



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 Presiding Bishop Curry:

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A Call to be Trusted Messengers in this Election Season

Dear church,

In an interview after I was elected, I reflected on my experience as a mission developer, saying, "It is not about what you think you're bringing into the community. It's who you are in the community. The minute we showed that we cared is really when the community adopted us. People don't care about what you know till they know that you care, and that was the biggest learning for me."

Faithful. Informed. Engaged. This refrain captures a vision for Lutheran Christians living out their baptismal calling in the election season and beyond. Faith grounds us in God's promises, and Christ sends us forth to love our neighbors and serve the world. Being informed equips us to address complex issues with wisdom, discernment and integrity. Being engaged reminds us that our participation in civic life is a key way we love and serve our neighbors. Our public witness is rooted in faith, guided by honesty and expressed through active citizenship.

ELCA ministries and leaders already play vital roles during election seasons. You register voters, provide rides to the polls, open your buildings as polling places and advocate for voting rights. Thank you! This year, I invite you to embrace an additional role to help strengthen our democracy: serving as trusted messengers in your communities.

Our church can be "all together in one place" as a powerful witness for truth, love of neighbor and honesty. False information remains a persistent challenge during elections. It can spread rapidly, undermining confidence in the electoral process and discouraging participation. Grounded in the commandment not to bear false witness, our churches and faith leaders are uniquely positioned to help address this challenge by seeking out and sharing accurate information and correcting misinformation when it arises. In a time when trust is often in short supply, serving as trusted sources of wisdom and guidance is a meaningful form of Christian witness. By helping our neighbors access accurate information and engage confidently in the democratic process, we live out our faith through responsible civic engagement and service to the common good.

I invite you to take faithful steps this election year:

- Register to vote if you have not already done so and check your registration to make sure it is up-to-date. Use the "Prepared to Vote Checklist" (posted in the narthex) to think through local voting requirements.
- Learn about the issues, ballot measures and candidates that will shape your community. Participate in respectful conversations.
- Check sources of information before sharing it in conversations or online.
- Pray for those who serve in public office, for election workers and for all who will exercise the privilege of voting. Create spaces for faithful, open conversation with voters, candidates or neighbors in your community.
- Encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to take part in the democratic process.

Be faithful, informed and engaged as disciples of Jesus seeking the well-being of our neighbors and the common good of the communities God has entrusted to our care. Every act of informed participation, every conversation marked by grace and every vote cast with prayerful discernment is an opportunity to bear witness to God's love in the world.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

BY THE NUMBERS

9/20/26	30 + 42	72	9/27/26	16 + 45	61
Online Views		29	Online Views		20

Required total receipts weekly.....\$6,348.62

Gen Fund 9/20/26	\$1,153.00	Gen Fund 9/27/26	\$1,483.00
Forward in Faith	\$995.00	Forward in Faith	\$490.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,200.62	Surplus/Deficit	-\$4,224.62

Unexpected Blessings.....\$200	53 rd /54 th\$51
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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 **Kathy Cordonnier, Gary Hunt** and **Wendy Barton**. **Kathy Cordonnier** also sends her thanks for the flowers she received.

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.**

October 11th— Carl Steele; Cori, Brianna, Brandon & Brett Willaims; and Cindy Bulthaus.

October 18th — June Tongue; Vince Bertolotto; Richard Ewert; Joni Graham; Jim Hill; and Sharon Milbourn.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Karl Okeson (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson (10) Aaron Ayen, Mike Schultz
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Lynn Valentine
Lay Assistant: (8) Deb Okeson (10) Chuck &/or Lynn Valentine
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeosn, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Deb Okeosn (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob &/or Lori Fanello (10) Bob &/or Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Becky Toro



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)

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.

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 starts at 1 PM. Thanks for helping feed the hungry both in the Greater Rockford area and throughout the world.

Many kids don't have the opportunity to start their day off with a good breakfast. **Rock River Valley Pantry** would like to help with this situation by having a Cereal Drive. Boxes of cereal can be dropped off at Rock River Valley Pantry. Monetary donations can be mailed to the pantry Attn: Cereal Drive, 421 S. Rockton Ave., Rockford, 61102. Every dollar and box will make a difference to a hungry child!

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour—It's great spending time between services enjoying conversations with other members and visitors. It's especially nice when you can share a bite to eat and a beverage. We need volunteers to provide those snacks. All you need to bring are some treats (purchased or home baked) and a cold beverage. Everything else is provided. Just sign up on the poster by the coffee. Thank you.

The new addition of "**Living Lutheran**" is here and ready for you to take home, copies are on the Cares & Concerns counter in the narthex. In the Fall issue, the cover story, "A Connected Church" author Jennifer Bringle discusses the message of connection that Presiding Bishop Curry brought to this year's ELCA synod assemblies. "...the ELCA boldly lives out its mission in God's world through our three expressions: congregations, synods and the churchwide organization." Stop and pick up a copy this Sunday. After you read it, please share your copy with someone.

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 to receive more information. **Become involved in Alpine!** Below, you will find the committees or groups of Alpine and when they meet:

- Christian Education & Youth – 1st Sunday of the month at 9 AM
- Worship & Music – 1st Tuesday of every month at 5:45 PM
- Property Committee – 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 PM
- Altar Guild – 2nd Sunday of every month at 9 AM
- In-Reach Committee – 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5 PM
- Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5 PM
- Bell Choir – TBD
- Sanctuary Choir – every Tuesday at 6 PM
- Praise Band - TBD



Our Children's Church is back!

We have resumed our Children's Church during the 10 AM Worship. Please invite your kids and grandkids to attend. Seasonal grab bags will continue to be available.



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Sunday Worship

Times

8:00 & 10:00 AM

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offer you on the Web!
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Our mission statement: Called by Christ, our mission is to share God's love.

Alpine's Director of Music

Hello everyone, my name is Emmanuel Aiyelabola, the new Director of Music of Alpine Lutheran church Rockford. I am thrilled to join you as your new director of music. I have loved church music since I was young. My father was then the pastor in charge of an Anglican Church in Nigeria. I joined the church choir and I sing treble part. The worship leaders noticed my interest in singing and playing the piano, that encouraged them to send me to the Royal College of music in England to study music.

At the Royal College of Church Music England I studied the organ and voice for a period of 2 years and I obtained a diploma in organ and voice.

I am deeply honored to help lead our musical journey here. More than anything, I am excited to know each of you and to learn your favorite pieces and make wonderful music together.

Emmanuel Aiyelabola.