The Summit
Alpine Lutheran Church
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From the Pastor's desk:

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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Alpine community,

Grace and Peace from God in heaven and our Savior Jesus Christ.

The month of November invites us to focus on the things we are thankful for in life. As Christians, we are always invited to be thankful for the gift of life, love, grace, mercy and forgiveness. We are invited to remember who we are as beloved children of God. I have a lot to be thankful for.

I am beyond thankful for this past year that I have been called as your Pastor. I am thankful for the relationships that we have built and the ways you have invited me into your lives. I am thankful for your kind welcome to my husband, Nathi, and son, Thomas. I am thankful for the ways that you have supported me during this pregnancy. The commitment to supporting one another is deeply rooted in this community. What are you thankful for in this season?

This season can also be very difficult for some of us. It can be a season of mourning and sadness. The holidays bring joy for many, and for others it is another reminder of loss. Be kind to yourself. Find ways to care for you. Feel your emotions and remember the love that makes this season difficult. Please, never feel like you have to grieve alone. Here at Alpine Lutheran Church, you are loved and cared for. You have siblings in Christ that can and will sit with you in your grief. May you feel the constant presence and love of the Holy Spirit with you always.

I will be leaving on maternity leave the week of Thanksgiving. In my absence, Pastor Elizabeth Martin will be filling in for me. I am grateful for her leadership while I am gone and grateful for you all accepting change! I can't wait to come back and introduce you all to our sweet new addition!

Peace to you all!
Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama

BY THE NUMBERS

11/01/26	32 + 46	78	11/08/26	32 + 49	81
Online Views		13	Online Views	technical difficulties	

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

Gen Fund 11/01/26	$4,828.00	Gen Fund 11/08/26	$8,655.00
Forward in Faith	$995.00	Forward in Faith	$3,370.00
Surplus/Deficit	+$424.38	Surplus/Deficit	+$6,245.89

Unexpected Blessings……$850 53rd/54th Week……$429.51 Festival…..$240



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, Pam Hodges, David & Marianne Hoel, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Kathy Mund, Lisa Slothower and Pat Turmo.

Pray for our friends and family of Alpine:

Sally Atkinson, 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 **Violet Peterson** and **Pam Hemenway**. We share our love and sympathies with the family of **Donna Brenner** who died on October 29th. Her service was held at Sunset Funeral Home on Friday, November 13th. **Pam Hemenway** also sends her thanks for the altar 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.

November 22nd— Joan Greeny; Erika, Rowan, Payton & Reed Hillabolt; Margo Grigalonas; and Carol McCracken.

November 29th — Evan, Erin, Logan & John Peyton; Craig & Barb Shelton; and Deb Williams.

Sunday, November 22, 2026 – Christ the King

Ushers: (8) Wendy Barton, Jack Phillips (10) Scott Dabson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Carol Johnson (10) Jody Dabson
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Allen Neumann
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Al and/or Matt Neumann
Praise Singers: Chuck & Lynn Valentine

Sunday, November 29, 2026 –1st Sunday in Advent 5th Sunday, ONE SERVICE at 10 AM

Ushers: Jerry & Linda McGhee
Ambassadors: Amanda Dabson, Mari Hanson
Lector: Violet Peterson
Lay Assistant: Mike Schultz
Praise Singer: Jaime Doubek



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 5th Sunday** worship service on **Sunday, November 29th at 10 AM**. *We will wait to do our recognition of staff until Pastor Rachel returns.



PIE! Who doesn't love pie? Ever feel so full after your thanksgiving meal that there is no room of pie? Alpine has the solution. We will have a Pie Fellowship following the worship service on **Sunday, November 29th**. ***Anyone willing to donate pies to this special coffee hour can drop them off Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning of that week.**

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)

The Finance & Stewardship committee has finished the **2027 Stewardship** mailing, and you should be receiving them soon. We will dedicate your pledges during the service on **Sunday, November 29th**. You 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)

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.



Help us decorate for the Advent & Christmas Seasons! 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)

*** The Congregation of Alpine Lutheran Church met on November 8, 2026. The By Law changes were approved and we voted to keep our current process of choosing our Executive Board. The vote will be certified at the next Church Council meeting.**

***Sunday, November 29th is a 5th Sunday, One Service at 10 AM.**

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 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)



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

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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.



The **Rock River Valley Food Pantry** is collecting food for the holidays. There are 2 barrels in the front vestibule for your food donations. All food donated will help those in need in the Rockford area. Thank you. (Karl Okeson)

Rock House Kids November Wish List:
Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Meijer, McDonnald's or Taco Bell)
Fidgets/Slime/Slime Kits/ Needohs/Squishies
Juice Boxes/Capri Sun
Bottled Water (8 &16 oz.)
Single Serve Snack Chips
Winter Coats/Boots (Kid's to Adult sizes)
Individually Wrapped Candy