



District 281: EVERY MEAL

The Every Meal program provides supplemental food to children attending District 281 schools and their families.

This program is part of Valley's Noble Vision. Another facet of our Noble Vision is our tutoring partnership with the school. Our volunteers help with reading, math, and homework needs during the school day.



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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Fridays in the Valley



Presents:

Incidental Trio

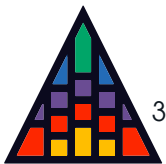
Karen Hansen, clarinet

Steve Staruch, viola

Sue Ruby, piano



Friday, September 12, 2025 | 7:00 pm



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Fridays in the Valley Chamber Music Series

Friday, September 12, 2025 7:00 pm



Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano
I. Allegro
II. Andante espressivo
III. Allegro moderato

Charles Harford Lloyd
(1846-1919)

Variations on a Theme by Brahms

Jocelyn Hagen
(b.1980)

~Intermission~

Der Hirt auf dem Felsen, D.965

Franz Schubert
(1797-1828)

Evening Prayer (Abendsegen)
from "Hansel and Gretel" (1893)

Engelbert Humperdinck
(1854-1921)

Musician Biographies

Karen Hansen Gurstelle is principal clarinetist of the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra and Mississippi Valley Orchestra and clarinetist with the Rochester Symphony. She performed in orchestras for the Moody Blues on tour, OCEAN with the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, and three opera premieres. In addition to the Incidental Trio, she has performed with assorted chamber ensembles for Thursday Musical, Schubert Club, Classical MPR, and other artist series. Karen teaches clarinet at Cadenza Music in St. Paul and is an arts enrichment lecturer onboard cruise ships. Karen earned her B.A. from St. Olaf College and M.A. from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She studied music and theater in London and worked in France and Germany.

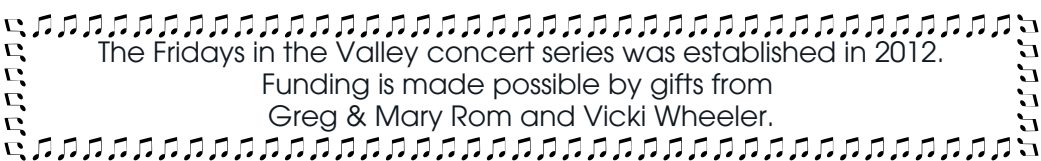
Steve Staruch performs with his folk/country music group, Belvidere Oasis, the Lochan Quartet, and the Bach Society of Minnesota, while freelancing regularly in the region. He serves as a cantor at his parish church in Minneapolis and has been featured as a soloist on Dale Warland Singers recordings. Classical MPR listeners know Steve as an on-air host and producer. Steve earned degrees from Oberlin College and the Eastman School of Music. He completed yoga teacher training at the Yoga Center of Minneapolis.

Sue Ruby hails from the tiny town of Tamarack in northern Minnesota. She is a teaching artist and collaborative pianist at MacPhail Center for Music and teacher/co-owner of K&S Conservatory of Music in Woodbury. A Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, Sue is co-founder of the Association of Professional Piano Instructors (APPI), and of course Fridays in the Valley Chamber Music series. Sue has compiled and edited five books of piano music written by "Women Music History Forgot". In her spare time, she enjoys adventuresome days and quiet nights with her husband Kurt and their feline owner, Moxie.

UPCOMING CONCERT

FRIDAY, Oct 10, 2025 | 7:00 pm
St Croix Valley Flute Collective

A diverse group of flutists who enjoy performing together and sharing the beauty of the instrument with their community. With careers as diverse as science, business, homeschooling, medicine, technology, and social services, we all share one thing in common...
a love for playing the flute.



The Fridays in the Valley concert series was established in 2012.

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