnson; Shawn & Judy Lee; and Rhonda Paravala.

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** — Deb & Ryan Matthews; and Jack & Carla Phillips.

**Sunday, November 30, 2025—5th Sunday  
One Service, 10AM**

Ushers: Scott Dabson, Marge Rakoczy  
Ambassadors: Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson  
Lector: Lisa Slothower  
Lay Assistant: Dick Nelson  
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Andrea Tack (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson  
Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) Rivera Family  
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson  
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob & Lori Fanello (10) Bob & Violet Peterson  
Praise Singer: Bob McVinne



Alpine will have a **Thanksgiving worship** service this **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.**

**Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>** will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday with **ONE SERVICE at 10 AM**. We have had several Sundays where we have come together to worship as one in celebration of many events recently. We still have a few more planned, Pastor Rachel's installation, the first Sunday of Christmas, and our Annual Meeting Sunday. Please know that we will be returning to our regular service times soon.

**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 on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM. Please see Richard for music and a CD if you would like to participate.



The Altar Guild is collecting orders for the **Christmas Poinsettias** beginning through Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$15 per plant. Order envelopes are on the kiosk in the narthex. (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.

On Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Advent season begins. 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." Devotionals are available in the Memorial Lounge.

**Stewardship Special Collection:** Recently you received a letter and envelope from our Stewardship Committee for the **New Beginnings Stewardship Collection**. This collection is over and above your normal giving. We ask that you use the envelope or note the special collection on your check so that it may be counted correctly. We will continue to collect any donations to this fund into next year. Stewardship will be sending out 2026 pledge cards after Christmas. (Jack Phillips)



Altar Guild has 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. This year they will be donating them to 2 needy schools in our area. (Laurel McVinnie)

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.

**Adult Forums** - Please watch for the next announcement of an Adult forum after Christmas. 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.



**Children's Church**

We will take a break from our Children's Church schedule for the holiday season. We will not meet from December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Seasonal grab bags will continue to be available to take home.



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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.**



The **Rock River Valley Food Pantry** is collecting non-perishable food items for the holidays. A barrel is in the vestibule by the front door. Collection will continue through December 14<sup>th</sup>.



The **Katie's Cup Book Club** takes a break in December! We'll re-convene on Thursday, January 8, 10 am, at the coffee bar, when we'll discuss "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. We hope to see you then!

**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.