



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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Why Pledge?

Making a pledge to Alpine is a spiritual practice of intentional generosity that helps our church plan its ministry and budget for the year ahead.

Practical Benefits for Alpine

- **Accurate Budgeting:** A pledge gives our church council and finance committee a reliable forecast of expected income so they can responsibly plan staff salaries, local outreach programs, building maintenance, and utilities.
- **Wider Mission Support:** Through our congregation, a portion of offerings goes toward **Mission Support** shared with the Northern IL synod and the broader ELCA churchwide organization to fund global ministries, disaster response, and leadership development.
- **Shared Responsibility:** Pledging builds collective ownership of the Alpine's mission and ensures ministries can operate consistently rather than reacting month-to-month.

Spiritual Benefits for You

- **First-Fruits Giving:** Planning what to give ahead of time—rather than giving whatever is left over at the end of the month—reflects the biblical practice of giving your "first fruits" back to God.
- **Discipline and Intentionality:** Treating financial support as a spiritual discipline (like prayer or worship) helps you grow in trust, gratitude, and personal stewardship.
- **Flexibility:** A church pledge is a prayerful, non-binding statement of intent rather than a legal contract. If your financial or life circumstances change during the year, your pledge can be adjusted at any time.

BY THE NUMBERS

10/18/26	27 + 51	78	10/25/26	15 + 56	71
Online Views		25	Online Views		6

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

Gen Fund 10/18/26	\$10,902.85	Gen Fund 10/25/26	\$8,376.00
Forward in Faith	\$1,273.08	Forward in Faith	\$3,015.00
Surplus/Deficit	+\$4,338.31	Surplus/Deficit	+\$6,107.38

Unexpected Blessings.....\$1500	53 rd /54 th Week.....\$76
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Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Donna Brenner, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, David & Marianne Hoel, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Kathy Mund, 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 Mund**.

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.**

November 8th— Pat Turmo; Chuck & Lynn Valentine; and Mike, Alyssa Kreighbaum, Chase & Camden Valentine.

November 15th — Diane Billert; Christine, Peyton Hanson, Liam & Miles Brady; Kathy Cordonnier; and Rolly Greenland.

Sunday, November 8, 2026

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Gene Seefeldt (10) DiAnne Beynon, Bob Peterson
Ambassadors: (8) Jack & Carla Phillips (10) Mike Schultz
Lector: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10) Violet Peterson
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek

Sunday, November 16, 2026

Ushers: (8) Karl Okeson, Randy Teske (10) Jim Burnett, Dick Nelson
Ambassadors: (8) Volunteer (10) Rivera Family
Lector: (8) Bob Fanello (10) John Fridh
Lay Assistant: (8) Bob &/or Lori Fanello (10) John Fridh
Praise Singer: Becky Toro

***Official Notice:**

A Congregational Meeting of Alpine Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 9:15 AM for the purpose of voting on our By Law changes for our constitution and the method of choosing our officers.

The Christian Education Committee will have a **Bible Sunday** on Sunday, October 8th at our 10 AM worship. Bibles will be handed out to all Pre-K, Kindergarten, 3rd grade and Confirmation students. We wish them all God's blessings as they continue their Christian studies.



Due to the declining attendance for our mid-week Thanksgiving worship and the possibility of Pastor Rachel being gone, Alpine will not hold a separate **Thanksgiving Worship** service the week of Thanksgiving. We will, however, give our thanks to God with special prayers during the worship service on Sunday, November 29th. During this service, we would also like to **recognize our full and part-time staff** members: Pastor Rachel; Lynn Valentine; Emmanuel Aiyelabola; and Jerry Keller. After worship, we will have a **Pie Fellowship** during our coffee hour. ***Anyone willing to donate a pie for the coffee hour may drop them off Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning of that week.**

The Finance & Stewardship committee are finishing up the **2027 Stewardship** mailing and you should be receiving them soon. We will collect your pledges on Sunday, November 29th. You also can mail them or drop them in the offering plate before that time. Your pledges help us to plan the budget for the next year as well as plan for any ministries that Alpine may want to support. We thank you for financial support of Alpine. (Jack Phillips, Treasurer)

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. The Worship & Music Committee has chosen "Come and Behold Him" by Henri Nouwen for our Advent devotional this year. "This powerful devotional invites you to slow down during the busy holiday season and rediscover the beauty and meaning of Christ's coming." The books will be available to pick up on Sunday, November 22nd. (Pam Lojewski, W & M)

Altar Guild will be collecting for our **Christmas Poinsettia Garden** starting Sunday, November 1st through Monday, December 7th. The cost will be \$15 per plant. Order envelopes can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. (Laurel McVinnie)



All Saints Sunday was Sunday, November 1st. We acknowledged all those saints who had gone before us in the past year. Those saints recognized were: **Jeanne Tengren; John McCue; Roger Bastian; Dionne Dundas; Scott Christiansen; Bryce Bulthaus; Don Busekros; Don Gugliemetti; and James Stropes, Jr.**

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.

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.



Join us for Children's Church!
We meet every Sunday during our 10 AM worship after the opening song.
Seasonal grab bags will continue to be available.



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**Sunday Worship
Times
8:00 & 10:00 AM**

See what Alpine has to
offer you on the Web!
alpinelutheran.com

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

***Ruthie's Kitchen** is looking for donations of **small, individually wrapped, candy canes** for their Christmas dinner and party for those in need. Donations can be placed in the bin in the front vestibule.



Carpenter's Place Immediate Needs:

- Men's white crew socks
- Heavy winter gloves

All donations can be dropped off at 1149 Railroad Ave. You may also visit a full list of needs on Amazon at <http://a.co/0dOMReFB>.

Thankful Thoughts: As a new month begins, you may feel pulled in a dozen directions. But what if this Monday became a reset? Not just for your tasks, but for your heart. Scripture tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. Not because everything is easy, but because God is always present. Gratitude isn't just a response. It's a rhythm that realigns us with truth: God is good. God is near. God is not done. So take a breath. Count even the smallest gifts. And let thanksgiving reset your soul. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18