

Wings of Prayer: Sacred swans

The display of 141 sacred swans that float in our narthex represent prayers that are expressed each day for and from this community. Please take an opportunity to look up and remember the offerings you seek deep within your soul. Join us on **Sunday, April 29**, between services in room 200 to fold more swans to add to the display!

Prayer Team holds all prayers in confidence: We meet the third Tuesday of each month, and you are welcome to join us or offer your request. Call, email or ask for a prayer with a request card, located in front of each pew, or contact Prayer Team leaders Dave Hegdahl at shegdahld2@comcast.net or Julie Jacot at 651.777.3728 or ljjacot@q.com. You may also email the office at office@wblumc.org. New prayer team members are always welcome!



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.



9am Worship ~ Sunday, April 22, 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	“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”	Setting Anne K.Organ
WELCOME		
CHORAL INTROIT	“Christ is our Cornerstone” Chancel Choir	David Throne (b. 1950)

+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	“Christ Has Risen”	No. 2115
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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	“Ode to Joy” Alleluia Ringers	Ludwig Van Beethoven Arr. Andrew Duncan
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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: Alan Hagstrom
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“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
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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	“The Gift of Love”	No. 408
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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	“A Gaelic Blessing” Chancel Choir	Jon Rutter
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	No. 189
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+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE	“Lift High the Cross”	Arr. Cindy Berry
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Altar flowers: Today’s arrangement is provided by Steve Peterson, who says thank you to the volunteers of WBLUMC.

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 on **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.

Seeking flower garden volunteers

The flower gardens and landscaping 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 lranderson@comcast.net, 651-777-3435.

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 open

Monday, April 23

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary
7-8:15pm—Book Club, library

Tuesday, April 24

6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 25

9am-1pm—PEO women’s group, room 200
2:30-6pm—BeFriends conferences, library
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 26

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
10-11:30am—Memory Loss Support Group, library

Saturday, April 28

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
9:30am-noon—All-church Mission Day
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 107

Sunday, April 29

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room
10am—Sacred Swans folding, room 200
10:10am—Cherub Choir rehearsal, room 205
10:45-11:30am—Contemporary worship; nursery open
11:30am-1:30pm—New member class, room 200

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 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.

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

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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.

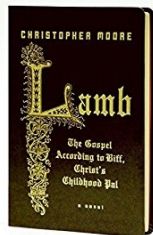
Connecting with God through faith offers us a way to live in hope and confidence, to transform the pain and sorrow we all face, and to catch the dream that God has for us. Join us as we look at how we can work with God to create the world that God dreams of.

- Today: God Loves Your Enemies
- April 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

Book club Monday

Join us in the library on **Monday, April 23**, to talk about *A \$500 House in Detroit* by Drew Philp.

May's book will be *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore. Meeting will be **Monday, May 21** — a week early because of the Memorial Day holiday.



UMW spring program

Ruth Wiertzema, the former Director of Connectional Ministries for the Red Bird Missionary Conference, will share her stories about her experiences on **Monday, May 7**, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. She will also talk about our motivation for being engaged in mission as a church and as individuals.

The Red Bird Missionary Conference is one of three UMC missionary conferences in the United States and the most comprehensive. It is in ministry with and serves Appalachian families living in the coal region of southeastern Kentucky. Its goal is to minister to the whole person by addressing spiritual, physical, educational and economic needs.

Food donations for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf are appreciated.

Next musical event



“Lux Aeterna” Choral Presentation

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

New member class next Sunday

Are you interested in joining WBLUMC? We'd love to have you join us for 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 today or e-mail Carol Effertz at doncarol@q.com

Up All Night meeting

Our social justice action group will meet again to continue working on how to approach legislators about votes on guns and gun laws. Next meeting will be 11:30am-1pm on **Thursday, May 3**, at Caribou Coffee near Cup & Cone in downtown White Bear Lake.

NEXT SATURDAY! MISSION DAY 2018 April 28, 9:30am-noon

Last Sunday to donate and sign up! Stop by the table in the narthex **today** for any of the projects below. Or leave your donated items in the bins in Fellowship Hall.

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.



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.)*

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This year's timetable
9:30am — Light breakfast
10am — Opening by Brooke in the sanctuary
10:15am-noon — Break out into groups (sewing groups may go longer)

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!