

Summer Preview 2025

*Faith, Fun and Fellowship
with the SPD Community*

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CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9-12 FROM 8:45-11:30 AM
FOR KIDS AGE 3 THROUGH 4TH GRADE

Join us for four days of adventure-filled learning! Our theme this year is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Each day will be filled with music, stories, experiments, learning, snacks, games, friends, laughter, and more! We will adventure through the "True North" thick forests, experience the stunning northern lights, and explore with curious woodland animals as we learn more about Jesus and his unending love for us! We will be both indoors and out. Cost is \$35 per student with a max of \$80 per family. Please register by May 16.



SEEDS SUMMER CAMP AT WAPO

JULY 11-13. COST \$300.
KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 1-3

This action-packed session is the perfect introduction to camp for our youngest campers! Whether it's their first camp experience or their first time away from home, parents can rest assured that our dedicated counselors will be with them every step of the way, providing a safe, nurturing environment. Throughout the weekend, campers will enjoy a variety of activities including music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water



activities, and plenty of games. As we plant the seeds of a love for camp and faith, we see young campers begin to experience God in new and meaningful ways. It's a wonderful chance for your child to grow in confidence, make new friends, and discover the joy of camp, all while being cared for in a supportive and welcoming atmosphere.

ADVENTURE WEEK

Each gathering, we will have a jam-packed list of activities evolving around a daily theme. Get set for crazy adventures, fun memories, friends made, and a better understanding of God's presence in our lives!

WEEK ONE

JULY 14-17, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, COST: \$395
FOR KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 2-5

- I Spy Day
- Backyard Fun
- Use Your Hands Day
- Around the World Day

WEEK TWO

JULY 28-31, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, COST \$395
KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES K-5

- At the Beach Day
- Superhero Day
- Marvelous Minnesota
- Discovering God's Creatures

KIDS CAMPING WITH TRISH

AUG. 19, 4 PM–AUG. 20, 1 PM, COST \$45

KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 2–5

Gather at Baker Park in Maple Plain for a fantastic overnight of fun in God's great outdoors! We will cook over the fire, pitch tents, bike the 6-mile loop, swim in the lake, play some games, explore nature, have a Bible lesson, and make new friends.

FAMILY WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

JUNE 11, 25, JULY 9, 23, AND AUG 20

5:30–7 PM

Gather around the campfire for food, fellowship, and fun in the church backyard. There will be games and activities for the whole family. ending with a vespers service at 6:30pm. Youth are invited to stick around after 7 p.m. with Charlie and Olsen for more activities.

FAMILY CAMP AT WAPO

AUG. 8–10, FRIDAY–SUNDAY

REGISTER AT LAKEWAPO.ORG

Join Pastor Makayla's family at Family Camp! We are excited for a fun and faith-filled weekend in God's creation. Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to attend, even our youngest campers who may not yet be a year old! Cost per cabin ranges from \$180–255 depending on the type of cabin, plus \$70 per person. Tent sites available for \$30. WAPO camp counselors will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games. Questions? Contact Pastor Makayla at mdahleen@spdlc.org.

MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH VBS

JUNE 9–12, MORNINGS

Middle and high school students, share your love of VBS with younger kids! Register online!

WAPO YOUTH CAMP

JULY 6–11. COST: \$700.

YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 4–9

REGISTER AT LAKEWAPO.ORG

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime at Camp Wapo! Campers will experience a place of grace where they can make new friends, try out exciting activities, grow closer to God, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Every day at camp is packed with fun and meaning, designed to take you higher, wider, longer,

and deeper into God's love and the amazing community around you. From Bible study to chapel, cabin activities to field games, and of course, those epic campfires, each moment is a chance to build connections that last. Campers will leave knowing they are deeply loved by God and will carry that sense of belonging with them long after they leave. This is a week you won't want to miss—a week that will stay with you forever!

CHRISTIKON WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

JULY 11–19. COST: \$550

YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 6–12

Located in the Rocky Mountains of southern Montana, Christikon Bible Camp lies near the center of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, just north of Yellowstone National Park. The surrounding high county ranges from 9,000 to 11,000 feet. We will spend six days backpacking the mountains in search of community, peaks and a deepening of our faith. Scholarships available. Separate registration for middle and high school groups.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ALL-CONGREGATION BAND

SUNDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 1 AT 9:30 AM

Do you play an instrument? Perhaps it has been some time since you've played? Well, dust off that old saxophone or fiddle—we're seeking musicians of all ages to help **lead worship in our first All-Congregation Band on Sunday, June 1**. There is no age limit, although a basic proficiency and ability to read music is expected. All musicians should supply their own instrument. All band and orchestra instruments are welcome. To make the experience accessible for all, there are only two required rehearsals:

- Wednesday, May 28 (7–8:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 31 (10–11:30 a.m.)

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

AUG. 11–14 FROM 9 AM–12:30 PM

FOR KIDS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COMPLETED 4TH GRADE. COST \$50

St. Philip the Deacon is kicking off a vocal music camp led by Celina Kobetitsch and Samuel Grace. Activities will include singing, games, musical guest performances, and at least one field trip. Lunch and snacks will be provided. The event will culminate in a massed choir of our campers, who will **help lead worship on Sunday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m.**

Sign up for these events at spdlc.org/register.

SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

Enjoy the musical talents of four church musicians at our summer organ recitals. Each event will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. A free will donation will be received. (Note that two concerts will be in the evening.)

- July 2 at 12:15 p.m.—Natalie Mealey (Cleveland, OH)
- July 9 at 12:15 p.m.—Arang Park (Seoul, South Korea)
- July 16 at 12:15 p.m.—Isaac Drewes (Central Lutheran, Minneapolis)
- July 23 at 7 p.m.—David Cherwien (Minneapolis)
- July 30 at 7 p.m.—Celina Kobetitsch

MUSIC ON THE LAKE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

Wayzata Rotary invites you to come and enjoy six free concerts on Wednesday evenings in July by Lake Minnetonka from 6:30–8 p.m. The bands will perform at the historic Depot and food and drinks will be available for purchase. SPD is co-sponsoring the concert on July 23.

MUSIC IN PLYMOUTH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, BEGINNING AT 5 PM
HILDE PERFORMANCE CENTER, PLYMOUTH

Join us for an evening of **free concerts** with our Plymouth community. Stop by the SPD booth to say hello!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MUSIC IN PLYMOUTH 5K RUN/WALK

Sports enthusiasts can participate in the annual Music in Plymouth **5k Run/Walk** on Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. To join our SPD training support program, contact Susan Path at spath@spdlc.org, or Olsen Pancoast at opancoast@spdlc.org. Learn more and register at MusicInPlymouth.org

RAISED-BED GARDENING

THE GIVING GARDEN AT SPD

Do you miss gardening but not the stooping down on your hands and knees? We've got an option for you: Come to SPD where you can stand and play in the dirt at our raised bed gardens! You'll help plant, tend and harvest vegetable that will be donated to Interfaith Outreach for distribution to their clients. Contact Trish Arndt at tarndt@spdlc.org.

MIDSUMMER LAWN BOWLING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 AT 6:30 PM, COST: \$10
BROOKVIEW GOLF COURSE IN GOLDEN VALLEY
Are you looking for a way to connect with others in our faith community? Enjoy a summer evening of lawn bowling! It's not hard and it's loads of fun. No experience is necessary, and all equipment and instruction will be provided. This event is for all adults, singles or couples.

THE CONVERSATION

MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8 AND AUG. 12

Whether you're retired, semi-retired, or just have the afternoon off, please join us for The Conversation. We will plan to meet in Fellowship Hall—use the west parking lot. No registration.

MINNESOTA TWINS GAMES!

Our seats will be in the Legends Landing seating area, which is located down the left field line. Your reserved seats in this area will include your ticket to the game plus all-inclusive ballpark fare, which includes hotdogs, burgers, chicken tenders, popcorn, chips, soda, water, juice, and milk. The cost is \$55 per person, which includes the game ticket, all-inclusive ballpark fare (in the Legends Landing) and transportation.

▪ CLEVELAND GUARDIANS

MONDAY, MAY 19, BUS FROM SPD AT 5:15 PM
GAME AT 6:40 PM

▪ BOSTON RED SOX

MONDAY, JULY 28, BUS FROM SPD AT 5:15 PM
GAME AT 6:40 PM

SUMMER FISHING RETREAT

JUNE 26–29

Participants will enjoy a wonderful four days of faith, fellowship, fun and fishing at 10th Annual Summer Fishing Retreat on Lake of the Woods. Register online.

ST. JOHN'S RETREAT FOR ADULTS

JULY 24–27

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINN.
Each summer we gather on the beautiful campus of St. John's University for study, worship, community, and laughter. Mornings are spent in program time, evenings with dinner together and prayer with the monastic community, and afternoons are free for whatever you want and need for yourself.

Sign up for these events at spdlc.org/register.

KAYAKING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, COST: \$100

12-6 PM (INCLUDING TRAVEL TO AND FROM)

This will be a guided tour of the Mississippi River through Minneapolis, including through the lock and dam. We will rent kayaks from Twin Cities Kayaking and have a guide who leads us on a three-hour tour of the river. For anyone who can paddle a kayak and wants to see the Mississippi from this vantage point.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

AUGUST (WEEK TBD)

Put love into action to help build someone a home. SPD will work one week, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with 15 volunteers per day. Contact: Pastor Mark Schmid, mschmid@spd.org.

DEACON DUFFERS

TUESDAYS AT 4 PM, MAY 6-AUG. 12

Gear up for the golf season. Beginner or pro, women or men, singles or couples, all are welcome! We play at Shamrock Golf Course in Corcoran. If you are interested in being a substitute, please contact Connie Fust at conniefust@gmail.com or 612-747-2732.

SPIRIT BEADS OPEN STUDIO

TUESDAYS, JUNE 3, JULY 1 AND AUG. 5
FROM 3-7 PM

These open studio workshops will give bead artists time to develop their own gifts and devotional art pieces. We'll have ideas for new projects, or you can create from your own or designs we have taught in the past.

SPD PLOGGERS

SAT. MORNINGS, MAY 3, 10, 17, JUNE 7, 14, 21

What's a plogger? Have you ever heard of plogging? Well, it's a combination of the word "jogging" with the Swedish word, "plocka," meaning to pluck or pick up. SPD outdoor exercisers—joggers, walkers, fresh air enthusiasts—will join forces to help clean up community sites while working to improve their health. Sign up at spd.org/register for location and times or contact Renee Putnam at rputnam@spd.org or 763-475-7162. Can't make it on Saturdays? If you are not located near Plymouth, Minn., you can still participate where you are! There will be ways we can connect from a distance and on your schedule. Watch for details of this new and fun way to serve our community.

A DAY OF QUIET AT THE MONASTERY

MONDAY, MAY 19, 10 AM-7:30 PM, COST: \$45

Come for a day of quiet and guided prayer at St. Paul's Monastery. Facilitated by Amanda Berger and Jen Galley, we'll be led by the rhythms of the Benedictine monastery participating in worship with the sisters, eating together, enjoying the beautiful grounds and art gallery and experiencing some guided journaling and prayer practices. Includes lunch and dinner. Provide your own transportation/carpool from SPD. Financial assistance is available.

WALKING WITH BENEDICT

Join Amanda Berger in reading through the Rule of St. Benedict. The Rule of St. Benedict is over 1500 years old, still providing a framework for people who are seeking to balance their faith practices and the way they show up in the world. Purchase your own copy of *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century* by Joan Chittister.

- MAY 20, 6:30 PM—The Prologue
- JUNE 17, 6:30 PM—God is in the Details
- JULY 15, 6:30 PM—Relationships
- AUG. 19, 6:30 PM—Begin Again

YOGA SUMMER MINI RETREAT

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 6:30-9 PM, COST: \$10

Join Amanda Berger (YA-200) for an evening mini retreat, as we create space for connection to our bodies, to God and to one another. Celebrating the summer solstice and the International Day of Yoga (June 21), this is a chance to worship in the light of the Son. Snacks and beverages included. We'll have time for yoga practice, scripture and prayer, as well as connection with others. All levels practice. Register by June 23.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service is a part of everything we do at St. Philip the Deacon, so this spring and summer watch for specific events, trainings and opportunities to serve individually or with a group. Keep an eye out for pop-up events like yard cleanup, for example, while other service opportunities are baked into scheduled events such as VBS helpers. Stay in-the-know by regularly checking the Service Opportunities section on the weekly e-newsletter, the website, or contact Renee Putnam at serve@spd.org.

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