



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, July 20, 2026

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From the Pastor's desk:

Community of Alpine Lutheran Church,

God's grace and peace be with you all!

I pray that you are all having a wonderful summer and finding times for respite and self care.

We are gathering together as a community on July 25th for our Ice Cream Social. We would love to see you all there! This event will be a great day for fellowship and deepening our relationships with one another!

Alpine Fest this year will be August 16th. We are thrilled to host this event again and give many thanks to all that are involved in the planning and organizing. I want to specifically thank Morgan Dabson for taking the role of lead organizer for the 2026 Alpine Fest. Morgan has been incredibly involved in all aspects of church life here at Alpine. She has dedicated hours to this community and we are so thankful for all she has done and continues to do! Thank you Morgan!

If you would like to participate and volunteer in the preparation, set up, and take down of the event, please contact Morgan or Scott. Volunteers are still needed, especially for set up and take down!

The conversations that we have been having as a congregation will continue in August. We will announce the date of our next conversation as soon as possible. We are so appreciative of the participation in each conversation we have had. Each conversation has allowed us to hear one another and make real plans on how to move in the future. We have exciting things planned for the rest of the year and we cannot wait to share what we have in mind!

We are God's beloved children and the Holy Spirit is alive with us! Let us continue to go where God calls, say yes, and have trust and hope that we are living in our promises of baptism.

Peace,
Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

7/5/26 Summer	56	7/12/26 Summer	62
Online Views	14	Online Views	9
Required total receipts weekly.....\$6,348.62 (after loan refi)			
Gen Fund 7/5/26	\$5,743.00	Gen Fund 7/12/26	\$3,909.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,290.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,025.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$1,094.38	Surplus/Deficit	- \$1,414.62
Unexpected Blessings.....\$160		53/54 Week.....\$250	



Pray for Alpine members:

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



Birthday thanks came in from **Jack Phillips and Cary Ralston.**

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.**

July 26th— Christine Morel; Gregory Wernick; Jim Stropes, Jr.; and Tim & DiAnne Beynon.

August 2nd — Jessica, Arayah, Joslyn & Remijio Rivera; Linda Becker; and Joseph & Judah Barron.

Sunday, July 26, 2026

***One Service—9AM**

Ushers: Jack Phillips, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: Pam Hodges, Carla Phillips
Lector: Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: Terry Hodges
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, August 2, 2026

***One Service—9 AM**

Ushers: John Gustafson, Randy Teske
Ambassadors: Amanda Dabson
Lector: Bob Fanello
Lay Assistant: Bob &/or Lori Fanello
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



*Please note date correction

On **Saturday, July 25th**, 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.

We have again experienced a **postal delay with our Summits** being delivered. Please know that we have taken every effort to get you your Summit before events have happened. If you are interested in receiving an email copy as well as a mailed copy, please see Lynn in the office.

Lutheran Disaster Response is often one of the first on the scene to help when disasters strike. Your gifts to this ministry help. Please consider making a donation to the Lutheran Disaster fund by visiting elca.org, click on the giving tab and then Lutheran Disaster Response. Your support makes a difference for families facing unimaginable loss.

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

Save the date: After a one-year absence, **Trivia Night** will return. **Friday, October 2nd**, 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 those who support the Kiwanis Club of Rockford. The **Alpine Kiwanis Brat Days** coupon originally for Beef-a-Roo is being honored by Tom & Jerry's Restaurants. A list of the locations is on the Cares & Concern's counter.

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 16th, 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)

In an attempt to de-clutter the Memorial Lounge, we have started using a shorter table which made us move where you can find the **quarterly devotional books**. You can now locate them on top of the bookshelf near the lounge doors. They also will still be in the narthex on the coffee table.

Join us in celebrating **Morgan Dabson's** 4+ years of service to our Audio/Visual team before she heads to University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. Morgan has also been instrumental in helping with all our summer events as well as 7 years of Academy events. She was also a part of our Hand Bell choir until her involvement with playing her trumpet for various school bands became too busy of a schedule. We thank her for her dedication to Alpine and will be having a cake in her honor on Sunday, June 26th after worship.

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 6th.



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.



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.

A blessing for travelers from Sundays and Seasons.

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.