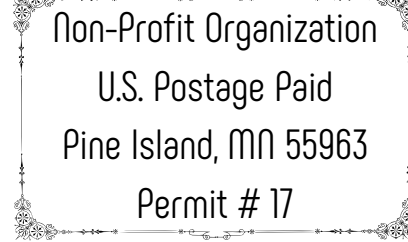


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Help Our Kids Dive Into Friendship with God!

Here's How You Can Help:

We will be in need of a lot of supplies & snacks for our kids! If you would like to prepare one of our daily snacks, please stop into the church office for a picture of the snacks we are looking for! (or inquire with Emily & she can email it to you!) They are part of our theme! (Plan for 35 kids) Other supplies needed (items such as ladles, parachute, funnels etc can be loaned):

- 35 (Empty) 16 oz water bottles
- Blue food coloring (2 bottles)
- 30 white coffee filters
- 140 jumbo craft (popsicle) sticks
- 35 large crafting poms (all colors)
- 35 small crafting poms (all colors)
- Kids large play parachute
- 35 small foam hearts
- 5 bottles of hair gel
- Quart size resealable plastic bags (35)
- 8 or 12 ounce sturdy paper cups (35)
- 35 balloons (any color)
- 100 chenille wires (all colors)
- 6 different colored hula hoops
- 5 blue plastic table cloths
- Small (quarter size) Crafting foam fish and stars (5 per child)
- 5 cans of shaving cream (non scented if possible)
- "Portable" campfire
- 4 laundry baskets
- 5 ping pong balls
- 1 roll of duct tape
- 5 kitchen funnels
- 5 kitchen ladles
- 20-25 beanbags
- 12 pool noodles

The last night of VBS - we are having a family campfire cookout! We will be roasting hot dogs & making s'mores! We will be in need of hot dog buns, hot dogs, ketchup, mustard, bottled water, kids juice (ex. Capri sun pouches), bags of chips, fruit & s'mores supplies! If you would like to contribute to this, we will have a final number of people to plan for closer to the VBS date!

Any items you would like to loan or donate can be dropped off at the church office - please contact Emily with any questions! Thank you for your contributions!

A Word From Your Pastor



I've been thinking about families a great deal in recent weeks, because all my children are gathering at the place they first called home.

Because we cleaned out another closet in the place I first called home. The closet held, among many other things, photos. The last photo of Dad, his siblings and their spouses while everyone was still healthy. A photo of my siblings and I when we were teens. A photo of Grandma from 1920 when she was a teen.

Also, because I have been working with the two people who will be married at Saint Paul this summer—starting a new family and because in the gospel lesson for June 9, Jesus asked, "Who are my mother and brothers?" (Mark 3:32-35)

When thinking about family, our thoughts often go to those created by blood and vows, but there are other, equally important families. Those we trust to protect our lives at work, those we choose to live with and include in our lives, and those who share the same goals or hobbies. Jesus tells the crowd around him that those who obey God's will are his family. This makes all of you reading this article part of my family and me part of yours.

In Tanzania, a companion synod we pray for weekly, there is a greeting shared between all Masai adults; warrior to warrior, shepherd to elder, husband to wife, mother to mother, visitor to host when meeting after time apart.

Casserian Engeri—How are the children?

They are not asking if the homework is done or are they already in bed, they are asking about their children and the communities' children—about family. The greeting shares the Masai view that the well-being of all children reflects the well-being of their entire society. Even those with no children use the greeting. When the greeting is used, a real answer is expected. Fine, thanks for asking is not an acceptable answer. When someone responds *All the children are well*, it means life is good.

Family connections of all sorts are a gift from God. Enjoy, protect, nurture, and cherish yours.

Shalom Pastor Marie

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Our Mission

*"Guided by God's love, we are called to welcome, love, and work for God's people
.....here, there, and every where."*

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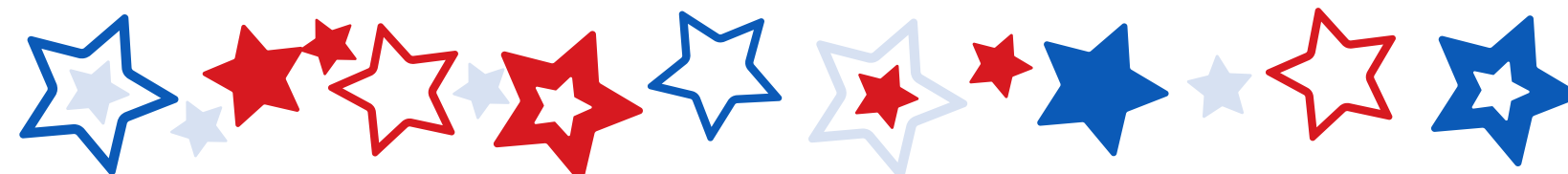
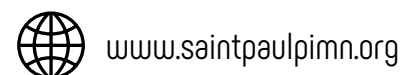
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm

**Worship Schedule: 9am Sunday: In- Person, YouTube,
and Facebook**



Important Dates & Announcements

July

Church Office Closed.....	July 4
Gospel of Mark Check In.....	July 14
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 15
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 16
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 17
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 18
Council Meeting.....	July 18
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 19
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 20
ELCA Youth Gathering.....	July 21
Adult Bible Study.....	July 31

August

Vacation Bible School.....	August 13
Vacation Bible School.....	August 14
Vacation Bible School.....	August 15
Council Meeting.....	August 15
Adult Bible Study.....	August 28

September

Church Office Closed.....	September 2
Gospel of Mark Recognition.....	September 8
Rally Day.....	September 8
Council Meeting.....	September 12
Blessing of the Backpack.....	September 15
Confirmation Orientation.....	September 18
Confirmation Begins.....	September 25

Food Shelf Searching for Volunteer

The Pine Island food shelf is looking for a volunteer to pick up food donations from Rochester 2-3 Wednesday mornings each month, and bring them back to the food shelf. For more information, please contact the church office or Tracy Barsness.

Update from Building and Grounds

The refresh of specific areas adjacent to the fellowship hall is underway. In particular, the former library area and the bathrooms outside the Sanctuary. During the demolition process of the former library area, we discovered some old tile beneath the fireplace and hallway cabinet along the kitchen wall. We had the tile and underlying adhesive tested and both were positive for asbestos. When we discovered the potential risk, the floor was covered with a heavy plastic sheet to prevent disturbing any underlying surfaces which created a safe barrier for anyone walking through the room, so staff and congregation members were not exposed to any harmful substances. We contracted an asbestos abatement professional to clean both the library area and the two bathrooms outside the sanctuary. Having both areas abated during the same service contract resulted in a cost benefit compared to separate contracts spread out over time. The rooms are now asbestos free and air quality tests have passed eliminating any further risk. The process did require removing the vanity from the women's bathroom, so we have tagged the bathrooms 'out of order' for now. With the rooms certified safe for construction and general use, building materials have been brought into the library area for the creation of the new hallway and video conferencing room.

We consulted two professional electricians about the existing panels/outlets in the areas to be refreshed and both had deep concerns about the old panel in the fellowship hall. They both suggested a new panel that is up to code and has available replacement parts that would replace the existing panel. The new panel would be in the video conference room with the old panel set in the East fellowship hall wall serving as a junction box. The placement of the panel in the video conference room vs. the boiler room is to save on the cost of extending every existing line coming out of the panel. Estimates are being collected for evaluation but if any part of the panel and breakers were to fail it would require a full replacement anyway, so it does make sense to address it now vs later. Some of the existing outlets use outdated wire and are not properly grounded so they will also be brought up to code during the construction process.

July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	Jul 1 1pm Chair Volleyball 6:30pm Lion's Board Meeting	2	3	4 4th of July Church Office Closed 12pm Ministerial Meeting	5	6
7 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	8 1pm Chair Volleyball	9 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meet	10	11	12	13
14 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice 10:15am Gospel of Mark Check In	15 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans 1pm Chair Volleyball	16	17	18	19	20
21 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	22 1pm Chair Volleyball	23 Newsletter Articles Due by Noon	24 6pm Rally Day Committee Meeting	25 9am Cancer Support Group	26	27
28 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10am Handbell Practice	29 1pm Chair Volleyball	30	31 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	Aug 1 12pm Ministerial Meeting	2	3

