

## Wings of Prayer: Sacred swans project TODAY

**Children, youth and adults:** Stop in room 200 between services today, **Sunday, April 15**, to help fold origami swans to add to our Wings of Prayer display in the narthex. Each swan is sacred, as it represents a prayer that a Prayer Team member will offer each day. This flock of hope brings visual definition to the energy of prayer. Contact Julie Jacot at [ljjacot@q.com](mailto:ljjacot@q.com) or Joan Hartman at [joan.Hartman@wblumc.org](mailto:joan.Hartman@wblumc.org)



### Dream Day

“I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people, your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” Acts 2:17

Ever want to dream again? Author, Dr. Mark Rutland, Methodist minister and author of the bestselling book, *Launch Out of the Deep* speaks of his not so dreamy childhood. It is packed with moving, settling into new surroundings and his fifth-grade teacher, who each Monday would celebrate Dream Day. The class would gather on Dream Day and one by one hear each other’s hopeful, earnest, 10-year-old’s dream. There was no talk of how the dream could or would never be. Instead, his insightful teacher would claim the dream, finding a quality they already possessed and what contribution the dream might fulfill for this world. An imagined and intrinsic part of them began to emerge. You might say that the dream of possibility lived and began to grow. This teacher’s confidence diluted what was once unknown and became more similar to the day that turned its face to be more than you imagined and nearer to living water pouring out to fill us with wonder.

God seems to imagine our potential, just like Mark’s fifth-grade teacher. After all, Jesus is known as the Great Teacher and the Sacred has had dreams that evolved for folks as old as Moses and as young as Samuel. Jesus has had dreams for the girl who urged Naaman toward a holy man and continues to dream for you. Dreams burst and bud for those who were and are on their way up and those who meagerly muster their best. Take a moment to sift through the inspired

pages of biblical heroes and heroines and recall their trust blended with self-doubt in a challenge and imperfect rough edges.

This is when it may be worthwhile for us to do some schooling to distinguish perfect as reflected in flawlessness, from a more sacred definition. In Greek, to be perfected — *teleios* — represented that you were becoming mature and completed to live and love more like God. Furthermore, the Hebrew language translated perfect as *tamin* or what is “among all things” to be sound and whole. One can be whole or mature and as well as be flawed. To become perfected, then, can now hold a more realistic dream to live day in and day out, not in what is exact and flawless, but rather to step into our Creator’s dream that we might fulfill our God given best. Imagine the countless somebodies, nobodies and anybodies to rub shoulders with all having potential because this dream has never been one we totally owned, but rather it is a shared dream with the Great Teacher.

Frederick Buechner has this to say about dreams: “The Kingdom of God is where our best dreams come and our truest prayers. We glimpse at these moments when we find ourselves being better than we are and wiser than we know. The Kingdom of God is where we belong. It’s home whether we know it or not.”

The Prayer Team prays God’s best dream for you.

### 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 contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or [ljjacot@q.com](mailto:ljjacot@q.com).

**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto:rondalauva2@msn.com).

**The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.



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9am Worship ~ Sunday, April 15, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?”

~ Abraham Lincoln

“Compassion makes no distinction between friends and enemies, neighbors and outsiders, compatriots and foreigners. Compassion is the gate to human community.”

~ Joan Chittister

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Today is a good day. This is a good place to be. Here and now we come to re-set our sights on the love of God.

**God is ready and willing to change our minds, unscramble our motives, and to focus again our purest longings.**

This is a good place for it. This is a good time. Here and now we are in the presence of amazing grace.

**God is ready and willing to bring hope to the hopeless, refreshment to the worn and the weary, and new delight to those who seek the way of goodness and truth.**

+OPENING HYMN

“Easter People Raise Your Voices”

No. 304

UNISON PRAYER

**God of All, we bring our whole selves to this time of worship in the hope that we will be healed by the presence of one another. As we are created in your image, we offer our music and our prayers, our silence, our laughter and our tears. Renew us from within as you create a community dedicated to hope. We ask this in the name of Christ, who came to show us your love. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Christ is our Cornerstone”

David Thorne

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*After the children’s message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.*

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

Matthew 5:43-48

Reader: Sarah Stotesbery

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

Dream Catchers: God Loves Your Enemies

Pastor John McBride

*After the message, high school students are invited to leave for first pick of refreshments and meet in the High School Program Room to unpack today’s sermon.*

+HYMN

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

No. 2223

CONNECTION CARDS

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Handbell Quartet

arr. Charles Maggs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN

“We Are Called”

No. 2172

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

**Altar flowers:** Today’s arrangement is provided by Curt and Roxanne Jenkins in memory of Dad, Delmar Emerson.

**Memorial service for Alice Olson**

A celebration of life open house for WBLUMC member Alice Olson, who passed away suddenly on Feb. 10, will be 1-4pm **Saturday, April 28**, at Oakdale Discovery Center. All are welcome. Alice is survived by daughters April Olson and Erin Olson, sisters Ann (John) West, Susan (John) Lamson, Carol (Dean) Ulrich, Janet (Charles) Peterson, and many other relatives and friends. Memorials preferred to family at [www.gofundme.com/aliceolson](http://www.gofundme.com/aliceolson).

## Seeking flower garden volunteers

The flower gardens surrounding our church are maintained by volunteers, many of whom have been involved for several years. We need more people to help keep them beautiful! Responsibilities include weeding and maintaining one of our plots throughout the spring/summer season. Please join us by contacting Linda Anderson at [ljranderson@comcast.net](mailto:ljranderson@comcast.net), 651-777-3435.

### Sunday, April 15

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10am—Sacred swan folding, room 200  
10:10am—Cherub Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

### Monday, April 16

10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, room 206  
3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary  
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, library

### Tuesday, April 17

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206  
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library  
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall  
6-8pm—Board of Directors, room 200

### Wednesday, April 18

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team, prayer room  
6-6:30pm—Children's Choir, room 205  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6:30-7:30pm—Children's & Youth activities  
7-8:30pm—Lux Aeterna rehearsal  
8:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, April 19

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

### Saturday, April 21

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

### Sunday, April 22

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:10am—Cherub Choir rehearsal, room 205  
10:45-11:30am—Music of Stevie Wonder (music starts at 10:30am); nursery

Welcome to

## 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-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](mailto:office@wblumc.org) no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. All information is subject to staff approval. Thank you!

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday — call the office at 651-429-9026 or email your request to [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org).

Visit [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org) for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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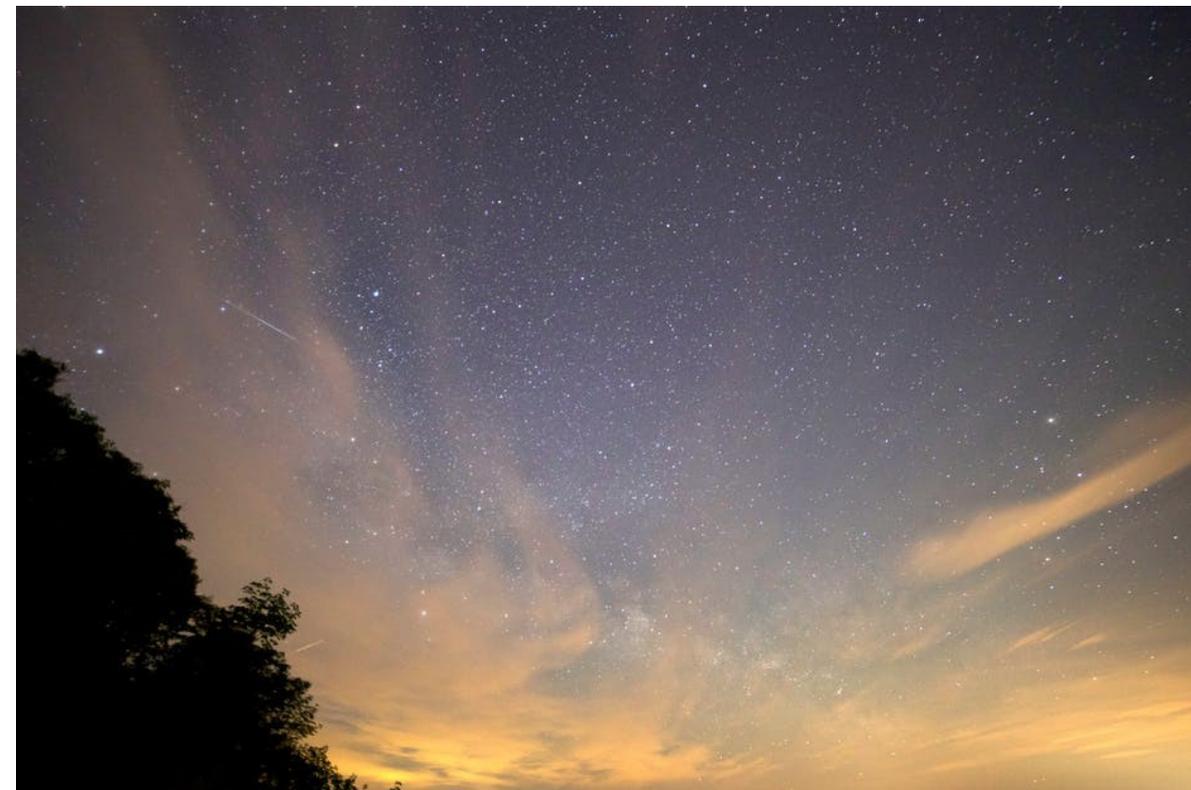
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# Dream Catchers

Join us at 9am and 10:45am worship  
for our spring sermon series!

God has a dream for all of us and for the world we live in. Connecting with God through faith offers us a way to live in hope and confidence, to transform the pain and sorrow we all face, and to catch the dream that God has for us. Join us as we look at how we can work with God to create the world that God dreams of.

**Today:** God Loves Your Enemies

**April 22:** God Loves You as You Are

**April 29:** Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart

**May 6:** Hearing God's Voice

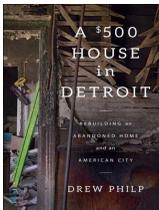
**May 13:** In the Fullness of Time

**May 20:** God Only Has Us

**Wheelchair needed**  
WBLUMC's in-house wheelchair fell into disrepair and had to be disposed of. The church needs to have one on-site. If you have one that's in good shape that's not being used and would like to donate it, please contact Patricia Kytola in the office.

**The welcome of a flower**  
The early spring BeFriender urns that greet us outside our entrances are given by the Jacots, simply in honor of God — who, as you know, is the perpetual welcomer!

**April book club**  
**April's book:** *A \$500 House in Detroit* by Drew Philp, an idealistic college student from a working-class Michigan family who decides to live where he can make a



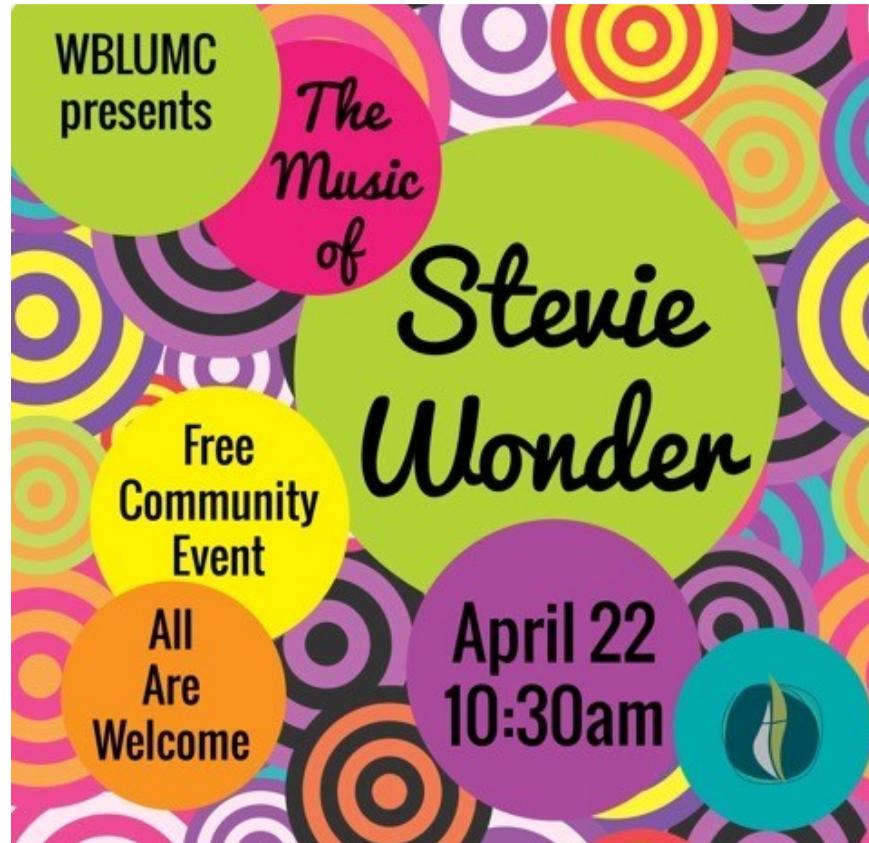
difference: Detroit. Read his raw, earnest account of rebuilding his \$500 house, nail by nail and room by room.

**Meeting will be 7pm April 23.**

**New member class**  
Are you interested in joining WBLUMC? Come to a class and lunch on **Sunday, April 29**, from 11:30am- 1:30pm in room 200. To sign up either indicate it on the connection card or e-mail Carol at doncarol@q.com

## Next Sunday!

Music starts at 10:30am, worship at 10:45am



### 10:45am worship on Sunday, April 22:

Come for messages of love and peace from Motown's legendary musical artist. Bring a guest!

### May 13: "Lux Aeterna" Choral Presentation

Join us for 9am worship on **Sunday, May 13**, for choral composer Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." This is a five-movement work for chorus and organ organized around several Latin texts that contemplate the idea of light. The WBLUMC Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars will be accompanied by Peteria Cochran Rount on WBLUMC's new organ.



## MISSION DAY 2018 Saturday, April 28 | 9:30am-noon

### You can make a difference!

Sign up in the narthex for any of the projects below, or if you can't be here in person you can still participate by donating items.

**BLANKETS FOR BAPTISM:** Many parents are choosing to baptize their children later; others may choose to be baptized as teens or adults. UMW presently gives knitted or crocheted blankets or quilts to babies being baptized and would like to give tied fleece blankets to older children and teens. *(Appropriate for families with children who can cut strips in fleece. Please bring your own sharp scissors.)*

**GIRL CONFIDENCE KITS FOR HAITI:** If you enjoy any part of sewing, this activity will be good for you. Sewers, sergers and people with cutting boards are especially needed. Others needed to trim and turn. This project is ongoing for several church members who are making reusable components for menstruating girls and women who would otherwise be unable to go out in public. After sewing is completed, kits will be assembled from noon-1pm. Lunch will be provided for this group. *(Appropriate for people with interest in sewing to those with advanced sewing skills. Please indicate if you have equipment when signing up.)*

**Donations needed:** Wash cloths and hotel-size soap bars.



Mission Day 2017

**BABY KITS FOR SOLID GROUND** (formerly East Metro Place): Items being collected by church members will be assembled into kits and given to Moms of children 0-2 years old living at Solid Ground. Solid Ground provides housing for families transitioning from homelessness, giving them support and tools to live successfully on their own. *(Appropriate for all ages.)*

**Donations needed:** Bibs, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, soft books, teething rings, pacifiers, small packs of disposable diapers, small toys.

**SANDWICH-MAKING:** We'll make sandwiches to be distributed by The Sandwich Project Minnesota, a Minneapolis Homeless Ministry. This organization is helping to feed about 4,500 people per week through various shelters and food shelves. *(Appropriate for ages middle school to adult.)*

**UMCOR HYGIENE KITS:** Among its many functions, the United Methodist Committee on Relief — the humanitarian relief and development arm of the United Methodist Church — responds to disasters worldwide. The kits we'll be assembled will provide basic health items for people affected by these disasters. *(Appropriate for school ages to adults.)*

**Donations needed:** Gallon-size Zip-Lock bags; ¾- or 1-inch size Band-Aids; adult-size toothbrushes, individually packaged only; bath-size individually-wrapped soap, no Ivory or Jergens; metal nail files or clippers, no emery boards; large combs with 6 inches or more of teeth; wash cloths and hand towels no kitchen, cleaning cloths or microfiber cloths.

**Please place all donations in the bins on the north wall of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!**