



From the Pastor's desk:

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 22, 2026

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Alpine Community,

Grace and peace to you all!

Early this month I attended the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly at Augustana College.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gather together with our other congregations and ministers as well as our synod staff and Bishop. This year our synod's theme is "Going Deeper". The hope is that we, as congregations and individuals, can take a look at our faith lives and find ways to go deeper in relationship with Christ. This may be easy to some and it may be difficult to others. Some of this difficulty can come from not knowing where we are going next. Maybe we are spiritually drained. Maybe as a congregation we are feeling stagnant and don't know where and how to move forward. I have wonderful "energy audits" that I am going to introduce to us through this summer. I believe that this will give us insight on where we do and do not have the energy and what ministries have reached an end point.

I will introduce these "energy audits" at our next congregation conversation, June 28th after worship in the fellowship hall. I hope that all that are able to attend will stay for these very important conversations.

Next year's Synod Assembly will be held here in Rockford. This gives us easier availability to not only attend but to also find ways of getting involved and volunteering.

At the end of July we will host a community Ice Cream Social/Picnic in hopes of meeting some of our neighbors and deepening our connections with the community we are in.

We will go back to two services at 8am and 10am starting in September.

Peace,
Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

6/7/26	25 + 34	59	6/14/26 Summer	88
Online Views		11	Online Views	10

Required total receipts weekly.....\$6,348.62 (after loan refi)

Gen Fund 6/7/26	\$3,603.00	Gen Fund 6/14/26	\$4,312.75
Forward in Faith	\$1,180.00	Forward in Faith	\$690.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,565.62	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,145.87

Unexpected Blessings.....\$200



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, David & Marianne Hoel, 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, 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 **Margo Grigalonas**.

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 afternoons, 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 28th — Pam Hemenway; Richard Nelson; and Michael, Ashley, Ava, Maxwell & Kamryn Spohr.

July 5th — Jim & Linda Whale; Tonya Bagwell; and Terry & Pam Hodges.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

***One Service—9AM**

Ushers: Wendy Barton, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: Karl & Deb Okeson
Lector: Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: Violet &/or Bob Peterson
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, July 5, 2026

***One Service—9 AM**

Ushers: John Gustafson, Andrea Tack
Ambassadors: Pam Hodges, Sharon Walker
Lector: Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: Terry Hodges, Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



*****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.

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.

A new Summer Schedule for **Those Who Serve** has been completed and emailed out to everyone. If you need a hard copy, please see Lynn in the office. Again, we thank you for serving Alpine and encourage others to join our volunteers!



The **Rock River Valley Food Pantry** is collecting peanut butter for their annual Peanut Butter Rally. We have a collection barrel in the front vestibule or you may make a monetary donation by Karl Okeson or place it in the offering clearly marked. (Karl Okeson)

The summer edition of "**Living Lutheran**" is here! In this issue, you can read about the long history of Lutheran activism in the lead article "Publicity, boldly and honestly". There are copies on the Cares & Concern Desk. Please take one and share it with a friend.



Join us as we celebrate our 2026 Alpine Graduates!

Morgan Dabson graduated from Halem High School and will be attending the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

Peyton Hanson graduated from Penn Foster online High School. She is now in Arizona.

May God bless their future journeys!

Join us Thursday, July 9th, 10 AM, at Katie's Cup for **Katie's Choice Book Club**. This month's book for discussion is "The Guncle" by Stephen Rowley. "An all-around charmer, this book is equally humorous and heartwarming, making it the perfect beach read." - Today.com. No reservations are needed. Books are available for purchase. All are welcome to participate in the discussion.

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)

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? Our current schedule goes through the summer but now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity.



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

***Summer 9:00 AM**

8:00 & 10:00 AM

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

Community Highlight: SERRV International

Fighting global poverty through fair and ethical trade

One of the first fair trade organizations in the world, SERRV International began its mission in 1949 after World War II by helping displaced European refugees trade their handcrafts for income. Since then, we've extended our reach to countries worldwide, supporting over 7,000 artisans and farmers annually by selling their beautiful handcrafts and delicious foods.

Over the years, SERRV has worked with churches, retail stores, other groups and countless individuals to promote and sell fair trade items. As a nonprofit, SERRV also receives contributions and grants to help sustain our fair trade mission. Our 26,000-foot warehouse receives goods sent by artisans and farmers from 24 countries. Multiple catalogs are mailed out each year to current and potential customers. We package and ship as many as 500,000 handmade items and foods a year.

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