

## Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

*Sunday, October 12, 2025 – Sunday, October 19, 2025*

### **Sunday, October 12**

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation  
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
10:15 am Worship  
11:15 am Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction

### **Tuesday, October 14**

9:30 am Rebecca's Circle  
6:00 pm Worship and Music  
Team meeting

### **Wednesday, October 15**

NO Pray Without  
Ceasing Service this week  
NO Confirmation this week  
NO Chancel Choir rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 16**

10:00 am Text Study

### **Sunday, October 19**

NO Children's Faith Formation  
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation  
10:15 am Worship

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider sponsoring the altar flowers (\$30). The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near the restrooms. Thanks!



### *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.



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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### **October 19th: Cringeworthy Bible Verses:**

Join us as Wes Syverson leads us in a study of Bible verses and stories that we don't want to hear  
Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the Fireside Room...the coffee is always on!

**TODAY!**



**Sunday, October 12, immediately following Service (11:15 am)**

Brought back by Popular Demand! Chili Cook-Off and Auction/Raffle

The Children, Family and Youth Committee are excited to announce the upcoming chili cook-off, silent auction, raffle, AND live auction, featuring our very own auctioneer, Dale Froyum! The proceeds will fund our children and youth faith formation events.

See you in the Fellowship Hall!!

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Members of Valley of Peace are invited to a special congregational meeting on Sunday, October 26, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. At this meeting, members will vote on bids for construction and equipment work in the kitchen, lower-level restroom, and fellowship hall. The Lower Level Task Force and Church Council have thoroughly reviewed multiple proposals and unanimously recommend the bids that will be presented at this meeting. Task Force member Dave Gilyard will share more details, and we will hear an update on the Rejoice & Renew Capital Campaign and funding strategies. Members should have received a mailing with more information. If you did not receive a mailing, please let Pastor Ashley know. You can attend this meeting in person in the sanctuary or online using Zoom. Zoom Meeting information can be found at [www.valleyofpeace.org](http://www.valleyofpeace.org) under our calendar of activities.



## WILDFIRE TALKS: *GHOST OF A CHANCE*



**Thursday, Oct. 23 • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**House of Hope Lutheran Church, 4800 Boone Ave N, New Hope MN 55428**

Join *Star Tribune* reporter **Eric Roper** and producer **Melissa Townsend** for a conversation about ***Ghost of a Chance***—the story of how researching a 113-year-old Minneapolis home led to uncovering the lives of **Harry and Clementine Robinson** and a revelatory chapter in the city's racial history.

Why it matters: this Minneapolis story has metro-wide resonance—how our region's past is woven into the houses, streets, and systems that shaped today's suburbs, and how those histories inform ongoing conversations about belonging and equity in our community.

The evening includes an open Q&A and light refreshments.

You can listen to the podcast before or after the event. Visit <https://www.startribune.com/ghost-of-a-chance/601197355> to find episodes, discussion guides, and archival materials.

## **VALLEY OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

### **RECONCILING IN CHRIST STATEMENT**

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

### **VALLEY OF PEACE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that we live and worship near waters and on land taken from the Wahpekute band of the Santee Dakota Nation, who were the original inhabitants of this area. We honor their wise stewardship of this place and the recognition that we are all part of the same creation. The injustice and trauma experienced by Native civilizations, with the arrival of the Europeans in America, have had a lasting impact on these nations. We are responsible to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue in our time. We honor with gratitude the spirit of the peoples from long ago, the spirit of the Native people who live among us today, and the spirit filled people of Valley of Peace, united in this place.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT**

We believe we are all created in God's image and that we are called by Jesus, through the workings of the Holy Spirit for healing, justice, and peace, to reconciliation, service, and care for all of God's beloved community.

We confirm that, as a ministry of Jesus Christ, we envision a faith community that celebrates all people and strives for racial justice in all that we do.

We commit to racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life, in our community and in our global outreach efforts, and to actively participate in actions that address the inequities in our community.

**October**  
**Mission of the Month**

You are invited to **donate** to our drive for **Winter Clothing** for the children at **Noble Elementary School!**

Especially needed are:

**Waterproof gloves - all children's sizes**  
**snow pants - sizes children's 5 up to**  
**adult small**  
**winter boots - all children's sizes**

Or just give a **monetary donation** and we'll go shopping for you! You may contribute funds with checks made out to Valley of Peace, or give online to VoP. Just designate Noble School in the memo line.

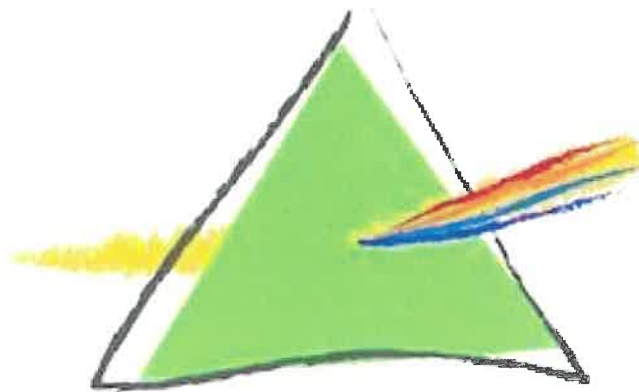
**Please place your clothing donations in the lower level entryway baskets!**

**Thank you for your support!**

**VoP Social Ministry Team**



## PRISM REALLY NEEDS OUR HELP!



# PRISM

A downed power line left PRISM without electricity, forcing Shop for Change to close and causing them to lose 2,667 pounds of food — including milk, eggs, produce, and more. That's a \$7,500 setback, and it directly impacts the families who count on them every week.

They need our help to recover. Donations of food or funds will replace what was lost and ensure families continue to have access to fresh, healthy items. Together, we can turn this challenge into strength for our community.

Either donate here to help them continue service without interruption: <https://prismmpls.org/donate/> or fill the grocery cart on the lower level here at church with non-perishable items. Thank you!!



### **Birthdays:**

Paul Mikelson, 10/12; Harriet Anderson, 10/13; Elaine Lofquist, 10/13;  
Lucia Mikelson, 10/14; Marv Lofquist, 10/19; Stephanie Cook, 10/19

### **Anniversaries:**

Shirley and Dan Johnson, 10/14, their 41st

*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.

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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.*

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

