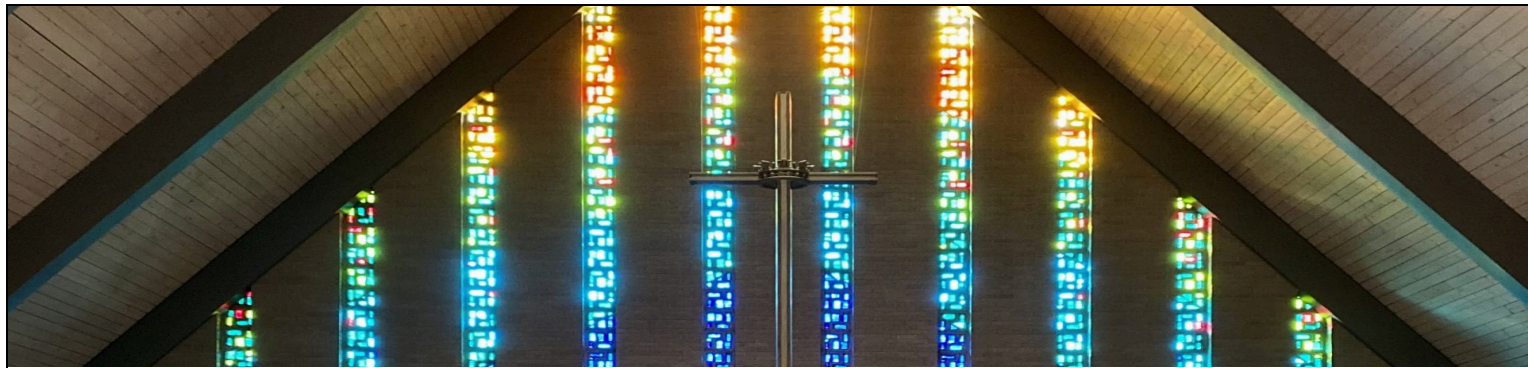




Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - Sunday, October 11, 2026

Sunday, October 4

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
 9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
 10:15 am Worship
 4:00 pm Blessing of the Pets

Monday, October 5

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

3:00 pm VOP Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm Pray Without Ceasing
 6:30 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

10:00 am Text Study
 (Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17)

Saturday, October 10

4:30 pm Question or Two & a Brew

Sunday, October 11

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.

Contact Us

763-588-4611

www.valleyofpeace.org

4735 Bassett Creek Drive,
 Golden Valley, MN 55422

**Altar Flowers given on 10/4 by Julia Madison in celebration
 of her 3 great-grandchildren, Soleil, Emmy & Gary!**

Blessing of the Pets- TODAY!

Blessing of the Animals

You and your furry friends are invited to
this Special Zoom Service.

We gather near the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi,
honoring his love for all creatures and the
bond between humans and animals.

Sun, Oct 4 at
4:00 pm

Zoom Information
below or at
valleyofpeace.org

Meeting ID: 851 8650 9978
Passcode: 252425

All Are Welcome!
Bring your pets or
pictures of your
pets.



A celebration of love for all creatures

Question or Two and a Brew

While October Fest is a wonderful celebration, it's too noisy for Question or Two. So on October 10 at 4:30 pm, we return to:

Mainstreet Bar & Grill at 814 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343

<https://www.mainstreetbar.com>

The music here doesn't start until 8:30 pm. Lots of food and beverage choices. Plus it's quiet enough for conversations and catching up on what is going on in our lives.

Any questions, please reach out to Wes Syverson.



2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

where

Minneapolis, MN

when

June 26 - July 2

who

All current 8th - 12th grade youth

Registration Deadline: October 14

Cost: \$250 non-refundable deposit + fundraising

Scholarships available upon request

Through the Gathering, young people come together to experience unity and understand their role in the community of the larger church. With service events, speakers, artists, and musicians, this will be an experience unlike any other!

Contact Dan Miller via email at cyf@valleyofpeace.org with questions or to register

***To God – whose power now at work in us can do
immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.***

EPHESIANS 3:20

Volunteering Opportunity

Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry team is looking for volunteers!

If you would be interested in teaching or assisting with Children's Faith Formation on Sunday mornings, or joining as a mentor for Confirmation Mentor Nights, please reach out to Dan Miller via email at cyf@valleyofpeace.org for more information.

Get Out The Vote - Citizens for Affordable Healthcare

Wherever we stand on political issues of our day, we are all aware that the upcoming election is of critical importance. For Christians, the vocation of citizenship calls us to participate in creating communities that meet the needs of all of our neighbors. One of our most important rights in the United States is the right to vote. Join with others to have fun and raise awareness about the importance of voting as we march together in **Plymouth on Parade, on October 10!** Many of our VOP families live in Plymouth, and this is a community event open to the surrounding area.

Focusing on the issue of affordable health care for all, our goal is to urge people to vote for candidates who are willing to listen to citizen concerns and create solutions that work for all Minnesotans. We are planning a Halloween theme to highlight that everyone has a body that needs access to affordable care. Imagine skeletons and zombies with signs saying, “Dying for affordable health care!” or a giant band aid with a sign that says, “a band aid isn’t sufficient.” Every candidate for public office should be asked the question: ***“What will you do to ensure that every Minnesotan has access to affordable health care?”***

This idea grew out of the Public Discipleship for Such a Time as This series, with participation from about 25 of your fellow members.

We aim to have 50 people – members, families, and friends – participating with us.

Here are the details:

- Saturday, October 10 – Plymouth on Parade
- Start lining up at 9:00, parade begins at 10:30am
- Parade is approximately one mile long – we will have a float, so **we can accommodate both walkers and riders!**
- A family friendly, non-confrontational way to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote,
 - and to encourage candidates to listen to their constituents

Please sign up to participate on the sheet in the narthex. Invite your friends and family.

A group sign-making event will take place on Sunday, October 4, following worship.

If you have questions, or creative ideas you want to contribute, please contact Lona Froyum, Joyce Wilson, or Laurie Eaton. We have teams responsible for creativity, messaging, songs and chants...there’s plenty of room for you!

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.

Office Availability

Kelsey Pierson will be out of the office on:

Wednesday, October 14

Thursday, October 15

Tuesday, October 20

Kelsey will be working from home and checking email sporadically. If you need access to the building, please let her know ahead of time. If you would like to schedule an appointment with a staff member, please email them directly. Office hours will resume as normal on Wednesday, October 21 at 1-5 pm.



Come Join Us

GOZO — Joy — SALSA *Festival*



Community Event – Food, Music, Dancing

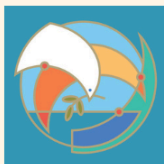
Join us for a fun afternoon with live Latin music, internationally flavored food and Salsa dancing. Local artisan goods available. Free Will donations are encouraged; all proceeds to benefit the immigrant community of Tapestry Church in Richfield, impacted by Metro Surge.

OCTOBER

Saturday **24** 3 – 6 PM

Where:

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
4735 Bassett Creek Dr
Golden Valley, MN



ValleyofPeace.org



TapestryRichfield.org

DONATIONS NEEDED



**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!



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
Children, Youth & Family Ministries
at cyf@valleyofpeace.org



Looking for a VOP Recycling Advocate!

Wouldn't it be nice to have new and improved sorting for recycling and organics in our new kitchen and fellowship hall? Ann Dybvig hopes to apply for a Hennepin County Business Recycling Container grant (due Friday, Nov. 13) and is looking for a couple of additional volunteers to help. The grant application process will begin with a site visit, currently scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. If you're willing to help and you share an interest in taking this small step to reduce our trash and be good stewards of the earth, please reach out to Ann Dybvig at anndybvig@msn.com or 763-807-8673.



Birthdays:

10/4: Dean Lamker; 10/4: Sam Campbell;
10/6: Andy Dybvig; 10/9: Judy Greeninger; 10/9: Matthew Stetler;

Anniversaries:

10/4: Heidi & John Hovde, their 18th;
10/6: Sara & Steve Hoge, their 42nd;
10/11: Danaya & David Franke, their 24th;
10/11: Pastor Ashley & Jon Osborn, their 13th;

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.

We pray for Betty Hill's family after her passing on September 17, 2026.

We pray for Christopher, Kirsten Kessel's brother, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is
beginning inpatient chemo.

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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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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