

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

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 shegdahld2@comcast.net.
The Email Prayer Chain accepts requests by contacting a pastor or emailing leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com.



White Bear Lake
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Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church. Whoever you are and wherever you have been, you are a child of God and you are welcome here. We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation or gender identification, economic condition, family status, ability or disability. We embrace and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation. And we invite you to join us in our mission of nourishing the hungers of life.

I am Worship - Confirmation & Baby Sunday, May 19, 2019

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you.”
~ Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE	“All Glory Be to God on High”	Michael Burhardt
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Honor and Praise” Devon Sinclair	Twila Paris

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We trust in God:
who has created and is still creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others;
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

+OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!”

No. 139

BABY RECOGNITION

Cheryl Larsen, UMW President

Babies born to congregation members since last May are honored by United Methodist Women.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Healing God, you speak into the hurting and wounded places of this world; empower us to speak your vision of wholeness, and turn us to action in the face of injustice, that empowered by the Spirit we may be agents of your healing love. Give us the wisdom to know what it means and the courage to put it into practice. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Jesus is a Rock in a Weary World”

Cathy Moglebust

Commissioned in honor of Leilani Lewis to celebrate her 35 years as a Handbell Ringer in the Alleluia Ringers, with love from her friends at White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children's message, children will stay with their families for the rest of worship. Summer Sunday School will start June 2.

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

Ephesians 4:29-32

Reader: Rick Flynn

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

Be More Than Nice

Pastor Bill Eaves

ANTHEM

“Humble and Kind”

Lori McKenna

Trish Sisson, vocals

RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION

**Maxwell Diller
Gretchen Draves
Joel Erickson**

**Lidya Erickson
Calvin Fortman
Lydia Holslin**

**Grace Lipovetz
Graham Smith
Natalie Swanson**

COMMITMENT OF SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

We will walk with you on this journey of faith.

We will celebrate the gifts you bring.

We will sing and pray with you.

We will challenge you to be generous and compassionate, and to live a life in the service of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

+HYMN

“We are Called”

No. 2172

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

“Make Me a Servant”

No. 2176

Twice through

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

“Celtic Celebration”

Joseph Martin

Reminder: Summer worship begins next week

One Sunday service at 10am May 26-Sept. 8.

Get growing!

It's that time of year: garden time! Garden plots are now available in the WBLUMC community garden. The cost is \$20 for a 15 x 20 foot plot. If you're interested or have questions, contact Denise or Larry Kerr or get an application in the church office.

June bread

The next Baking with a Purpose pickup will be after 10am worship on **Sunday, June 2**, with Pain au Levain and Craisin Walnut. Your June donations will go to Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters").

Memory loss speaker

Dr. Alvin C. Holm, geriatrician with Fairview Health Services specializing in memory loss and dementia, will speak at First Presbyterian Church on **Friday, June 7**, at 10am. Dr. Holm is highly recommended by the WBL memory loss support group. All are welcome.

Tonight! "Old Turtle" at WBLUMC

Combined choral presentation | 7pm Sunday, May 19

WBLUMC's Chancel Choir and the White Bear Lake Unitarian Universalist choir will present Joseph Martin's *Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle*. While the choral work is a setting of the children's book *Old Turtle* by Douglas Wood, the heart of the message has deep implications for adults as well. Scored for orchestra, choir and narrator, it begins by telling of the old days when the animals ruled the earth. One by one, the animals present their interpretation of God and the nature of God. You guessed it: No one can agree.



Eventually, the arguing leads to destruction and bloodshed. Old Turtle, the central character narrated by our own Peteria Cochran-Routt, attempts to create peace by giving value to all the interpretations of God. Come find out what happens!

Sunday, May 19

9-10am—Worship & nursery
10am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall
10:45-11:30am—Worship & nursery
2pm—"Old Turtle" set-up, sanctuary
7-9pm—"Old Turtle" choral presentation, sanctuary

Monday, May 20

10-11am—Hang Loose Women's AI-Anon, room 206
7-8:15pm—Book Club, library
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitting group, room 206

Tuesday, May 21

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library
6pm—YogaDevotion, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22

9am-1pm—PEO women's group, room 200
5:15pm—Alleluia Ringers bell cleaning, sanctuary
6:30pm—Music Banquet, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

Office closed; no activities scheduled

Saturday, May 25

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, room 200/206

Sunday, May 26: Summer schedule begins

10-11am—Worship & nursery
11am—Coffee, tea, and treats in Fellowship Hall

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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Our 2019 confirmands



From left: Calvin Fortman, Max Diller, Natalie Swanson, Graham Smith, Gretchen Draves, Grace Lipovetz, Lidya Erickson, Lydia Holslin and Joel Erickson.

Coming in June worship

[**One Sunday service @ 10am May 26-Sept. 8**]

Blessing of the Bikes

WBLUMC will have a Blessing of the Bikes on **Sunday, June 2**. Bring your motorcycle, bicycle, or whatever you have that rolls, and join us to celebrate the beginning of summer. A prayer will be said for each bike and rider for safety and joy on the road this summer. Worship begins at 10 am, with Blessing of the Bikes outside at 11 am.



Bikes, burgers & beverages: Join us after the blessing for our first group bicycle outing of the season, followed by a stop for refreshments. Stay tuned for details! All cycling levels are welcome. For information, contact Pastor John McBride at john.mcbride@wblumc.org.

Pentecost Sunday and a Celebration of Stories

Pentecost is when we celebrate how the Spirit of God speaks through many voices. At WBLUMC, we're planning a special service **June 9** called "A Celebration of Stories." In the style of storyslam or NPR's The Moth, we're inviting people to tell a story in church. Everybody has a story to tell, and every story is sacred (whether it is about God or not). **Do you have a story to tell?** If you do, email Pastor Bill at bill.eaves@wblumc.org.

Q & A Sunday

WBLUMC's congregation will be invited to submit questions about faith, theology, religion, and anything related to them. A pastor and a theologian (Bill Eaves and Sherry Jordan) will address the questions on **Sunday, June 16**. Watch the Connection card for your opportunity to submit a question, or email your question to bill.eaves@wblumc.org

Golf groups

Women: Join us at Gem Lake, 4039 Scheunemann Road in White Bear, on **Wednesday, May 22**. To play, email Mary Cripe at suzary006@comcast.net.

Men: Join us at 1pm **Thursday, May 23**, at Indian Hills. Contact Paul Steffek at 920-493-2657 or pncsteff@aol.com.

Summer ministry intern

The ELI Project is a program of the Minnesota Annual Conference that places college age interns in local churches to explore their call to ministry.

Christina

Johnson will be interning at WBLUMC in June and July, and will have the opportunity to shadow our church staff and participate in all areas of church life. Christina is a native of Wausau, WI, and a student at Bethel College. She comes from a Lutheran background and has experience working with children and youth in a summer camp. Our participation in the ELI Project internship is funded by a grant from our endowment (1/3) and by the Minnesota Conference (2/3). Christina's first day with us will be June 5.



Book club tomorrow

For our last meeting of the year, we'll talk about Stillwater author Carolyn Porter's book, *Marcell's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate*. We'll meet in the church library on **Monday, May 20**, 7-8:15pm. All are welcome, even if you haven't been to a meeting before.

Families, children & youth updates

Summer Sunday school

Youth grades 5-8: In June, we'll have Incredible edible Bible Fun! Actively learn about faith through cooking, your taste buds, and fun. July will be Faith and Science, featuring astrophysicist Paul Wallace.

Children grades 1-4: In June and July, our students will be working on a letter-writing campaign. For more information and to learn how *you* can help, email Joan at joan.hartman@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 us on an upper and lower ropes course. Cost is \$25 per person and we'll be there 10am-1:30pm. Ox Lake 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.

Summer Stretch coming soon

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

Summer Stretch is a service and fellowship program for youth who've completed 5th-9th grade. Students will volunteer in community service projects, and join in an afternoon of fun activities. In the mornings, we'll meet at WBLUMC and travel to the various service project locations. At noon, we'll go to the Grove UMC for lunch and fellowship. After lunch as a whole group, we'll participate in various fun activities. Sign up for the Wednesdays that work with your schedule or for all six weeks. Email Next Generation Minister Missie Aberle at missie.aberle@wblumc.org for more information. (*Skips July 3 for the holiday week.*)

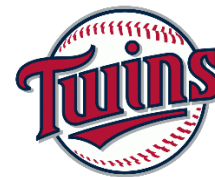
Adult Faith outings

TCGMC performance of "Stiletto Squares"

Gerald Gurs, director of our Chancel Choir as well as the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus, will lead the June performance of "Stiletto Squares." It's a divas cabaret dropped in to a game-show format right out of that Hollywood tic-tac-toe game show, featuring the most popular songs performed by divas of stage, screen and video. Coinciding with the 2019 Pride celebration, the show will be **June 14-15** at 8pm at Ted Mann Concert Hall in Minneapolis. Call the concert hall directly for tickets at 612-624-2345.

Save the date: Sunday, June 30

Come with us to see One Voice Mixed Chorus perform "Resistance & Resilience: Voices of the People" at the Ordway Theater in downtown St. Paul on **Sunday, June 30**, at 2 pm. Get more information at onevoicemn.org. Tickets available soon; email Lori McBride at lori.mcbride@wblumc.org with questions.



June Twins game

United Methodist Day at Target Field will be **Wednesday, June 12**. If anyone is interested in organizing a group to attend from WBLUMC, please contact Lori McBride at lori.mcbride@wblumc.org for information.