

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church



CONNECTIONS CATALOG 2026-2027

Check out the ways you can get involved this year through events, small groups, and volunteer opportunities.



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ABOUT US

Welcome to Valley of Peace Lutheran Church where Christians from every tradition, people new to the faith, believers, questioners, and questioning believers are one together in Christ Jesus. 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement reflects our ministry:

“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.”

In this place you are welcome to celebrate, grieve, rejoice, and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

Valley of Peace is affiliated with Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are also a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

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WORSHIP WITH US

Worship at Valley of Peace brings together congregation, visitors and the community for renewal in faith, strength, mission and purpose. We hear the Word of God in Bible readings and preaching, receive the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and rejoice in the gifts given by our Triune God.

We welcome children to all of our worship services and include them by offering quiet toys and books, opportunities to serve and a place to wiggle if it is one of those days.

We worship each Sunday at 10:15 am during the school year and 9:30 am Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

Our worship services are also streamed on YouTube.

All are welcome!



CALENDAR

September 2026

13 Rally Sunday

27 New Member Orientation

October 2026

25 Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

November 2026

1 All Saints Sunday

8 Chili Cook-Off

25 Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship

December 2026

20 The Longest Night Worship Service

24 Christmas Eve Worship Service

January 2027

31 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

February 2027

10 Ash Wednesday Worship Service

17 Lenten Worship Service

19-21 Women's Retreat

24 Lenten Worship Service

March 2027

3 Lenten Worship Service

10 Lenten Worship Service

17 Lenten Worship Service

21 Palm Sunday Worship Service

25 Maundy Thursday Worship Service

26 Good Friday Worship Service

28 Easter Worship Service

May 2027

16 Annual Congregational Meeting

FALL EVENTS

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

RALLY SUNDAY EVENTS

Schedule

9:00 am

- Adult Faith Formation (Fireside Room)
- Children's Faith Formation (Library)

9:30 am

- One & Done Choir (Sanctuary)

10:15 am

- Worship (Sanctuary) with the Blessing of the Backpacks, please bring your backpack!

11:30 am

- Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
- Activities (Front Lawn/Parking Lot) including a Bike-A-Thon, Bouncy House, & more! Bring your bike to church to join in on the fun!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For More Information: www.valleyofpeace.org

FALL EVENTS



save the Date



GOZO
— Joy —
SALSA



Festival

Food, Music & Dancing!
All are welcome. Proceeds will benefit Tapestry Church of
Richfield impacted by Metro Surge

OCTOBER

Saturday **24** 3 – 6 PM

Where:
Valley of Peace Church
4735 Bassett Creek Dr
Golden Valley, MN



ValleyofPeace.org



TapestryRichfield.org

FALL EVENTS



Valley of Peace
Lutheran Church

Chili

COOK OFF

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

The VOP Chili Cook Off will be held in the Fellowship Hall after Worship. Bring your chili to be judged or just come to taste others! Please sign up if you would like to enter your chili into the competition or would like to bring other food items.
All are welcome!

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

MONEY RAISED WILL GO
TOWARDS CHILDREN,
YOUTH & FAMILY
PROGRAMS.

For more information:
Email Dan Miller, Director of
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

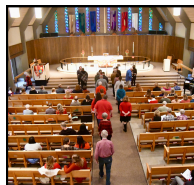


Opener/Closer

Help prepare the church before and after worship.

Welcome Center

Welcome visitors & help answer any questions they have.



Greeter

Greet everyone as they enter for worship.

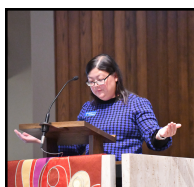
Ushers

Greet worshippers and hand out bulletins. Help with offering & ushering worshippers for communion. Clean up the sanctuary after worship.



Worship Assistant

Read the prayers of the people during worship and help with serving Communion.



Reader

Read the scripture of the day during worship.

Communion Servers

Help serve communion during worship.

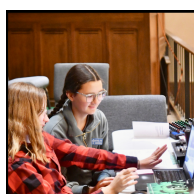


Faith Moment

Lead the Children's Faith Moment during worship centered around scripture.

Coffee Cart

Prepare coffee in the Fireside Room for worshippers to enjoy after worship.



Technology

Live stream the worship service on Youtube.

Altar Care

Prepare the altar for worship & clean up the altar after.

VALLEY OF PEACE DISCOVERY CENTER



WELCOME to Valley of Peace's Discovery Center!

Lake Area Discovery Center has been serving families of young learners since 1999! We believe parents are the first and most important teachers children will have. Our Licensed Teachers, Early-Childhood Specialists, are here to support parents in their children's education journey.

LADC is a School-based model, that provides wrap-around before and after-school care, as well as an optional Summer Program, to help meet families' needs. Please reach out anytime to learn more about our customized class schedules. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and community!



Together for Children, **Jamie Jones**
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AGE-JOURNEYS: Preschool & Toddlers

School Year Classes: age by Sept 1st

- **Kinderstart Class**, 4 years old
- **Discovery Class**, 3 years old
- **Explorers Class**, 16 months old

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT / SPECIALISTS

Spanish, Music, Phy. Ed, STEM, Field Trips, Special Events, and more!

PROGRAM HOURS with Wrap-Around Care

- Open 7:00 AM-5:30 PM
- Before Care: 7:00-9:00 AM
- After Care: 3:30-5:30 PM

SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

Core Morning Class, with Lunch: 9:00 AM-12:15 PM

- Circle/Story Time, Prayers / Bible Songs, Learning Time in 9 Environments, Snack, Specialist Lessons
- **INCLUDES HOT LUNCH** daily

Full-Day Core-Class, with Lunch: 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

- Circle/Story Time, Prayers / Bible Songs, Learning Time in 9 Environments, Snack, Specialist Lessons
- **INCLUDES HOT LUNCH** daily
- Full-day PreK Students have a half-hour quiet time before the Afternoon Class, or may nap, upon parent request.

Afternoon- Explorers, Nap time: 12:00-2:00 PM
2:00-3:00 PM, Classroom Play, Snack and Large Muscle

Summer W.O.W. "Worlds of Wonder"
Preschool & Toddler Camps
June 1-Aug 21



- **Summer registration opens in February**
- Open to current or enrolled students.
- **Schedule Options:**
 - First Week Only
 - Full Summer/ All Weeks
- **Hot Lunch provided**
- All 3 Day schedules must include a Mon or Fri

AGE-JOURNEY: Infants

- **Infant Class**, 6 weeks-15 months
Infant Hours: 7:00-5:30 (8, 9, or 10 hours/day)

- Class time lessons and activities happen throughout the day around infants' schedules.
- Individual infant nap and feeding schedules are directed by the parent(s) and followed, making adjustments as needed.
- Daily Schedules allow time and support for transitions and to meet each infant's needs.

Babies are ready to learn!

We are committed to providing a safe, secure environment for our littlest learners to explore!

Safe Sleep- All babies up to age two are placed on their backs to sleep. all cribs are free from bedding, blankets, etc. and include only a mattress with tight-fitted sheet.

Crib Checks- Teachers maintain visual contact and active listening at all times. Sleeping infants are checked on at regular intervals.

Teaching Time- A primary/ dedicated teacher provides consistency, while the entire team works together to provide learning activities and care.

Health & Safety- A comprehensive schedule for cleaning and disinfecting with non-toxic products is followed. Street shoes are not worn in the infant area.



The School vs. Childcare Model

Parents often comment on the Calendar, which includes teacher in-service and workdays, resulting in more closure dates than a typical "childcare" schedule. **This distinction is a core tenet of the Discovery Center Model.**

THE SCHOOL MODEL

- **Focus:** Early childhood education is rooted in a school-year academic structure.
- **Class Consistency:** Students 30 mo.-5 year-olds stay with the same teacher to support relationship-building and continuity.
- **Highly Educated Teachers:** Lead Pre-K teachers hold degrees in Early Childhood Education and often possess a Minnesota teaching license or a Master's in Education.
- **Closures & Calendar:** Teachers receive paid time for lesson planning and assessments. In-service training days are built into the schedule to support professional development, collaboration, and program quality.
- **Extended Care:** Wrap-around care is available but secondary.
- **Leadership:** Site Directors also serve as Lead Teachers—this dual role fosters hands-on leadership and stronger staff support.

We strongly believe that young children deserve highly educated and committed career Teachers, whom we value through a team-based training and support program.

VALLEY OF PEACE DISCOVERY CENTER

Tuition Rates are subject to change.



TUITION FORMULA

School Year- Rates based on total number of open-school days/year; 39 Weekly Payments.

- All 3-day schedules **MUST** include a Mon or Fri.
- Kinderstart students **MUST** attend 3 or more core classes/week.

Infant Program- 2 Week Tuition Deposit (required to hold spot until start date. (non-refundable))

Summer WOW Camp- Rates based on 1 or 12 Weeks of Camp.

- All 3 Day Schedules **MUST** include a Monday or Friday.

ANNUAL PROGRAM FEE: \$350/STUDENT

\$200.00- Initial Enrollment Fee paid at time of enrollment confirmation. (Returning students charged annually in Feb for continual enrollment). (non-refundable)

\$50.00- Classroom Supply Fee

\$100.00- Fundraising Fee

- Charged Sept 1st or with 1st tuition
- \$50 charged Dec. 1st
- \$50 charged March 1st

= **\$350 Total/Student**

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

Each School Year, each student receives:

- One (1) **MEA/FALL BREAK Voucher** that may be applied to both MEA Break days if not attended.
- One (1) **WINTER BREAK Voucher** that may be applied to Winter Break Childcare Days if not attended.
- One (1) **SPRING BREAK Voucher** that may be applied to Spring Break Childcare Days if not attended.

PRESCHOOL- (Discovery (3.5), Kinderstart (4 years))

School Year & Summer Programming

Toilet-Independent; Discovery 2 classes/week minimum, Kinderstart 3 classes/week min.

Schedule	5 days/week	4 days/week	3 days/week	2 days/week
AM Class (Hot Lunch)	\$ 133	\$ 116	\$ 94	\$ 68
AM Class (Lunch from Home)	\$ 121	\$ 106.4	\$ 86.80	\$ 63.20
Full Day (Hot Lunch)	\$ 229	\$ 202	\$ 165	\$ 120
Full Day (Lunch from Home)	\$ 217	\$ 192.40	\$ 157.80	\$ 115.20

PreK Lunch is \$2.40/day and must be selected for all days or none. May be updated quarterly.

Wrap-Around Care: Extended Adventure Program (EAP)

7:00-9:00 AM / 3:30-5:30 PM

Per Half-Hour: \$3.25

EXPLORERS- (16-32 mos.)

School Year & Summer Programming

Licensed to change diapers; 2 Classes/week minimum

Schedule	5 days/week	4 days/week	3 days/week	2 days/week
AM Class (Hot Lunch)	\$ 152	\$ 131	\$ 105	\$ 75
AM Class (Lunch from Home)	\$ 146	\$ 126.20	\$ 101.40	\$ 72.60
Full Day (Hot Lunch)	\$ 269	\$ 234	\$ 189	\$ 135
Full Day (Lunch from Home)	\$ 263	\$ 229.20	\$ 189.40	\$ 132.60

EXP Lunch is \$1.20/day and must be selected for all days or none. May be updated quarterly.

Wrap-Around Care: Extended Adventure Program (EAP)

7:00-9:00 AM / 3:30-5:30 PM

Per Half-Hour: \$3.75

INFANTS- (6 weeks-15 mos.) Year-round Programming

Licensed to change diapers

Schedule	5 days/week	8 Hours/Day	\$ 357
		9 Hours/Day	\$ 393
		10 hours/Day	\$ 429

SUMMER WOW- OPTIONAL CARE FOR TODDLERS & PRESCHOOL

- **June-July-August**

Schedule Options & Tuition rates the same as above

What makes us unique?

- Strong Curriculum and Student Assessment Plan
- Christian Faith Integration
- Parent Education & Support
- Flexible, Customized Schedules
- Highly Qualified, Caring Team, led by Licensed Teachers and Early-Childhood Specialists



SMALL GROUPS: CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Birth-PreK

Helping build community and bolster faith formation, Valley of Peace embraces our youngest children and their families. We encourage young families to participate in worship, to build relationships, and to deepen their faith through adult interactions and intergenerational activities.

Children's Faith Formation (K-5)

Not only do we see these students as the future of the church, but as valuable members of our community today! We offer faith formation programming Sunday mornings prior to worship from 9:00 am—10:00 am. Family events held throughout the year!

Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room for Confirmation. The process of preparing students to make their Affirmation of Baptism promises takes many forms at Valley of Peace. We have regular classroom time where we discover and explore the Bible, the Ten Commandments, Lutheran theology, world religions, and so much more. Our confirmation program also includes time with our adult mentors around tables in conversation. For more information about our confirmation program, contact Dan Miller.



SMALL GROUPS: CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Join us every 2nd Sunday each month at 4:00 pm in the Fireside Room for Youth Group. Along with our combined youth group outings, fundraisers, trips, and service opportunities, the Valley of Peace youth group meets regularly for conversation, Bible study, games, food, or fellowship. Check out our calendar of activities for the latest youth group opportunities or contact Dan Miller for more details.

Young Adults

Out of High School? We would love to stay in touch!

Reach out to Dan Miller on ways we can keep you in the VoP loop!



SMALL GROUPS: MUSIC

Discover a new talent or rediscover an old one!

Bell Choir

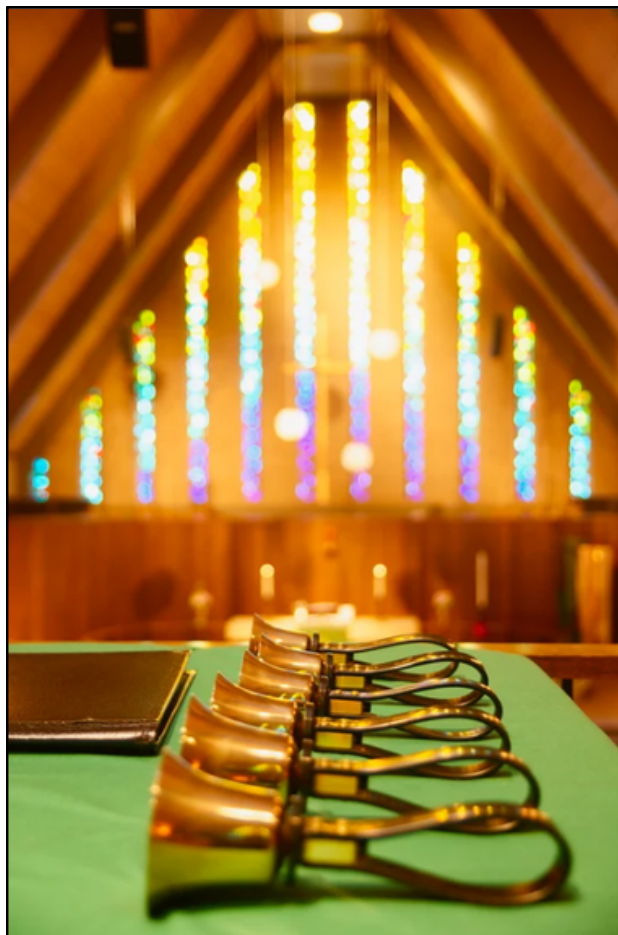
Join us on Monday nights from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for rehearsal. All abilities are welcome!

Chancel Choir

Join us on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for rehearsal. All are welcome!

Special Music

Love to sing or play an instrument but don't have time for a musical group? Let Christine know if you would like to share your musical gifts during a worship service.



SMALL GROUPS: ADULT PROGRAMMING

Find your passion and interest at Valley of Peace.

Adult Faith Formation

The ELCA statement, “Our Calling in Education,” expresses the idea that God calls us to “educate people in the Christian faith for their vocation and to strive with others to ensure that all have access to high-quality education that develops personal gifts and abilities and serves the common good.” This calling is rooted in a Lutheran legacy that values education for all people in both church and society. At Valley of Peace, that means faith formation does not end at 12th grade. We provide an opportunity for adult education and community. Join us Sunday mornings during the school year in the Fireside Room from 9-10 am for Adult Faith Formation.

Pray Without Ceasing

As the apostle Paul called the early Christians to pray without ceasing, we also pray...out of love for God and neighbor, especially the neighbors most affected by the changes in our world. At Valley of Peace, we are meeting weekly for prayer...5:30 pm on Wednesdays.

We hope you will join us! All are welcome. Come when you can and as you are. No need to pre-register or make a long-term commitment. Just show up. Laurie Eaton and Pastor Ashley will rotate leading us in a 30-minute informal and non-partisan service of prayer, song, scripture, and community.

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Loaves & Fishes

As far back as the 1980's, VOP has had volunteers working with Loaves & Fishes in various capacities. These included meal planning, shopping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Folks began in the morning and worked till 7 PM to get it all done. Today this job is greatly simplified and planned by a L&F staff person. We meet at Great Is Thy Faithfulness Church in North Minneapolis from 4:30 - 6:30 pm where we bring the meals to the front door and hand them out to people who mainly come on foot. To get connected, please reach out to Pat Hepner.

ISAIAH

ISAIAH is a multi-faith, multi-racial and statewide non-partisan organization made up of congregations, mosques, barbershops, childcare centers, and many other groups striving together for racial and economic justice in Minnesota. Through local congregations, like Valley of Peace, ISAIAH strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues such as healthcare, childcare, racial inequality and immigration. It is through our coming together that we can care for our loved ones and our neighbors as we are guided in Matthew 25:40 - "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did for me." To get connected, please reach out to Lona Froyum.

SMALL GROUPS: ADULT PROGRAMMING

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Habitat for Humanity

Every summer, Valley of Peace volunteers with Habitat for Humanity . Habitat for Humanity is a global nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in approximately 70 countries. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Together, we build innovative housing solutions.

Every safe, affordable home sparks wider change, leading to better health, education and well-being, more economic growth and less poverty. Peace of mind and the ability to focus on what matters most – it all starts with a home. To get connected, please reach out to Paul Mikelson.



SMALL GROUPS: ADULT PROGRAMMING

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Rebecca Circle

Join us in person on the 2nd Tuesday of every month as we meet for Bible study using the monthly issue of Gather magazine published by the Women of the ELCA. We meet at 9:30am for social time and coffee with the Bible Study led by Pastor Ashley beginning at 10:00am. No preparation is required to attend; all women are welcome! To get connected, please reach out to Elaine Lofquist.

Question or Two & a Brew

Grab a beverage of your choice and join with others one Saturday a month at 4:30 pm as you connect with one another. To get connected, reach out to Wes Syverson.



SMALL GROUPS: ADULT PROGRAMMING

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VOP Text Study

Join us for a time of prayer, learning and discussion about the upcoming Sunday's scripture lesson. We meet Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room; all are welcome! To get connected, please reach out to Pastor Ashley.

Racial Justice Team

Grounded in the belief that God is present in all people, the Racial Justice Team is committed to learning and action. This team seeks to awaken, engage and equip our community to work towards racial justice and act to address inequities in our community and world. To get connected, please reach out to Kirsten Kessel.

Interested in other Small Groups?

We'll be updating our website with more ways to connect seasonally. Scan the QR Code below to see what new groups are happening!





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