

Saints

Rotating around the vast circumference of the world there are stories of lives that matter. Nevertheless, the truth in the telling of All Saints Day is that each of us matter and render a common capacity to inspire change. Some of us will recall saints who have left their echoes sounding into the whole of us and this place too. One of the outstanding attributes of hope-filled living is to become mindful of others who launched you forward. This is one of many stories that perhaps will bring to mind someone who inspired, cradled and cared for you.

Marci would be the first to self-acclaim she was born to “poor folk” who made their living near the earth and its seasons. As she repeated her story it became easy to develop an imaginary 1920s-style farm in rural Michigan you might wish you could be immersed like a child leaping into the leaves on an autumn day. The children manned a road side stand near the house chucked with strawberries in the spring, eggs always and piles of produce at harvest. The 1920s heaped the opposites of both bounty and extreme thin scarcity which bulged with the lessons of life as prize and treasure. Marci and her family were less than wealthy, but as we know in the deepest beat of our hearts, wealth holds its own hazy borders.

Marci’s wealth was shaped in an exceptional brightness enabling her to graduate early with honors. The principal of her school gave Marci a scholarship, which he and his wife personally funded to allow her to begin her first year at university. In her late years because the “late years of life” seem to come before we

anticipate, Marci would remark that endorsement and gift had transformed the scope of her life. As the wise proverb describes, “A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.”(Prov. 18:16) Marci’s eyes would dazzle despite the heavy lenses and her conversation would drift to the excitement of science and being lifted from the ground in the weather blimp where she calculated samples. And as you may be guessing, it would conclude with the principal and his wife who gave her flight.

I sometimes wonder what transformative moment we would hold and savor that could withstand the finiteness of time. Who endorsed you, who adored you and who might be whittled into the grains of your future? Renowned writer and theologian Henri Nouwen might define saint living-like this.: “Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.”

We live in hopefulness while being somewhat blind to prefigure our exact future. We are hopeful that as a community of Jesus-followers we can rearrange how we define our own shadowy echoes into a time we will not see. Jesus-living is allowing our soul to reflect on our own generosity, but to also affirm the wealth of our soulful inner gifts, the strength of the faces who have endorsed and loved us and the launchings that have given us flight. “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart...” Amen. — 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, ljjacot@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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9am Worship New Member Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017

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

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.”  
~ Heda Bejar

“It is the heart that does the giving first; the fingers only let go.”  
~ Nigerian proverb

“I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with catcher’s mitts on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.”  
~ Maya Angelou

“Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all ...?”  
~ John Wesley

PRELUDES

“Gifts that Last” John Bell  
“What Shall I Give” Scott Soper  
Sherri Lohmann, vocals

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“God Is Spirit” Hal Hopson  
Chancel Choir

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

God has given us this day for praise!  
**Praise be to God for this most generous gift!**  
God has given a Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.  
**Let the words of God’s own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!**  
Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!  
**Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God’s healing and restoring love. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 144

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

UNISON PRAYER

God of grace, from you abundance springs and righteousness blossoms. You breathed life into the dust, bringing us forth from the earth with your spirit. We continue to find life in you, through the love of Christ. Breathe your grace into us anew. Cultivate in us hearts of gratitude, of generosity, and of increasing joy. Make us mindful of your holy presence, as we come together to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Shaina and David Fautsch, Laura Linder, Diane and Tom McLean, Alice Olson, Jeannette and Douglas Parr, Susan Perkey, Rita and Michael Wiersma

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Will you walk alongside these new members as companions in the journey of faith; and will you by example and prayer help them in loving God and neighbor?

**We will.**

Then do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

**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 vows to uphold this church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM

“Shepherd Me, O God”

Marty Haugen

Denise Kerr and Amy McNabb, soloists; Carrie Sinclair, assistant Chancel Choir director  
Choral Scholars Ingrid Haugen, soprano; Tara Priolo, alto

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

Nehemiah 10:35-37

Reader: Wes Erwin

We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our livestock, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks; and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our soil, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our rural towns.

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

Stuff — What the Bible Says About Material Things: How to Give

Pastor Bill Eaves

At this time, all youth in grades 10-12 are invited for conversation in the youth room outside the sanctuary.

+HYMN

“What Gift Can I Bring”

No. 87

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

“You Can’t Beat God’s Giving”

Doris Akers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

No. 2157

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

Altar flowers:

Tom and Ellen Fridinger provided today’s altar flowers to celebrate the 16th birthday of Caleb Fridinger.

In memoriam:

The white rose on the altar is in remembrance of Valerie White, longtime WBLUMC member and former church organist and choir director. Her funeral was Tuesday, Nov. 7, at House of Hope Presbyterian in St. Paul. She is survived by four children, WBLUMC member Christopher (Nancy) Thorsen, Jennifer Gobel, Carolyn Trout and Dean White; and seven grandchildren. Memorials preferred to the Macalester College Pipe Band.

# November Sermon Series

Stuff: What the Bible Says About Material Things

We all have material possessions. The truth is we have more of them than any generation before us. Self-storage companies have become a \$27 billion a year industry. How do we handle all of our “stuff” without letting it take control of us? This is the spiritual question that we will look at over three Sundays, coinciding with our annual stewardship campaign.

Nov. 19 — Living From a Thankful Heart



**Sunday, Nov. 12**

9-10am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
915-10am—Kids’ Pageant in Pictures  
10am—Coffee, tea and treats, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

**Monday, Nov. 13**

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
1-3:30pm—UMW Sarah Circle, room 200  
3:30-5pm—Bell Trio rehearsal, sanctuary

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206  
6pm—Yoga Devotion, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, room 107  
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee meeting, room 200  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, rm. 206

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room  
6-6:30pm—Children’s Choir, room 205  
6-6:45pm—Kids’ pizza dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6:30pm—Children’s & Youth activities  
6:45pm—2nd-service Sunday School meeting, 106  
6:45pm—Parent Ted Talk, room 108  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, Nov. 16**

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
10am—Pages of Wisdom, room 107  
10:30am—Open the Door class, library

**Friday, Nov. 17**

9am-3pm—YWCA bread class (outside group)

**Saturday, Nov. 18**

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107  
10am—Women’s Breakfast group, room 200

**Sunday, Nov. 19**

9-9:45am—Worship; Sunday school and nursery  
9am—Adult Faith: Be Still class, room 200  
9:45am—Stewardship brunch, Fellowship Hall  
Individual prayer, prayer room  
10:45-11:30am—Worship; nursery

**Festive welcome**

Greenery is a warm welcome with hues of Minnesota’s white, soulful winter. Please consider a contribution to our Adopt-a-Pot this winter. Donations may be given in memory of or in honor of a person, group or family or anonymously.

— With gratitude from the BeFriender’s Ministry

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Visit [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org) for weekly sermon podcasts, the church calendar and programming details.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Monday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Friday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Please email information to [office@wblumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 December 2017 through March 2018, we want to help you spread the word. Photos from repeating events would be great! Please email info and photos to Lauri at [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org).  
**NEXT DEADLINE: Tuesday, Nov. 21.**

Holiday happenings

**One more day to order!**

If you weren’t able to get your order in by Nov. 5, you have one last day. Pick up a bright pink order form on the Welcome Table and get your request and payment in **TODAY**.



**Pageant in pictures**

During Sunday School **today**, children will join Joan, Pastor Brooke and a photographer to recreate the Christmas Story. At the 3pm Christmas Eve Service we’ll feature the photos in our family service. **Note:** Parents who wish their children to appear in the photos must OK the media release section on the children’s registration form.

**Lessons and Carols**

Our annual musical Advent-season tradition will be back on **Sunday, Dec. 17**, at both the 9am and 10:45am services. Nationally known folk singer and songwriter **Peter Mayer** will perform music focused on Advent, Solstice and New Year. *This is a free community event, please bring a guest!*

**Christmas Eve worship**

We’ll have four services on **Sunday, Dec. 24**. Stay tuned for more details!  
**10am:** Worship unplugged  
**3pm:** Family worship  
**5pm:** Band-led worship  
**10pm:** Choir and candlelight worship



**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

**7pm Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017**

Join with your neighbors in a Thanksgiving Eve service as we meet to share thanks in this season of gratefulness.

Hosted by **Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
3770 Bellaire Avenue South  
White Bear Lake MN 55110  
651-429-5411



# Our Church Thrives Because We Give!

## Sign up for brunch today!

The deadline to sign up for the stewardship brunch is **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, so why delay? Sign up on the sheets in the narthex today or online at [wblumc.org/events/event-registration](http://wblumc.org/events/event-registration). Brunch will be served **Sunday, Nov. 19**, at 9:45am — worship will end early so we can sit down together.



## Welcome Linnea!

**We have a new Director of Youth!** Linnea Uhler officially began her new role on Nov. 8. Linnea grew up in this church and has been volunteering weekly with our youth for more than two years. She's already established good relationships with our current youth and is very excited about expanding her role from volunteer to paid staff.

For the next 9-12 months, she'll be working another full time job so her daytime availability will be limited. She'll be here Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings though.

This means Amy McGrew's time with us is coming to an end. Her last Wednesday with us will be Nov. 15 and last Sunday will be Nov. 19. We thank Amy for her time here!

## Children and Youth updates

**HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL!** All youth grades 10-12 may join us in the youth room across from the sanctuary following the sermon during the first service. This informal time checking in with each other and talking about the sermon will run through mid-May.

### PARENT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

- In partnership with the Bread Oven Ministry, parents are invited to make and eat pizza together 6-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **GRADES 4-9:** Regular Wednesday night programming is happening for 4th-9th grades from 6:30 – 7:30 pm following dinner.
- **GRADES K-5** who are not registered for Wednesday night programs: If you need childcare to attend Joan's meeting or Amy's presentation (see below), kids age 4+ are welcome to join older elementary kids watching a Bible movie in the kids' theater room *IF you let Joan know before Nov. 14*.
- **PARENTS OF AGES 4-9:** Joan Hartman is hosting a conversation exploring the possibility of Sunday School during the 2nd service for younger children from 6:45-7:30pm in room 106.
- **PARENTS OF AGES 0-18:** Join Amy McGrew in Room 108 from 6:45-7:15pm for a Ted Talk on "Power and Control". Amy will address underlying factors impacting the reality of shifting power and control dynamics happening in the home. Leave with a vital tool to help raise kids who become healthy adults.



## Holiday programs

To schedule an appointment, call our holiday line at 651-407-5381 or email [events@whitebearfoodshelf.org](mailto:events@whitebearfoodshelf.org)

### Thanksgiving Food Distribution

**Monday, Nov. 20, 10am-6pm:** Shop for your turkey and all the fixings for a healthy Thanksgiving meal. Appointment required.

### Holiday Baking Bag, Dec. 1-31

Schedule a regular shopping appointment in December and receive an extra meat item and a holiday baking bag.

### To contribute to the Baking Bag program:

Collect and assemble bags with *one each* of the following: Flour, sugar, oil, baking powder, powdered or brown sugar, cinnamon or nutmeg. Place your Baking Bags in the white bin in Fellowship Hall and a volunteer will bring them to the food shelf for distribution. The food shelf also has an urgent need for volunteers to sort donations and stock shelves! Contact Lee Bailey-Seiler at [lee@whitebearfoodshelf.org](mailto:lee@whitebearfoodshelf.org).

## December Baking With a Purpose

December's breads — 40 loaves each of Challah egg bread and Roasted Potato and Olive — will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1-2pm, or Sunday, Dec. 3, 10am-12pm.

All December donations will go to Second Harvest. Thank you for your continued support in addressing hunger in our community.



## Next book club Nov. 27!

Join us in the library at 7pm to discuss November's double selection:

### *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee

**Shetterly.** Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets and astronauts into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation.



### *Hidden Human Computers* by Sue Bradford Edwards & Duchess Harris.

"*Hidden Human Computers* goes beyond the three black women focused on in the book and movie *Hidden Figures* and offers in-depth biographical information about a range of women who worked at NASA at its inception, offering context for their own interest in science and mathematics beyond their function at NASA."

— Alexis Pauline Gumbs [via African American Intellectual History Society]



## The Gathering award

Lyngblomsten Community Services wishes to congratulate its volunteers for their part in helping them receive the \$10,000 Rose Dobrof Award in recognition of The Gathering, a group respite program helping those living with memory loss and their caregivers. WBLUMC has been a host site for many years and has several active volunteers. Thank you!



Please extend a warm welcome to our new members!

### **Susan Perkey**

A Brainerd native, Susan has lived in the White Bear Lake area for 30 years. She works for CommonBond Communities and likes to spend her free time reading, sewing, rubber stamping and gardening. Susan has three grown children: Matt, Katie and Ben.



### **Mike and Rita Wiersma**

Mike and Rita join us from Lake Street United Methodist Church in Eau Claire, Wis. Mike was also a member of Faith UMC in Spring Valley, MN. They've lived in our area for about five months. Mike is retired from the military and enjoys traveling for his hobbies of gold prospecting, rock-hounding and photography. Rita has a passion for service to people with disabilities and works for Community Involvement Programs non-profit group. She enjoys music, running, hiking and reading. They have five children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom live in Minnesota.



Welcome new members!

If you wish to send our new members a card or note of welcome, please sign in to ACS or the Church Life app to get their addresses.

You may also email [office@wblumc.org](mailto:office@wblumc.org) and we'll send you the information. Thank you!

### **David and Shaina Fautsch**

David and Shaina have been in the White Bear Lake area for about a year, after previously living in Chicago. David works at IDOM as an engineering consultant and Shaina is a teacher with the White Bear Lake Area Schools. They enjoy playing and watching sports, traveling and trying new food and restaurants. They have a 16-month-old daughter, Nora.





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### **Laura Linder**

Laura is a White Bear Lake area native. She's the owner and artistic director of Triple L Dance Company in Maplewood. She enjoys dancing, playing games with her kids and going to the family cabin. Laura has two daughters, Lucianne, 7, and Lila, 3.



### **Tom and Diane McLean**

Tom and Diane are longtime White Bear-area residents. Tom works for Quality Metals, Inc., and enjoys fishing, boating and swimming. Diane works at HiWay Federal Credit Union and enjoys reading, counted cross-stitch and bending. When they're not working 45 hours a week (still!), they both enjoy spending time with their four grown children — Laura, Amanda, Alex and Molly — and five grandchildren, Zoie, Drake, Max, Liam and Piper.



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### **Alice Olson**

Alice is another longtime area resident who has driven past WBLUMC for years and recently decided to look into membership volunteer opportunities here. She works for the Minnesota Central Bus Company and loves gardening and helping elderly people with their gardens, as well as going on day trip drives, being outdoors and watching PBS.



### **Doug and Jeannette Parr**

Doug and Jeannette moved to our area about two months ago from Chanhassen. Doug is retired, and he likes to spend his time cycling, fishing and enjoying sports. Jeannette works for Prudent Man Advisors in St. Louis Park and enjoys music, cooking and reading. They have three adult daughters: Lauren and husband Mackenzie, Alyssa and Amy.