

God loves all people. So do we.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13

Prayer at WBLUMC: One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.
The Prayer Team: If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or email Dave Hegdahl at shegdahld2@comcast.net.
The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or emailing leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com.



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White Bear Lake
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

White Bear Lake United Methodist Church is a community like no other. We are people striving to walk in the path of Jesus. Though we are unified in our mission, we are diverse in our thoughts, beliefs, and actions. As a practice, we believe religion and faith are a dialogue, not a dictate. We are a community of faith seeking to “provide nourishment for the hungers of life,” and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life.

1 Dam Worship ~ Sunday, August 25, 2019

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS | • PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Did you ever feel like the whole world is going to a party,
and your invitation got lost in the mail?”

~ Ellen DeGeneres

PRELUDE

“Two Fishermen”

Suzanne Toolan

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

Words: Shirley Murray

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

When fear invades our sense of safety, we hear your invitation:

Take my hand, I am with you.

When we face financial volatility and our sense of security becomes shaky, we hear your invitation:

Take my hand, I am with you.

When we experience distress, conflict, and loss of leadership, we hear your invitation:

Take my hand. I am with you.

When controversy threatens to tear at the very fabric of our community, we hear your invitation:

Take my hand, I am with you.

When our lives feel chaotic because of illness or grief, we hear your invitation:

Take my hand, I am always with you.

+OPENING HYMN

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 400

1 & 3

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we are amazed at the incredible love that has embraced us and embraces all of the brokenness and alienation of the world around us. Take our lives and shape them. Open our eyes to the reality of your guidance. Open our ears to the needs of your people. Open our hearts to the opportunities we’ve never understood before. And give us boldness, in place of our timidity, to speak the truth of your transformative love for all of creation. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Do Not Be Afraid”

by David Hass

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

After the children’s message, children and youth will return to their families for the remainder of worship.

MORNING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:16-20

Reader: Paul Dickson

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.
All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Invitation: Fishing for People

Pastor John McBride

+HYMN

“The Summons”

No. 2130

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“Would I Have Answered?”

Traditional English melody
arr. M. Burhardt

Would I have answered when you called, “Come follow, follow me!”?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

No. 344

1 & 4

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

“O God Beyond All Praising”

setting Jeffery Honoré

Today’s altar flowers are provided by Liz and Dave Kaufenberg in celebration of our family.

Today’s musicians: Paul Gutmann, cantor

Sound technician: Bernie Kaeflerlein; **PowerPoint presenter:** Mary Hullsiek

New this fall

Traditions and New Crossings start Sept. 15

It is the vision of White Bear Lake United Methodist Church to offer nourishment for the hungers of life.

We’ll offer two unique, Spirit-filled worship services on Sundays, and we welcome everyone to praise God and to share in the bread of life with us.

9-10am Traditions

This service includes a traditional Methodist liturgy, beloved hymns accompanied by choir and organ, scripture and a message focused on living faithfully in today’s world. The sacrament of communion will be celebrated the first and third Sundays monthly. It’s called “Traditions” because it melds our local traditions with elements of Wesleyan worship and the wider Christian tradition.

Children and youth (3 years old by Sept. 1 through 12th grade) will begin in the worship service and will be released for education after the children’s message. We’ll offer a nursery for infants to 3-year-olds during this service. If you’d like someone to pray with you, our prayer room is open after this service as well as after the later service.

Fellowship time: As always, join us each Sunday between services, with doughnuts or other treats, Fair Trade coffee and tea, and lemonade.

10:45-11:30am New Crossings

This service will begin with a time of music led by a band, then move into prayer, scripture, and a sermon focused on living faithfully in today’s world. It will incorporate sacred and secular music and will offer communion the first Sunday of the month.

Children (4 years old by Sept. 1 through 4th grade) will begin in the worship service and will be released for education about 10 minutes into the service. Nursery will also be available.

Fall worship times begin on Sunday, Sept. 15!

YogaDevotion session starts soon

The next Yoga Class for the fall session will start on **Tuesday, Sept. 3**. Classes are held in the church's Fellowship Hall 6-7pm every Tuesday. The cost is \$72 for an 8-week session. All are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to sign up for this session, contact Carolyn at 651-779-0311 or email her at tersay@msn.com.

Summer's not over quite yet ...

Oh snap! Mary Ellen Calderwood still has room for your summer photos and would love to hang more. They'll be up until October. Email images of your summer to her at medecalderwood@aol.com and she'll do the rest.

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Aug. 25: Indoor worship

10am—Worship and nursery
11am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Aug. 26

10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, 107
3:30-5pm—UMW Board meeting, 200

Tuesday, Aug. 27

5:30-7:30pm—Second Harvest Heartland

Wednesday, Aug. 28

9am-1pm—PEO women's group, 200

Thursday, Aug. 29

7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, 107

Friday, Aug. 30

Office closed on Fridays; no scheduled events

Saturday, Aug. 31

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, 200/206

Sunday, Sept. 1

10am—Worship and nursery
11am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept. 2

Office closed for Labor Day holiday
10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, 206

Last week for WBLUMC golf groups

Women: Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale on **Wednesday, Aug. 28**; cost is \$20/\$15.50 for seniors before noon. Email Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net to play.

Men: Join us on Thursday afternoon. Call or text Paul Steffek at 920-493-2657 or email him at pncsteff@aol.com.

WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday	9am to 12pm
Monday-Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday and Saturday	CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Have a church-related event you'd like to appear in the Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast? Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **10am Wednesday** for the e-blast. *All information is subject to staff approval.*

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday — call the office at 651-429-9026, email your request to office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit wblumc.org for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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Here's what fun we've got planned

We've got some of your favorites line up this year, plus some new things you won't want to miss — and a return appearance of bluegrass band The Barley Jacks. Here are some of the details:

Willow Lane Book Drive:

Faith in Action invites everyone to bring new or very gently used picture books to church on Sept. 8 & 15 for Willow Lane students in grades K-3. During the school year these books help at-risk students develop reading skills during one-on-one mentoring; at the end of the year the books are given to the students to take home. Please place donated books in the baskets in the sanctuary on Sept. 8 and in the narthex on Sept. 15. Thank you!

Blessing of the backpacks:

Bring your bags for our traditional blessing.

NEW! Mission project:

Each household that receives home furnishings from Bridging also gets a "cleaning kit" filled with some of the very basic items needed such as scrubber, rubber gloves, sponges, etc. We've purchased enough supplies to fill 50 kits. All items will be set up on Rally Sunday and everyone is invited to stop by the Bridging table to fill a kit.

Keo's Shave Ice:

Get a taste of Hawaiian shave ice at the picnic! WBLUMC member Joey Perreira celebrated the grand opening of Keo's Shave Ice on July 25 at Marketfest in White Bear Lake. It's *not* a Sno Cone! Says Joey: "What makes our shave ice so good? The secret lies in the quality of our ice. The texture is so soft and fine, the ice just melts in your mouth." Other picnic favorites will include homemade pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and watermelon.

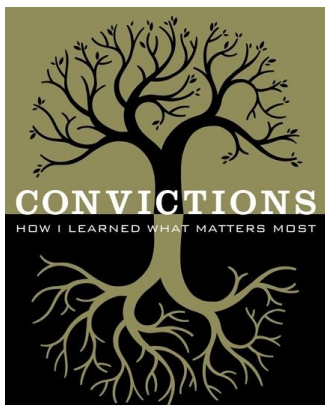
Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master:

Look for some strolling entertainment during the picnic — kids and adults should enjoy him. Other outdoor activities will include a bounce house and gaga ball.

Volunteers needed!

We're looking for your help with 30-minute shifts from 11am-12:30pm to help supervise the outdoor activities. Contact Marcia Lantto or Lori McBride, or sign up on the sheets in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your help!

"Convictions" sermon series & book study



On Rally Sunday, Sept. 8, we'll begin a 7-week series on some of the basic convictions of the Christian faith: God is real and a mystery, Jesus is the center of our faith, the Bible is true (and has political ramifications), and loving God means loving others. What if we really lived as if God is real and life is about loving God? Join us as we look at how our convictions shape us both as individuals and as a community of faith.

Sept. 8 — The World We Live In

Sept. 15 — God is Real and a Mystery

Sept. 22 — Salvation is More than Heaven

Sept. 29 — Jesus is the Center

Oct. 6 — The Cross Matters

Oct. 13 — The Bible is True... and is Political

Oct. 20 — To Love God is to Love Like God

Fall worship times begin Sept. 15:

9am Traditions

10:45am New Crossings

A 6-week book study based on Marcus Borg's *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* will be offered in conjunction with this sermon series. Look for sign-up sheets for the times below. Books will be available for \$13.

6:30-8pm Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 21 *with John McBride*

2-3:30pm Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 *with Lori McBride/Missie Aberle*

6:30-8pm Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17 *with Bill Eaves*

9-10am Sundays, Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6, 13, 20 *with Jim Roe*

Blankets needed!

At a recent tour of the Bridging warehouse, we learned that each family member gets to take a blanket. That's hundreds of blankets every week, and Bridging's shelves are empty — as you can see in the photo at right! WBLUMC will hold a blanket drive later in the year, but to address the current need, if anyone has gently used or new blankets they could donate now, please bring them to church and put them in the basket that will be in the narthex through Labor Day weekend.



Next food packing date

Second Harvest distributes boxes of groceries each month to more than 9,000 low-income seniors, providing an important resource to Minnesotans struggling to get enough food. Volunteers pack boxes with nutritious items on an assembly line. Our service opportunities are all scheduled at the East Metro warehouse at 1140 Gervais Ave. in Maplewood. Our next date there packing food will be **Saturday, Oct. 19**, from 1-3pm. Look for sign-up sheets soon.

Children & Youth

Register *now* for kids & youth fall programming

General registration for fall Sunday and Wednesday programs at WBLUMC has begun. For information and to register, go to wblumc.org/kids or [/youth](http://wblumc.org/youth).

We need Sunday morning volunteers

We have about half of the positions filled for fall Sundays. We'd love your help for children's education as well as middle school youth education. Find out more information about how you can help and sign up by contacting Joan Hartman, director of children's ministries, at joan.hartman@wblumc.org or Missie Aberle, next generation minister, at missie.aberle@wblumc.org.

New youth options for fall!

High School Youth Program: This fall, youth in grades 9-12 will vote on a name for their Sunday program during 9am worship. Each week will be a new experience and will be where they can get real about how faith applies to their lives, and learn life skills. Days and times will vary for service projects, fun activities and events outside church walls.

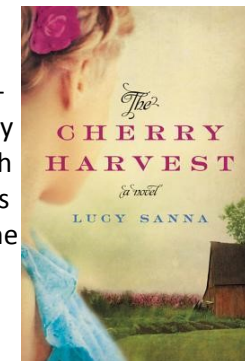
SEED (Students Encountering Engaging Discipleship): Sunday education for 6th-8th graders during 9am worship, where middle school students can encounter God through Christ-centered relationships and experiences. Students will explore faith through scripture but also how it relates to critical stuff like everyday life, friends, family, and school. SEED will include fun small service projects.

New! Tween/Teen Choir: Wednesday nights will kick off with the rockin' Tween/Teen Choir for 4th-grade to 8th-grade students! This fun singing group will meet 6-6:30 pm Wednesdays in room 205.

Kids are invited to participate in any/all programs offered on Wednesdays. Friends are welcome!

Book Club starts soon

September's book will be *The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna. A memorable coming-of-age story and love story, laced with suspense, which explores a hidden side of the home front during World War II, when German POWs were put to work in a Wisconsin farm community ... with dark and unexpected consequences. Join us for the first meeting on **Monday, Sept. 23**, 7:30-8:15pm in the church library.



Peruse the list of the rest of the year's selections below; look for synopses adapted from Amazon Reviews to be published closer to each book's meeting date.

Oct. 28 | *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. 2018. 379p.

Nov. 25 | *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. 2017. 352p.

Dec. 16 | *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. 2016. 224p.

Jan. 27, 2020 | *The Last Boat Out of Shanghai: The Epic Story of the Chinese Who Fleed Mao's Revolution* by Helen Zia. 2019. 544p.

Feb. 24 | *The World According to Fannie Davis: My Mother's Life in the Detroit Numbers* by Bridgett M. Davis. 2019. 320p.

March 23 | *Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger. 2018. 352p.

April 27 | *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal to the West* by David McCullough. 2019. 352p.

May 18 | *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling. 1901. 490p.