

# Summer Preview 2026

Faith, Fun and Fellowship with the SPD Community

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, 17205 County Rd. 6, Plymouth, MN 55447

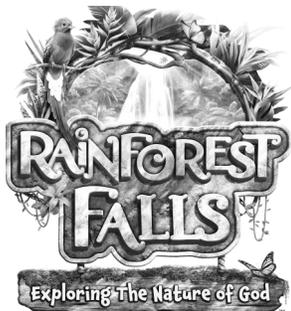


## *Children and Family Ministry*

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 8-11 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 "Rainforest Falls, Exploring the Nature of God." Each day will include time in Bible story, snacks, music, games, videos, science experiments, and growing in relationship with each other and our amazing God! Cost is \$35 per student with a cap of \$80 per family. Please register by June 1.



### **FAMILY CAMP AT WAPO**

JULY 31-AUG. 2, 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! WAPO camp counselors will provide a safe and caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

### **SEEDS SUMMER CAMP AT WAPO**

PICK YOUR WEEKEND: JUNE 12-14, JUNE 19-21,  
JULY 17-19, JULY 24-26, OR AUG 7-9. \$325  
KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 1-3  
REGISTER AT LAKEWAPO.ORG

This is the perfect introduction to Bible 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.

### **FAMILY WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT**

JUNE 17, JULY 15 AND AUG 19, 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.

### **ADVENTURE WEEK**

JULY 20-23, 8:30 AM-3 PM EACH DAY  
KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES K-5  
REGISTER BY JULY 1. COST: \$300

- Monday—Giant Day
- Tuesday—Color Day
- Wednesday—Creativity Day
- Thursday—Movement Day

### **KIDS CAMPING WITH TRISH**

AUG. 4-5, TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY. COST \$35  
KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 2-5

Baker Park, here we come! We'll do all things camping, including learning to set up your tent, campfire fun and cooking our food over it, outdoor games, fun in the lake, devotions, firefly watching, and a 6-mile bike ride around the scenic park loop. Register by July 30.

## SERVE AND SWIM

JULY 29, 8:30 AM-3 PM. COST \$25

KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 2-5

REGISTER BY JULY 15

Let's go help others, and then jump in the pool! We'll spend our morning at Second Harvest Heartland, sorting and packing food, and then head to Edina Water Park for an afternoon of water play in the pools, on the slides, and across the zipline.

## Middle and High School

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### VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH VBS

JUNE 8-11, MORNINGS

YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 7+

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

### SERVE 'N' SUN

JUNE 16, 30, JULY 23 AND AUG. 4

YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 6-12

Each day we will do a service project, followed by a fun activity for the afternoon. Details in the works!

### WAPO YOUTH CAMP

JULY 12-17. COST: \$755.

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. This is a week you won't want to miss—a week that will stay with you forever!

### BOUNDARY WATERS ADVENTURE

JULY 12-17. COST: \$625

YOUTH WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 6-12

Join us for another trip exploring creation and deepening our relationships between ourselves and God! We will spend five days and four nights paddling around the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness outfitted and guided by Wilderness Canoe Base. Please reach out to either Olsen ([opancoast@spdlc.org](mailto:opancoast@spdlc.org)) or Charlie ([colson@spdlc.org](mailto:colson@spdlc.org)) with any questions. Scholarships are available.

## Music Ministry

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### ALL-CONGREGATION BAND

REHEARSAL, SATURDAY, MAY 30 2-3:30 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP, SUNDAY, MAY 31 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—we're seeking musicians of all ages to help lead worship May 31 at 9:30 a.m. There is no age limit, although a basic proficiency and ability to read music is expected. All band and orchestra instruments are welcome. Repertoire will be provided in advance and will draw from hymn arrangements for large ensemble.

### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

AUG. 10-13 FROM 9 AM-12:30 PM

FOR KIDS ENTERING GRADES K-5. COST \$50

Back by popular demand, Sam Grace and Celina Kobetitsch will host a summer day camp for children entering grades K-5. Kids will enjoy daily singing, outstanding musical guests, crafts and a field trip (TBD). The week will culminate with a talent show for all families on Aug. 13.

### 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 1—NO CONCERT
- July 8 at 12:15 p.m.—TBD
- July 15 at 12:15 p.m.—Richard Gray, Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church in St. Paul
- July 22 at 7 p.m.—Tigran Buniatyan, Armenian concert organist based out of Phoenix, Arizona
- July 29 at 7 p.m.—Celina Kobetitsch, Organist at St. Philip the Deacon

## Community Activities

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### MUSIC IN PLYMOUTH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 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!

Sign up for these events at [spdlc.org/register](https://spdlc.org/register)

## MUSIC IN PLYMOUTH 5K RUN/WALK

Sports enthusiasts can participate in the annual Music in Plymouth **5k Run/Walk** on Saturday, June 27 at 8 a.m. To join our SPD training support program, contact Susan Path at [spath@spdlc.org](mailto:spath@spdlc.org), or Olsen Pancoast at [opancoast@spdlc.org](mailto:opancoast@spdlc.org). Learn more and register at [MusicInPlymouth.org](http://MusicInPlymouth.org).

## 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. Registration includes the game ticket, food and transportation.

- **TORONTO BLUE JAYS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, BUS FROM SPD 5:15 PM  
GAME AT 6:40 PM

- **KANSAS CITY ROYALS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, BUS FROM SPD 5:15 PM  
GAME AT 6:40 PM

## SUMMER FISHING RETREAT

JUNE 25–28

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.

## DEACON DUFFERS GOLF LEAGUE

TUESDAYS AT 4 PM, MAY 5–AUG. 11

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. Contact Connie Fust at [conniefust@gmail.com](mailto:conniefust@gmail.com) or 612-747-2732.

## END-OF-SUMMER LAWN BOWLING

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26 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 easy 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.

## Service Opportunities

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### SPD PLOGGERS

SATURDAY MORNINGS, MAY AND JUNE  
SPD outdoor exercisers—joggers, walkers, fresh air enthusiasts—will join forces to help clean up community sites while working to improve their health. Register online for dates and details, or contact Renee Putnam at [rputnam@spdlc.org](mailto:rputnam@spdlc.org) or 763-475-7162.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

AUGUST 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@spdlc.org](mailto:mschmid@spdlc.org).

### RAISED-BED GARDENING

THE GIVING GARDEN AT SPD

Come to SPD where you can stand and play in the dirt at our raised bed gardens! You'll help plant, tend and harvest vegetables that will be donated to Interfaith Outreach for distribution to their clients. Contact Trish Arndt at [tarndt@spdlc.org](mailto:tarndt@spdlc.org).

### FABRIC KITS FOR LWR

COLLECTING MATERIALS, MAY 1–JULY 9  
FABRIC KIT ASSEMBLY EVENT, JULY 16 AT 2 PM  
We'll collect materials and assemble Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits will be used to teach sewing skills and then help graduates start their own business. Your donations of fabric and thread are key. Contact Pastor Valerie, 763-475-7126.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION DRIVE

JULY 1–AUG. 9

Bring donations to the table in Fellowship Hall. A shopping list will be available in July.

### BLOODMOBILES AT SPD

- TUESDAY, MAY 19, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.

Watch for links to sign up. Save a life! Give blood!

### MISSION NURSING HOME SPRING GARDEN CLEANUP

THURSDAY, MAY 14. 9–11 AM

Help spruce up the garden beds at Mission Nursing Home for the season! Watch for details in April.

Sign up for these events at [spdlc.org/register](http://spdlc.org/register)

# Adult Education

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## **ST. JOHN'S RETREAT FOR ADULTS RECEIVING THE GIFT OF THE SABBATH**

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 18-21

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINN.

We will explore the practice of Sabbath and how we integrate this ancient practice into modern life.

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. Cost \$250.

## **THE HEALING LETTER**

TUESDAY EVENINGS, MAY 12 AND 19, 6:30 PM

In this two-session workshop, we'll explore letter writing as a structured practice for processing significant events and relationships. We'll guide you through the elements of several types of letters and offer space for prayer, reflection and writing.

## **BOOK DISCUSSION: TRY SOFTER**

MONDAYS, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22 AND 29, 6:30 PM

In a world that tells us to try harder—it's time for something different. It's time to try softer. Join us for a 5-week discussion of the book, *Try Softer: A Fresh Approach to Move Us out of Anxiety, Stress, and Survival Mode—and into a Life of Connection and Joy*, by therapist Aundi Kolber. Together we'll explore ways to grow in resilience and self-compassion.

## **DWELLING IN THE WORD**

WEDS., JUNE 10, 24, JULY 8 AND 22, 10 AM

Dwelling in the Word is a way of engaging Scripture in community. We'll gather on the second and fourth Wednesdays in June and July to prayerfully read the selected text, listening to God and to one another.

## **RADICAL HOSPITALITY: THE BENEDICTINE WAY OF WELCOME**

MONDAY, JUNE 22 AT 6:30 PM

When people think of Benedictine spirituality, one of the qualities they name first is its central orientation toward hospitality. But what are the markers of that hospitality and how can we integrate them into our lives as followers of Jesus in ways that bless our

families, neighbors and communities? Join Amanda Berger, who is a Benedictine oblate at St. Paul's Monastery, for an evening of teaching, reflection and conversation about this radical orientation toward welcome. No cost.

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO WRITING THE SPIRITUAL LIFE**

MONDAYS AT 6:30 PM

JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 AND AUG. 3

Writing can be a powerful tool for understanding our life with God. Join Amanda Berger for a five-week workshop exploring faith through writing. Through encountering the writing of well-known authors and using a variety of prompts and writing exercises, you'll learn to express your experience of the holy. This workshop is not about creating something that's publishable but about deepening your understanding of and relationship with God through the written word. No experience necessary; ages 14 and up are welcome. Register by June 30. Cost \$50 for five weeks.

OPTIONAL: WRITER'S WORKSHOP SMALL GROUPS

MONDAYS, JULY 6, 13, 20, 27 AND AUG. 3, 7:30 PM

Add on a second hour to your writing experience and join one of our writing small groups. Within these groups, participants will share with one another what they are working on and workshop their writing in a compassionate, non-judgmental environment. Participants will receive encouragement and constructive feedback as they continue to explore writing the spiritual life. Must be enrolled in Introduction to Writing the Spiritual Life to participate in small group.

## **PACEM IN TERRIS**

SILENT PRAYER RETREAT IN ISANTI, MINN.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 9-11

*Note: We are including this fall retreat in our brochure because it has a summer registration deadline. A non-refundable deposit is **due Aug. 7**; balance is due by Sept. 30.* Pacem in Terris Retreat Center is a place for you to step away from the stress of everyday life and reconnect with God in silence and solitude. Join us for this refreshing weekend away. Each participant will stay in their own outdoor hermitage (cabin) which has everything you need. Pacem in Terris is located 45 minutes from SPD.

**Sign up for these events at [spdlc.org/register](https://spdlc.org/register)**