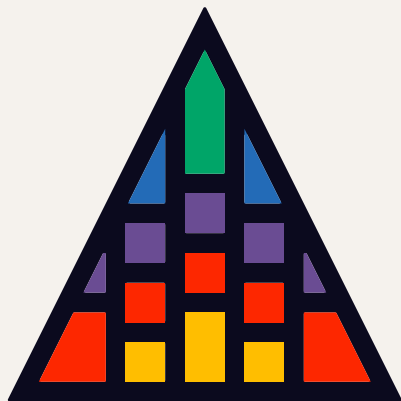




Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2
Johannes Brahms

Rachel Williams,
piano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Beach Spring
arr. by Lorie Line

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

People: Seek God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Seek God in the burning bush.

People: Seek God in the burning heart.

Leader: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

People: We are standing on holy ground!

Leader: Let us worship God!

† Hymn #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

vss. 1-3

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of divine love with our lips but don't change our actions.

Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore in us the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that however often we fall, You lift us up again to serve you. 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 #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thy Word
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith, arr. by Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:18-21

SERMON

An Era of Outrage, the Appeal of Anger

Rev. Bill Davnie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #750

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours,
through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours,
through God who loves us.

(Repeat)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

World Communion Offering

Rev. Nancy Phillips

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

***OFFERTORY**

Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser, arr. by Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love and hope to all who need them. In Your Son's name we pray. Amen.

*From September through December, loose offering collected during worship is designated for **Every Meal**.

† Please rise in body or spirit.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Love
arr. John Carter

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers
Sunday, September 27
Sponsored by Valley Staff
*In celebration of September birthdays and
anniversaries*
Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for **Ken Smith** who is hospitalized, recovering from an obstruction and is doing better.

Prayers of healing for **Carole Martens** who had an accident in the kitchen this past Saturday and sustained burns which requires her to receive daily wound care at HCMC's burn clinic. She is home and appreciates all prayers.

Join the **Munns** family as they host a reception celebrating the life of former Valley member and custodian, **Marilyn Munns**, in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 9, at 12:30 pm.

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 October.

Taichi Chen: continues chemo treatments. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: On September 22, **Janet** had her stem cell transplant! The plan is to go home on September 23 and stay home for 30 days, with the exception of daily blood draws at the U's Masonic Cancer Center, to make sure the cells are doing their job.

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 has a blood/port draw and PET scan scheduled for September 29. She will meet with her oncologist on October 7 to go over results & possible trial drugs.

<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, September 27

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - Hanne Sandison: **MN Truth**

Council & Immigration Updates

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm Session Meeting

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

1:00 pm Bible Fellowship

Wednesday, September 30

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Fall Festival: Back to the 50s!

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

11:00 am Adult Ed - Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe):

Ĥaḥá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek)

1:00 pm TEAMS & Youth Group

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

Ministers

The entire Valley Community!

Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Kyle Sandison

Educational Ministries Director

Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE

Office Administrator

Rachel Hole

Music Coordinator

Rachel Williams

Interim Choral & Handbell Director

Hsu-hui Wang

Choral & Handbell Director

Janet M.T. Carlson

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

September 13: 220 (114 in person)

September 20: 219 (110 in person)



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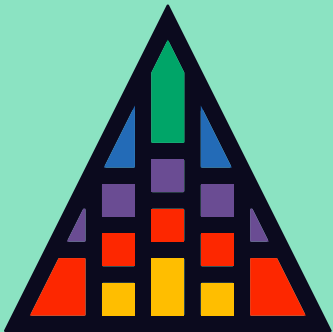
Adult Education | September 27 | 11:00 AM

MN TRUTH COUNCIL & IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Hanne Sandison, Director of Legal Services
The Advocates for Human Rights

The Minnesota Truth Council is an independent, non-partisan body that is creating a historical record of survivor and witness experiences. They will produce a report with recommendations for legislative and policy reform. The Advocates for Human Rights is the implementing partner of the Minnesota Truth Council and is responsible for the story collection. Hanne Sandison will share about this important work and why it will be a vital part of our history. She will also give an update on current immigration issues in our state.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



VALLEY CHURCH DIRECTORY 2026-2027

Did you move? Change your phone number or email address?
Call or email Rachel in the office to update your contact
information for the church directory!

New member or just want to update your photo?

Rachel will take one at church or you can send one of your
own to office@valleychurch.net by **Sunday, October 4!**

ALOZAN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
11AM-3PM

SHOP FOR CHANGE SALE

PRISM





FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
DONATIONS WANTED

Silent Auction Items Wanted:

- MN College Sports tickets
- Gift cards that you have not used
- Acts of Service (Soup of the Month, Cooking Class, Tea Party, Ride to Airport, Fall Lawn Clean up, etc.)

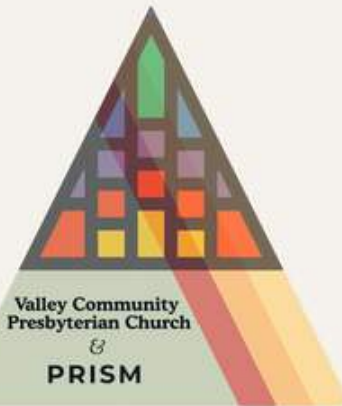
Live Auction Items Wanted: (Valued over \$200)

- Cabin Experiences
- Timberwolves Game Experience
- Dinner Party
- Other Ideas Welcome!

**BACK TO THE
50's**



**Please Bring
Donations to the
Church Office by
September 20th.**



New Volunteer Opportunity at PRISM!

PRISM is piloting a program to get more Faith Partner churches involved in the week to week work being done at PRISM, and **Valley Community** is the first group they are asking. [Click here to Sign Up](#)

Who: Valley - members, couples and families

When: **Thursday** evenings in **OCTOBER** from **5:00-7:00 pm**

What: Sort and pack Hygiene Kits and Diaper Bundles for families who receive services at PRISM.

Need: 4 to 6 volunteers each week

Location

PRISM

1220 Zane Ave N

Golden Valley, MN 55422



Scan the QR Code
to sign up

CHANCEL CHOIR

Love to sing?

Join the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsals: Meet weekly on
Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM & 8:30 am
on the Sundays we sing in worship.

Sing: 1st & 3rd Sundays in worship.



Hsu-hui Wang, interim director
Rachel Williams, piano



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Adult Education | October 4 | 11:00 AM

ĤAĤÁ WAKPÁDAN (BASSETT CREEK)

with Cassandra Roy (Ojibwe)



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AND OJIBWAY)

Cassandra Roy (Anishinaabe), an Indigenous artist who's photographing ĤaĤá Wakpádan (Bassett Creek) in all four seasons. This event will feature her landscape photography, portrait photography, and other artistic projects.

The creek photography project is supported by a Community Grant from the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. Additional support is provided by Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley Historical Society, Hennepin History Museum, The Loppet, and many others.

Hosted in The Cornerstone Room



MN Senate 43, and House 43A and 43B Candidate Meet- &-Greet and HIV Long-term Survivor Town Meeting



- Hear stories from HIV long-term survivors
- Meet our state candidates
- Learn where state candidates stand on issues that matter to you, such as home, health, and hope

Join us for a free meal, community conversations, and an opportunity to learn more about your candidates and community!

EVENT DETAILS

Date: **Thursday, October 8, 2026**

Time: **6:00-7:30 PM CST**

(Doors open at 5:30PM for community meal)

Location: **Clare Terrace**

(3555 France Ave N, Robbinsdale, MN 55422)



Register by scanning the
QR code or visiting
bit.ly/districts43forum

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

- Charlotte Davnie
- Ray Anderson
- Carolyn Anderson
- Mike Pinter
- Mary Wilkens

BAKERS & TREAT-BRINGERS

- Jan Fedora
- Karen Harms
- Mary Wilkens
- Rev. Nancy Phillips



**Fridays in the Valley
Presents:**



Steve Lehto & John Wright

Friday, October 9, 2026
Concert begins @ **7:00 PM**

FREE-WILL OFFERINGS BENEFIT
**MISSIONS INC. PROGRAMS AND
THE HOME FREE SHELTER.**



Valley Community

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

SONGS AND POEMS
PERFORMED BY
JAMIE MARSHALL

WITH WESLEY FRYE, JENESSA IVERSON, RYAN MARSHALL,
AUDREY SNYDER, JACK STRAND, AND HUNTER BATTERSON

OCTOBER 23, 7PM
OCTOBER 24, 7PM 
OCTOBER 25, 2PM



THE HIVE COLLABORATIVE
677 HAMLINE AVE.

TICKETS AND INFO AT
THEHIVECOLLABORATIVEMN.COM

Valley Community

PC(USA)

**Oct
25
4-5 PM**

**Hosted by
Valley Youth**

Trunk *or* Treat for PRISM

Candy

**A
Community
Event
with a
Cause!**



**Bring pantry items for PRISM and
help us fill the trailer at our annual
Trick or Treat for PRISM drive.
Can't wait to see you there!**

3100 Lilac Drive North | Golden Valley MN 55422



• DRIVERS NEEDED •

Meals on Wheels

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

**3RD & 4TH THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

ROUTES INCLUDE:

Crystal
New Hope
Robbinsdale
Golden Valley



**Sign Up on Breeze or
in Fellowship Hall**

Volunteer Coordinators:

Gail Smith - 3rd Thur
Marge Thurston - 4th Thur
or call the office.



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Happy Birthday Valley Family!



Frankline Nyongkah

Lennox Mead

Alan Wold

Arik Sandison

Aaron Craven

Arnold Schellhaas

Pius Nti

Jeff Soltau

Hayden Gautsche

Claire Reinert

Pete Messer

Christine Phelan

Jonathan Schellhaas

Ted Arneson

Steve Bauer

Katie Decker

Gwen Rouleau

Evonne Kirchenwitz

Liam Bonner

Sevdina (Nina) Bonner

SuAnn Bygd

Mark Freeman

James Decker

Tom Jenson

Mariah Messer

Andrew Westerlund

Helmut Winter

Peter Brant

Paul Minter

Emily Steffel

Sarah Gonsior

Deborah Poynter

Jennifer Biggs

Bellinda Nti





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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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