

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 **today** 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 Wednesday of each month, and you’re 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 best-selling 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 29, 2018

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION
“Dreams grow holy put into action.”

~ Adelaide Proctor, an English poet and philanthropist who worked prominently on behalf of unemployed women and the homeless

PRELUDE “Now the Green Blade Rises” arr. Michael Burkhart

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “Christ is our Cornerstone” David Throne
Chancel Choir (b. 1950)

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.
We gather, longing for the breath of God’s Spirit to give us courage and renewal.
Come, Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN “Now the Green Blades Rises” No. 311

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, we long for truths that are lasting, yet we want our faith to be alive to the people and problems of today. As we sail forward in an ever-changing world, may our faith in Christ be our anchor and your love be our guide. May we see others as you see them and love your creation as you love it—deeply and widely. Amen.

ANTHEM“Soon and Very Soon”Andraé Crouch
Chancel Choir

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.

SCRIPTUREMark 9:2-7Reader: Wes Erwin

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to 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

Dream Catchers: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart
Pastor Brooke Heerwald Steiner

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“Open My Eyes That I May See”No. 454

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“Simple Gifts”arr. Michael Larkin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+HYMN“Be Thou My Vision”No. 451

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE“Be Thou My Vision”Lori Line

Altar flowers: Today’s floral arrangement is provided by Susan, Steve and Andrea Wahlin, in memory of Aaron Wahlin.

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. To join, please contact Linda Anderson at ljranderson@comcast.net or 651-777-3435.

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

Monday, April 30

- 10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
- 3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary

Tuesday, May 1

- 10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
- 6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 2

- 6:30pm—Children & Youth picnic, Fellowship Hall
- 6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
- 7-8:30pm—Lux Aeterna rehearsal
- 8:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 3

- 7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
- 9am-3pm—Big Waters DCOM meeting, room 206
- 10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
- 11:30am-1pm—Up All Night meeting, Caribou Coffee

Saturday, May 5

- 7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
- 10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 107
- 1-2pm—Baking With a Purpose bread pickup, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 6

- 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—Contemporary worship; nursery open

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
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office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the
bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. All infor-
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To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday
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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: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart

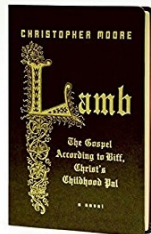
May 6: Hearing God’s Voice

May 13: In the Fullness of Time

May 20: God Only Has Us

May book club

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 stories about her experiences on **Monday, May 7**, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. She will also talk about 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.

Dessert will be served, all are welcome!



Refugee family is here!

We are excited to announce that the church is sponsoring a refugee family from Burma, also known as Myanmar. This Karenni family consists of a mother, father and five children between the ages of 9 and 16. The parents fled their country in 1996. All the children were born in the Ban Mai Nai Soi refugee camp. They were scheduled to arrive here on Friday, April 27. The Up All Night group is preparing their apartment and will provide transportation for many appointments.



To donate items for the family, please contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com. Specific needs include: furniture, bedding, dishes, cooking supplies, food storage containers, dish rags and towels, pot holders, dish soap and detergent, twin and full sheet sets, bath and hand towels, a vacuum cleaner, school supplies and clothing. Place them in the bins in Fellowship Hall. The Up All Night group thanks the congregation for its support and continued prayers for this family.

Next 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 at 11:30am-1pm on **Thursday, May 3**, at Caribou Coffee near Cup & Cone in downtown White Bear Lake.

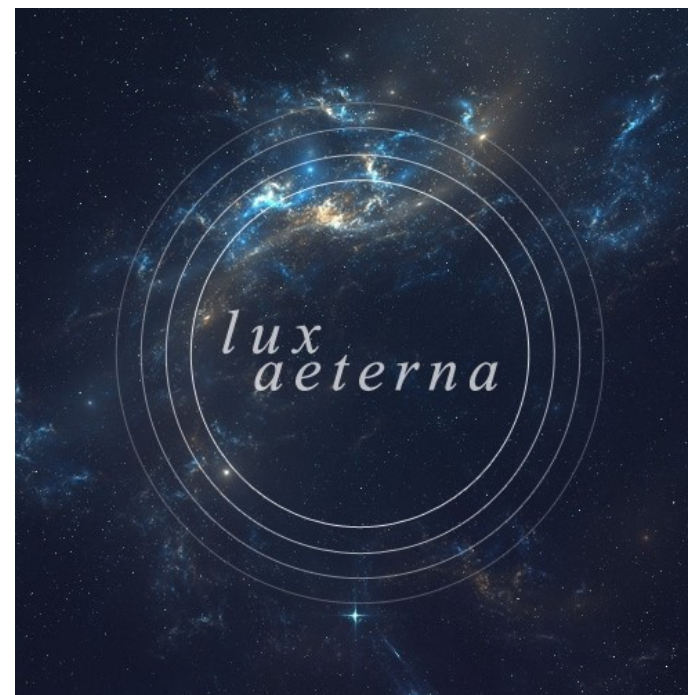
Cinco de Mayo 5K fundraiser

Reminder to join or support the Kittleson family as they participate the annual Cinco de Mayo Run/Walk in Woodbury on **Saturday, May 5**, to raise money for NPH USA, or Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). Information and registration at nphusa.org/runwalk.

Community garden sign-ups

It's that time of year again, even if it seems late. Contact Larry or Denise Kerr at 651-484-6092 or email denisekerr19@gmail.com to get your 2018 Garden Agreement and Application, or stop by the office. We're working on getting the form and payment online, too! Plots are still \$20.

"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 Latin texts that contemplate the idea of light. The Chancel Choir and Choral Scholars will be accompanied by Peteria Cochran Routt on organ. This is a free community event!



May Baking with a Purpose

May donations from brick-oven bread will go to Second Harvest Heartland. German Farmer or Craisin Walnut loaves will be available on a first-come, first-served basis from 1-2pm **Saturday, May 5**, or after each service on **Sunday, May 6**. Contact Bob Knutson or Glenn Oliphant to volunteer to bake!

Women's casual golf group starts soon

Women of all ages interested in a social round of golf are invited to join this group for the 2018 season. We'll play holes of golf on Wednesday afternoons at a different course each week. We set up a schedule of courses for the summer and you indicate when you can play. Weekly tee times are based on how many women indicate their desire to play that week. After golfing those who can stay go into the club house for a beverage and for conversation.

Tentatively our first golf outing will be **May 23**. Let us know if you would like to play so we can add you to the e-mail list and send you the schedule. The primary contact for this group is Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net; alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023.