



## AUGUST SCRIPTURES

**September 3**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,**  
**Communion**

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15  
Message: The Call

**September 10**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Romans 13:8-14  
Message: 3 Simple Rules

**September 17**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost,**  
**Communion**

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12  
Message: Living to the Lord

**September 24**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16  
Message: Salmon swimming up stream



### Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School start date is Sunday, **September 17th**. There will be forms available to register your child when you drop them off. We are looking for some awesome individuals to help us out with teaching 4th- 6th grade Sunday School. This can be a shared position with multiple teachers!!

#### Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool - 3rd grade: Lisa Beyer and Emily Miller

4th - 6th grade: **(we need three volunteers,)** and 7th - 12th grade: Dean Sorum

**Adult Sunday School: Rick Ormsby**

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# Pine Chips

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## Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:



As I write this, I have just increased the distance on my walk again. I have been going down the trail and back up main street. As I am walking on Main Street, I am getting tired and sore and I am wishing the walk was over. I begin to focus on the pain and distance. Then as I look up, I see the church in the distance. The steeple is a beacon of hope and a sign that I am almost home. Now with a new focus my steps seem lighter and my pace quickens. I am no longer wondering if I can make it, but am thinking "Yes! I am almost there!"

This is how the vision of the church should be for all of us, whether we attend or not. A beacon of Love, Hope, a place to Belong. That should sound familiar, because that is our mission statement at Pine Island United Methodist Church.

This Fall We will again have multiple opportunities to live into our mission statement. We will re-start some previously existing programs and maybe even try some new ones. I would like to invite you to ask yourself how you are helping Pine Island United Methodist Church be a place of Love, Hope and a place to Belong. Maybe you could be more intentional about praying for the church and those who attend and add our mission into that prayer. Maybe you could help provide part of the meal or help set up on Wed evenings. Maybe you could help with Sunday School or Wed Children's worship. Maybe you could be a liturgist, usher or help with the children's time on Sunday. Maybe you could increase your giving. Maybe you could invite your friends to church. Maybe you could... There are so many ways to engage in the life of the church. I invite you to find what works for you.

Let's work on behalf of Jesus to have Pine Island United Methodist Church be a beacon drawing people home to a place of Love, Hope, and a place to belong.

**3rd Grade bible Sunday will be October 8th.** If you have a 3rd grader please join us at church service that day for the presentation of Bibles!

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## HOMELESS ARE WELCOME



The greater Rochester Family Promise program provides homeless families overnight housing and evening meals in 13 area church buildings; about 40 churches are involved by providing volunteers. Pine Island United Methodist Church is a host site four weeks a year. We will welcome families September 10-16 and October 22-28. Family Promise does much more. Parents are assisted with job training, employment, and finding living accommodations; children are provided rides to school and evening tutoring. This is a wonderful ministry in which you may become involved. While volunteers come from many congregations, members of our church provide much of the leadership: among them are Kris Gillard (meals and dinner hosts), Pastor Rick Ormsby (overnight hosts), Don Vang (drivers) and Lisa Beyer (laundry). Talk with them! Volunteers who work directly with guests are required to have training and a background check.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult classes meet when the children and youth classes are in session. The two adult groups use the same materials and meet at 7:30-8:30 am and 10:30-11:30 am. Pastor Rick Ormsby will lead a 12 week video/discussion series using NOOMA materials. This is an outstanding Bible study which deals with practical living the Christian life. It was very well received when offered three years ago. The host is Rev. Bob Bell whose presentations are engaging and entertaining. Come, join us.

## UNIDOS EN CRISTO

Pastors Carolyn and Rick invite adults to participate in the Unidos en Cristo (United In Christ) weekend experience. Offered three times a year, the next opportunity is November 9-12 (men) and November 16-19 (women) at Evangel United Methodist Church in Rochester. Those attending have sponsors who provide transportation and donate registration fees. Those who have attended include: Donna Beckman, Marge Berg, Wade Bluemer, Mary Bluemer, Jo Canniff, Marilyn Collins, Chris Dietz, Cheryl Finnegan, Bonnie Kundert, Rachel Lange, Vickie Mancilman, Greg Nordstrom, Lynda Jo Nordstrom, Rick Ormsby, Michala Sinning, Al Trelstad, Nancy Trelstad, and Carolyn Westlake. Please speak to them about their weekend.

Sometimes called "an experience in Christian Living", UEC is designed to strengthen and renew faith and bring Christians to a new and more alive awareness of living in God's grace. Many will say "transformation" happens in a weekend; most find growth in faith, nearness to God, and increased joy in daily life. Sound interesting? Speak with one of our pastors about attending.

## BAIWALLA PRAYERS ANSWERED

For several years Pine Island UMC has included the Baiwalla United Methodist Church (Sierra Leone, West Africa) in weekly prayer. This year (2017) has seen an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Rev. Judith Banya and the three congregations she has established. Some fruits:

\*Construction of a Methodist High School began in January. Through a generous financial donor from Minnesota over \$100,000 has been provided for the school. Most of the hired workers and volunteers are Muslims--who make up 95% of the local population.

\*A mission team organized through our church spent 12 days in Baiwalla in February. Retired Pastor Rick Ormsby led the team; Lisa Beyer also went. Isaac Beach, rural Pine Island, was one of two teenagers on the team; it was Isaac's first trip outside the United States. There was a total of eight Minnesotans--several of whom are planning to go again. The team was welcomed by the entire village of 3000 people; Rick was made an "honorary paramount chief". When the team left, the foundation had been laid, 1000 cement bricks had been formed, and the first floor was almost ready to be poured.

\*Tom Montgomery, Rosemount United Methodist Church, noted that the 35 hired workers made about \$2 a day and had to provide their own food and water. For the next year he will donate \$250 each month to provide a noon meal for all the workers.

\*Tom also challenged his home church to donate \$8000 to provide solar energy for the Mission House. This will provide power for lights, fans, and a pump for the water system. Next year's team will have more cooling fans and water (sink, toilet, shower) for each guest room.



## HARVEST HOME DINNER IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

**HELP!** The Harvest Home Dinner is just around the corner. The community is depending on us to serve another fabulous turkey dinner and our small committee can't do it alone!! Thank you to all who returned post cards and for your willingness to help! However, many cards have not been returned. Please fill out yours and drop it in the mail **as soon as possible**. Ways to help include the corn freezing day after Sunday service, baking pies at church October 5th or 6th, filling individual cranberry and pickle cups, ticket sales and seating guests as tables are ready in the dining room the day of the dinner, serving guests in the dining room, cutting pies, setting up areas for the following: receiving pies, serving pies, preparing take-out orders and of course the kitchen (including cleaning the week before) and being available on the day of the dinner for a variety of small tasks. We need all postcards returned (preferably indicating what you will do or furnish) in order to update our records. Whether you are contributing or not, please indicate: Moved away, not a member, unable to, not interested or whatever the reason.

Every year 600 plus people are served at the Harvest Home Dinner and we have only a fraction of the needs met to serve them. From the responding members, this is what we have. And what we need:

9 Turkeys but **we need 20 more**. Easy and are done in oven bags with instruction included. We have 9, 9x13 pans of dressing but **we need 20 more**, a double batch is not hard to do. We have 50lb Mashed potatoes but **we need 200 lbs more**. They are big potatoes and are provided also easy to peel. Who doesn't know how to mash potatoes? 4 gallons of Pickles but **we need 3 more**, the recipe is below. 26 Apple pies **we need 25 more**, 21 Pumpkin pies and **we need 39 more**. While making one pie? Why not make two? We need more servers and kitchen help – several, a cleaning crew the week of October 2-6 we need 5 or more. We are planning to freeze corn on a Sunday after church as we did last year. The date depends on when we can get the corn so stay tuned. We will need a few good people to husk 40 dozen ears, cut it off the cobs and cook, bag and freeze it. Last year we were done in less than 4 hours. If you are willing to help, please give your name to Cher Knutson 356-4022 and she will contact you when the corn is ready to see if you are available.

### PLEASE NOTE.....AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!

There is a change in the Meals to Go procedure. No orders will be taken by phone. You may purchase your meal(s) at the ticket table in the church narthex on the day of the dinner, then proceed to the take out window which will be located **Downstairs** (please note change in location) and exit through the west side door. Meals to Go are available from 4pm to 6pm. Questions may be directed to Cher Knutson 356-4022.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We are also very much in need of some AMAZING volunteers to help with Children's Worship on Wednesday nights. This is a very simple easy to read lesson with an activity or game! Very easy and fun!!!

### Wednesday Night Meals will be starting September 20th.

Meals 6:00pm - 6:30pm Children's Worship 6:30-7:15pm. If school get canceled on a Wednesday night due to weather, Wednesday night meals will also be canceled.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child collection week is November 13th-20th. Please put a list of items. Plastic shoes boxes can be purchased at Walmart for about \$1.00 or less if buying in bulk. Item suggestion

**Ideas include:** Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes.

**Other Suggestions:** Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc. Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions

## TWO DISCIPLE CLASSES OFFERED

There has been a positive response to "Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study". This 34-week class requires three hours of home preparation and a two hour class weekly. Participants read 3/4 of the Bible and become familiar with both the Old and New Testaments. Vital Christian churches are grounded in Scripture; disciples of Jesus grow in faith through small groups. This Bible study helps people grow in faith and in practical Christian living. The class will meet on a Tuesday or Thursday evening--the decision to be made by those attending.

There will also be an Advanced class: "Into the Word, Into the World". While it is recommended that you take the basic Disciple class first, this will be open to beginners. While Disciple I surveys the whole Bible, "Into the Word" focuses on Genesis and Exodus (Old Testament) and Luke-Acts (New Testament). This advanced class goes much deeper into these four books of the Bible, with assorted reading and attention in some other books. This class will meet during the day, unless the interested students choose to meet in an evening. About six hours a week is expected; the class goes for 32 weeks.

Pastor Rick Ormsby will lead both classes; there is sign-up sheets in the back of the sanctuary.

## TOM MILLERING

Tom Millering looks back on a long history of service to agriculture, his community and his country. He was born in Luverne, Minnesota and raised on a farm until he was nine. He said, "God has always been a part of my life."

He married Harriet Eva Rueber on June 9, 1941. "Harriet was a good wife and mother," said Tom.

Together the two raised two boys, Dan and Harold and farmed in Oronoco and New Haven Township. Tom milked dairy cattle for 26 years. According to Tom, "Harriet loved my cows.

"You bet she was a good cook," added Tom, "She didn't like it, but she was." One of his favorites was grapefruit pie, one of the exotic recipes she picked up during their twenty-six winters in Rio Grande Valley, Texas. Harriet taught country school in Olmsted County for ten years. During World War II, the rule against women teaching after they married was relaxed. Tom drew the highest draft number in the 1940 lottery. He spent three years learning to be an airplane mechanic and got the highest grades, but when he got home, he was given a farming deferment. He was disappointed. He said, "I wished I'd gone."

He has served many administrative capacities, including the Pine Island School Board for nine years; the American Farm Conservation Program; and, the US Farm Loan Association. He served many roles in church, both at Oronoco Presbyterian and Pine Island United Methodist Church, including the pastoral committee. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He retired at 85. In retirement, he enjoyed gardening and the annual family fishing trip. His son Don took over the farm and is now retired. His son Harold was an electrical engineer for various companies and is also retired. Tom has four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Tom's advice to those just starting out is "not to try to get too big too fast. You can't come to Pine Island and have coffee every day and still get your work done. You have to sacrifice if you want to get ahead along the highway of life."



## HHD PICKLES

7 cups cucumbers, thinly sliced

2 tsp salt

1 cup onion chopped

1/2 tsp celery seed

1 cup green or red pepper chopped



2 cups sugar

1 cup cider vinegar

Mix together in a 5qt ice cream pail & refrigerate

# We're Going Back To School



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PC = Pastor Carolyn NS = No School SS = Sunday School	PH = Pine Haven BB = Better Brew					
3 9am Service w/Communion 10:15 Fellowship	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  11 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Heritage 7pm Boy Scouts	5 Cathy on Vacation  7pm Trustee Meeting	6 Cathy on Vacation  11:30am Rotary	7 Cathy on Vacation 	8 15 Family Promise	9 2pm Memorial Carrie Clark 5pm Pontoon Rides
10 Family Promise 9am Service 10:15 Fellowship	11 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Heritage 7pm Boy Scouts 	12 Family Promise 7pm SPC Meeting	13 Family Promise 11:30am Rotary	14 Family Promise 6pm Girl Scouts in Heritage	15 Family Promise	16 Family Promise 5pm Pon Toon Rides 6pm Evangelism at Car Show
17 9am Service w/Communion 10:15 Fellowship 10:15 SS	18 6PM Lions Dinner	19  7pm Finance Meeting	20 11:30am Rotary 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	21 10am Pine Haven Bible Study	22	23
24 9am Service 10:15 Fellowship 10:15 SS	25 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Council Meeting	26	27 11:30am Rotary 5pm Mission Meeting 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	28	29	30

## TRUSTEE'S REPORT

By Don Vang

It has been a busy past few months at our Trustee meetings. The trustees made beautifying the outside of the church a priority for this year.

Some work was completed last year by Scott Berg Construction to the sides of the steeple to stop leaks that were coming all the way to the basement. This was a temporary fix and was not done to beautify the church. Since then the possibilities were discussed for other needed improvements.

Next, we got a bid from Jaspersen Painting. The bid was \$16,335. This would be the cheapest option; however, that does not repair the wood shakes that are really old on the peaks of all sides of the church and would only be temporary. The shakes don't hold paint for very long and there is no guarantee that the stains that are mainly on the east side would not reappear.

The next option is to replace the siding. The existing steel siding has been there at least 40 years and the wood shakes may be as old as the church.

We have received bids from three different siding companies. The first was Larson Siding, the second was Ryan Siding the third was Gingerich Construction out of Mabel, Minnesota. Larson Siding's bid was several months old so we asked them to rebid and they were the lowest at \$87,300. They would replace the siding to make it look pretty much like it is with the vertical siding around the bottom, the horizontal siding next and vinyl shakes on the top. They would also wrap all of the windows and replace the rain gutters.

We know this is an expensive option, but it would beautify the church for the long haul.

The trustees have chosen Larson Siding to do the work which would be completed this coming winter. No final decisions have been made and no contracts have been signed. Color options have been discussed but it is pretty much a consensus that the church would remain white. Before any commitments are made, we need to come up with a way to pay for it. You can expect a fund-raising campaign which will include a pledge drive. Various options of finance companies are be considered including the local bank and church credit unions.

The trustees have shared these options with our finance committee and with church council and now we need to go back for their approval and support. We pray that we are making the right decisions and that our congregation will support us in the endeavor.

Other actions by the trustees: The steps on the east of the church were replaced this summer and some re-wiring is going to be done to accommodate our electrical needs for Harvest Home dinner. These projects are being paid for by the WAB.

## AN ADVENTURE ON THE ZUMBRO SEPTEMBER 9 & 16.

Limited pontoon rides will be offered, weather permitting, September 9 & 16 starting at 5pm. The trip is from 1 1/2 hr. to 2 hr. long. Space will be limited; eight to ten people per ride. Reservation sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the church office. Please sign up with names and phone numbers in case of cancellation. We have a limited number of youth size life jackets. We will be loading at the Fisherman's Inn dock. More details will follow in the September Pine Chips and Church bulletins.

## MISSION CORNER

Mission box in September is for Food For Friends. This local mission, which is run out of Crosswinds Church, sends backpacks of food home on the weekends for kids in need. There are several people from PIUMC who help pack these backpacks and also deliver them to the local school one week a month. For more information, check out the following website: <http://www.crosswindschurch.com/food-for-friends>. On that note, your local food shelf also needs your help. With kids unable to get reduced lunches or backpacks for the weekends, their families need to be able to get items from the local food shelf. Help support your local food shelf!



**PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF:** September is Paper products.