



ALMA CHURCH of GOD  
*Encountering Jesus Together*

## **CHURCH PROFILE**

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**Alma Church of God** is a vibrant, healthy, and growing congregation located in the heart of an endearing town in mid-Michigan.

Our congregation is known throughout the community for our engagement and service to our neighbors, especially through our active community center called His Place. Those who visit Alma Church of God on Sundays frequently comment how they feel at home and are impacted by the worship, preaching, and the engaging inter-generational relationships.



The Alma Church of God campus is located in the heart of our downtown, near shops, restaurants, and small local businesses. The church campus includes three buildings:

- The church building (built in 1899 with beautiful architecture and stained glass)
- His Place Family Enrichment Center (serving our community since 1983)
- The Filling Station Youth Center (dedicated in 2001 to reaching the next generation)

Our location perfectly positions us to engage with downtown festivals and events which take place throughout the year. Our campus is a great resource for our community and frequently used by other organizations.

## Core Assumptions

As a unique congregation that has existed for more than 100 years, God has led Alma Church of God to hold core assumptions about His relationship to the world and the church's role in what He is doing. These core assumptions shape our identity, calling, and culture.

1. God works in the world through Jesus because He loves the world.
2. Encounters with Jesus bring about transformation and healing.
3. All of life is packed with potential to encounter Jesus.
4. The church is uniquely positioned to foster encounters with Jesus.

Based on these assumptions, and the prayerful reflection on God's calling for the church, Alma Church of God believes it exists today for one purpose:

*To foster encounters with Jesus, as we  
join our lives to God's love for the world.*



**The logo** is inspired by the historic stained-glass windows that beautify our church building and recall the holy space where people have encountered Jesus for more than a century.

Designing the stylized map of Alma at the heart of the logo illustrates the belief that all space is God's space, and that **holy encounters with Jesus can happen inside and outside the walls of the church.**



For more than 40 years, His Place Family Enrichment Center has been at the forefront of how our church is known by the city. This facility includes a 5400 sq ft gym, classrooms, a full kitchen, and office space.



Hundreds of people enjoy our programs, free of charge, every week! Ninety percent or more of the participants are not members of the Alma Church of God. This is a testimony that His Place is for everyone!

**We want everyone who walks in our doors to encounter kindness, fun, and the unconditional love of Jesus.**

Our focus is to enrich and serve our community with “serious fun!” Examples include:

- athletic leagues
- fitness classes
- preschool programming
- afterschool programs
- wellness seminars
- neighborhood block party
- summer day-camps
- facility rentals
- small group Bible studies
- coffee time fellowship



The Filling Station Youth Center was a huge project in 2000 with much of the work done by our own artisans and carpenters, demonstrating how much we value our youth. The logo represents our theme verse, **John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”** This is a great space to experience the full life that Jesus has promised.

This 5300 sq ft building has stadium seating for worship and learning, a kitchen and service area to eat and play, as well as four classrooms for break-out groups. In addition to our Youth Ministry gatherings, this facility is also frequently used by our community for rentals, meetings, and open houses.



# *We love our church!*

Here are a few things we love about Alma Church of God:



## **We are located in the heart of a great city!**

Alma is a small-town (population 9,488 according to the 2020 census) with lots of character. We believe it is a special place to live and raise a family. As the home of Alma College, our community is provided with opportunities for the arts and culture rarely found in similar sized cities. Because we are situated in the middle of a beautiful state, we can easily explore and enjoy all that Michigan has to offer.

## **We have an awesome staff team!**

Our Youth Pastor and our His Place Director serve in full-time positions. Additionally, we have multiple part-time staff roles. Our staff works diligently to maintain a clear sense of mission and healthy relationships with each other while having FUN together. They are people of integrity, have strong leadership gifts, and are devoted to Jesus.



## **Our Leadership Structure is Strong!**

In 2019 our church adopted a new set of bylaws establishing a Governance model. Our congregation has 12 Governing Board members (including two non-resident members who are ordained Church of God pastors). The Senior Pastor reports and is directly accountable to the Board. The Board empowers the pastor to lead all staff and lay leaders. We work hard at our quarterly board meetings to seek wisdom from the Lord, keep the vision clear, and enjoy one another as friends as we lead together.



## **We are debt free!**

Thanks to a long history of intentional and faithful stewardship of resources, our congregation is debt free and maintains healthy financial reserves.

## **We love being a multi-generational church!**

Our multi-generational family fosters a sense of belonging, where the unique perspectives and experiences of each age group contribute to a dynamic and supportive environment.