

Hidden in plain sight

Our eyes see what and who is surrounding us, however vision is quite different. When something catches our eye it's referred to as "eye-catching" or an "eye-opener." When we lack vision it's an "oversight" rather than "insight" or "foresight." Vision is a means of seeing, post-a-noting or recalling what is valued. Jesus said our eyes are a window to our heart. And caring for humanity is the heart of Jesus.

Sometimes we lose sight of things we need. At super speed we retrace our places and pockets hoping what we presumed to be hidden may somehow flash into sight. It happens with keys, phones and papers, and we often lose sight of more notable things that actually sustain us. Ancient stories remind us of the someone's, the no names and the anonymous ones who hold a rich place in history. Here are a few that come to mind: remember a boy and a crowd who share a few fish and bread eliciting a miracle lunch; the disciples who brought the donkey for Jesus' royal ride into Jerusalem and a servant girl who led Naaman to nurturing waters. Last, but not even least, we can never forget the unnamed friends who lugged a stretcher to Jesus enabling a nameless man to be healed. These someones matter even though with their ordinary days, like our keys and phones, they can become hidden in plain sight. Someones matter to us and as we recollect, everyone matters to our immense Creator.

The WBLUMC Sightlines Prayer Project will begin again July 2-Aug. 31. The inspiration for this project began

years ago when Prayer Team members began to arrive at some of the conclusions you may have noticed. We began to see the subtle signs of endearing comfort people expressed when they were cared for by a prayer. Call this recognition slightly simple or mysteriously complex, but as a team we were grounded in our small group's mission by the touching responses we received when others were aware God was a part of our desire for their strength. Clearly, it was not our intention for their wholeness, but rather God with us in the hope for their wholeness. Our first Sightline Prayer Project began the summer of 2014. This year's mission or vision is the same, to keep another in the line of your sight over the months of July and August each day.

Please consider praying this summer when our schedules can place one another out of sight. This is how: One person offers a short, simple grace for another person's wholeness to God's compassionate power. You can be anywhere — exercising, in your chair, at your desk or on vacation. Prayers do not need to be long, specific or flowery. Pray in the style that fits you and God. It is simple to join Sightlines by speaking to a Prayer Team member, registering at the welcome table or sending an email to ljacot@q.com or shgdahld2@comcast.net. Keep one person near this summer; try Sightlines and let a simple grace spill over into your summer. Nurture a sightline for another person and see someone who might just be hidden in plain sight.

— J.Jacot

Prayer at WBLUMC: One of the ways our church helps to 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 of this team, please write it on a prayer request card, or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728, ljacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the email prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. Call Eva Shipley if you would like to request a prayer at 651-429-3570.

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10am Worship Sunday, June 25, 2017

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

• PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome Pastor Bill Eaves
and Sherry Jordan!

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"But beware of this about callings ... If we choose to follow, we may have to be willing to let go of the life we already planned and accept whatever is waiting for us. And if the calling is true, though we may not have gone where we intended we will surely end up where we need to be." ~ Steve Goodier

PRELUDE

"Welcome"
"People Get Ready"

Zelman/Miller
Curtis Mayfield

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Stir Us, Lord"

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

In a changing world, we gather to give witness to the power of the Spirit's presence in our lives.

May this time of worship affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

In a changing world, we hear God calling us anew to follow Jesus with purpose and passion.

May this time of worship challenge us to open our ears, hearts, and lives to the Spirit of Life who makes all things new.

+OPENING HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 116



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UNISON PRAYER

God of all eternity, we remember how you were present to our ancestors long ago, how you heard their cries, and how you responded by calling forth your servants to share the promise of your deliverance. We remember how you never left them, even when they went astray. God, guide us in our lives now. Help us to listen for your voice and to notice your movement in our lives, so that we might remember you are always with us. In the name of Jesus, our companion on the journey of faith, may we remember that you continue to be present with us in life, in death, and in the hope of resurrection. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the 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

Genesis 12:1-9

Reader: Sheila Bennett

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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.

ANTHEM

"A New Hallelujah"

Michael W. Smith

MESSAGE

Immigrants on the Way to a New World

Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN

"Journey On"

Dvorak

(sung to the tune "New World")

Journey on, journey on,

We will journey on.

Through the night,

Through the day,

We will journey on.

God's new world lies ahead,

We will journey on.

By God's love, by God's power

We will journey on.

Spirit-led, singing praise,

We will journey on.

Through the night,

Through the day,

We will journey on.

We will journey on.

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, place them in the offering plates.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF BLESSING

+CLOSING HYMN

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

No. 383

Stanzas 1-4

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

"Consider Yourself" from "Oliver"

Lionel Bart

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are provided by David and Dawn Kittleson in loving memory of Marilyn Kittleson.

MUSICIANS

Mark Fleischhacker, Carrie Sinclair, Jack Sigler, vocals; **Randy Gildersleeve**, guitar; **Nancy Rauschenberg**, bass; **Steve Lewis**, drums; **Peteria Cochran Routt**, organ; **John Koziol**, Keyboards; **Eric Bakke**, sound technician

The welcome of a flower: Our refreshed urns

The flowers in our south welcome pots have been renewed by Roger and Judy Cheatham. They welcome us as we enter as a memorial of the gift of growth within this sacred place.

“In memorial flowers are those little colorful
beacons of the sun from which we get sunshine
when dark and as somber skies blanket our thoughts.” ~ *Dodinsky*

Sunday, June 25

10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school
11am—Welcome Pastor Bill Eaves! Caramel rolls,
coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

Monday, June 26

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

Tuesday, June 27

6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
7pm—Serenity Support Group, room 107

Wednesday, June 28

9-1130am—WBL Women’s AA Group, room 107

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

9am-noon—Office open
5:45pm—Schmidt-Hall rehearsal, narthex/sanctuary

Saturday, July 1

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107
10am—Women’s Breakfast group, room 200
3:30pm—Schmidt-Hall wedding, narthex/sanctuary

Sunday, July 2

10am—Worship/nursery; Sunday school
11am—Coffee/tea, doughnuts, fellowship
11am—Individual prayer, prayer room

Monday, July 3

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

Tuesday, July 4

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Welcome to

WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Visit wblumc.org for weekly sermon podcasts, the church calendar and programming details.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday:	9am to 12pm
Monday:	9am to 3pm
Tuesday:	9am to 3pm
Wednesday:	9am to 3pm
Thursday:	9am to 3pm
Friday:	9am to 12pm
Saturday:	CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Please email information to office@wblumc.org by **noon on Tuesdays**. Most events require a two-week lead time, but the earlier you get us the information, the more time we have to get the word out.

WEEKLY E-BLAST

To receive our weekly email update, call 651-429-9026 or email office@wblumc.org. Please submit church-related events or announcements by **3pm Wednesdays**. All e-blast and bulletin information is subject to staff approval.

LIFESOURCE

If you’re part of a group or ministry that plans to hold a church event this June through September, we want to help you get the word out. Photos from repeating events would also be great! Please email information and photos to Lauri at office@wblumc.org. **The next deadline will be Tuesday, Aug. 22.**

LAST JUNE SPECIAL SUNDAY!

Children's Ministries June Special Sundays at 10:00 am



4th - Amazing
Invertebrates



11th - Reptiles &
Amphibians



18th- Bruce the
Bug Guy



25th- U of M
Raptor Center

WELCOME TODAY!

Pastor Bill Eaves and Sherry Jordon

Don't miss the chance to meet and welcome new senior pastor Bill Eaves and his wife Sherry Jordon **today** after worship. Our dedicated Bread Oven Team will serve hot, tasty caramel rolls with Fair Trade coffee, tea and the usual goodies. Join us in Fellowship Hall and be a part of starting this next chapter in our church!

A note from Pastor Bill Eaves

Dear Friends,
I'm happy to start as your new senior pastor today. I wanted to make you aware of my schedule and some plans that I had made months ago (before this change of appointment had even become a possibility). I'll be in the office the week of June 26 to have my first meeting with the staff and to meet with the Leadership Board and other groups that may be scheduled for that week. On June 30, Sherry and I will be leaving for Prague and then going to Budapest with some stops in between. I will be back in the office on July 19. I'm grateful to our staff for covering during that time. I usually share pictures from my travels on Facebook and Instagram, and I invite you to follow our travels that way.

— Pastor Bill



Women's Golf Group

Any women interested in golfing are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon at local courses.

June 28: Oneka Ridge, 5610 120th St., White Bear Lake; 651-429-2390. To get the tee time, email Mary Cripe by Sunday evening at suzary006@comcast.net or call Carol Effertz, 651-429-6023.

Yoga class

The summer yoga session will continue through July 25 on Tuesdays 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. (**No classes on July 4** or in August.) If you would like to join this class or want more information, contact Carolyn at 651-779-0311 or email her at tersay@msn.com.

Coming soon! Summer pizza nights

Meet us at the wood-fired oven 5:30-7:30pm Wednesday **July 26** and **Aug. 16** for pizza, music, friends, family and community. Bring a chair/blanket and enjoy a great summer night! Freewill offering.



Offices still under construction

We appreciate your patience as we finish renovating the pastors' offices and the main church office. With email and computers down most of last week, we couldn't do an e-blast and may have missed your bulletin information or questions; if so, apologies and we'll get back to you as soon as possible! Or call us at 651-429-9026.



St. Paul Saints game

See the St. Paul Saints take on the Sioux Falls Canaries at CHS Field in downtown St. Paul at 5pm on **Sunday, Aug. 13**. Families, friends, singles, couples — all are welcome! Tickets are \$15 for adults (18+) and \$10 for children (2-17). Kids under 2 are free. Online payment preferred at wblumc.org/events/event registration. Payments are due by **July 10**. Contact Jeremy Steiner, jeremy@steinermn.com.

June food shelf requests

Almost everyone wants to eat healthier, and the neighbors who rely on the food shelf are no different. In June, we're collecting whole-grain pasta and brown rice items for donation to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. You may leave your donations in the collection bin in the Fellowship Hall, and a volunteer with the food shelf will deliver them at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!

2017 contemporary quilt challenge: Big and Small

The Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, a creative group of amateur and professional quilters and fiber artists, explores humanity's love of tiny things — babies, kittens, miniatures — and huge things like monster pumpkins or the biggest boar at the State Fair. See how the artists interpret these contrasts in the quilts that will hang in our hallways through July 3. And our thanks to Mary Ellen Calderwood for bringing them to our church!

Common Hope 2018 Vision Team

The time has come to set a date for WBLUMC'S sixth Vision Team trip to Antigua, Guatemala! Up to 13 team members will participate, and the two options are June 10-17, 2018, and July 29-Aug. 5, 2018. The decision will be made in the next few days, so if you're interested, please contact Marcia Faust ASAP to express your preference at mjfaust@comcast.net or 651-653-7020. For detailed info about the Vision Team experience go to www.commonhope.org.

Congrats 2017 WBLUMC

scholarship winners!

Congratulations to Beret **Holslin**, who was awarded a UMW Memorial Scholarship; **Jacob Dalhoff**, awarded the Terry Goken Memorial Scholarship; and **Clare Grilley, Ally Wilson, Joey Perreira** and **Joe Moore**, who each received a Men's Club Scholarship.

Beret will be attending Bemidji State University, Jacob will be attending University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Clare will be attending Montana State in Bozeman, Ally will be attending College of St. Benedict, Joey Perreira will be attending University of Minnesota Duluth, and Joe Moore will be attending University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. All are very qualified and deserving recipients. Best of luck to all of you in college.

Tuesdays at 2: "Ethics in the Real World"

Join us to read and discuss "Ethics in the Real World" by Peter Singer. A collection of 82 topical essays will certainly give us something to talk about! Contact Pastor Brooke with questions or sign up online. Meet 2-3:30pm Tuesdays, **July 11, 18 and 25** in Room 200 .