

Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Youth & VBC Echo Service

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
William G. Bradbury, arr. Frank Milholland

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Welcome Home
Amanda Meisenheimer, arr. Andrea Hamilton

VBC Band

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today and every day, creation greets the dawn with worship.

Rory
Gabe

People: Let us join with creation and greet the day with worship!

Leader: Birds and buzzing insects sing songs of joy to our great Creator.

People: Let us join with birds and insects, singing songs of joy to our great Creator!

Leader: Trees and plants stretch their leaves toward the light of day, ready to receive energy and life.

People: Let us stretch our hearts and hands in worship, ready to receive blessing and share love!

Leader: The mountains, valleys, oceans, and deserts proclaim the glory of our God.

People: We cannot be silent—let us worship the One who made us all!

† Hymn #487

These Treasured Children

vss. 1-4

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.

We long to trust as children do and so entrust our days to you;
in their young lives we clearly see a lesson in humility.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

Creator God, you made wolves to howl, snakes to slither, penguins to dive, and people to love. But we do not always do what we were made to do. We do not always love one another. You give us empathy to feel suffering, but at times, we turn away and ignore each other. You give us language to share words of encouragement, but sometimes we speak unkindly when we are angry. You provide enough resources for everyone, but we store up food, land, and things for ourselves. Forgive us for the times we do not show love, and call us back to who you made us to be. 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.

SUNG RESPONSE #59

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
 God's mercies never come to an end.
 They are new every morning, new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
 great is your faithfulness.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

There's Enough

VBC Band

Congregational Blessing:

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Living Water

Amanda Meisenheimer, arr. Andrea Hamilton

VBC Band

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104

Grace
 Connor
 Mae

SERMON

What Every Living Thing Needs

Pastor Sheila Sheldon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn

Compassion Prayer

May we be filled with compassion
May we be filled up to the top of our hearts
When we have the power to make something right
May we show God's love.

May we be shown compassion
May we be found in the center of peace
When we have needs that others can meet
May we find God's love.

May we be filled with compassion
May we be filled up to the top of our hearts
When we have the power to make something right
May we show God's love.

May we be shown compassion
May we be found in the center of peace
When we have needs that others can meet
May we find God's love. May we find God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kyle Sandison

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Valley Youth Mission

Justin

***OFFERTORY**

A Creation Hymn

VBC Band

Amanda Meisenheimer, arr. Andrea Hamilton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Samuel

God, our Provider, you have sustained us through trials and troubles. You have met our needs along the way. We cannot help but respond in gratitude and generosity, bringing our resources, wealth, and whole selves as offerings to you and your people. Take these humble gifts and help us steward them to create a more just and sustainable world. Amen.

*From May through August, loose offering collected during worship is designated for

Clare Terrace.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.

We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.

We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.

When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.

Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.

Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.

Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.

Thus, new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our Hallelujahs

Amanda Meisenheimer, arr. Andrea Hamilton

VBC Band

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

**A Big Thank you to all of our
Valley Youth, VBC Kids, Leaders, Volunteers, Parents,
and the VBC Band!**

Rachel Williams, piano

Rev Kyle Sandison, guitar/vocals

Missy Rudeen, banjo

Sheila Sheldon and Mariah Messer, vocals

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, June 28

Sponsored by [Mary Willkens](#)

In honor of both Jerry & my parents

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

A memorial reception for **Marilyn Munns** and a celebration of her 90th birthday will be held at Valley October 9th. Full obituary: <https://www.evansnordby.com/obituaries/marilyn-frances-munns>

Warren Linc was discharged from the hospital on Monday. They determined that he didn't have a stroke, but was experiencing dizziness. He's was referred to an ENT for a possible inner ear issue.

Carole Martens shares that **Rick** is recovering in Hayward Tamarack Hospital and is now in a rehab program. Until a suitable rehab facility is found in the Twin Cities, Tamarack is providing a secure, loving program. They remain positive he will recover despite the lengthy road and possibly further surgery ahead. They appreciate all your prayers, cards and get well wishes.

Continued prayers of comfort for our RAS Food Hub friends, **Jennifer Hill** and her children, who lost their beloved husband and dad, **Brent Hill**, on June 16th, suddenly and unexpectedly after a brief catastrophic illness. Jennifer and Brent were regular volunteers at the Food Hub at Valley and cared deeply about the community. The visitation and service for Brent was on Thursday. Full obituary: <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/brent-hill-3/#!/Obituary>

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. For those who have them, stay up-to-date by following their **CaringBridge** profiles here:

Carole Martens will have a follow up on her CLL in 6 months.

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan showed mixed results, with some new spots in his lungs and abdomen. He'll continue with 6 more weeks of treatment, with a scan to follow. Meanwhile, the Chens will enjoy a trip to Japan, planting their garden, and enjoying their beautiful life together. They continue to be so very grateful. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet has the go ahead to start chemo again. Early indications from an MRI show that the cancer is "stable." More to come, but the plan is once chemo is done, she will start stem cell treatment. To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on Janet, please follow Rick's CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Susie Potter: Susie will have tests again mid-August and then follow up with her oncologist. <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 | chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, June 28 - Youth Echo Service

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, June 29

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, June 30

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

Thursday, July 2

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, July 3

Office Closed in Observance of
Independence Day

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

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!

Valley Staff

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The entire Valley Community!

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Rev. Nancy Phillips

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 14: 205 (116 in-person)

June 21: 225 (95 in-person)

THANK YOU!

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

COFFEE HOSTS

- Mary Wilkens
- Ray Anderson
- Samantha Schellhaas
- Roger Michael
- James Decker

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Pat Daily
- Connie Freeman
- Mary Ann Winter



Clare Housing Supper Club

New Opportunity! Join a 4 x 4 Dinner Group with Clare Housing. Prepare, serve, share and cleanup up after the evening meal for 4 neighbors living in one of Clare Housing's Community Care Homes.

CONTACT:



SARAH FADELL
TO LEARN MORE



July 18, 2026

CLEARWATER FOREST FEST

Free Event Open to the Public

Live Music, Free Dinner & Magic Show

For more info visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/events/>



16595 Crooked Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444

- **7:00 am - Registration opens for Bike Ride**
- **8:30 am - Bike Ride begins (8, 30, 50 mile options)**
- **9:30 - 11:30 am - Camper's Choice Activities**
- **Noon - Lunch available for purchase**
- **2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!**
- **3:30 pm - Awards**
- **4:00 - 5:45 pm - Live Music from Emily Youel**
- **5 pm - Dinner!**
- **5:45 pm - Magic Show**

Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour puppet show!

We're hosting a performance of
Jeremy & the Giant King

After spending the morning terrorizing the neighborhood, Jeremy and his little brother embark on a romp through the forest where they stumble across a mysterious woodland witch. Jeremy is transported into a fantastical storybook realm, whose inhabitants are at their wits' end dealing with the problem of a Giant King on the rampage! Can Jeremy help bring order to the realm?

Date & Time:
Sunday, August 2, 2026
Picnic Dinner at 6:00 PM
Show starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Valley Community
Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot
3100 Lilac Dr. N
**indoors if rain*

Instructions: Grab you friends! Come for a picnic and stay for the show. We'll provide hotdogs, lemonade, ice cream and you bring a side to share. All are welcome!





CLEARWATER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 13-16, 2026
OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY - AUGUST 12

KEYNOTE: REV. ANNA KENDIG FLORES
THEME: SPIRITUAL WARRIORS FOR LOVE
HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/>
for more information and to register

CLEARWATER FOREST
CONTACT CLEARWATER WITH QUESTIONS
218-678-2325
REGISTER IS NOW OPEN!



VALLEY MEN'S RETREAT 2026

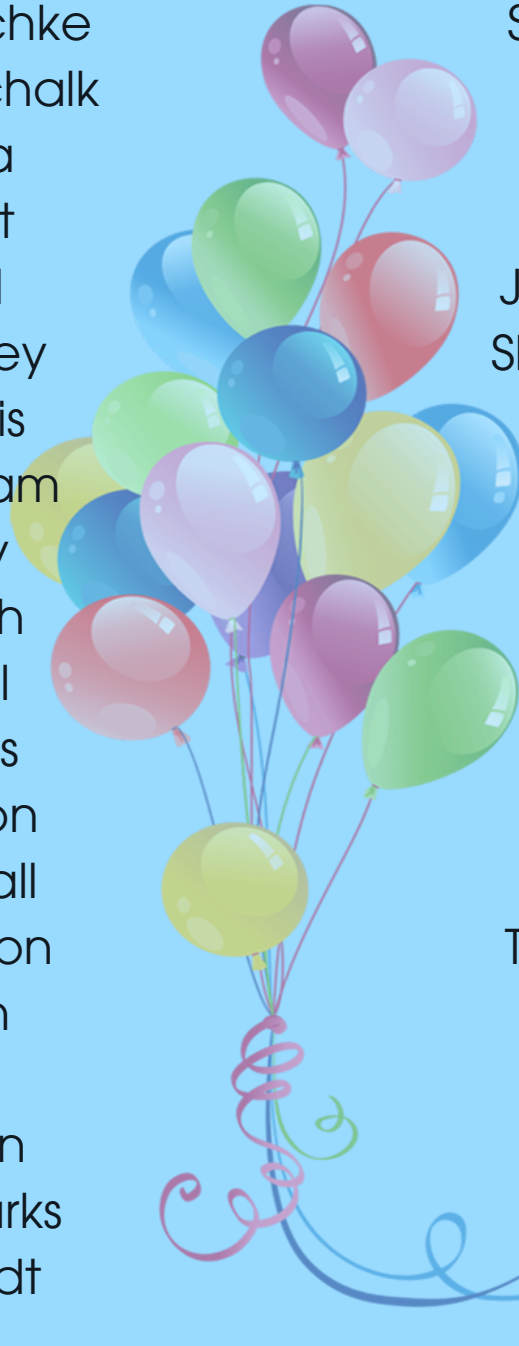
Clearwater Forest
Camp & Retreat Center
September 25-27

Join other Valley men for a weekend away at the beautiful Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. Participants will enjoy fellowship and activities. There will also be time to explore topics related to the Presbyterian faith and spirituality through study and discussion.

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

Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Eleanor Kopischke
Connor Gottschalk
Alice Zieska
Carol Bright
Tom Magill
Mary Jo Bailey
Paula Landis
Jackie Graham
Odin Willey
Christy Smith
Mike Vogel
Lucy Feneis
Ella Halverson
Dan Marshall
Bonnie Carlson
Ann Roach
Axel Boyd
Beth Carlson
Catherine Parks
Dawn Schuldt



Steve Wasmoen
Jill Weihrauch
Rick Carlson
Taichi Chen
Jean-Luc LaBelle
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Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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