



**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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*From the Pastor's desk:*

Beloved Alpine community,

Happy July! We are now more than halfway through the 2026 calendar year and have so many wonderful things happening here and around us. I want to thank you all for your participation in the congregational conversations that we have been having. We are very excited about the ideas that you all have and where and how you feel the Holy Spirit working in this space. I want to encourage you all to keep thinking about the questions asked as well as your answers. We specifically talked about “Who we are” and “Who do we want to be” in our last conversations. These are difficult questions to ask and answer. It begs us to take an introspective look at ourselves. It invites us to be honest and creative about our relationship to one another and our broader community. These questions put us in a time of discernment. For some, this may be difficult. It may be hard to look back at the life and legacy of Alpine Lutheran Church and see how many things are no longer happening. It may be hard to look back at what was and compare to what is now. I understand. Change is hard, really hard. If I may, I would like us to try and reframe our thoughts when we feel discouraged and disappointed in the now versus what was once. I invite us to lean into the excitement of new life. Through Jesus Christ, we are welcomed into the new life and the new waters of baptism. We are made new, day after day after day. God is not done with us yet! The harvest is plentiful and we are encouraged to say “send us!” wherever it is that we are being called. May we be gracious to ourselves and one another in this time of newness and transition. Wonderful things are happening here and all around us.

One wonderful thing that is new to us is our partnership with the YMCA. After many months of conversations and meetings, we feel we have truly found a great way to connect to our greater community and serve God’s children. Alpine will be the hub spot for four schools in the immediate area for an after school program. Starting this school year, we will have children bussed to Alpine and present in our building from 2pm to 6pm Monday through Friday. The YMCA is thrilled about this partnership as well. In fact, because we are the hub spot, one school gets to offer the after school program for the first time. Cherryvalley has not been able to have an after school program for their students until now. This is incredible! This will help so many families and children in our surrounding neighborhoods. I am overjoyed at the possibilities of further relationship and connection.

There will not be any committee meetings or council meetings in July. All meetings will pick back up in August.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything happening in our community, please reach out to me. I am in the office Tuesday after the noon hour, Wednesday through Friday at 9am. You may also reach me by phone or email.

Peace, Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

**BY THE NUMBERS**

<b>6/21/26 Summer</b>	65	<b>6/28/26 Summer</b>	60
Online Views	11	Online Views	15
Required total receipts weekly.....\$6,348.62 (after loan refi)			
Gen Fund 6/21/26	\$1,474.00	Gen Fund 6/28/26	\$1,863.01
Forward in Faith	\$780.00	Forward in Faith	\$855.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,094.62	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,625.61
Unexpected Blessings.....\$5.00			



**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.



"Faith goes up the stairs that love has built and looks out the window that hope has opened."  
-Charles Spurgeon

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** — Linda Radford; and Bobby, Michelle, Landon, & Chloe Mounts.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** — Jessica Bakey, Amelia & Daxon Christy; and Harriett Brown-Stark.

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**\*One Service—9AM**

Ushers: DiAnne Beynon, Bob Fanello  
Ambassadors: Bob Peterson, Volunteer  
Lector: Violet Peterson  
Lay Assistant: Mike Schultz  
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

**\*One Service—9 AM**

Ushers: Dick Nelson, Pam Hemenway  
Ambassadors: Karl & Deb Okeson  
Lector: Dick Nelson  
Lay Assistant: Scott Dabson  
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!"  
On **Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 PM**, Alpine will host an **Ice Cream Social** for or neighbors and friends. We will be handing out flyers to our immediate neighbors. Please invite your friends to attend as well. If you can volunteer for this event, please see Pastor Rachel or Scott Dabson.

Join us Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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 home, read it, and then share it with a friend.

Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela last and entire communities have been shaken to the ground. More than 1,700 lives have been confirmed lost so far, thousands more are injured, and countless families are now without shelter, safety or access to necessities. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is already on the scene to help. Your gifts to this ministry help when these disasters strike. Please consider making a donation to the Lutheran Disaster fund by visiting [elca.org](http://elca.org), click on the giving tab and then Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support makes a difference for families facing unimaginable loss.

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! **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 first weeks of September but now is the time to think about volunteering. Please contact the church office if you feel called to serve in any capacity. (Lynn Valentine)



We look forward to our annual **AlpineFest, Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 PM**. This year, the reins have been turned over to Morgan Dabson as our coordinator of the event. Additional planning meetings will be announced. We will have many areas to volunteer. If you are a Thrivent member and can provide an Action Team card for expenses, please see Morgan Dabson or Lynn in the office. We hope to have kids' activities, a train, car show, bouncy house, food, bake sale and of course lots of music. Don't forget to share this event with others outside of Alpine. We hope to make this year's AlpineFest the best ever for both our members and our community! (Outreach Committee)

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will be going on hiatus until the fall. An announcement will be made when it starts back up.

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 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 resume our 2 services on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Save the date:** After a one-year absence, **Trivia Night** will return. **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Chili Cookoff Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and Trivia Night itself will begin at 7 p.m. This event will be a fundraiser for the ministries in the Midtown neighborhood of Rockford. Cost is \$20 per person.



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

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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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offer you on the Web!  
alpinelutheran.com

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



### Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

As the United States celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, we reflect not only on our nation's history but on the divine blessings that have shaped it.



Being active in church means regularly attending services and actively participating in the congregation's ministries, community events, and outreach efforts, which can deepen your faith, build relationships, provide a sense of purpose, and fulfill biblical callings to serve others and spread faith. Alpine offers many areas to be involved from committees, choirs, our praise band, coffee hour and several areas of our worship experience. Please contact Lynn in the office, 815-399-5013, to receive more information. Become involved in Alpine!

**Rockford Rescue Mission Urgent Needs:** Paper Towels, Dryer Sheets, Detergent, Trash Bags (55 gal.), Small Paper Clips, Toilet Paper, Foam Cups & Plates, Plastic Forks & Spoons, and Vinyl Food Service Gloves (All Sizes). All donations can be dropped off at the Rescue Mission.