

# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 22, 2026 - Sunday, March 1, 2026

## Sunday, February 22

Women's Retreat 2026

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship

## Wednesday, February 25

4:00 pm VOP Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Suppers

6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, February 26

10:00 am Text Study (John 13:1-17)

## Saturday, February 28

9:00 am Newborn Kit Service Project

## Sunday, March 1

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation

9:00 am Children's Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship

11:30 am Worship Assistant Meeting

### 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 is committed to Racial Justice and is a Reconciling in Christ Church.

### Contact Us

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## **Food & Supply Drive for Noble Elementary**

Valley of Peace is supporting families at Noble Elementary through a food and supply drive. We invite you to bring donations directly to Noble Elementary and drop them off at the front desk during school hours, Monday - Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Requested nonperishable food and household items include:

Paper Towels  
Kleenex  
Toilet Tissue  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Dish Soap  
Pasta  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Cereal  
Snacks for Children  
Canned Goods

In addition, there is a separate GoFundMe fundraiser supporting a family within the school district.

If you would like to contribute financially to that effort, you may do so here:

[GoFundMe for Ecuadorian family](#)

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in practical and compassionate ways. And, please know this is one of many options for supporting our community right now. We will also continue to collect items for Prism. If you would like more information on ways to support our community, please reach out to Pastor Ashley Osborn.

## **Lenten Suppers**

With Lenten Season just around the corner, that means Soup Supper Season will soon be here! We are looking for folks to bring soup, dessert, etc. to a Soup Supper. Sign up is located outside the Narthex, near the coat racks. Thank you!



## Lenten Volunteers

We are short a few volunteers still for the Lenten Services.

**February 25:** 1 Opener/Closer, 1 Usher & 1 Reader

**March 4:** 1 Opener/Closer, 1 Usher & 1 Tech

**March 11:** 1 Opener/Closer, 1 Usher & 1 Reader

**March 18:** 1 Opener/Closer, 1 Usher & 1 Tech

**March 25:** 1 Opener/Closer, 1 Usher, 1 Tech & 1 Reader

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Kelsey Pierson know at [office@valleyofpeace.org](mailto:office@valleyofpeace.org).

Thank you!

## Christian Contemplative Practice in a Time of Turmoil

March 5, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM

House of Hope Lutheran Church: 4800 Boone Ave N, New Hope

In a period of civil unrest and insecurity, how open are our "Ears to Hear" or "The Eyes to See" in discerning our Christian response? How can we develop a discipline which does not **transmit** the hate and fear we feel but **transform** it into an action based in love? Christian Contemplative Prayer teaches us how to reorient from talking to God - to listening for God.

Join our **Christian Contemplative Practice in a Time of Turmoil** and learn about the history of Christian Contemplative Practice, discover time-honored ways to deepen our awareness of God through silence, prayer, reflection, and presence. Whether you're new to these traditions or simply longing for a more grounded spiritual rhythm, this introductory class offers space to slow down, listen, and grow.

Rev. Emily Meyer, Ministry Lab Executive Director, will be our facilitator. There is no cost for this Introductory session. Open to all Wildfire Congregation members.





**“Christian  
Contemplative  
Practice”**

*(in a time of Turmoil)*

7:00 – 9:00 pm Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

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Have some extra time during the week and looking for a meaningful way to give back? PRISM hosts monthly volunteer orientations for those interested in serving in our food shelf, thrift store, or at the front desk. Take a look at our upcoming March orientation dates and join us.

- Monday, March 2nd 9:00-10:30AM
- Wednesday, March 18th 9:00-10:30AM
- Thursday, March 19th 5:00-6:30PM

Sign up here or email [volunteer@prismmpls.org](mailto:volunteer@prismmpls.org) to reserve a spot!

We are looking for volunteers to help with our food rescue efforts – if you have consistent time during weekdays, are willing to drive the van or ride along, and can tolerate physical labor such as lifting, pushing, and pulling – we would love to hear from you!

### **Volunteers Needed for Newborn Kits**

Help is needed to pack and fund 200 New Born Kits, to be distributed by Global Health Ministries. We'll be packing these kits on Saturday, February 28, from 9-11 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

A volunteer sign-up is in the church entryway. Financial gifts can be designated to World Missions, envelopes are in the sanctuary chair racks, or can be made electronically with a donor designation. The cost for this project is \$2,500. We are thankful to Thrivent Financial for a gift of \$250. Special thanks also to the Rebecca Circle for a gift of \$250 and treats. Volunteers also knit newborn caps and sewed receiving blankets. If you have any questions, please reach out to Dan Johnson.

### **Lenten Friday Dinners & Prayer Vigils for Disappeared Neighbors**

Each Friday evening during Lent, you're invited to a short gathering at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (5929 Brooklyn Blvd). At 6 pm, we'll share food from a local restaurant that has been particularly impacted by ICE raids. At 6:30, we'll host a 20-minute prayer vigil for our disappeared neighbors. If you plan to eat, please RSVP on Thursday each week here: <https://tinyurl.com/4tsxxzzp> (free will offering will be collected to cover costs).



# Lent 2026

## Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism



*This Lent we will gather around the promises made in baptism;  
promises of belonging, justice, love, and new life.*

*Our midweek services will be in the sanctuary,  
with music from Holden Evening Prayer,  
and reflections on each of the covenant promises of baptism.*

Here is the schedule for our February and March  
Lenten Worship Services. There will be a sign up for  
soup suppers in the narthex in mid-February.

We look forward to worshipping with you this Lent.

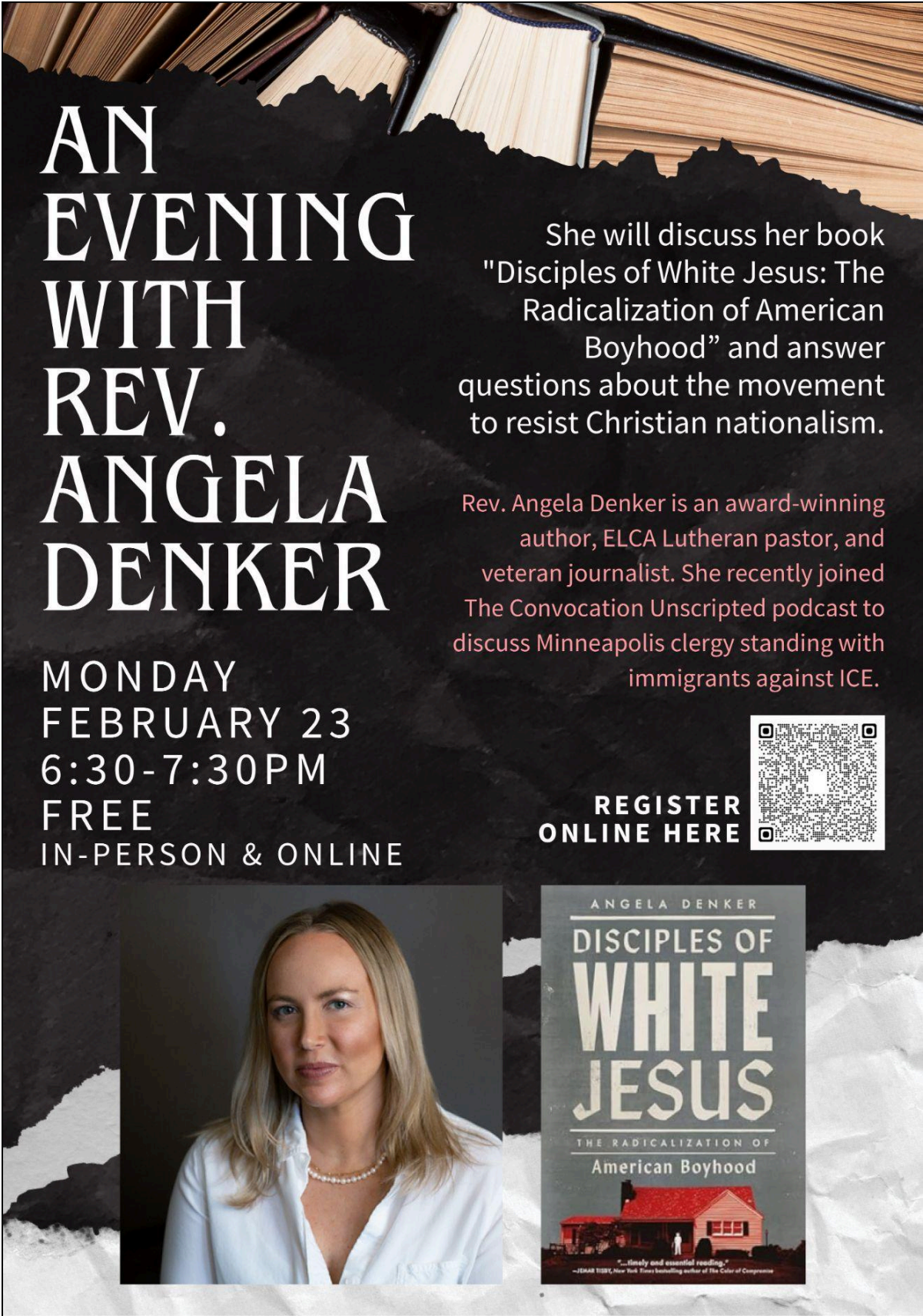
### **Ash Wednesday, February 18:**

Worship at 6:30 in the Sanctuary (no Soup Supper)

### **Wednesday Midweek Schedule for Wednesdays, Feb 25, Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25**

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary



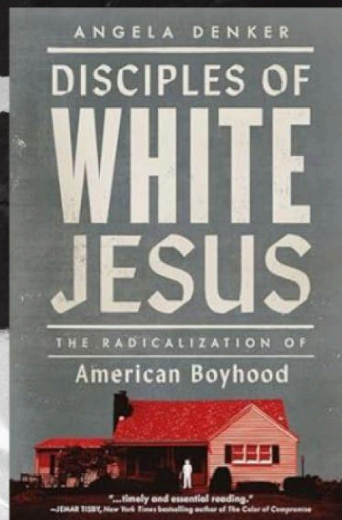
# AN EVENING WITH REV. ANGELA DENKER

MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 23  
6:30-7:30PM  
FREE  
IN-PERSON & ONLINE

She will discuss her book  
"Disciples of White Jesus: The  
Radicalization of American  
Boyhood" and answer  
questions about the movement  
to resist Christian nationalism.

Rev. Angela Denker is an award-winning  
author, ELCA Lutheran pastor, and  
veteran journalist. She recently joined  
The Convocation Unscripted podcast to  
discuss Minneapolis clergy standing with  
immigrants against ICE.

REGISTER  
ONLINE HERE



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**Minneapolis, MN 55403**

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on HAUMC's YouTube page:  
[www.youtube.com/@hennepinaveumc](https://www.youtube.com/@hennepinaveumc)







### **Birthdays:**

2/23: Connie Dow;

2/27: Pam Gullick & Mike Belko;

3/1: Lorraine Ruud;

***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.

Prayers for the loved ones of Michael Schauer who passed away on  
Thursday, January, 28, 2026.

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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**

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