

What if we are the ones we've been waiting for?



We Are The Ones

Winter Sermon Series

With all the deep divisions in the world today, all the overwhelming problems, all the soul-crushing threats, it's easy to lose heart and to lose hope of things getting better. This series looks at the ways we can influence our common life by reaching deep within ourselves and calling out the best that is within us.

TODAY: We Are the Ones to Change Politics

Jan. 28: We Are the Ones to Reach the Stranger

Feb. 4: We Are the Ones to Share the Good News

Feb. 11: We Are the Ones to Lead

White Bear Lake UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9am Worship ~ Sunday, January 21, 2018

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS

✦ PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

"The human heart is the first home of democracy. It is where we embrace our questions. Can we be equitable? Can we be generous? Can we listen with our whole beings, not just our minds, and offer our attention rather than our opinions? And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up — ever — trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?"

~ Terry Tempest Williams

PRELUDE

"Adagio 'Nimrod' from the Enigma Variations"

E. Elagar/K. Jennings

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Peace Between Nations"

Christopher Wiggins (b. 1956)

✦ OPENING WORDS (responsively)

From the power of our memory and history, and with high hopes for the days that lie ahead:

We gather to celebrate the future we share with one another in the light of God's grace.

We gather with hope for the future of democracy and freedom.

We gather with hearts and minds open to the wisdom of God and of each other.

In our gathering, may we dream a better world.

May we bring our best selves to this service, and do all things with love.

✦ OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 139

Verses 1,2, 4,5

UNISON PRAYER

Faithful God, whose word is life, come with saving power to enliven our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the coming reign of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Lucianne Julie Linder and Lila Lavonne Linder
Daughters of Joseph and Laura Linder

Parker Francis Sanchez
Son of Bridget and Scott Franzmeier

I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We welcome Luci, Lila and Parker joyfully and reverently as a member of our family, the family of God. We offer ourselves to be their brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, grandfathers and grandmothers in Christ to surround them with God's kind of love. We accept as our sacred responsibility to help them grow, together with us all, to full humanity, as we see it in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children and youth through 8th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.

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“Lord, While For All Humankind We Pray”
Cancel Choir

Traditional American mel-
arr. by John T. Burke

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	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24	Reader: Katie Jenkins family
Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.		

Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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 We Are the Ones to Change Politics Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN	"Hymn of Promise"	No.707
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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	“O God Beyond All Praising”	Lee J. Afdahl
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW ORGAN (responsively)

We present this organ to be consecrated to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises in your name, O Most High.

**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness at night,**

to the music of the lute and the harp
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;
at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

+CLOSING HYMN	"Joyful, Joyful"	No. 89
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+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE	“Fanfare”	Nicolas Jacques Lemmens
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Sunday, Jan. 21
9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room
10:45-11:30am—Ladies of the 80s worship event
3-5pm—Organ dedication concert, sanctuary

Monday, Jan. 22
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary
7-8:15pm—Church book club, library

Tuesday, Jan. 23
10:30am-12pm—Staff meeting, room 206
6pm—Yoga class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 24
9am-2:30pm—PEO women’s group, room 200
6-6:30pm—Children’s Choir, room 205
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Children & Youth activities
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, Jan. 25
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
7-8:30pm—BeFriends meeting, room 200

Saturday, Jan. 27
7:30am — Men’s Prayer Group, room 107
10am — Women’s Breakfast group, room 107

Sunday, Jan. 21
9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall
Individual prayer, prayer room
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

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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

Please email information to office@wblumc.org for Christmas Eve bulletins no later than Monday, Dec. 18. New Year’s Eve bulletin information is due by Wednesday, Dec. 28. Thank you!

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Submit information for the bulletin directly to office@wblumc.org by 10am Tuesdays.

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.

2018 altar flower sign-ups

The 2018 altar flower calendar is up on the bulletin board outside the office. Lots of dates are available! Sign your name on the Sunday you’d like, then fill out a yellow form with information on types of flowers, price and dedication for the bulletin. Leave the form and payment with the office. Thank you!

TODAY! SPECIAL MUSIC EVENTS

Ladies OF THE 80s

SUNDAY, Jan. 21 @ 10:45 am
Music begins at 10:30 am

White Bear Lake
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Music of the Ladies of the 80s
Exclusively at the 10:45am service on Jan. 21, 2018
Music will start at 10:30am

We’re bringing back the big hair, rolled jeans, shoulder pads and MC Hammer pants as we rock out to Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Tina Turner, Indigo Girls and more. This is a free community event, so spread the word and invite a friend or neighbor!

Organ dedication concert
3pm Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018

In celebration of the installation of a Rodgers Infinity 361 organ, White Bear Lake United Methodist Church proudly presents concert organist Kraig Windschitl in a dedication concert. The concert will include some classics of organ repertoire and will include the church’s handbell and Chancel choirs.

This is a community event, so please invite a guest!



Register for ASP

Appalachia Service Project will be **July 21-29** in Kentucky. Students completing grades 9-12 and college students are invited to transform faith into service, responding to the need for housing. Register at wblumc.org/ministries/youth by **Feb. 1, 2018**. The first of four required ASP team meetings will be at 12pm on **Sunday, Feb. 4**.

Interactive Faith

Starting Wednesday, Jan. 24: Students in 6-7th grade will be working on making prayer stools every Wednesday for four weeks. During Connect they will learn about different types of prayer. Connect students are learning about K-knowing, I-interceding, S-spurring or encouraging, and S-serving others.

Summer Fest 2018

July 15-18: Students who have completed grades 7-9 are invited to Gustavus Adolphus College for a unique camp experience for teens: Fun and faith—we're passionate about both during this mid-summer faith boost! Meet terrific people from all over the Upper Midwest. More information to come shortly.

Sign up for potluck dinner with Bishop Ough

Please join us on **Sunday, Jan. 28**, for an old-fashioned potluck dinner and a special visit from Bishop Ough. He'll share with us what's happening with Methodist churches in Minnesota, plus give us his perspectives about our church. Signup sheets are posted in the narthex! Let us know if you can come and what you can bring to share. For more information, contact Mike Faust at mcafaust@comcast.net

Sponsoring a refugee family

We are excited to be starting the process to sponsor a refugee family through the church. Families are still arriving in Minnesota, although at a much slower rate. We will need donations for our family to set up their apartment. If you have any furniture, household items, hygiene items or seasonally appropriate clothing that you are thinking of giving away, we would appreciate it if you could save it for our future family. For questions or other ways to help, please contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com.



Hallway display

Thanks once more to WBLUMC member and resident art curator Mary Ellen Calderwood for bringing us the amazing display of Peruvian rugs and weavings. They are made with hand-spun wool that is dyed through a labor-intensive process using leaves, seeds, minerals and insets for rich and varied tones. The textile design and technique inspirations is rooted in Pre-Inca influences. Please pick up the information on the hall tables to learn more about these amazing weavings. Most items are for sale!

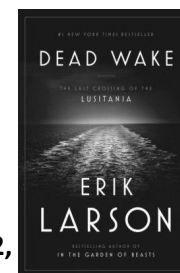


Need PowerPoint presenters for worship

We are desperately short on volunteers to run the projection for our Sunday morning worship services. We need several people willing to volunteer at least once a month. Volunteers will receive enough training to make them feel comfortable. Contact Peteria at peteria.cochranroutt@wblumc.org if you're willing to help out. Thank you!

January book club

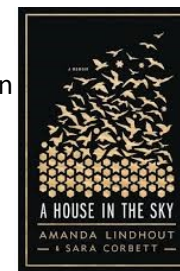
The first selection for 2018 is *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson. This is the enthralling narrative fiction tale of the sinking of the *Lusitania* on May 1, 1915. Meeting will be **Monday, Jan. 22**, at 7pm in the church library. All are welcome, hope you can join us!



February's book selection: *Fiction on a Stick: New Stories by Minnesota Writers*, edited by Daniel Slager. Meeting will be **Monday, February 26**.

Another reading opportunity

Dorcas Circle is reading *A House in the Sky* by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett, a memoir of a young Canadian woman's experience with her ex-boyfriend as a hostage for 460 days in Somalia. The author provides insight into life in Somalia, the role of women in that country, the Muslim religion, and what motivates first-world citizens to travel to the world's most dangerous places. This is a book that's hard to put down! All are welcome to join our discussion; meet in room 200 on **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, at 9:45am. (There is one copy in our church library and six in the Ramsey County Library System.) Questions? Contact: Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com



Bread Oven events

February Baking With A Purpose

Freshly baked loaves of multi-grain and cranberry walnut bread will be available first-come, first-served **Saturday, Feb. 3**, 1-2pm in Fellowship Hall and **Sunday, Feb. 4**, after each service. All February donations will go to Solid Ground to support families.

Ash Wednesday pizza dinner

You're invited! Come for fresh-baked pizza from our brick oven before the Ash Wednesday service. Pizza will be served 5:30-6:15pm and worship at 6:30pm on **Wednesday, Feb. 14**.

The bread team will need volunteers to set up, prep and bake pizzas, serve and clean up. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex and help make this fun event happen!

Prayer at WBLUMC

One of the ways our church helps to provide nourishment for 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 avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join 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, ljjacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts email requests via a call or email to a pastor or the prayer chain lead, Ronda Nelson, at rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through UMW. Call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570 to request a prayer.