



Special points of interest:

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM Traditional

10:00 AM Praise Worship

with Children's Church

10:00 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:

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Grace and Peace to you all!

It is my joy to share with you that our new music director, Emmanuel, has officially started with us! I am energized by his love and passion for music and hopeful for the ways he will shepherd alongside us.

Confirmation classes are officially starting. If you have a youth starting in 6th grade that would like to join, please let me know. We have exciting things planned for our youth this year and are inviting everyone to join us! I will share more about each event when time comes closer.

We are still in need of volunteers for our two services. If you are interested, please reach out to Lynn or myself!

Now that we are back to two services, I would love to hear from you about your experience through the summer. Did you enjoy one service? Did you not? What was or was not enjoyable? Are you excited to be back at two services? Any feedback you can give me would be wonderfully appreciated.

Our partnership with the YMCA is going wonderful. It is a joy to see our gym filled with youth! We are grateful for the ways we can grow this partnership.

As I prepare for maternity leave in a few months, I wanted to share that I am so thankful for this community. What a blessing it is to already miss being together, but a joy to welcome our new baby. When I have finalized who the Pastoral leader will be during my leave, I will share with the community.

I am blessed to walk alongside each of you in your faith journeys. I am overcome with gratitude in the ways the Holy Spirit is at work in and through us. Thanks be to God!

Peace,
Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

9/6/26	22 + 48	70	9/13/26	28 + 38	66
Online Views		31	Online Views		16

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

Gen Fund 9/6/26 (+ 8/30)	\$7,371.00	Gen Fund 9/13/26	\$2,716.00
Forward in Faith	\$2,055.00	Forward in Faith	\$580.00
Surplus/Deficit (2 weeks)	-\$3,221.24	Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,052.62

Unexpected Blessings.....\$50



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, 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 **Chuck Valentine**. **Betty Davis** sends her thanks for the flowers she received. **Kathy Cordonnier** expressed her thanks for Pastor Rachel's visit, and the get-well cards she received after her fall.

Worship Schedule :

- Sunday Worship:
8:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:00 AM Praise Worship & Children's Church/
YouTube-Facebook Live
- Children's Church will meet during the 10 AM worship during the service, seasonal Grab & Go packets will continue to be available for pick-up.
- Adult Forums will be on various Sundays. Please watch your Summit for announcements of dates.
- Rejoicing Spirits: Every 1st (in person) & 3rd (Zoom) Thursday, 6:00 PM This service is for those with developmental disabilities, their families, caregivers, and others.



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 ongoing 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.**

September 27th— Janet Gentry; Russ & Nancy Hornbeck; Shawn & Judy Lee; Nancy Matthews; and Jan Rungren.

October 4th — Jeanne, Haley, Courtney, Alexis, & Evan Novak; Sara & Nico Nowak; and Mark & Anita Rumage.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Jack Phillips (10) Jerry & Linda McGhee, Marge Rakoczy
Ambassadors: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Terry & Pam Hodges
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Mike Schultz (10) Allen and/or Matt Neumann
Praise Singer: Chuck & Lynn Valentine



We welcome **Emmanuel Aiyelabola** as our new Director of Music. He will be planning a meeting for all Choir, Bell Choir and Praise Band members soon. At this meeting, each group can discuss practice times and we can square up when the choirs will perform. We hope everyone can attend this meeting.



Fall is here and it is time for the annual **Chili Shoot Out**. We will be meeting at Sharon Walker's, 9838 Deerwood Trail, Belvidere, on **Saturday, October 10th** at 1:00 PM A sign-up chart will be in the narthex. We hope that you can attend this always popular Alpine event! (Sharon Walker)

We thank those who have already stepped up to volunteer but we could still use a few more. Our list of volunteers for our worship services has been slowly depleting especially when it comes time for our "snowbirds" 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)

Flash floods in Nepal. 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 these unimaginable losses.

Last chance to form 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. Don't have a team? You can participate as an individual. Lynn can get you signed up as well.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Ushers: (8) Gene Seefeldt, Volunteer (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) Amanda Dabson
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) John Fridh
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie



Our **Scholarship Committee** has awarded a total of \$8000 in scholarships from our Ahnquist Memorial Advised Funds. The students attend Rockford Lutheran Academy, area high schools and several colleges. We pray God's blessings on their studies. (Gary Hunt)

Children's Church has resumed for the fall. We will meet following the opening song and return to worship before communion. All are welcome to attend. Invite your friends, neighbors and grandchildren. (Mari Hanson)

The **Thrivent Choice** program has been upgraded to make it even easier for those with Thrivent to support Alpine. More members of Thrivent can select who they support. Your Choice Dollars are available at the start of the year, no need to wait for them to accrue. You can now direct your money anytime through December 31st. Please check with your Thrivent representative to see what impact you can make.

A new fall/winter **Those Who Serve** schedule going through January 3rd has been created and sent out via email. If you would like a hard copy, stop by the office. If you need to make any substitutions, please contact Lynn in the office with the name of who is subbing. As you can see, we are short people to volunteer. Please encourage those around you to get involved and volunteer. (Lynn Valentine)

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.

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.

Your participation is requested in the **40th anniversary of Rockford's CROP Hunger Walk** at the Riverfront Museum Park, Sunday, October 18th. Registration begins at 12 noon. The walk steps off at 1 PM. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in the Greater Rockford area and throughout the world.



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Sunday Worship
Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM

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



You're invited to attend Katie's Choice Book Club Thursday, October 8th, 10 AM, at Katie's Cup on the corner of 7th st. & 4th Ave. The book chosen for October is "Once Upon a Wardrobe" by Patti Calahan. "...a heartfelt story that is simultaneously a fascinating look into the bonds of siblings, a peek behind the curtain of Lewis' personal life, and a homage to the life-changing magic of stories." – Washington Post. All are welcome to attend this free event. Books are available for purchase or bring your own.



Current Needs List: Hairbrushes, cough dops, personal size Kleenex, gallon size shampoo, and gallon size body wash. You may also visit a full list of needs on Amazon at <http://a.co/0dOMReFB>.