



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship
***9:00 AM Summer**
Blended Worship
 9:00 AM YouTube Live

Church Office Hours
 Mon.—Thurs.
 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
 (@ Lunch 12:30—1:30 PM)

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Monday, June 8, 2026

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From the Pastor's desk:

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

Alpine community, greetings in this wonderful summer season!

As we start the summer months, we welcome new ideas and a few new changes. Council has decided to go to one service through the summer months. We will gather together at 9am. Starting again in September, we will return to two services. This decision came out of the conversation that we had with Pastor Josh Ebner from the Northern Illinois Synod in January. While Pastor Josh was here, the conversation around one service or two was highly talked about. Our congregation was pretty evenly split on what direction to go. I hope that doing one service through the summer will give us a better idea on what the wants and needs of our congregation are. We will continue this conversation through the rest of the year.

On June 28th, we will be having another congregational conversation. We are committed to having these ongoing conversations so that we can stay connected and continue to make space for sharing ideas as well as concerns. Our first conversation was well attended and we had an opportunity to share ideas with our tables and put them to paper. We will bring these papers back up and use them as guides for our ongoing conversations. If you are able, please make sure you stay around for this next conversation. Since we will have one worship service, this conversation will take place after worship in the fellowship hall.

In July, Scott and I are planning to host a community picnic/ice cream social. This will be an event open to the whole community. Our hope is that we will be able to meet some of our neighbors and expand our loving and welcoming presence to those we have not met yet.

Alpine Fest will be here before we know it! If you are interested in helping plan and volunteer at this event, please reach out to me or Scott.

I know that change can be difficult. I want to express my gratitude to the community of Alpine for being open to the changes that I am bringing, both big and small. Even if we know that change is important and unavoidable, it is still difficult. God will continue to lead and guide us through this season and we remain confident and hopeful in the promise of the beloved community.

Peace,
 Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

5/24/26	22 + 47	69	5/31/26 5th Sunday	70
Online Views		13	Online Views	27
Required total receipts weekly.....\$8,680.60				
Gen Fund 5/24/26	\$9,666.01		Gen Fund 5/31/26	\$1,241.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,610.00		Forward in Faith	\$490.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$2,686.41		Surplus/Deficit	- \$6,903.60
Unexpected Blessings.....\$46			53/54 Week.....\$91	



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Don Gugliemetti, Pam Hodges, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Kathy Mund, Ramijio Rivera, JR Stropes, and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, Brynn Ballard, Kim Braun, Blake Dummer, Daniel Hendrickson, Sandy Jackson, Darlene Johnson, Bill LeGault, Serenity Messenger, Danny Moorhouse, Michael Moorhouse, Peggy Moorhouse, Rev. Willard Olson, Bob Schult, Bob Swenson, Don Tennant, Ali Younglove, and all those in the middle of various conflicts of war.



All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Carol Johnson. Mari Hason** wishes to express her thanks for the altar flowers she recently received.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
*9:00 AM Summer Blended Worship
9:00 AM YouTube-Facebook Live
- **Children's Church** will meet at the 10 AM worship during the service through 5/31, summer Grab & Go packets will be available for pick-up.
- **Adult Forums** will be on pause. Please watch your Summit for announcements of future dates.
- **Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st Thursday, 6:00 PM** This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.
- **Tuesday Bible Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Tuesdays, Stockholm Inn 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 on-going 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.**

June 14th— Kathy Christiansen; Kelly & Hanna Denk; Jan Galster; and Ron & Jean Johnson.

June 21st — Elliott, Rebecca, Elizabeth & Charlie Kallstrom; and Glen McDonald, Kathy & Eugene Mund.

Sunday, June 14, 2026

***One Service—9AM**

Ushers: DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: Amanda Dabson
Lector: Jaime Doubek
Lay Assistant: Volunteer
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, June 21, 2026

***One Service—9 AM**

Ushers: Karl Okeson, Jim Burnett
Ambassadors: Mike Schults, Gene Seefeldt
Lector: Pam Lojewski
Lay Assistant: Pam Lojewski
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



*****NEW SUMMER BLENDED WORSHIP—9 AM*****

The Council of Alpine Lutheran has voted to move forward with one summer worship service at 9 AM. We will hold a blended worship service, including music from both traditional hymns and praise songs, during the summer months. We will start Sunday, June 14th and resume our 2 services on Sunday, September 6th.

New Calendar: Included in this Summit is a new June calendar with the new Summer Worship times. (*please note the birth-days are not on the back)

Spring Cleaning? Think Thrift Store! As you freshen up your home this spring, why not make a difference, too? Your gently used clothing, furniture and household items can find new life through **Thrift Store**—and every donation supports the life-changing work of **Rockford Rescue Mission**.

Music Director Search Update: We continue our search for a new music director for Alpine's music ministry. We have had some interest and are hopeful God will provide us with the one we are looking for soon. We thank the musicians who have and continue to play for our worship services when available.

2026 Altar Flower and Eternal Candle there are still some openings for dedications on both our flower and eternal candle charts. Remember loved ones passed or celebrate a special event. Each sponsorship helps to defray the cost of our flowers every year and we thank everyone for contributing to this ministry. (Altar Guild)

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Clean-up is appreciated. Thank you.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: Graduation time is here. As you make your plan to celebrate your graduation don't forget to please contact the church office so we may join in your celebration by acknowledging you in the Summit. Lynn will continue to collect names and information and include them in the next Summit. (Lynn Valentine)

An email was sent out to all **Those Who Serve** with changes that reflect the new Summer Worship at 9 AM. Please check your email for who is serving. The next TWS Schedule is being worked on and should be out soon. (Lynn Valentine)

The **ELCA Foundation's 2025 Annual Report** is now available on the home page of foundation.elca.org. This report highlights the impact they are able to make with the contributions from its donors and investors. "In 2025, the Foundation distributed \$71.6 million to support ELCA ministries serving communities around the world, bringing the vision of our donors to life through the work of the church they generously sustain." To learn more visit foundation.elca.org.

Alpine Serving Others: Alpine's In-Reach Committee continues the section on our bulletin board case called Alpine Serving Others. They would like to post pictures of members serving in our community outside of Alpine. Do you volunteer somewhere? Please contact a member of the In-Reach and they would be glad to meet you where you volunteer and take a photo to post on our board. (Richard Nelson/ Pam Hemenway)



We thank all our teachers who have volunteered to teach Children's Church this year.

Sunday, May 31st was the last meeting until the fall.
Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up.



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Sun. Worship Times
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Our mission statement: Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.



Community Highlight: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center
LOMC—An Outdoor Sanctuary for All – Where Faith and Nature Meet

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is a welcoming retreat and camp ministry supported by ELCA congregations in Illinois. Nestled in the heart of the Rock River Valley in Oregon, IL, our 600-acre site provides a beautiful natural setting for faith formation, adventure, and renewal.

Each summer, we offer a variety of camping experiences for children and youth, helping them grow in faith while exploring the outdoors. Throughout the year, LOMC also serves as a gathering place for people of all ages, hosting retreats, conferences, and special events in a peaceful, scenic environment.

LOMC's Mission Statement is "The purpose of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is to be the Church in outdoor settings, nurturing Christian faith and providing experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God."

To help support the mission of LOMC, please visit
lomc.org/support-lomc/#financial