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- **Our Talents:** Every one of us has something to offer. Whether it's teaching, organizing, listening, leading, or helping, God has given us gifts meant to be shared.
- **Our Treasure:** Financial generosity is an expression of gratitude. It reminds us that everything we have is a blessing and allows us to support something bigger than ourselves.

So, what are we holding back? Perhaps it's our time, our talents, our financial resources, or maybe something even bigger: our willingness to let God lead. Sometimes the hardest part of stewardship isn't giving something away; it's giving up control. Following Christ means allowing Him to guide not just our Sunday mornings, but our homes, workplaces, relationships, decisions, and priorities.

As we continue our stewardship journey, let's remember that this isn't about obligation or comparison. It's about gratitude and recognizing how much we've been given. Take a moment to ask yourself: **Am I using my time, talents, and resources in ways that reflect my faith? What part of my life have I not yet placed in God's hands?**

Jesus gave everything for us. Perhaps the best way we can honor Him is to reflect His generosity in how we live each day.

Because when Christ is King, stewardship isn't just something we do. It's a way of life.

Scott Dabson, Council President

BY THE NUMBERS

11/15/26	30 + 35	65	11/22/26	24 + 40	64
Online Views		15	Online Views		20

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

Gen Fund 11/15/26	$1,553.00	Gen Fund 11/22/26	$3,394.01
Forward in Faith	$695.00	Forward in Faith	$3,435.00
Surplus/Deficit	+$424.38	Surplus/Deficit	+$6,245.89

Unexpected Blessings……$1,050 53rd/54th Week……$2,090 Festival…..$550



Pray for Alpine members:

Wendy Barton, Tim & DiAnne Beynon, Diane Billert, Harriet Brown, Mike Bukowski, Beverly Clayton, Kathy Cordonnier, Rolly Greenland, David & Marianne Hoel, Glen McDonald, Valerie Miller, Kathy Mund, Carole Rogers, 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 **Ed Lorenzen**. **Ed** also sends his thanks for the altar flowers he 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: While Pastor Rachel is on maternity leave, please contact the office, 815-399-5013 for any pastoral needs. We will be happy to connect you with our on call pastoral staff.



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.

December 6th— Diana Sundeen; Taylor Boustead; Gwyn Brechtel; Megan Brechtel; and Ted, Tiffany & Ben Croisant.

December 13th — Scott, Jody & Morgan Dabson; and David & Cathy Carter-Crys.

Sunday, December 6, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Ushers: (8) Volunteers (10) John Gustafson, Mari Hanson
Ambassadors: (8) Sharon Walker (10) Volunteers
Lector: (8) Christine Morel (10) Jaime Doubek
Lay Assistant: (8) David DeNale (10)
Praise Singer: Bob McVinnie

Sunday, December 13, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Ushers: (8) Bob Fanello, Jack Phillips (10) DiAnne Beynon, Volunteer
Ambassadors: (8) Carla Phillips (10) Amanda Dabson
Lector: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Becky Toro
Lay Assistant: (8) Pam Lojewski (10) Mike Schultz
Praise Singers: Jaime Doubek



We welcome **Pastor Elizabeth Martin** who will be filling in for Pastor Rachel while she is on maternity leave. She will be serving Alpine from December 6th through sometime in March of 2027. We thank her for sharing God's Word with us.

Advent began 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." If you have not already picked up your copy, they will be in the Memorial Lounge. (Pam Lojewski, W & M)

We dedicated our 2027 pledges during the service on **Sunday, November 29th**. 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. If you have not already done so, please submit your pledge cards in the offering plate or to the church office. We thank you for financial support of Alpine. (Jack Phillips, Treasurer)

***Please take Note: On Sunday, December 20th, we will have one service at 10 AM for our Christmas Cantata**. There will **NOT** be an 8 AM service. Those Who Serve for that day will be listed in the next Summit.



The Chancel Choir and Alpine Hand Bell Choir invite you to attend the **Christmas Cantata** presentation of "**The Carol of Nine Lessons**" on **Sunday, December 20th, 10 AM**. Come and enjoy the music as we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful musical celebration. We thank Emmanuel and our musicians for their work putting this presentation together.

This year's **Candlelight Christmas Eve** service will be at 3 PM. We hope this time will allow those who don't like to drive at night, families with children, and those with family dinners to attend. Please share the time of our service with your neighbors, family and friends to attend. Christmas Eve Communion Assistants & Ushers needed: We need volunteers to assist with communion and to usher at the worship service. Please contact the office if you can serve.



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)

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)

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.



Join us for Children's Church!
We meet every Sunday during our 10 AM worship after the opening song.
We will take a Holiday break
December 20th, 27th & January 3rd.

Seasonal grab bags
will continue to be available.

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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)



Looking for some inspirational and uplifting articles and poems sharing the message of God? We have a booklet that is produced on an annual basis called "**The Lutheran Message".** It is available in the Memorial Lounge for you to take and share with others.