



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sunday, April 5

No Adult Faith Formation
No Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am Easter Worship

Monday, April 6

AGCDC/VOP Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

No Confirmation Class
No Chancel Choir
4:00 pm VOP Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes
6:00 pm Nibi Walk Orientation

Thursday, April 9

10:00 am Text Study (John 20:19-31)

Saturday, April 11

4:30 pm Question or Two & a Brew

Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am Worship

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.

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Blessings Box Update

Friends, our Blessings Box continues to be used (and emptied) almost weekly! And now that the weather is warming up, we can begin to collect items that were not a good idea in the depth of winter! So, the next time you're shopping, please consider donating cans of soup, shampoo, toothpaste as well as the other non-perishable food items. Remember things like rices, sugar, flour, non-dairy milk, feminine health products, toilet paper and CEREAL are always needed.

Many, many thanks to Christy Flikke for volunteering to keep her eyes on the Box and replacing items as needed! Let me know if you have any questions. My email is sally.danielsherron@gmail.com
Thank you so much!

Lower Level Renovation “Highlights”

This Past Weeks Work:

- Kitchen equipment secured to the walls. Plumbing for sinks and dishwasher being hooked up this week.
 - New counter tops partially installed. Finishing up Monday.
 - Sprinkler heads modified to accommodate new drop ceiling.
- 3 of 4 Fellowship Hall doors have been refinished. 4th door to be removed and peeled laminate repaired before refinishing. New door closures to be installed.
- Health Department preliminary walk-through took place. Indications are all is looking quite good. Inspector to provide report.

This Week's Plans:

- Finish installation of counter tops.
- Removal of old and installation of new windows in the Fellowship Hall. As of 8 am Monday, two window units had already been removed!
 - Coffee brewer installation.
 - Coiling doors over front counters to be installed.
 - Temporary enclosures planned to be removed.
- Paining in Fellowship Hall planned to start towards the end of the week.

Some Photos of Activity in the Link Below:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3Y5PypvNVU8r3A2s6>

Lost Coat

If you accidentally grabbed a coat that wasn't yours after the Palm Sunday Brunch, please reach out to Linda Franz or Kelsey Pierson. We also found a tan/light purple coat upstairs that may be yours instead.

Thank you!

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:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers- Sizes 3, 4, 5 & 7
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Vick's VapoRub
- Children's Ibuprofen
- Kids Cereal

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:

<https://gofund.me/bb52798a4>

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.

Community Support Opportunities

Looking for additional ways to support our community?

To learn more, either go to our Valley of Peace homepage and click the "Community Support Opportunities" button or go to this link:

<https://valleyofpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/March-2026-Community-Support-Opportunities-VOP.png>

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Pastor Ashley.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and care.

Two Letters From Birmingham

**Wildfire Churches Present:
Two Letters from Birmingham**

A Readers Theater production

Based on the writing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Created and Directed by Mark Jensen

Friday, April 24th 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 25th 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 26th 2:00 PM

**House of Hope Lutheran Church
4800 Boone Ave. N. New Hope, Mn**

Admission free

Support PRISM

Minnesota Food Share month is almost to a close, and we have through **Sunday, April 5** to make our VOP goal of **1000 donations of food items and/or dollars!**

As of Palm Sunday, we are at 880 items/dollars contributed! So close! Can we make 1000 by Sunday? Or even can we exceed that number, and offer even more help to our neighbor?

Please do what you can by Sunday! Food items may be dropped off in the grocery cart or baskets at the lower entry. Monetary donations may be put in the offering plate or you can give online on the VOP website.

Thank VOP for showing up again for our community!

Háǎ́ Wakpádan (Bassett Creek) Nibi Walk – April 22, 2026

The *Háǎ́ Wakpádan* Nibi Walk will begin at Medicine Lake in Plymouth, MN and travel 13 miles to the Mississippi on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Community Closing Celebration

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, beginning 12:30 PM

James I. Rice Park at 323 W River Pkwy, Minneapolis

Please join us for a special community celebration of *Háǎ́ Wakpádan* at the conclusion of the walk. Beginning at 12:30 we will gather in order to welcome the walkers when they arrive. Everyone is invited to witness the final steps of the walk as the water is offered to the confluence of *Háǎ́ Wakpádan* and *Háǎ́ Wakpá* (the Mississippi). There will be snacks, resource tables, and a special program of speakers and artists celebrating all the communities that intersect around *Háǎ́ Wakpádan*:

- Artist Seitu Jones will talk about his artwork marking the path of the underground tunnel for *Háǎ́ Wakpádan* and growing up by the creek.
- Ikidowin Youth Theater Ensemble will present poetry and songs
- Make a seed bomb with water stewards from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
- Learn Dakota history of the creek
- More to come

All our neighbors and friends are warmly invited to this closing celebration!

Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 6 – 7:30 PM

Valley of Peace Lutheran at 4735 Bassett Creek Drive, Golden Valley, MN.

Participants in orientation meeting will receive further information for signing up to walk. Participation in an orientation meeting is **REQUIRED** for people who want to take part in the walking portion. Route map and walk specifics provided upon sign up. This walk is organized with support from the Minneapolis Parks Foundation.

To learn more:

<https://www.nibiwalk.org/posts/water-walks/>

Save the Date: Habitat for Humanity 2026

Our Habitat project this year will be Wednesday to Friday, September 16-18. Please mark your calendars. More information will come when we know more.

Paul Mikelson
VoP Habitat Co-Coordinator

Taste of the Suburbs



Celebrating what links us together!

Taste of the 'Burbs is PRISM's largest annual fundraiser, bringing the community together for an evening of great food and even greater impact. Held at The Metropolitan Ballroom and Clubhouse, this year's event will feature a full dinner, cash bar, Golden Ticket Getaway Raffle, Food Wall, Fund-A-Need, and an online silent auction.

Proceeds from Taste of the 'Burbs directly support PRISM's vital programs, including the Marketplace Food Shelf, Housing Programs, and Shop for Change Thrift Store. Your participation helps provide healthy food, proper clothing, and housing stability for families in our community. Join us for a night of giving, connection, and fun!

Secure your seat at Taste of the 'Burbs starting Wednesday, March 25th, 2026!

This event typically sells out, so mark your calendars and get your tickets when they go on sale!

Early Bird Rate: \$125 (March 25–April 10)

Regular Rate: \$150 (April 11–April 27)

VIP Ticket: \$225

Enjoy a VIP reception, exclusive seating, first choice of parking, and early access to fundraising activities!



Birthdays:

4/5: Maya Lee; 4/6: Pastor Ashley Osborn; 4/7: Isabella Wallace;
4/8: Emilie Moravec; 4/10: Gina Privratsky; 4/12: Betty Hill;

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 Susan Gerber and family with the passing of Bob Gerber on March 10, 2026.

Prayers for Marty Fergus.

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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EASTER FLOWERS

PURPLE TULIPS

Sara & Steve Hoge
Sarah & Dan Kempf
Dottie & Marty Fergus

PURPLE MUMS

Diane Hinderlie
Claudia Aronsohn
Ruth & Jon Larson
Sara & Steve Hoge

RED TULIPS

Sarah & Dan Kempf
Barb & Paul Mikelson
Claudia Arohson

PINK HYDRANGEAS

Diane Hinderlie
Linda & Craig Franz
Elaine & Marvin Lofquist
Pr. Ashley, Jon, Clara & TJ Osborn

YELLOW MUMS

Sue Trosvig
Mary Hovden
Margaret Wallace
Ruth & Jon Larson
Dottie & Marty Fergus

PINK HYDRANGEAS

Margaret Wallace
Leslie & Dave Gilyard
Christine & Dan Weatherman
Darcie Rodman & Chuck Rudolph

IN MEMORY. THANKSGIVING. CELEBRATION & HONOR

In loving memory of our parents. -Leslie & Dave Gilyard

In memory of our dear friend Kathy. -Darcie Rodman & Chuck Rudolph

In thanksgiving for my parents, Kirk & Nancy Rodman. -Darcie Rodman & Chuck Rudolph