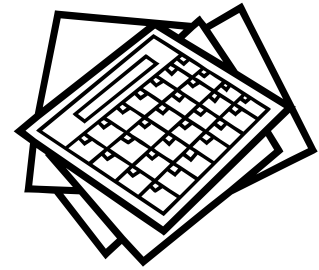


# Planning Ahead

## What's Happening at Valley

September and October, 2009



### Calendar Highlights



### September

Sept 3 Leisure Age; Cards; Mission Possible mtg

Sept 4 Wedding Rehearsal

Sept 5 Gibson/Howieson Wedding

**Sept 6 Worship at 9:30; Communion Sunday**  
**Rev. John Hill preaching**

Sept 7 Labor Day; office closed; Lunch Bunch

Sept 8 Hard Hats; *Valley Pres* mailing; Bell practice

Sept 9 Wiseacres to the Arboretum

Sept 10 Leisure Age; Bible Study

Sept 12 Twin Cities Artist Guild; Presbytery meeting

**Sept 13 Worship at 9:30; Call to Serve Sunday**

Sept 14 Multiple Connections; Personnel meeting; Deacon meeting; Wellsprings practice

Sept 15 Ed Beck Men's Lunch; V Wheeler rehearsal Hand Bell practice

Sept 16 Miriam Circle; Choir practice

Sept 17 Leisure Age; Bible Study; Card Fellowship

Sept 19 Banner Makers

**Sept 20 Fall Schedule Starts: Celebrate the 1950's**  
**Worship at 9:30 & 11:15; Sunday School; Fellowship; Adult Ed; Jr High Mystery Trip**

Sept 21 Children's Ministry mtg; Wellsprings practice

Sept 22 Valley Pres mailing; V Wheeler prac; Bell prac.

Sept 23 Knitpickers; Choir rehearsal


Sept 24 Valley drives for DAYD; Leisure Age; Bible Study; Mom's Club

**Sept 27 Worship at 9:30 & 11:15: Celebrate the 60's**  
**Sunday School; Adult Ed; Youth Groups**

Sept 28 Session meeting; Wellsprings rehearsal

Sept 29 V Wheeler practice; Bell practice Book Club

Sept 30 Tree Lot Leaders' meeting; Choir

### October

Oct 1 Leisure Age; Bible Study; Card Fellowship; Mission Possible meeting

**Oct 4 Worship at 9:30 & 11:15; Communion**  
**Celebrate the '70's; Sunday School; Adult Education; Valley Voyagers; Tree Lot leader meeting; Youth Groups**

Oct 5 Lunch Bunch; Wellsprings rehearsal

Oct 6 *Valley Pres* mailing; Wheeler practice; Bell

Oct 7 Choir rehearsal

Oct 8 Leisure Age; Bible Study

Oct 10 Twin Cities Decorative Artist Guild

**Oct 11 Worship at 9:30 & 11:15; Stewardship Kickoff; Celebrate the '80's; 2nd Grade Bibles; Sun School; Adult Ed; Youth Group**

Oct 12 Mult Conn; Personnel; Wellsprings; Deacons

Oct 13 Hard Hats; V Wheeler practice; Bell practice

Oct 14 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; Wiseacres; Choir

Oct 15 Leisure Age; Bible Sty; Cards; Cardboard City

Oct 16 Jr High Clearwater retreat

Oct 17 Banner Makers

**Oct 18 Worship at 9:30 & 11:15; Celebrate 90's; Congregational meeting to elect officers; Sunday School; Adult Ed; No Youth Groups**

Oct 19 Deacon; Children's Ministry; Wellsprings prac.

Oct 20 Ed Beck Men's Lunch; *Valley Pres* mailing; V Wheeler practice; Hand Bell rehearsal

Oct 21 Miriam Circle; Choir practice

Oct 22 Valley drives DAYD; Leisure Age; Bible Sty

Oct 24 Fall Festival

**Oct 25 Worship at 9:30 & 11:15; Celebrate 2000's**  
**Sunday School; Adult Ed; Youth Groups**

Oct 26 Session meeting; Wellsprings rehearsal

Oct 27 Endowment mtg; Wheeler prac; Bell practice

Oct 28 Knitpickers; choir rehearsal

Oct 29 Leisure Age; Bible Study; Cards; Book Club

Oct 30 Sr High Clearwater retreat

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# Fellowship and more.....

## Adult Fellowship Opportunities

### Card Fellowship

Meets at noon on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of the month in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in bridge and fellowship is welcome. Contact Betty Hum at 763/545-7798 for information.

### Ed Beck Men's Luncheon

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 at the Golden Valley American Legion located at Highway 100 and Glenwood Ave. Contact Bob Marks at 763/588-2801 or Bob Schon at 763/537-1485 for information.

### Miriam Circle

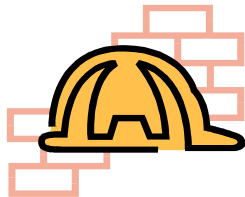
The Miriam Women's Circle meets the third Wednesday of each month (September -May) for Bible Study, fellowship and refreshments. The circle meets at 10:00 a.m.; call Dorothy Kline at 763/546-4069 for information.

### Leisure Age for Older Adults Thursdays —9:00 to noon

Leisure Age meets on Thursdays at Elim Lutheran at 9:00 a.m. for cards and crafts and a noon chapel service and lunch. A program follows lunch. The catered lunch costs \$9. Reservations (763/537-1171) must be made between Thursday p.m. and before noon on Monday.

### Hard Hats

The Hard Hats work every second Tuesday of the month from 9:00 am to noon. They do a variety of handyman and fix-up jobs around the church.



### Knitpickers



This knitting group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month to knit prayer shawls. They are also now knitting a lap version of the prayer shawl. Bring a bag lunch to share and join them at 11:00 a.m.

## Valley Book Club

Tuesday,  
September 29



Book: *Musicophilia*

By Oliver Sachs

Discussion Leader: Lotti Matkovits

Treats: Carol McCarter

Thursday, October 29

Book: *Year of Living Biblically*

By A.J.Jacobs

Discussion Leader: Ann Keen

Treats: Lotti Matkovits



Fall Festival  
Saturday,  
October 24

Mark your calendars for this fun Valley tradition. As always, there will be great food and entertainment and of course, the Silent Auction. It's not too soon to begin thinking about your donation. Some of the most successful donations are dinners in your home, services like rides to the airport and homemade creations. New, unused, items are also accepted.

## Banner Maker Work Days



Banner workshops are scheduled for September 19 and October 17. Please join them in Fellowship Hall between 10:00 and 3:00. They will be making new Easter banners for the sanctuary. Supplies and lunch are provided. All skill levels are needed. Contact Sharon Pleimling if you have questions at 763/544-8182 or spleimling@comcast.net.

# Education and Spirituality

## **2009-10 Schedule for Children Starting Sunday, September 20**

**9:00 – Noon – Nursery care provided by JoAnn Smith for children 2 years of age and younger.** Adult volunteers will be asked to help JoAnn on an “as needed” basis.

### **9:45-10:25 “Children’s Worship” Ages 2 ½- 1st grade**

Children ages 2 ½- 1st grade will leave the sanctuary after the “Time with Young Worshipers” and meet in Camp David with Wendy and 2 volunteers. Children will be able to participate in a worship experience through sensory means appropriate to this age level.

### **10:25 -11:15– Sunday School 2 year olds – 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

Children in Kindergarten and 1st grade will stay in Camp David with Wendy. Children ages 2 ½- 5 will be taken upstairs to the Faithful Friends room (ages 4-5) and Kingdom Kids room (ages 2-3) by the volunteers. The children’s Sunday school teachers (2 per room) will meet the children in their rooms. A snack will be provided, followed by story (ages 2-3) and curriculum/lesson/activities (ages 4 and 5).

Sunday school teachers for 2 year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 2nd-5th graders and will exit the sanctuary during the singing of the last hymn. Teachers will go to their Sunday school rooms and 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders go to Camp David where they join the kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders and split into their groups/rotation sites (K-1, 2-3, 4-5). Each group/rotation site will have 1 adult volunteer teacher – the “Destination Director” and 1 adult helper – the “travel agent”. Children will share “highs and lows”, have a snack and participate in their Bible based rotation. Approximately once a month the K-5th graders will be together for community “highs and lows”, snack and music by Jean Ann Buller.

### **11:15 – Wellsprings Service**

Wellsprings is a lively, contemporary worship service. Children of all ages will be encouraged to participate and be a part of this worship service. The nursery will be available for the youngest children.

\*Please note that there will be no Sunday school from 10:30 to 11:15 on Sunday November 29, December 27, January 3, or April 4<sup>th</sup>. The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 23, 2010.

## **Adult Education Starts Sunday, September 20**

Valley’s adult education kicks off the fall season with a look at young childhood education right here at Valley. On September 20 Christian Education Director, Wendy Fields will be taking a look at children and family ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. On September 27, Elder Jennifer Malecha, Chair of the Children’s Ministry Team will provide an overview of Valley’s Sunday morning Sunday school programs. Since both women teach Sunday school, Adult Education will start at 11:15 a.m. on these two Sundays.

A complete Adult Education schedule for the fall will be coming out with the September Newsletter. The Adult Education Committee has worked hard to put together a thoughtful and engaging adult education series for the fall.

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 – 11:30 in the Library**

Rev. Kathy Smith will lead the weekly Thursday morning Bible study on September 11, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Smith is an ordained Presbyterian Minister who led the Thursday morning Bible study last year and is currently working on her Doctorate of Divinity Degree at United Theological Seminary.

Rev. April Davis Campbell will lead the Bible study on October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Davis Campbell is also an ordained Presbyterian Minister who is currently serving as the Minister for Children and Families at the Robbinsdale United Church of Christ and is working on her Doctorate of Divinity Degree at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Both Rev. Smith and Rev. Davis Campbell are engaging, thoughtful leaders who bring much to Thursday morning Bible study. No matter what your level of Bible knowledge, either a lot or a little, the fellowship and leadership offered during this time is something we hope many people experience. There is no cost for the Bible study and coffee and treats are provided

# Potpourri



## Wisecres Events

### Lunch Bunch Every 1st Monday

Celebrate Labor Day, September 7  
at The 50's Grille  
11:30 am—no reservations are necessary.

### Wednesday, September 9 Trip to the Arboretum

Meet at the church at 9:00 am to carpool  
(reservations helpful)

They will take the Trumpet Creeper Tram at 10:30 for a narrated tour of acres of trees, shrubs and flower gardens. They will eat lunch at the restaurant which serves a variety of homemade soups and salads.

Participants pay for their own lunch and the tram (\$2.50). The entrance fee to the park is \$9.00 each.

### Monday, October 5 Lunch Bunch at The 50's Grille

### Wednesday, October 14 Minnesota History Museum Trip

The Wisecres will view the "Greatest Generation" exhibit from 10-11:30. The building is handicapped accessible with plenty of places to sit and rest.

Admission to the museum is \$8 each, in addition to parking. They will eat in the museum restaurant at 11:30. They will meet at the church at 9:30 am to carpool.

## Youth News

by Sarah Bigwood,  
Youth and Young Adult Director

We will continue to provide the safe and loving environment that will allow our young people to grow in their relationship with God and each other. We will focus on building relationships with trusted adults within the congregation. We will help our youth to discover their talents and encourage them to use their gifts to help all of creation.

A new emphasis will be placed on inviting our friends to youth group, youth activities, and on mission trips. We will set aside special youth group meetings that are explicitly designed to honor our friends. Our focus will be on building relationships, recognizing that it is God who calls, Jesus who saves, and the Spirit who converts.

### Junior High (incoming 6th-8th Grades)

Junior High will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:15. It will be a chance to "check in", talk about the scripture lesson for the morning or meet with class mentors.

Class mentors are Valley members who are committed to getting to know a class of students and ushering them through junior and senior high. A class mentor will meet with their class once a month during the Sunday morning session. Our hope is that we are building relationships between junior higher and congregation members.

### Senior High (incoming 9th -12th grade)

There will not be a formal Sunday morning option for the senior high. Instead, they will work with Sarah to figure out how each can serve on Sunday mornings. Some students have already expressed interest in helping with coffee hour, others by working in the Sunday School classrooms, others will serve as ushers, phone ministry mavens or choir members

### Youth Group: Sunday nights, 6-8

Both Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet from 6-8:00 pm on Sundays, but will meet separately Tom Bigwood will be the primary leader for the junior high group and Sarah Bigwood will lead the Senior High group. Youth Group meetings will alternate Bible study, discussion, mission and fellowship opportunities.