

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 31, 2025

GATHERING US IN PRELUDE

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

All:

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Humble and Kind

by Lori McKenna, Arr. Lorie Line

Come Jesus Come CeCe Winans

Valley Kids

Rachel Williams, piano

Valley Youth

One: Jesus taught us to take care of our neighbors,

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor One: We can show we love them by inviting everyone to our tables and listening to

One: Jesus had many things to say about neighbors. He said:

their needs.

All: Love God and Love your Neighbor

Love God and Love your Neighbor

One: Jesus wants us to follow what he said, we will remember Jesus' words **Love God and Love your Neighbor**

One: Let us worship God! t Hymn #188

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are

quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it

with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel. All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

It's A Beautiful Day

HEARING THE WORD TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

SUNG RESPONSE

There Are Many Ways to Say I Love You

The Rudeen Family Singers

VBC ECHO

Sheila Sheldon, CRE and Valley Youth

Congregational Blessing:

SUMMER REFLECTIONS

t Hvmn #372

You are God's beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are Valley

Charlie Rudeen

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-37

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

O For A World

On Being in Community

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

Fred Rogers PRAYER OF DEDICATION Valley Youth Loving God, from whom comes everything that is good, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives: for the wonderous work of your creation, the gift of your Spirit, and the saving mystery of faith. Help us share these tithes and offerings with others, so that they may serve your mission in the world, and to tell the Good News day to day. We dedicate these offerings now through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. SENDING US OUT t Hymn #300 We Are One in the Spirit We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; ves, they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain) We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

Rest as Resistance

Then Your Heart is Full of Love

and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERTORY

It's Such a Good Feeling Fred Rogers

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers Sunday, August 31 Sponsored by Carole Martens In Honor of all Martens Family Birthdays Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for the family of Valley member, **Jeff Lund** who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 26th. A celebration of life service for Jeff will be held here at Valley on **Thursday, September 4th at 11:00 AM** with a lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:00-7:00 PM at the church and one hour prior to the service. We especially lift up his mother, Madeline Lund, brother Jeremy Lund and sisters Jennie Minter and Jodi Lund, and the entire Lund family as they grieve the loss of their beloved Jeff.

Prayers for Valley member **Mary Anderson**, who lost her husband, **Don Anderson**, earlier this month.

Prayers for **Sue Ruby's** father who is in the ICU with kidney failure.

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. To stay up-to-date be sure to follow their Caring Bridge profiles here:

Taichi Chen: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen

Rick Carlson: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101

Chelsea Gusek: https://www.caringbridge.org/site/81a19644-2489-11f0-9b0d-

15ed645a936d

Susie Potter: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter

EASY WAYS TO GIVE TO VALLEY AND/OR COMMUNITY PARTNERS GIVE ONE TIME OR RECURRING

1. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO VALLEY

 In the memo of the check, indicate what your donation is for (i.e. Pledge, PRISM, etc.)

2. ONLINE GIVING

- Visit Valley's secured online giving by visiting: https://valleycommunitypresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online to make a one-time or recurring gift to Valley or our community partners.
- 3. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT
 - Contact Chelsie Larsen: 507-272-1914 | <u>chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net</u> to set up withdrawals directly from your account.
 You can always adjust the amount.

Wednesday, September 3 6:00 PM OA Group Thursday, September 4 5:30 pm 12-Step Unity Friday, September 5 Saturday, September 6 Sunday, September 7 Homecoming Sunday 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Hour & Bake Sale! Notice of Recording: Please note that services are broadcasted via live stream and digitally recorded on our YouTube Channel. **Special thanks** to our Stream Team: Katie Decker, Roger Graphenteen,

Myron Jones, Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen,

Brandon Novy, Janet Triplett, and Kurt

Wheeler for broadcasting the services!

This Week at Valley

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Office Closed - Labor Day

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 2

Monday, September 1

9:30 am Worship - Echo Service

Sunday, August 31

Office Administrator Rachel Hole **Communications Director** Mariah Messer **Music Coordinator** Rachel Williams **Choral & Handbell Director** Janet M.T. Carlson **Sunshine Room Leader** Natalie Peña-Gallegos Custodian **Hunter Sheldon PARISH ASSOCIATES** Rev. Jim Cook Rev. Bill Davnie Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau Rev. David Phillips Rev. Nancy Phillips Rev. Rebecca Tollefson SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE August 17: 200 (95 in-person)

August 24: 196 (93 in-person)

Valley Staff

Head of Staff

Transitional Pastor

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Sheila Sheldon, CRE

The entire Valley Community!

Educational Ministries Director

Ministers

Homecoming Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 9:30 AM





CONFIRMANDS ROSE & SYNDY ARE PLANNING A

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

 ${\stackrel{>}{\sim}}{\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}}{\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}}$ All proceeds will go to Liberty Community Church ${\stackrel{>}{\sim}}{\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}}{\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}}{\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}}$

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 HOMECOMING SUNDAY 10:30 AM {AFTER WORSHIP}

Confirmation candidates Rose & Syndy, along with their mentors, are planning a Bake Sale for their Confirmation Project. If you would like to donate some goodies to be included in the Bake Sale, please contact Katie Decker or Susie Potter!







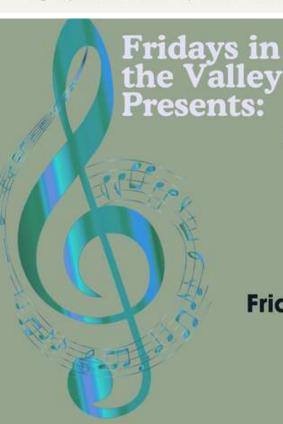
Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Light the Way Home fundraising event

Join Beacon as part of a community of support to give generously, introduce newcomers to supportive housing, and advance our vision that all people have a home.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Noon – 1 p.m. Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center 6155 Earle Brown Drive Brooklyn Center, MN 55430



Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Valley Office | Contact Carolyn Anderson with questions



incidental trio

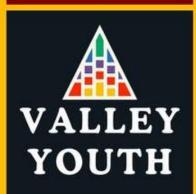
Steve Staruch - viola Karen Hansen - clarinet Sue Ruby - piano

Friday, September 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

▲ Valley Community

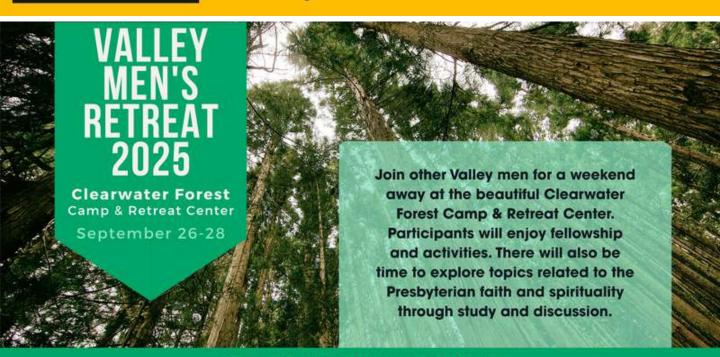




TEAMS/YOUTH GROUP Grades 4-12

Open House Sunday, September 14 5:30 - 7:00 PM NEWIN START TIME

- Register at the event, meet your leaders and stay for dinner. Prospective Volunteers and Families are welcome to join us!
- TEAMS Program is for kids entering 4/5 grades
- Youth Group- middle school 6-9 and senior high 10-12



Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall -or-Contact the Church Office

Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 5:00 - 8:00 PM

\$15 ADULT, \$10 KIDS (EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT: \$13 ADULT/\$8 KIDS ENDS 9/1)





Get your tickets now! Scan the QR code or visit https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-vcpc-fall-festival

THANK YOU!

To all those in the Valley community who gave of their time, talents & treasures this month to make sure Valley Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings was caffeinated and extra delicious!

COFFEE HOSTS

- Sam Schellhaas
- Jon Schellhaas
- · Ann Roach
- Ray Anderson
- Roger Michael
- Rev. David Phillips
- Rev. Nancy Phillips
- Jackie Goiffon
- Mary Wilkens

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Karen Harms
- Peggy Meyer
- Ruth Wilterding
- Jeanine and Katya Miakotina







Michael Deef Larry Matthews Sofie Vogel Jack Westerlund Richard Marshall Rev. Bill Davnie **Donald Carlson** Dawn Williams Ruth Wilterding Luke Priem Jessica Goslinga Jack Larsen Sean Linc Miles Rudeen Douglas Smith John Gove Bennett Gonsior

Finbarr McCarthy Jennifer Brant Kelsie Hagelin James Husnik Jay Perry Maddie Pukite Melissa Gottschalk Mark Musta Rev. Jim Cook Mary Anderson Alexander Dunham Ben Brooker Mildred Davison Sharon Decker Arlene Freeberg Carole Martens



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Open Hearts • Open Minds • Opening Lives to God

—Established May 20, 1951—

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Valley Community Presbyterian Church sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance.

We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.



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