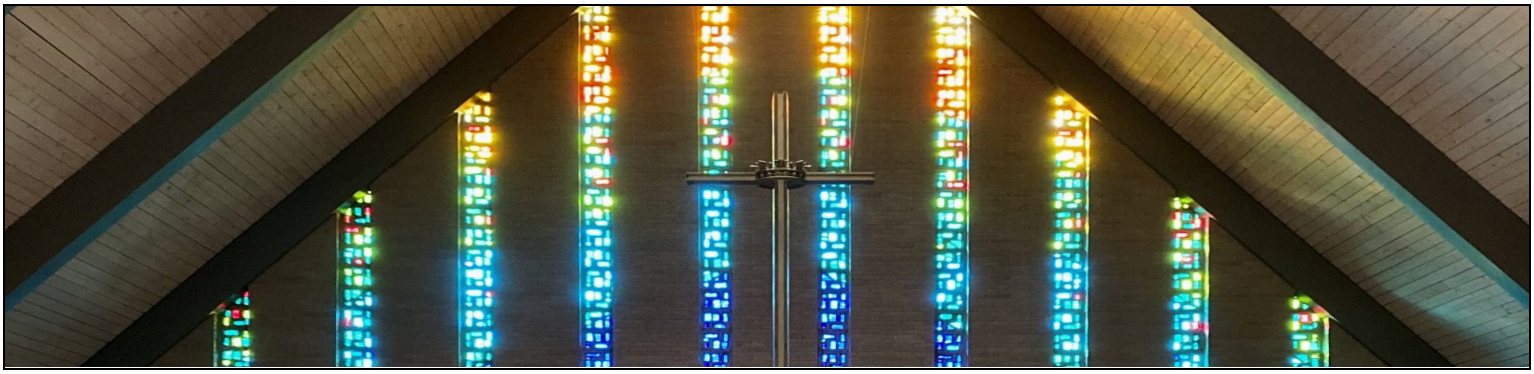


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 15, 2026 - Sunday, November 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Racial Justice Meeting
1:30 pm VOP Connects: Giving Voice to Grief

Monday, November 16
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
7:15 pm Trust Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
6:15 Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 18
10:00 am Neighborhood Coffee & Conversation
3:00 pm VOP Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Loaves & Fishes
5:30 pm Pray Without Ceasing
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 19
10:00 am Text Study (Luke 1:26-38)

Sunday, November 22
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
9:00 am Children's Faith Formation
10:15 am Worship
11:30 am Executive Committee Meeting
11:30 am Decorating the Church after Worship
1:30 pm VOP Connects: Giving Voice to Grief

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 11/15 by Carolyn & Julie Rask in honor of O.J. Rask.

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

All are welcome to attend a service of Thanksgiving as we turn to God in prayer & music. Please stay for pie & fellowship following worship.



Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm
Fellowship Hall

If you are able to bring a pie, please sign up at the Welcome Center or let Kelsey Pierson know at office@valleyofpeace.org

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!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Live-Streaming Update

Please note that Thanksgiving Eve Worship will not be live-streamed. If your household would like a devotion to use at home for your Thanksgiving observance, please let Pastor Ashley know. Pastor Ashley is more than happy to share something for households to use for their own prayer practice.

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.



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!

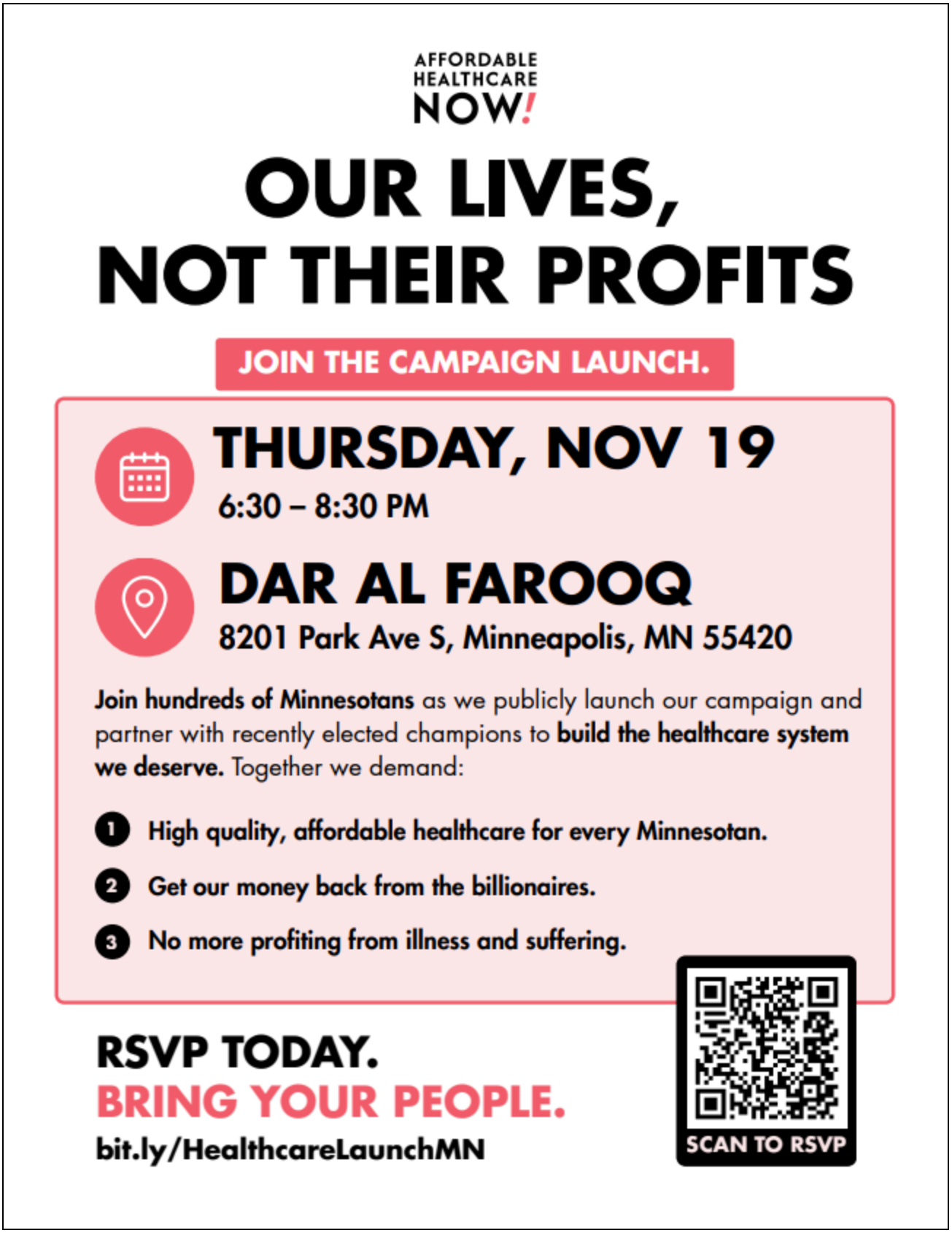
We will meet right after church and hopefully finish up within an hour or so. We'll have some snacks available to keep you energized!

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

Thank you!
Worship Arts Team

Affordable Healthcare Now

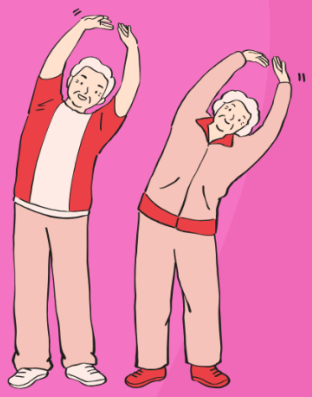
Interested in signing up for the event below?
Please see Joyce & Elaine in the Narthex.



Neighborhood Stretch Class



Neighborhood STRETCH for ADULTS



Grow your strength and flexibility



ONLY
$10/per session

Join us for a low cost Tuesday morning stretch with professional dancer and fituess instructor Sandy A

4 Tuesday mornings beginning November 17th 10-11 am

@ Valley of the Peace Church, corner of Bassett Creek and Noble in Golden Valley

Questions/RSVP:
cre8tivenavigators@gmail.com

Hiring for a Financial Consultant Position

We are now in the process of hiring a financial consultant for Valley of Peace. The job description and information on applying can be found at www.valleyofpeace.org. If you know someone who might be interested, please share this information with them. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Chili Cook-Off Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts, the Children, Youth and Family Ministry team, as well as the Chili Cook-Off and Auction team, thank you for your generosity in your donations, participation, and enthusiasm for the Chili Cook-Off and Auction last weekend. While we do not yet have our final numbers together, from cash and checks alone, you've contributed $2,874 to our youth and their programming here at Valley of Peace.

A special thank you goes to the Valley of Peace Discovery Center for their generous donations and presence with us during the festivities!

And last, but certainly not least, a thank you to everyone who brought sides, toppings, and especially the chili. Without you, this event wouldn't have been nearly as fun or as tasty. Congratulations to the winners of our chili competition:

First Place - Dan Weatherman
Second Place - Andy Dybvig
Third Place - Barb Mikelson



Once more, thank you all. I don't know about you, but we're already looking forward to next year!

Let's Fill the Box!

Our Blessings Box continues to get used and used and used!
So…let's set a goal for the **next two weeks of November** to collect A LOT of colder weather, non-perishable food items (like mac and cheese, cereals, granola bars, dry milk, sugar, flour, oatmeal, crackers) as well as things like toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks and feminine hygiene products would be fantastic. Just picking up ONE extra item when you're next at the store could make a huge difference!

You may either put your items on the shelves at the Welcome Center or deliver things to the office at church. Remember, if you would like me to shop for you, I am very happy to do so. Easiest to reach me through email at sally.danielsherron@gmail.com

Thank you, thank you, thank you,
Sally Daniels Herron

Question or Two and 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
www.newbohemiausa.com

Any questions reach out to Wes Syverson or Pam Syverson.

Winter Weather

As we move into the winter season, just a reminder of winter weather closures at Valley of Peace (VOP).

If Valley of Peace Discovery Center (VOPDC) is closed during the weekday, the VOP office will be closed & all VOP calendar events will be canceled for that day (information will be posted on Kare 11 from AGCLC). Participants in church activities for that day should receive e-mail communication.

If there is inclement weather for a Sunday Worship Service, information about closing will be shared on Kare 11, Valley of Peace Facebook Page, Email & Text Communications.

If you have not yet updated your phone number/carrier, please email office@valleyofpeace.org with that information. Thank you!



Birthdays:
11/15: Janet Stepanek; 11/17: Pat Hoyt;
11/17: Jake Kendall; 11/20: Dan Johnson; 11/21: Jon Daniels;

Anniversaries:
11/21: Louie Baumgartner & Paul Olson, 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.

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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