

Sunday, Dec. 30: One service
10-11am—Worship & nursery; no Sunday school
11am—Coffee, tea, and treats, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open

New Year’s Eve, Monday, Dec. 31: OFFICE CLOSED
No scheduled activities.

New Year’s Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1: OFFICE CLOSED
No scheduled activities.

Wednesday, Jan. 2
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Children’s & Youth Activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Jan. 3
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107
11:30am-1pm—Up All Night meeting, room 206

Friday, Jan. 4: OFFICE CLOSED
9am-4pm—Bread baking prep, kitchen

Saturday, Jan. 5
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200
9am-4pm—Bread baking prep, kitchen
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, 200/206

Sunday, Jan. 6: Bread pick-up after each service
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10:45-11:30am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery

Monday, Jan. 7
10-11am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

Tuesday, Jan. 8
10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, church office
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

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. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com.

Welcome

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.* Thank you!

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.

WBLUMC STAFF

Bill Eaves , Senior Pastor bill.eaves@wblumc.org , 763-355-7825 mobile	John Koziol, Jr. Director of Music
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	Carolyn Keith , Financial Secretary
	Ron Houde , Housekeeper

White Bear Lake

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

10am Worship ~ Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Your life is something opaque, not transparent, as long as you look at it in an ordinary human way. But if you hold it up against the light of God's goodness, it shines and turns transparent, radiant and bright. And then you ask yourself in amazement: Is this really my own life I see before me?”

~ *Albert Schweitzer*

“We’ve all got both light and dark inside us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That’s who we really are .”

~ *J.K. Rowling*

PRELUDE

Variations on a French Carol

Bernard Smilde

Karen Flynn, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

✦OPENING WORDS

Creator of light, Banisher of darkness, Light of the World, we gather to worship.

Remind us of your light, bathe us in it and remind us that it removes the darkness.

Show us that it challenges us to rise to our given potential which comes from you.

May we, through our faithful discipleship, shine your light onto others and so reflect your loving care for the world.

✦OPENING HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

No. 238

UNISON PRAYER

Powerful God, we thank you for sending to us the light for the world, the Word who became a human being and lived among us.

Make the light of faith shine within us and be seen by those around us.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM	“In Dulci Jubilo” Karen Flynn, organ	Johann Sebastian Bach
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE <i>After this message, children and youth will stay with their families for the rest of worship. Sunday School returns on Jan. 6, 2019.</i>		
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	John 1:1-5, 14	Reader: Holly Huntwork
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.		
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD <i>Leader:</i> For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us. <i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>		
MESSAGE	From Darkness into Light	Pastor John McBride
+HYMN	“Good Christian Friends”	No. 224
CONNECTION CARDS <i>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.</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERING	“See Amid the Winter’s Snow” Karen Flynn, organ	arr. Robert J. Powell
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
+CLOSING HYMN	“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” Verses 1 & 3	No. 223
+BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	“Noel” Karen Flynn, organ	Louis-Claude Daquin



Your generous donations from December’s Baking with a Purpose allowed WBLUMC bread team leaders Glenn Oliphant, John Schmidt and Bob Knutson to present a check for \$500 to Second Harvest Heartland recently. Thank you!

Also, the office received this email recently: “Just before lunch our door bell rang. It was Bob from your church with a bag of welcome-ings, including a loaf of bread. Delicious bread. We enjoyed it immediately. Thank you for your greetings. Bob was a terrific messenger from WBLUMC! Merry Christmas!!”

Next Baking with a Purpose pick-up is Sunday, Jan. 6, after each service. Selections will be oatmeal and sour-dough craisin walnut. Donations will go to Solid Ground.

Yoga Class by Yogadevotion on Tuesdays
The next 8-2week session of yoga by Yogadevotion will run **Jan. 8- Feb. 26, 2019**, and the cost is \$64. We meet once a week, every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7pm. If you’re interested or have questions, contact Carolyn at 651-779-0311 or at tersay@msn.com. All are welcome!

January book club
January’s reading is a double selection! We’ll read *Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. Book club will meet at 7-8:15pm on **Monday, Jan. 28**, in the church library. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't attended before.

Financial year-end reminder
2018 contributions should arrive at the church office no later than 9:30am on **Monday, Dec. 31**. Contributions received up to that point will appear on your 2018 contribution statement. Although 2018 pledge payments are still welcome after that, they will appear on your 2019 statement. Please help us by marking any prepayment checks “2019 pledge” if given before the end of 2018, or “2018 pledge” if we're likely to receive them after Dec. 31, 2018. Thank you.

42nd Wild Game Dinner
The featured speaker at this year’s Wild Game Dinner will be our own Kurt Johnson, who will talk about his adventures hunting big game around the world. This is the 42nd anniversary of the Men’s Club dinner, which will be held on **Monday, Jan. 21, 2019**. Everyone is invited to join us for delicious and interesting dishes prepared by members of WBLUMC. We'll start with appetizers at 6pm followed by main dishes and Kurt’s presentation.

As always, this dinner depends on the donations of fish and game from our members and friends. We never have a shortage, and we appreciate your support in donating fish and game for the dinner. It can be straight from the field or freezer, or you can bring in dishes you prepare at home. Look for the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to donate fish and game or just to attend this fun event. Contact Paul Dickson, Al Rausch or Jeff Olson if you have any questions. Please join us!