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The Connecting Point

Dear Friends:

Sacrifice. It seems to me that at the root of this word is the word, "sacred," suggesting that it is something that is done spiritually, or in a way that pertains to one's religion. The term is also used metaphorically to describe selfless good deeds for others or a short term loss in return for a greater gain, such as in a game of chess. Recently it has also come into use as meaning 'doing without something' or 'giving something up,' also referred to as self-sacrifice.

I think most of us understand sacrifice. We are usually willing to sacrifice for the sake of our children. We sacrifice time, money, self, for them. We sometimes sacrifice enjoyment of certain pleasures now, so we can be able to afford them in the future, like when we retire, or the kids graduate from college.

We all also have a pretty good concept of the sacrifice on God's

part when He gave up His only-begotten Son to die on Calvary's cross in order to save us from our sins. Sacrifice is embedded in our Christian psyche. We understand it. We receive it. We embrace it. We practice it.

Same with King David. In our Route 66 Journey through the Bible we recently read an account of how David wanted to purchase some land on which to build a temple for the Lord, but when he approached the land's owner, Araunah, he didn't want to sell it to David, he wanted to give it to him!

But David understood how important it was for him to practice sacrifice and he said to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing." 1 Chronicles 21:24 I think this is an outstanding

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Hayride Fun



Thank you to everyone who attended the hayride! It was fun and we had great weather.

Deb Bonnet

Spiritual Development

Family Camp will be held July 15-20, 2012! It's official. The second-annual Family Camp at Camp Pioneer in Angola, NY is set for next year. Join us for a week of fun, praise, and renewal. Make plans now

Rally Sunday was celebrated and now Confirmation is just around the corner and will officially begin Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. This year there will be two classes meeting together (first- and second-year students). It should be a great time for all involved. Parents are also encouraged to sit in on classes whenever they can. It can be a family time for learning about our faith in Christ.

Oct. 8 will feature, "For Better, For Worse," a gathering for all married couples to examine and discuss God's design for marriage. We will talk about the bumps, the holes, and the great times in our marriages and how the Lord helped us along the way. Childcare will be provided.

Valley's newly developed (and still under construction) spiritual life

sessions for all members will be unveiled at the Lutheran Lay Renewal weekend Nov. 4-6. The first class will be offered Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. - noon, childcare provided. "Becoming a Disciple," is the title of the first class which is designed for those who are curious about faith and or are interested in becoming a member of Valley Lutheran. This class will be followed with, Growing as a Disciple and Living as a Disciple, and will be scheduled accordingly. Becoming a Disciple will be offered six times a year, on the second Saturday of every other month at 9am. Join us, even if you have been a disciple of Christ most of your life. Learn what God has done for us!

Pastor Robert Hoffman

Family Ministry News

"Fill The Table"

Valley's Youth Ministry is starting a year-long food drive called, "Fill The Table." It will be in the narthex on one of the old coffee tables. We are asking everyone to help fill the table with food. We will have a special item each month that they are looking for. It will be different every month. October's special item will be liquid dish soap. All the food and items will be then taken to the Chagrin Falls Park Food Bank. They help anyone in need. You do not have to live in the park, you just have to need the help. Any questions please call Debbie Bonnett at 440-543-3476 or email me at debbon222@aol.com.

Confirmation

Classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Questions? See Pastor Hoffman.

L4 Youth Group

L4 Youth Group for all confirmed and older youth meets the first and third Sundays of the month at 3 p.m. here at Valley Lutheran Church. Contact Pastor Hoffman for info.

LEARN of Christ
LIVE in Praise
LOVE the Lost,
and LEAD them home.



Retreat Oct. 21-23

If you are interested in attending the Junior / Senior High retreat at Camp Pioneer on Oct. 21 - 23, please contact Pastor Hoffman.

Renewing Hope for Happiness

One of the passages in the LCMS Human Care Ministry manual talks about human care being a result of the Gospel. “The Gospel is always and only the message that God, in love, has reconciled fallen humanity to Himself through the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of His Son. Those who accept this love by faith necessarily respond with love for their fellow human beings. As Christians confront the diverse needs of other people, they are moved and guided by God’s love toward the thoughtful and vigorous action that is human care ministry. The Gospel is the cause. Human care ministry is the result.”

How interesting it is that now the medical community has recognized that our beliefs and caring actions also benefit ourselves.

Beliefs Connect to Health

Excerpts from Cleveland Clinic 360-5

Meet Leonard and Rochelle, two hypothetical people. Either because of traditional religious beliefs or a less defined sense of “something more,” Leonard believes that life in general, and his in particular, has meaning. Rochelle, on the other hand, likes the old Peggy Lee song, “Is That All There Is?” and she answers its eponymous question with a resigned yes. Science tells us that, all other factors being equal, Leonard has superior odds for staying healthy and for dealing adeptly with life’s inevitable curveballs. Why? The research isn’t definitive yet, but it does show that “the meaning factor” is real, that it improves people’s lives and, in many cases, their health.

“Studies show over and over again that a connection to something transcendent is very helpful in stress relief,” says Tanya Edwards, MD, MEd, of the Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Integrative Medicine. “And patients who have been given

a diagnosis of a potentially life-threatening, or at least life-changing, condition do much better when they have this connection.

Meaning 101

The key to developing a spiritual life that provides this kind of meaning, and that works in the here and now, is to start with your own belief system. If you’re a Christian, a devout Catholic or a religious Jew, you already have access to prayers, devotions, rituals and reading materials that stir something deep within you.

“For example, the bulk of peer-reviewed scientific studies on how spiritual practice affects human health have looked at meditation—usually an Eastern style, such as Transcendental Meditation (a Hindu derivative) or Vipassana Meditation (a Buddhist form). Your spiritual health prescription, however, may be Bible study, saying the rosary or learning a relaxation technique that has no ecclesiastical overtones but that puts you in the same fully present, fully focused state as someone sitting in meditation or kneeling at prayer.

Seeing the Divine in One Another

Private contemplation is good for you, but so is singing in the choir or volunteering at a soup kitchen. “Talking to others who share your beliefs can be comforting and helpful,” Dr. Edwards says. “In Buddhism, they call it sangha, spiritual community. This is also what you get in a support group or in church.”

Here are some ways to deepen your contact with others who can nurture your spirit:

- Engage in some spiritual pursuit as a family. Mealtime grace, bedtime prayers and reading aloud from scripture or other uplifting books can do a lot for togetherness, even after the kids are grown and gone.



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- Have a “prayer partner” or “vision partner.” This is someone you speak with briefly every day to pray with and for each other, or to share the actions you’ll take to bring your vision – for healing, peace of mind, the accomplishment of a goal – into being.

- Join a small group within a large one. If you’re part of a big church or synagogue, sign up for a committee or take a class so you’ll get to know people and feel you truly belong.

- Start and host your own group. This could be a spiritual book club, a community service group or a mastermind circle that supports and encourages every member’s dreams. Invite friends to join, or reach out with signs at the natural food store, health club and yoga studio.

- Find like-minded friends. They’re out there! Find them at bookstore author events, lectures and classes, retreats and seminars.

While research on meditation mainly focuses on what happens neurochemically and neurologically in the brain, “strong evidence now also supports that people who are engaged socially, as well as

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personally, in spiritual practice are healthier,” says Patrick Swift, PhD, a

clinical assistant professor at New York University School of Medicine

and the author of *One Mountain, Many Paths*.

Care Ministry News

Arthritis Awareness Day and Village Flu Shot Program

Arthritis Awareness Day and Village Flu Shot Program will be Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hamlet Atrium, 200 Hamlet Hills Drive.

Flu Shots will be given by CVS and Chagrin Falls Village free with Medicare. To register, call Chagrin Falls Village at 440-247-5050.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Patrick Hergenroeder will speak about the Arthritis Foundation and Arthritis Foundation Exercise Programs. Cleveland Clinic nurses will also be on hand for free health screenings. The event is produced by Chagrin Senior Council.

Grief support group

Renewing Hope ... for happiness meets every Third Sunday at 4 p.m. here at Valley Lutheran.

If you or someone you know

has experienced the loss of a loved one, please join us as we begin our monthly meetings today.

Questions? Contact Katy or Bob Duquette at 941-350-8705.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you give a shawl or blanket please sign the sheet on top of the cabinet. If something is given to a member, we would like a name so we know which members have received a blanket or shawl. Blankets and shawls are available inside the cabinet. Feel free to take one if you know of someone in need. If you have any questions, call Carole Berlinski at (440) 543-6153, email caroleb255@aol.com or call Gail Kohler, co-chair, at (216) 475-3083.

The Casserole Committee

The Casserole Committee is a group of people who individually

make a meal for someone in need. Deby Lexow is the current chair of this committee and alerts the committee when a person or a family has a need.

If you would like to be part of this group, please call Deby at (440) 543-6515 or email her at DebyLexow@gmail.com.

If at any time you know of a person or a family at our church in need, please contact Deby.

Braille Ministry

Valley has a very active Braille Ministry that makes bibles right here at church. Men and women meet at different times during the day. If you are interested in joining the Braille Ministry here at church or have any questions, please call Aldine Cage at (330) 995-3941 or email at cagealmac@aol.com.

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standard against which we can measure our own sacrifice. What sacrifice is it if it costs me nothing? It's been said that anything worth having is worth paying for.

I'm not writing this to ask any particular sacrifice from anyone, only that we try to incorporate the nature

of sacrifice into our own behavior. Give up some of your time to work with the youth in your neighborhood or church. Sacrifice a Saturday to rake the lawn of someone who can't do their own. Forego a meal out to give an offering to Food for the Poor. Take some time (give some time?) to visit

someone in a nursing home. Just do something and make sure that it costs you something – kind of like Jesus.

In His love,

Dan Esala, Sr. Pastor, VLC

October Route 66 Readings

Week 41 starting Oct. 3

Monday-Nehemiah 11:1-11
Tuesday-Esther 1:1-2:23
Wednesday-3:1-4:17
Thursday-5:1-7:10
Friday-8:1-10:3
Saturday-Job 1:1-22

Week 42 starting Oct. 10

Monday-Job 2:1-3:26

Tuesday-4:1-5:27

Wednesday-6:1-7:21

Thursday-8:1-10:22

Friday-11:1-12:25

Saturday-13:1-14:22

Week 43 starting Oct. 17

Monday-Job 15:1-17:16

Tuesday-Job 18:1-19:29

Wednesday-Job 20:1-21:34

Thursday-Job 22:1-24:25

Friday-Job 25:1-28:28

Saturday-Job 29:1-31:40

Week 44 starting Oct. 24

Monday-Job. 32:1-34:37

Tuesday-35:1-37:24

Wednesday-Job 38:1-41:34

Thursday-Job 42:1-17

Friday-Psalms 1:1-6:10

Saturday-Psalms 7:1-11:7

Week 45 starting Oct. 31

Monday-Job. 32:1-34:37

Tuesday-35:1-37:24

Wednesday-Job 38:1-41:34

Thursday-Job 42:1-17

Friday-Psalms 1:1-6:10

Saturday-Psalms 7:1-11:7



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New Study Group to Start

This is a listing of active small groups at Valley Lutheran. Please consider joining one of these small groups if you aren't currently active in our small group ministry. If your schedule doesn't currently permit you to join an existing group and you'd like to become a small group member, please contact me and we will try to put a group together to accommodate your schedule and area of interest.

Active Small Groups:

The Reason For God: Meets weekly on Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Yanda Room led by Scott Pretzlav.

Journey Through The Scriptures: Meets weekly on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Yanda Room led by Pastor Esala.

Leaning Into A Hail Of Bullets: Meets weekly on Saturday at 8 a.m. at

Panera Restaurant in Bainbridge led by Pastor Esala.

Gospel In Life: Meets weekly on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at home of Dick and Jan Wilks and led by Dick Wilks.

Women of the Bible: Starts Sept 22 at 7 p.m. and will meet the first and third Thursdays at the home of George and Ann Yanda. Rotating leaders.

Kings of the Old Testament: Starts Sept. 25 and will meet weekly at 10:30a.m. in the Yanda Room, led by Sandy Koterba.

Revelation: Worthy Is the Lamb of **God's Word for Today:** Meets weekly on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. at The Atrium at Hamlet Hills. Led by Pastor Hoffman.

Grace Based Parenting: For parents of young children-Meets Friday mornings at 9:15 in the Yanda Room. Childcare is available.

Everyone Can Make a Difference-LLR

Friday, Saturday, Sunday- November 4-6

We are celebrating ordinary people meeting ordinary people to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By sharing, we will discover a new joy and happiness in our Christian journey in faith. By growing in our faith, we will become more effective witnesses in our homes, workplaces, communities and our Church.

Friday November 4, 2011

6:30 p.m. – Congregational dinner (no cost) and fellowship at VLC
7:15 p.m. – First general session

- Announcement of Saturday Coffee Locations
- Small group meetings
- Youth program - music
- Children program - music

- Nursery/child care available (no cost)
8:45 p.m. – Combined Groups
Close

Saturday November 5, 2011

10:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour in member's homes
Afternoon – Shut-in visits
6:30 p.m. – Congregational Pizza / Dessert dinner-fellowship at VLC
7:15 p.m. – Spiritual Sharing

- Small group meetings
- Youth program
- Children program
- Nursery/child care available (no cost)
8:45 p.m. – Combined Groups
Close

Sunday November 6, 2011

Special Combined Worship

Service

Ideally everyone will attend all of the sessions, but that may not be possible in all instances. If you can attend only one or two of the major sessions we would love to have you. Those sessions are Friday evening, Saturday morning (coffee) and Saturday evening. There are Youth and Children programs scheduled and child care is also available.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Join us on the weekend of November 4-6 for food, fellowship, music, and spiritual growth.

And please remember,
Everyone Can Make a Difference.



**Lutheran
Lay
Renewal
Weekend**



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Mite Boxes are back

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is reintroducing the Mite Boxes to take home and drop in your "mites" (coins). With these mites, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League provides grants for missions locally, nationally, and internationally. Mite Boxes are available in the Narthex. Filled boxes can be dropped off in the Church office. This will be an ongoing outreach. For more information go to www.lwml.org.

Hygiene Kit Supplies for Haiti

We are in need of certain supplies to complete our hygiene kits. There is a basket for your donations in Yoder Hall or give to any team member.

- Saline eye drops. (Dollar Stores)
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Haiti mission team members 2011: Helen and Scott Briggs, Al, Barb and Lindsay Fertig, Pastor Esala, Morgan

McCaskey, Nina DeRubertis, John and Gail Gajewski.

Building Hope Message

We need the shirt off your back ... no really, we do!

Trinity's Clothing Ministry, which each year gives away tons of clothing to those in need, reports their shelves are a bit bare this summer.

The following donations are needed:

- Any gently-used men's clothing (all seasons), including t-shirts, pants and shoes.
- Donations of new men's socks and underwear (size L, please).
- Women's summer tops, shorts and shoes.

If you'd like to make a donation, call Trinity's church office at 216-281-1700 to arrange a time to drop off items. Or if you have difficulty getting them to Trinity contact Gail or John Gajewski. They may be able to transport them.



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Upcoming Events

Oct. 11 - Ladies Out to Lunch Brunch

December 10 – Ladies Christmas Lunch

Corn Roast Thank You

Here's a letter from a neighbor who enjoyed joining us for the corn roast.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for inviting my family and me to partake of your wonderful corn roast. Everything was just delicious, especially --the corn; mine was the best ear of corn I've eaten all summer! We very much enjoyed meeting some of your parishioners too. All in all, it was a lot of fun.

I would also like to thank you for being such generous neighbors to the East Orange Street residents as well as the Chagrin Falls Branch Library in allowing us to use your parking lot from time to time. We are most appreciative.

Sincerely,

Ann Ted and Fritz DeConingh
(50 E. Orange St.)

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 14.....	NEOEA Day.....	No School
Oct. 18.....	11:30 a.m.....	Children's Fall Music Program & Family Luncheon
Oct. 20.....	8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.....	School Photographs (No makeup date available!)
Nov. 21 - 25.....	Thanksgiving Vacation.....	No School



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Staff, Families Eager to Begin 17th Year

Thanks to the efforts of the staff and parents, the first week of preschool was a smooth start for 65 students at Valley Christian Preschool. Outstanding attendance at Open House on Sept. 8 helped prepare the children and parents for a new school year. All of the returning students are glad to be back to school with their old friends, and the new students are adjusting well to the routine of a new preschool. A special welcome goes to the following new students and their families:

Amelia Armington	Joanna Armington
Allie Arrigo	Christian Bittner
Maeve Bower	Beckett Buescher
Greyson Chess	John Ellsworth
Julia Fox	Stella Fox
Clara Hendrickx	Hallie Hendrickx
Drew Houston	Hugh Kaselak
Eliot Kler	Oliver Latkovic
Holly McCarthy	Presley Napolitano
Henry Paulitsch	Cooper Schmoltdt
Alexandra Shemitz	Luka Sluder
Allison Stephenson	Adeline Traylor

Preschool News

Enroll Today!

Afternoon Openings (All Classes) & Morning Openings (4- & 5-year-old Classes) Available! While there are limited openings available in the morning sessions for 2- and 3-year-olds, the availability in the mornings in the 4- and 5-year-old classrooms and in all AFTERNOON sessions is plentiful. The optional hot-lunch that is served daily from 11:35 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. has openings for more hungry students. The "lunch bunch" program is open to both morning and afternoon students. In addition to the nutritious meal, the option provides an enjoyable fellowship time, as the children eat in classrooms with their peers. The 2s eat in the toddler room, the 3s eat in the 3-year-old room, and the 4s and 5s eat in Room 3B on the first floor. Parents may sign up for as few as one special "lunch bunch" day or for all the days that their children attend classes.

Fall Children's Music Program and Luncheon

Preschool to Host Fall Children's Music Program & Family Luncheon

The first of three family programs will be hosted on Tuesday, October 18 at 11:30 am. The Children's Music Program will be presented in the sanctuary, with a family

luncheon to follow in the "bike room" and narthex area of the church. ALL STUDENTS (even the 2-year-olds!) will be rehearsing songs and are invited to join in the performance. ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS are invited to attend to enjoy the music, as well as the food and fellowship which follow (at approximately 11:50 am). If a student is not enrolled for class on Tuesday mornings, a parent should bring the child to his/her classroom by 11:20 am to join his teacher and classmates.

Student Artwork on Display

Students' Artwork is on display at Lakeshore Learning Store. Recently, the 4-year-old classes (Ms. Nanci's 4s and Ms. Margaret's 4+'s) were selected to participate in the Lakeshore Store's art project. Their beautiful artwork will be on display during the month of September; please stop by the store to see it. Hint, hint...this is Ohio...think Johnny Appleseed. Lakeshore Learning Store recently opened a new Cleveland branch at 27450 Chagrin Blvd., located across from Eaton Collection. In addition to providing the art materials needed for the magnificent project, the store provided coupons to the students. Thanks to Ms. Nanci for coordinating this terrific project!

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It's Time to Move Valley Lutheran Into the Future!

A Valley Lutheran Futures Taskforce has been assembled which consists of John Larker, Scott Pretzlav, George Yanda, John Findeisen, Mary Ann Prots, Diane Weber and Paul Patrizi, and Lee Morgan.

The purpose of the Taskforce is to: Explore facility and building needs that will most effectively accommodate the ministries of Valley Lutheran Church for the present and into the future, and to offer facility improvement options to the congregation for further discussion, planning and decision making.

The Taskforce will present detailed information to the congregation in Town Hall Meetings, held in the sanctuary, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. throughout October. A Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for all the meetings. Please try to attend. In the interim, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Taskforce members listed above.

Many Thanks

Thank you to Scott and Liz Pretzlav for their efforts to rearrange the Yanda Room and their donation of a large flat screen television screen we can use for ongoing bible studies etc. You've made a huge difference!

Christmas is Coming!

The Valley Lutheran "Enhanced" Choirs will be presenting a beautiful Cantata titled "Night of the Father's Love", A Christmas Musical Celebration, by Pepper Choplin on Sunday, December 18th at both church services. This celebration will feature choral music, speakers, and orchestra.

October Mission is Lutheran Braille Workers

The mission for October is Lutheran Braille Workers. We are just one of more than 200 work centers. There are other ways to support LBW. You can remember someone with either a Memorial or Joy card, a direct gift, or if you are a Thrivent member you can direct your monies to our Work Center. Also you can remember LBW in your Estate plan. LBW has especially been blessed by a \$100,000 grant from LWML. This will enable LBW to replace their plate embossing device which is more than 15 years old and is now non-repairable. The new machine's cost is \$125,000, so gifts of money will help to bring this project to fruition. Also remember if you know locally of anyone with a sight problem or needs large print materials, please contact the church office or me for free materials. Aldine Cage.

An Open Invitation

"Enhanced" means we welcome all who love to sing from our congregation and from our community to join us! Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7 pm. Glorious music will be enjoyed by all!!

Choir Practice Schedule

Heritage Choir

Heritage Choir Traditional Worship Choir meets Thursdays at 7 p.m., Margaret Losik, director.

Life Song

Life Song, a contemporary worship team for ages 12 to adult, directed by Morgan Mecaskey, practices Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Contact Morgan at 216-225-4982.

The Handbell Choir

The Handbell Choir practices on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Contact Jerri White at 440-247-9928. New faces are welcome!

Music Lessons Offered

Valley Lutheran School of Performing Arts is offering piano, violin, viola, music theory and guitar lessons.

Instructors are:

Eriko Izumida, piano -faculty at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, Graduate of Cleveland Institute of Music 216-225-4982.

Dr. Hristo Popov, D. Music -Internationally recognized violinist, Graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music 216-225-4982

Morgan Mecaskey, Contemporary Music Director, piano and guitar, 330-204-3744

Lessons are held at the church. All ages are welcome!

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

The Ladies Lunch Group will meet Tuesday, Oct. 11 at noon at Bass Lake Taverne Inn in Chardon. Contact Janet Marz at 440-247-4049. Reservations are required. ALL ladies of the congregation are invited to join us.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Mark Your Calenders. The Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, Dec. 10. The free Christmas Lunch is for the ladies of the congregation. Dave Johnson, Praise Team Member, will lead us in carols. We are asking that everyone attending bring three dozen cookies to donate to the Food Bank. More details to follow.

October Birthdays

Brian Behler	10/2	Karen Baraona	10/11		
Aileen Hoffman	10/3	Adam Mastropieri	10/11	Ann Costello	10/24
Brandy Ratka	10/4	Benjamin Johnson	10/13	James Lindley	10/24
Kathy Bennett	10/5	Robert Wentsch	10/14	Craig McGregor	10/26
Ann Yanda	10/5	Cathy Anselmo	10/17	Emily Morgan	10/30
Eileen Gibbs	10/6	Celia Esala	10/19	Tom Bissell	10/31
Betty Hoffman	10/6	Eleanor Durdle	10/20	McKenzie Bonnett	10/31
Joanna Armington	10/9	Jackson Ristau	10/23	Carol Simecek	10/31

October Anniversaries

Gary & Lisa Williams	10/2	Jeff & Tamara Fallon	10/10		
Brian & Elizabeth Behler	10/7	Jerry & Karen Delano	10/18		
William & Marcia Bienias	10/10	Ken & Gail Kohler	10/28	Kenneth & Jane Ulmer	10/31

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Thank you to Nick Karos and his family for donating the beautiful train table and accessories. It is an extremely popular activity in the 3-year-old classroom. Your generosity is appreciated!

Mom's Time Out

Mom's Time Out, for mothers of young children, meets Fridays from 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Topic: Grace Based Parenting by Dr. Tim Kimmel founder of the Family Matters ministries.

Find the balance point in a world of extremes.

Keep from investing your energies in a long list of things that don't matter. Liberate your children emotionally and spiritually. Prepare your whole family for a lifetime of healthy choices and relationships-with

God and with each other. Join us for adult spiritual growth, conversation and coffee. Free child care provided.

Helpers Needed

The Friday morning Mom's Time Out Group is so popular that there is a demand for a second class! While the preschool staff accommodates the preschool-age students in the classrooms, helpers (both volunteers and paid position) are needed in the nursery to care for the infants and little ones under the age of two. Please contact Connie Forrester (c.forrester@valleylutheran.org) or church office (office@valleylutheran.org) if you are willing to care for these little ones, either from 9 – 10:15 am or 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. There are always 2 or 3 adults working together (and chatting) to care for a

typical group of three to six children.

Also, if you are interested in attending the Mom's Time Out sessions, please contact Aileen Hoffman (atalde@hotmail.com) to enroll; all moms from the preschool, church, neighborhood, and community are welcome!

Help Wanted

Preschool is in need of a pianist and/or music teacher one morning per week. We meet for chapel and music at on Wednesdays at approximately 9:30 - 10 a.m., but we are flexible to meet another day (M, T, or TH), if needed. Please contact Ms. Connie Forrester (440-247-0390 x205) or c.forrester@valleylutheran.org if you are interested in this paid position. Our preschoolers are very talented and enthusiastic singers!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2011

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WORSHIP SERVANTS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2011

	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
POWERPOINT	Tim Toothman	Tim Toothman	Paul Peterson	Tim Toothman	Paul Peterson
COMMUNION ASSIST (Traditional Service)	Chris Brez		Barb Marotta		
READERS (TRADITIONAL)	Bob Duquette	Chris Brez	Mac Cage	Jack Jessen	Katy Duquette
ACOLYTES (9:00 A. M.)					
ACOLYTES (10:30 A.M.)	Jakob Laverdiere Abby Carmigiano	Abby Carmigiano Maggie Carmigiano	Ellie Durdle Daniel Sternen	Jakob Laverdiere Kate Morgan	Dineen Markey Gabrielle Vidmar
USHERS Traditional Service Sanctuary	Jim Berlinski Carole Berlinski John Zachariah Bob Mandau	Dick Wilks Jan Wilks Katy Duquette Bob Duquette	Ray Schultz Arnold Kuhlow Howard Hecker Bob Wentsch	Jim Lindley Randy Lindley Malcolm McFarland Marnie McFarland	Ken Kohler Doug Duffies Helen Briggs Scott Briggs
USHERS Praise Service Fellowship Hall	John Bonnett Katie Toothman Al Fertig Barb Fertig	Tom Gabram Neil Markey Heather Findeisen John Findeisen	Josh Johnston Jennifer Johnston Matt Wood Jessica Wood	Ken Ulmer Jane Ulmer John Hood Kim Giles	George Hill Arlene Hill Don Schulze Paul Patrizi
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Mac & Aldine Cage	Barb Marotta Kitty Gabram	Chris Brez Diane Weber	Paul & Deby Lexow	Dick & Jan Wilks
GREETERS 10:30 a.m.	John Hood Kim Giles	Heidi & Jim Carmigiano	The Widman Family	Wayne & Janet Gacnik	Al & Barb Fertig
HOSPITALITY	Janet Marz Barb Fertig	Gladys Hackett Pam Domos	Sharon Gabram Samantha Wright	Jan Wilks Susan Morgan	Chris Brez Chris Larker
COUNTERS	Gacnik	Hill	Mandau	Patrizi	Schultz
ALTAR GUILD	Helen Briggs	Janet Gacnik	Helen Briggs	Mary Ann Prots	Aileen Hoffman

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