

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**A COMMUNITY LIKE NO OTHER**

**RALLY SUNDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 8**

10am worship | 11am-1pm picnic  
 Live music with the Barley Jacks

All welcome!  
**FREE**  
 event

**Sunday, Aug. 18: Blessing of the Animals**

10am—Outdoor worship; nursery  
 11am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Aug. 19**

10m—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, 107  
 6-9pm—Bikes, burgers & beverages  
 7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitters, library

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, 206  
 12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**

1-2:30pm—Prayer team, prayer room  
 5:30-7:30pm—Family pizza night

**Thursday, Aug. 22**

7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library  
 9am-3pm—Gathering, 200 & Fellowship Hall  
 10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107  
 10-11:30am—Memory loss support, library  
 7-9pm—BeFrienders, library

**Friday, Aug. 23**

Office closed on Fridays; no scheduled events

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200  
 10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, room 200/206  
 11am—"Joshua, Judges and Jesus" tour, University of Northwestern

**Sunday, Aug. 25: Indoor worship**

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

**August family pizza night**

Join us **Wednesday, Aug. 21**, 5:30-7:30pm for a fun night of fresh-baked pizza from our Community Brick Oven, food and beverages, family fun and entertainment. We'll have a bounce house, face-painters, gaga ball, games, music by Laurel Kaferlein and John Koziol and more at this free family-friendly community event — bring your friends and neighbors. We'll have an indoor/outdoor setup similar to our July event. Come have some fun!

**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](http://wblumc.org/kids) or [/youth](http://wblumc.org/youth).

**New youth options for fall!**

**High School Youth Program:** Youth in grades 9-12 will vote on a name this fall for their 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- 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!

**Choir rehearsals start soon**

Chancel Choir rehearsals resume **Wednesday, Sept. 18**, at 7:30pm. If you love to sing and can commit to Wednesday rehearsals and to leading the 9am service, then we're looking for you! All rehearsals will be in the choir room. Contact Choir Director Gerald Gurs for information or to sign up.

White Bear Lake  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

*Outdoor Worship | Sunday, August 18, 2019*

Children will stay with their family for the full hour of worship in August

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"I think having an animal in your life makes you a better human."  
 ~ Rachel Ray

"If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."  
 ~ James Herriot

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."  
 ~ Anatole France

PRELUDE

"Song at the Center"  
 "My Favorite Things"

Marty Haugen  
 Rodgers & Hammerstein

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sanctuary"

Thompson & Scruggs

†OPENING WORDS (responsively)

In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

**The living God who creates us and all that is.**

The risen Christ stands in our midst.

**The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.**

God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

**The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.**

In this time and place, together, one people of God:

**In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

†OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

**Verse 1**

Morning has broken  
 Like the first morning,  
 Blackbird has spoken  
 Like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing!  
 Praise for the morning!  
 Praise for them, springing  
 Fresh from the Word!

**Verse 2**

Sweet the rain's new fall  
 Sunlit from Heaven,  
 Like the first dewfall  
 On the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness  
 Of the wet garden,  
 Sprung in completeness  
 Where his feet pass.

**Verse 3**

Mine is the sunlight!  
 Mine is the morning  
 born of the one light  
 Eden saw play  
 Praise with elation,  
 Praise every morning,  
 God's recreation  
 Of the new day!

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UNISON PRAYER

**God of the universe,**

**We thank you for your many good gifts — for the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.**

**Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us.**

**Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.**

**And help us to willingly share your gifts today and always. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“Bless the Beasts and Children”

DeVorzon & Botkin

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

Psalms 148:1-5, 7-13

Reader: Connie Dicson

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heavens.

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

The Gospel in Children's Stories: *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*

Pastor Bill Eaves

Story read by Cindy Mueller

+HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

**Verse 1**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows  
have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

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**Verse 2**

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

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

“The Butterfly Song”

Brian Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

*(Refrain)*

**Verse 1**

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings.

**Verse 2**

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

**Verse 3**

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.

**Verse 4**

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
*(Refrain)*

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+CLOSING HYMN

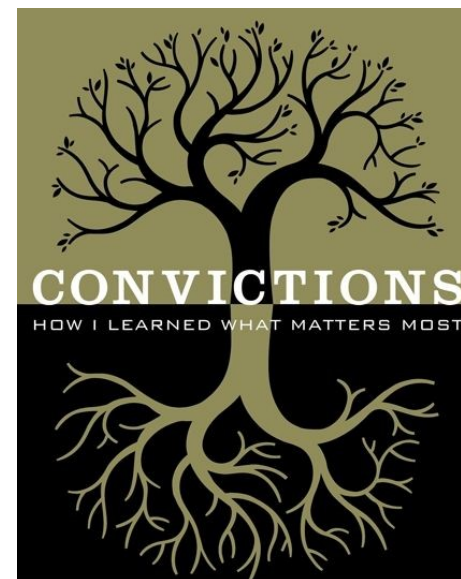
“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK'S MUSICIANS

**Devon Sinclair**, vocals; **John Koziol**, keyboards and sound technician

# Starting soon: “Convictions” 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

**A 6-week book study** based on Marcus Borg's book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* will be offered in conjunction with this sermon series. Choose from the following times; look for sign-up sheets soon. Books will be available for \$15. Contact Lori McBride with questions.

**Fall worship times begin Sept. 15:**  
**9am Traditions**  
**10:45am New Crossings**

**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