

God loves all people. So do we.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13

**“We believe that God loves everyone unconditionally.
We feel strongly that the Church has the responsibility
to be accepting of all people. We would hope that our
congregation will set the example of this acceptance.”**

~ Jim & June McCarthy, WBLUMC members

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 email Dave Hegdahl at shegdahl2@comcast.net.
The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or emailing leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com.

As a United Methodist Church we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. White Bear Lake United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

10am Worship - Sunday, June 23, 2019

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Better a meal of vegetables where there is love
than a fattened calf with hatred.”
~ Proverbs 15:17

“Food, Genesis 2:9 tells us, is God’s gift to humankind. Human life is certainly impossible for long without it. But food is more than sustenance. It plays an important role in all civilizations, with some of the most fascinating differences among cultures measured in terms of the availability and variety of food, how it is prepared, how it is eaten. We can see in some Bible stories that which we know to be true in our daily lives: the manner in which food is served and consumed spoke volumes about the nature of the relationships at the table and beyond.”
~ Miriam Feinberg Vamosh

PRELUDE

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Meagan Seubert, soprano

setting by Albert H. Malotte

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Laudamus te”
Alma Neuhaus, mezzo-soprano, and Meagan Seubert, soprano

from *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

As we come before God, let us bring our whole selves as an offering.

We are called to do justice.

God sees our work.

We are called to love kindness.

God blesses the loving care we offer.

We are called to walk humbly with God.

Let us worship the One who sees, blesses and loves us.

Thanks be to God.

+OPENING HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

No. 145

UNISON PRAYER

Grant us, O God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or wanting;

a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Ave Maria”

setting by Bach-Gounod

Paul Gutmann, baritone

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children's message, children and youth may leave for Summer 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

Matthew 23:23-24

Reader: Tom Brink

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!”

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

Flavors of the Bible: Mint

Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

No. 2190

Repeat final refrain

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

“What a Beautiful Name”

Hillsong

Paul Gutmann, baritone

This morning, we'll take up a special offering to help sustain the choral scholars program WBLUMC.

These four bright and talented musicians have been enhancing our worship services for the past year through solos and by bolstering our already-vibrant choral program. These singers are not only talented, but active in our congregation's welcoming presence in the greater Twin Cities. Recently, **Paul Gutmann** sang in New York City in a master class for the great operatic baritone, Samuel Ramey. **Luke Gion** recently received an award for his choral compositions. **Alma Neuhaus** has been accepted to the Julliard School and will begin her masters in voice this fall. Lastly, **Meagan Seubert** is in training to join the ranks of the Minnesota Opera (if they don't take her, their whole organization will fall!). Many of you have expressed your gratitude for all we're trying to do to make your worship experience as meaningful and polished as possible, so it is with that spirit that we ask you to give generously this morning to sustain our choral scholars program. You can find “special offering” envelopes in the pew racks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

No. 664

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's arrangement is provided by David and Dawn Kittleson, in loving memory of Marilyn Kittleson.

Thank you from the bread team

The Manitou Days bread sale last Saturday raised \$650 for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. The bread team thanks all the wonderful volunteers who helped make it happen. **Next event: Summer Pizza Picnic on Tuesday, July 16, featuring local musical favorites Joe Cruz and Jennifer Grimm!**



“Songspiration”

Our latest hallway art exhibit includes quilts inspired by a song, songwriter or genre of music or anything related to music, created by members of Minnesota Contemporary Quilters. The quilts will hang at WBLUMC through July 21.

New sermon series begins today!

From the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden to the bread and wine of the Last Supper, food plays an important role in the Bible, as it does in our daily lives. Today we begin our series examining the foods and flavors of the Bible, the role they played in the ancient world, and how they connect to the life of faith, the building of Christian community, and the call to hospitality and to “nourishing the hungers of life.”

Today | Flavors of the Bible: Mint

June 30 | Flavors of the Bible: Salt & Vinegar

July 7 | Flavors of the Bible: Figs

July 14 | Flavors of the Bible: Honey

July 21 | Flavors of the Bible: Mustard

July 28 | Flavors of the Bible: Manna



Sunday, June 23

10am—Worship, Sunday school & nursery

11am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall

12:30-4:30pm—Holslin graduation party, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 24

10-11am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

6pm—Bikes, burgers & beverages, offsite

6:30-8pm—“Yearnings” discussion group, room 206

Tuesday, June 25

6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 26

8:30am-4:30pm—Summer Stretch, Grove UMC

9am-1pm—PEO women’s group, room 200

Thursday, June 27

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library

9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 200/Fellowship Hall

10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107

10-11:30am—Memory loss support group, library

7-9pm—BeFrienders, library

Friday, June 28

Office closed

Saturday, June 29

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200

10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 200/206

10am-1:30pm—Family event at Ox Lake Bible Camp

Sunday, June 30

10am—Worship, Sunday school & nursery

11am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall

2-5pm—One Voice Mixed Chorus concert, offsite

Monday, July 1

10-11am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206

3:30-5pm—UMW Board meeting, room 200

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.

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Join us for services outside on the north lawn on Aug. 11 and 18. Plus, on Aug. 18 we’ll feature Blessing of the Animals! Bring your cat, dog, hamster, goldfish, or whatever creature is a part of your life. We’ll honor all of God’s creation and offer a special blessing for your pet. (If your animal doesn’t play well with others, you may use a carrier or bring a picture of your pet.)



Families, children & youth

More summer fun



Take me out to the ball game

All are welcome to enjoy a night of baseball with your church friends on **Sunday, Aug. 11**, at 5:05pm at CHS Field in St. Paul's Lowertown. Infield tickets are \$12 — that's a \$6 savings! There's a limited number of tickets available. Please go to the children's webpage to purchase tickets, or type tinyurl.com/stpaulbaseball into your browser.

Sign up ASAP for Summer Stretch

Six Wednesdays, June 26- Aug. 7, 8:30am-4:30pm at The Grove UMC-Woodbury

Summer Stretch, a service and fellowship program for youth who've completed 5th-9th grade, get students out in the community. We'll meet at WBLUMC, then go to various service project locations. At noon, we'll go to the Grove UMC for lunch and fellowship. After lunch, we'll participate in various fun group activities. Sign up for the Wednesdays that work with your schedule or for all six weeks (*skips July 3*).

For more information, email Next Generation Minister Missie Aberle at missie.aberle@wblumc.org.



Ropes course for family fun

Join us for a day of adventure, fun, fellowship, and lunch at Ox Lake Bible Camp on **Saturday, June 29**. The camp's fantastic trained staff will guide kids 5th grade and older — plus their family — on an upper and lower ropes course. Cost is \$25 per person and we'll be there 10am-1:30pm. Ox Lake Bible Camp is about an hour northeast of the Twin Cities in Amery, Wis. Please contact Next Generation Minister Missie Aberle at missie.aberle@wblumc.org or 651-429-9026 ext. 107.



Bikes, burgers & beverages

Our next summer bike ride will be **Monday, June 24**. Meet at 6pm at the parking lot of the Mahtomedi Sports Fields 7, 8, 9 and 10 off 75th Street. We'll ride the Gateway Trail for about an hour, then head to Roma in Mahtomedi for burgers and beverages. If you don't want to ride, you can still join us at Roma for fellowship time. This will be a "no-drop" ride open to all levels, so no one will be left behind. RSVP by emailing john.mcbride@wblumc.org.



Free film screening

See "The Anthropologist" at 7pm **Wednesday, June 26**, at Shoreview Library, 4560 Victoria Street North. This film provides a perspective from an American teen who accompanies her anthropologist mother visiting people losing everything to rising sea levels and other impacts of climate change. This event is sponsored by Northeast Metro Climate Action.

Boys choir at Cathedral

London-based boys choir Libera will perform at the Cathedral of St. Paul on **Friday, July 26**, at 7:30pm. Their music encompasses a wide range of genres, from classical and chant to ambient and popular styles. Find ticket information online at ticketsource.us/uslibera.

Save the date: Aug. 24

Join us for a group tour to see the "Joshua, Judges, and Jesus" exhibit at the University of Northwestern in Roseville on **Saturday, Aug. 24**, at 11 am. The 45-minute tour is free but an RSVP is required for each attendee. Lunch afterward. Look for sign-up sheets at WBLUMC later this summer. Get more information at unwsp.edu/archaeological-exhibit.

Golf groups

Women: Join us at Gross National Golf Course near I-35W and Hwy. 36 on **Wednesday, June 26**; cost is \$20. To sign up to play, email Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net.

Men: Join us on Thursday afternoons. Call or text Paul Steffek at 920-493-2657 or email him at pncsteff@aol.com for details.

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Did you know?

United Methodist Now: Inspiration for Daily Living is a biweekly e-blast for church members to highlight examples of Christian living, share inspirational messages, and focus on what it means to be part of our connection. If you'd like to sign up to receive it, go to umc.org/what-we-believe/united-methodist-now-inspiration-for-daily-living.