



# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

*Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Sunday, May 5, 2024*

## Sunday, April 28

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
9:00 am Bible Milestone  
9:30 am Children's Faith Formation  
10:15 am Worship & Third Grade Bible  
Milestone  
11:30 am Youth Group

## Monday, April 29

6:00 pm Open Ringing  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Trust & Endowment Meeting

## Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am AGCLC Children's Church  
5:30 pm Executive Team Meeting  
6:00 pm Youth Bell Rehearsal  
6:30 pm Confirmation  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 2

10:00 am Text Study

## Sunday, May 5

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
9:30 am Children's Faith Formation  
10:15 am Worship  
11:30 am Chili Cook Off  
11:30 am New Member Orientation

### *Our Mission*

Living in God's love and compassion, we are called and sent by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through us for healing, justice, and peace.



**valley of peace**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## A Couple Notes From AGCLC

As we look ahead to our Spring and Summer planning for All God's Children Learning Center, we are focusing on fostering a stronger sense of community and involvement within AGCLC. We are excited to begin offering more volunteer opportunities at our center. We believe that by coming together as a community, we can enhance the educational experience for our children and deepen connections with one another as well as our connections between AGCLC and VOP.

Volunteering at AGCLC is all about building bridges and having fun while doing it! There are many opportunities to be involved from reading stories, gardening with our preschoolers, setting up events, or rocking our littlest babies.

If you are interested, please follow this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQdWvkOpAwrJ098Ch1uHsiJzNGni7iOES-qPfze23k21tWew/viewform> or reach out with questions!

Anna Pearson

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Open invitation to all Valley of Peace members to volunteer to serve on the All God's Children Board. Having done this twice I can attest that your input is not only needed but it is valued as well.

The Board meets every second Tuesday from 7-8:30pm on Zoom & for the most part that is the extent of the time commitment they are needing. VoP and AGC have a long history of working well together & Pastor Ashley & AGC Director Anna are trying to enhance this relationship, so now is an exciting time to join the board

As a board member your personal & professional experiences make all the difference as we try to assist Anna in creating & utilizing best practices. No experience is necessary but you will come away with great understandings. Several of us are coming of our three year commitment so it is necessary to find replacements.

Please ask Kelsey, in the church office, for an application or to ask more questions.

Thanks all.  
Jim Jasper

## Upcoming New Member Class

On Sunday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m. there is an opportunity to gather for New Member Orientation. This is a time where you can meet other people interested in joining Valley of Peace, have conversation with current members, and learn more about VOP.

If you attend New Member Orientation, you are not required to join Valley of Peace. Instead, it is meant to be an informal time of learning more about the church and what it means to be a church member. Please know that children are always invited to join this time. If you have any questions about New Member Orientation or Valley of Peace, please feel free to e-mail Pastor Ashley Osborn at [aosborn@valleyofpeace.org](mailto:aosborn@valleyofpeace.org).

## Summer Volunteering

We're trying something new for volunteering sign up this summer at VOP!

Scan the QR Code below to go to our summer volunteer schedule.

Any questions, email Kelsey Pierson at [office@valleyofpeace.org](mailto:office@valleyofpeace.org).

Thank you for volunteering!



## **Noble School Needs Volunteers**

Hello Valley of Peace Community,

We have our Spring Carnival coming up on 5/17, and would love to see if there are any Valley of Peace members that would be interested in attending and volunteering.

Scan the QR Code for information and volunteer sign up form below:



Thank you!  
Lori Akin, Noble PTA

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Hello to the VoP Habitat Team!

Due to a number of circumstances, we will be unable to do a Habitat project in September this year. We have been offered a project in late June instead.

The dates are 6/26, 6/27 & 6/28 (we could do the whole week if we get enough volunteers). This is a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Weather will be spectacular!

The project is a new build in South Minneapolis (1406 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East- near Lake of the Isles). The project is supposed to start in early June so we would possibly be working on assembling walls (I hope that they will be farther along than what we had in Richfield two years ago!).

Check you calendars and let me know if those dates would work for you -  
Sign up for the work crew volunteers will be at the end of May.

Paul Mikelson

## Children, Youth & Family Announcements

### **VBS Registration Opens Next Week**

The date for Vacation Bible School! Vacation Bible School will be held August 11th through 15th (Sunday through Thursday) from 6-8:30pm. Vacation Bible School will be held at Elim Lutheran Church this year (3987 West Broadway; Robbinsdale, MN 55422). Registration will open May 1st.

### **Calling All Chili Chefs!**

Valley of Peace's returning annual chili cook off is May 5th following the worship service in the fellowship hall! Youth will be helping to staff the event but we need chefs to bring their crockpots or other serving dishes full of their favorite delicious chili recipe. Funds raised from this event will go toward the youth of Valley of Peace and help send three of our youth to the National Youth Gathering.



### **Envelope Fundraiser**

You may notice envelopes appearing in the narthex (space outside of the sanctuary) with dollar amounts on them on May 5th. This is part of a fundraiser for the youth of Valley of Peace. The dollar amounts go from \$1 to \$150, take as many or as few envelopes as your family would like then return them with the donated dollar amount inside. These will be up all month long, so please consider taking one, two, or many envelopes to donate to the youth fund. Funds raised from this event will go toward the youth of Valley of Peace and help send three of our youth to the National Youth Gathering.

## Council Positions Open

Hello Fellow Valley of Peace Parishioners,  
I want to share the following exciting opportunities to be involved in important work in partnership with fellow VoP members. We are currently seeking interest in the following team chair position on Council.

- Parish Life

For what it may be worth, every time I've put my fears and worries aside and just went ahead and said yes to such opportunities to work with my brothers and sisters at VoP. I have benefited in some of life's most beautiful ways-no regrets. I hope you'll find and seize similar opportunities for fulfillment in the openings above. If you're even the slightest bit curious about a position, please let me know. Let's have a discussion so a fully informed decision may be made.

Peace be with you all.

Pat McGraw, Valley of Peace Council President  
615-260-2318 (Feel free to call or text) or [apmcgraw@msncom](mailto:apmcgraw@msncom)

## Taste of the Burbs

**SAVE THE DATE FOR PRISM'S ANNUAL**

*This event offers two venues: The Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubroom and Frankie's Chicago Style Restaurant.*

**METROPOLITAN**  
BALLROOM & CLUBROOM  
5418 Wayzata Blvd,  
Golden Valley, MN 55416

Ticket Information:

- April 1st-14th: \$125
- April 15th: \$150
- VIP TICKET: \$225  
*includes VIP reception, exclusive seating, the first choice of parking, and fundraising activities.*

**FRANKIE'S**  
3556 Winnetka Ave N,  
New Hope, MN 55427

Ticket Information:

- April 1st-14th: \$60
- April 15th: \$75

**PRISM'S**  
**TASTE OF THE BURBS**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**VIP RECEPTION: 5:30PM**  
**GENERAL GUESTS: 6:15PM**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 2024**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION: PRISMMPLS.ORG/EVENTS/TOB24**



# APRIL

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **Birthdays:**

Eric Moen, 4/30; Sara Blood, 5/4; Cheryl Stetler, 5/4;

*We invite you to take the announcements home with you  
and remember in prayer:*

The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria/our Congregation partner -  
LCCN, St. Luke Cathedral, Mayo-Gwoi, Jalingo, Nigeria and  
Pastor Talmon Yakaba

The children and youth of Valley of Peace and the members of the  
congregation who pray for them daily.

The congregation of Valley of Peace, that we extend an open welcome to  
all people and model in our community the reconciling ministry of  
Jesus Christ.

Those who have health concerns or are receiving treatment.

For the family & friends of Naomi Anderson, who passed on April 1,  
including her brother, Bob Gerber.

For the family & friends of Dave Sawyer, who passed on April 23.

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### ***Prayer requests are listed with permission.***

*If you would like to be included in the prayers please contact the church  
office. Names will be included for 4 weeks unless otherwise asked for.  
Confidential prayer support is also available.*

### **Valley of Peace Staff**

#### ***Pastor***

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#### ***Director of Children, Youth and Family***

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#### ***Campaign Assistant***

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committed to Racial  
Justice & is a  
Reconciling in Christ  
Church.

