



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, August 24, 2026

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As the summer winds down and we prepare ourselves for another school year, another season, another phase of the year, I give thanks and praise to God!

This summer we tried new things. We moved to one service at 9am and were open to the ways we would be fulfilled and challenged. We all stepped out of the comfort of our preferred worship style and embraced different music and prayers and gathering time. For the first time we got to gather all together on a regular basis and fellowship with each other for longer than we have before. As we go back to two services at 8am and 10am in September, I ask that you take time to reflect on this transition. What do you notice that you like better? What do you notice that you miss about one service? Give me all the feedback! I would love to hear your input!

September not only brings the two services back, but also the start of confirmation again! I am very excited about this year's confirmation schedule. We are joining Our Saviors again and this year, Salem will be joining us too! We have very exciting things planned for our confirmation students. If your youth are not yet involved but think they may want to be, please reach out to me!

The YMCA after-school program has officially begun! It is so wonderful to see children getting dropped off here by their buses, knowing they will have a safe and fun environment to be in until they go home. We are so thankful for this partnership and the ways the Holy Spirit is working and moving in our community.

I want to thank Morgan Dabson for taking the lead this year for Alpine Fest! It was a wonderful turn out this year and I am thankful for everyone that stepped up. I also want to thank Pam Lojewski for leading the service that morning for me!

May God's peace continue to find us all!

Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

8/2/26 Summer	65	8/9/26 Summer	64	8/16/26 Summer	60
Online Views	10	Online Views	20	Online Views	10

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

Gen Fund 8/2/26	\$7,309.87	Gen Fund 8/9/26	\$3,273.00	Gen Fund 8/16/26	\$3,943.00
Forward in Faith	\$6,138.86	Forward in Faith	\$565.00	Forward in Faith	\$1,205.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$7,195.11	Surplus/Deficit	-\$2,510.62	Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,125.62

Unexpected Blessings.....\$80

53/54 Week.....\$90



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.

All in the Family

Birthday thanks came in from **Sharon Walker** and **Eugene Mund**. Many thanks from **Ed Lorenzen** for the get well wishes following his surgery. **Carol Johnson** sends her thanks for the flowers she received. **Kathy & Eugene Mund** also expressed their thanks for the flowers and cards they received. **Pastor Rick Meier** would like to thank everyone for the birthday greetings on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Congratulations and God's blessings on two births in the Alpine Family. **Colucci Vincenzo Panzani** was born July 27th to Joe & Emily (Christiansen) Panzani. Grandparents are Tim & JoAnn Christiansen and Joe and Rhonda Paravala. **Elliahna Catherine DeNale** was born August 8th to Nicholas DeNale & Samantha Gray. Grandparents are David & Laura DeNale.

Worship Schedule :

- **Sunday Worship:**
***9:00 AM Summer Blended Worship**
 9:00 AM YouTube-Facebook Live
***8 & 10 AM services return September 6th**
- **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 (on hiatus until the fall)



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.**

August 30th— R.C., Chase, Conlan, & Bobby Pottinger; Lisa Robinson; and Mike & Loretta Schultz.

September 6th — Grant, Jessica, Jack & Stella Romine; Gyla Tomlinson; Jan Bergstrom; and Betty Davis.

Sunday, August 30, 2026

We will not have a worship service on this Sunday.
Please plan to attend our worship on Saturday, August 29th with a potluck starting at 4 PM.

*See below

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Ushers: (8) Andrea Tack, Randy Teske (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Saron Walker (10) Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Andrea Tack (10) Terry Hodges
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale, Volunteer (10) Terry Hodges, Dick Nelson
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



Saturday, August 29th, the Council will be holding a retreat at Camp Winnebago. We would like you to join us for a **potluck meal and worship service, 4 PM**. Alpine will provide the main course; we just need you to bring the sides and desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to help us gauge how many can attend and what everyone is bringing. **With the worship service being held that day, we will not have a worship service on Sunday, August 30th.**

AlpineFest 2026 is in the books. We had a great turn out and meet many members of our community. Many thanks to Morgan Dabson for taking on the coordination of the event and to everyone who helped make it a success. We enjoyed great music from several musicians, food (special thanks to all the cooks and bakers), crafts for kids, a car rally, a bouncy house, vendors, and fellowship with our neighbors around us and our Alpine members. This event has become a great way to bring us all together as a community of Christ and as our mission statement says "share God's love."

Are you interested in forming a team? 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. If you are interested in forming a team, please see Lynn in the office.

We have again experienced **postal delays 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.

Hurricane damage in Hawaii. Floods in Indiana & Texas. We need your help. **Lutheran Disaster Response** is often one of the first on the scene to help when disasters like this 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.



On **Sunday, September 6th**, we will resume our normal worship times of **8 and 10 AM**. The Council will discuss how the summer services were received and make a decision on if we will continue next year with one summer worship time. Please see any Council member with your thoughts on how it went.

We need you more than ever! Our list of volunteers for our worship services has been slowly depleting especially when it comes time for our "snow birds" to fly south. Without volunteers to fill our schedule, our worship service may not flow as smoothly or be as well received. Have you ever thought of helping during our services; helping with our sound, ushering, greeting, reading or lay assisting? If you would like to volunteer for a particular opening, please contact Lynn in the office and she can add your name to our list. (Lynn Valentine)

A birthday was inadvertently missed on the August birthday list. Please add **Barb Milton, August 23rd** (yesterday), to your list and wish her a happy belated birthday.

Save the Date: It is almost Fall and time for the annual **Chili Shoot Out**. We are planning on **Saturday, October 10th**. More details to come!

Stay current with Alpine events by adding your email to our list. When events change or get cancelled for any reason, we will send out an email and make a post on our Facebook page. Please contact Lynn in the office if you would like to be added to the email list.

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.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is still on hiatus until sometime this fall. An announcement will be made when it starts back up again.



We will resume in the fall. Seasonal grab bags will be available for pick-up during the summer months.



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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.



Katie's Choice Book Club, Thursday, September 10th, 10 AM at Katie's Cup. Join us as we discuss the book *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. "A masterpiece...A glorious American classic everyone should read: It's life-changing if you read it as a teen, and still stunning when you reread it as an adult." -Alice Hoffman, The Boston Globe Copies can be purchased at Katie's Cup or bring your own copy. This is free for all to attend.

Back to School Is Upon Us!

As we begin the school year in both private and public schools, we ask for your prayers for our students and teachers. "Dearest Father in Heaven, Bless us all and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this staff and student body, And surround us, Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community to follow in your footsteps, And to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ Amen"