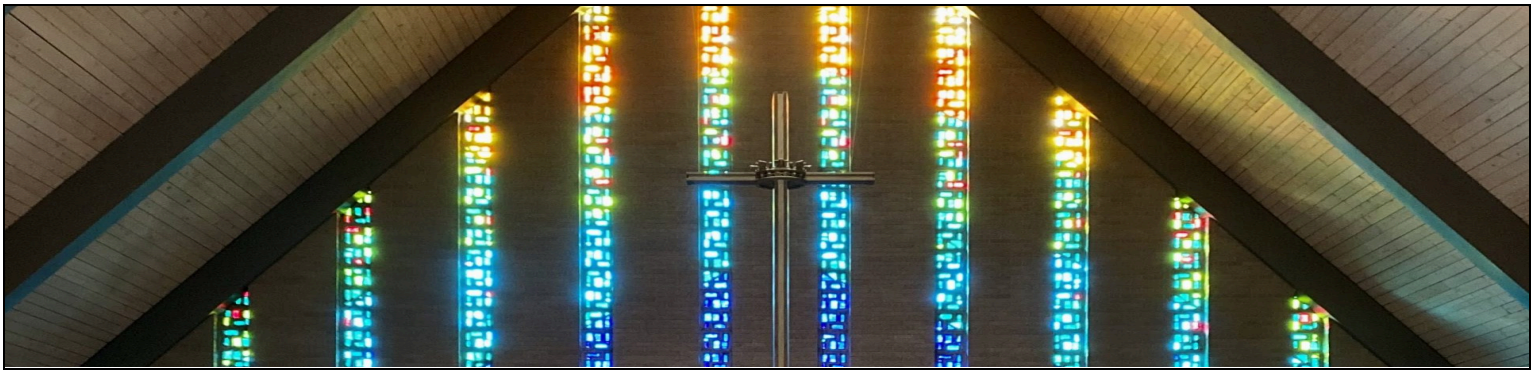


# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

## Sunday, November 1, 2026 - Sunday, November 8, 2026

**Sunday, November 1**
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am All Saints Worship

**Monday, November 2**
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 3**
Office Hours Today: 8 am - 12 pm
7:00 pm Election Night Prayer Vigil

**Wednesday, November 4**
No Pray without Ceasing
3:00 pm VOP Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 5**
10:00 am Text Study (2 Kings 5:1-15a, [15b-19])
7:00 pm VOP Connects: Journal Together

**Saturday, November 7**
10:00 am Betty Hill Visitation
11:00 am Betty Hill Funeral
12:00 pm Betty Hill Luncheon

**Sunday, November 8**
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Chili Cook-Off

**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**

763-588-4611

www.valleyofpeace.org

4735 Bassett Creek Drive,
Golden Valley, MN 55422

**Altar Flowers given on 11/1 by Shennon Jay in celebration and remembrance of the saints we name at All Saints.**

## Christmas Choir

Want to join the choir for the Christmas season?
Come join us! We will begin practicing our Christmas Music Celebration and Christmas Eve songs on Wednesday October 21 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## Joyful Noise

Interested in making music? We hope to revive Joyful Noise. Joyful Noise is a musical group made up of band and orchestra instrumentalists of varying skill level.

If you are interested in playing in a group like this, please let Christine know by November 30 at 612-834-3228 or music@valleyofpeace.org.

## Election Night Prayer Vigil

With the high level of anxiety around the midterm elections this year, ISAIAH is encouraging congregations to come together for prayer and to watch election returns together. We will move our regular Wednesday evening Pray Without Ceasing to Tuesday, November 3rd to enable us to gather in prayer and reflection that our election functions smoothly and everyone has an appropriate opportunity to have their vote counted.

Plan to come to VoP by 7:00pm. We will gather in the narthex for singing, prayer, reflection, candle lighting, and meditation. We will then gather in the Fireside room to watch election returns...for at least a while. We'll have some snacks to share and make a festive gathering after a grueling election season. If you have been curious about Pray Without Ceasing, this is a great chance to try it out. Hope to see you there!

## Question or Two & a Brew

Join us on Saturday, November 14th for Question or Two & a Brew. We will meet at New Bohemia in Golden Valley at 4:30 pm. Who needs a question? The conversation begins when you get there! We hope to see you!

8040 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, Mn 55427 or www.newbohemiausa.com
Any questions reach out to Wes Syverson or Pam Syverson.

## Funeral Team Meeting & Dinner

The VOP Funeral Team is led by Ruth Larson, Diane Hinderlie and Sara Hoge. Other VOP members assist them working short shifts to set up, serve the luncheon, tear down and clean. Would you be willing to be contacted as funerals arise, to see if your schedule allows you to provide a few hours help? If so, please contact the office and we will add you to the contact list.

Please attend a soup and salad dinner meeting to learn more. It's at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday November 11. All current and potential new volunteers are invited!

## Upcoming Office Hours

Looking ahead in November:
**Office Hours for November 3: 8 am - 12 pm**
**Office Hours for November 12: Closed**
Any questions, please contact Kelsey Pierson at office@valleyofpeace.org.

# Donations Needed!

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## CHILI COOK-OFF, AUCTION, AND RAFFLE

**PROCEEDS HELP FUND CYF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

### DONATION IDEAS:

- Theme/gift baskets
- Services (i.e. babysitting, lawn care, etc.)
- Gourmet meals
- Experiences
- Baked items
- Potted plants
- Wine/coffee
- Sport memorabilia
- Event tickets
- Artwork
- Gift cards
- Use your imagination! Creative items can be the most fun.



### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

We are looking for donations from every church committee, family, individual, service, and company. If you know of anyone who would make a donation, please reach out to them.



### NEW EVENT: CHILDREN'S RAFFLE!

- New or very gently-used toys, games, etc.
- Please **DO NOT** donate toy weapons.

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE BY OR BEFORE NOV. 4!**

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:**

Joan Maland joan.henke@comcast.net
Lona Froyam lmfroyum@gmail.com
Dan Miller cyf@valleyofpeace.org

**Donations should be new. Please provide a description and value on the donation forms provided in the church office at time of drop-off.**

## Chili Cook-Off Returns!



## Neighborhood Coffee & Conversation

Starting Wednesday | 11 November

# NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Since the COVID pandemic, many have noted that we have an epidemic of loneliness in our communities. After being insolated for months, it seems that we may have forgotten how to exercise our most basic social muscles.

If you find yourself lonely, in need of conversation partners, or just wanting to know your neighbors better, please join us at Valley of Peace Lutheran Church for a weekly time of coffee & conversation. No obligation, no expectation. Just show up when you are able, share a warm (or cold) beverage and chat with whoever else shows up. Come by yourself or invite a friend. We'll have the coffee on!

**Every Wednesday Morning, 10:00 - 11:00 am**
**Valley of Peace Lutheran Church, 4735 Bassett Creek Drive**
**Fireside Room - second floor, accessible by elevator or stairs**

In the same spirit of hosting "Java for Mamas & Papas", if you are interested and available to help with hosting our neighbors - occasionally, frequently, or regularly - please let Laurie Eaton know!



MISSION OF THE MONTH

# HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

**Collecting toys and gifts for the Holiday Shoppe at PRISM.**

**Toys & Gifts for any age child are welcome, but especially needed are gifts for teens, such as -**

**Gaming headphones and keyboards**
**Earbuds**
**Make-up kits**
**Fuzzy socks**
**Art supplies**
**$25 gift cards**

**Drop your donations off at our Valley of Peace Giving Center!**
**Deadline for donations is November 29**

**It's the holiday season - let's be generous!**



## Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship




**Worship, gratitude, and LOTS of pie!**
What better way to kick off Thanksgiving than gathering together for one of our church's time-honored traditions?

Join us on **Wednesday, November 25, from 7–8 p.m.** for Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Fellowship in our beautiful, newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening filled with gratitude, community, and, of course, plenty of pie to go around!

**Want to help make the evening extra sweet?**
We're looking for volunteers to help set up starting at 6 p.m. and help with tear-down immediately after worship. With many of our choir members heading to practice that evening, an extra set of hands (or two!) would be much appreciated.

And we can't have Pie Fellowship without the pie! Keep an eye out for the sign-up board outside the sanctuary to add your favorite pie to the festivities.

**Questions or want to volunteer?**
Contact Sara Blood, Worship & Music Chair, at 763-228-6272 or saranoelblood@gmail.com.
Bring your gratitude, bring a pie, and bring a friend. We'll give thanks together—and save you a slice!

# A Wildfire Churches Event!

Wildfire

*Where all are welcome*



We'll come together to make a positive impact in our community, strengthen relationships, and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands.





**God's work. Our hands.**



Join us for a day of service!

## Saturday, November 14th
## 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
3900 Winnetka Avenue N.
New Hope, MN 55427

holynativity.net

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- Sandwich making for Agate Housing and Services
- Letter writing to representatives to support food security programs
- Assembling Days for Girls, Intl. menstrual health kits for those in need

☕ *Coffee and* 🍩 *donuts provided!*



# Deck the Halls!

We know. . . the leaves have not even all fallen yet, but it is time to plan our decorating for Advent and Christmas at Valley of Peace!

Come and join in on Sunday, November 22, as we put up the wreaths, garlands and trees to decorate our beautiful church!

We will meet right after church and hopefully finish up within an hour or so. We'll have some snacks available to keep you energized!

Adults and families are all welcome to help with this joyful task!

Thank you!
Worship Arts Team

# VOP Connects Fall Small Groups

## VOP Connects

**FALL 2026**

There are three opportunities for small-group connection this fall around particular interests. All are welcome!

## Mending Matters

**Leaders:** Kris Miller & Linda Peterson

**Location:** Valley of Peace Fireside Room

**Dates & Time:** Saturday Mornings - once a month for three months: October 24, November 14, and December 12, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Description:** This is a crafting circle for those who want to learn better stewardship of their belongings. Have a pair of pants that need hemming? Do you keep meaning to mend that hole in your shirt? Let's put our heads together and encourage each other's progress in the care of our clothes and fabrics!

This is an amateur-led and amateur-friendly group - also, if you don't have sewing projects but just want some company while working on your own craft, you are welcome as well! All ages/genders/abilities welcome.

**Sign Up:** No need to RSVP, but contact one of us if you'll need to borrow specific tools, need help on a specific project, or have a skill you want to teach!
Kris: kriseaslerart@gmail.com
Linda: neilandlindapeterson@gmail.com

# VOP Connects Fall Small Groups

## Journal Together

**Leaders:** Carolyn Schueller & Diane Hinderlie

**Location:** Valley of Peace Narthex
**Dates & Time:** Three Thursday Evenings:
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, from 7-8 pm

**Description:** Journaling is often a solitary activity. How about writing journal entries in a community? We'll try several different styles of journaling and talk about how they work for us. You never have to share what you write, although that will sometimes be an option. Whether you have kept any sort of journal, or none, we'll write individually, together, with both structure and flexibility. Open to anyone 16+.

No fancy "journal" needed; bring anything you like to write with and on.

**Sign Up:** RSVP to Carolyn Schueller at 763-607-5781

## Giving Voice to Grief

**Leaders:** Pastor Ashley Osborn, Kirsten Kessel,
Darcie Rodman, and Chrys Johnson as host

**Location:** Valley of Peace Fireside Room

**Dates & Time:** Sundays from 1:30 - 3:00 pm:
11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13

**Description:** Grief comes in many forms—not only through the death of someone we love, but also through the loss of a pet, a job, a relationship, or something else that has shaped our lives. Join us for four gatherings where we will make space to name our losses, listen to one another, share stories, and remember that we do not have to carry our grief alone. Each session will focus on a different kind of loss, with time for conversation, reflection, prayer, and resources for support. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or something you have carried for many years.

**November 15:** The Loss of Pets
**November 22:** The Loss of a Job/Vocation
**December 6:** The Loss of a Relationship
**December 13:** The Loss of a Loved One

Participants will also be invited to gather for The Longest Night Worship Service on Sunday, December 20 at 6:30 pm, as we close our time together with prayer, remembrance, and hope.

**Sign Up:** No sign up needed and you do not need to attend every session.







**Birthdays:**
11/1: Jim Jasper; 11/6: Bob Gullick;

**Anniversaries:**
11/4: Melissa & Matt Dellwo, their 15th;

***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 Tim Johnson, son of George Johnson, for health complications and recovery from surgery at this time.

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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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