

Building cathedrals

My grandfather worked as a carpenter of simple cathedral furniture. I picture William stroking rough finishes into a luster. He and my grandmother found a way to raise six children and took in a seventh. I wonder if life seemed significant? He will ever be to me. It is true we cannot always dust away our “to-dos” because our lives would not function without them. However, we can muster a prayer that the irreplaceable tasks we do for this moment are what we know as Spirit-led.

The Bible allows us to over hear the days in a life. Unjaded, perseverant Job, who questions, Elijah who lives through the wind and the fire to exclaim, “You come in a still voice” and the careful builder of the tabernacle, Bezalel whose name is literally translated “in the shadow of God.” We might create space to appreciate, priestly Simeon and Anna whose hair grows grey while wading through temple work a day at a time. They had that deep cavern question we wonder about inside us filed with a God promise. They sense God with us. One soul lives a day at a time toward meaning and meaning is not one quick click of a snapshot.

I share short story by Nicole Johnson entitled *Reverence for a Beloved Life*. For Nicole it was life raising kids, but for us it could be any season. The “if-onlys” circle in and crowd our thoughts. If only I were ... more. Any angst fits, from possession to health, from status to humility, to vision, skill or money. Johnson writes: “She remembered her eyes

and hands had held and studied history, music and literature-but now they had disappeared into the peanut butter never to be seen again.” And she laments: “... a group of us were having dinner celebrating the return of a friend from England. She had gotten back from this fabulous trip ... I was sitting there looking around at the others who were put together so well.

“I was feeling pretty pathetic when she turned to me with a beautifully wrapped book and said , ‘I brought you this.’ It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn’t exactly sure why she had given it to me until I slowly read her inscription: ‘With admiration for the greatness of what you are building.’

“In the days ahead I would read — no, devour — the book. And I would discover what would become for me life changing truths which I could pattern my work: No one can see who built the great cathedrals — we have little record of their names. The builders sometimes gave their life to a work they would never see finished ... The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.”

Sometimes it is the people who no one imagines anything of, who do the things that no one can imagine. ~Alan Turning

We have a God who sees. ~ J. Jacot

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 contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or ljjacot@q.com. **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, rondalauva2@msn.com. **The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.

Hospital visits: If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church at 651-429-9026 or email office@wblumc.org. Because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify churches when someone is admitted. Our pastors and BeFriends are available to anyone who requests a visit or call.



9am Worship ~ Veterans Day ~ Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.” ~ John Bunyan

“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.” ~ Barbara Bush

PRELUDE	“Deux pièces en style libre Prélude - Prélude ” (Two pieces in a free style) Karen Flynn, organ	Louis Vierne
WELCOME		
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Love is Love” Chancel Choir	Abbie Betenis

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.
Through the breath of God we are all connected.
Shaped in God’s image, we were formed us with a purpose:
To create
To serve
To tend
To protect
To share
To love
That life may flourish in all its forms,
May the Spirit of the Living God be manifest in us!

+OPENING HYMN	“God of Grace and Glory”	No. 577	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
UNISON PRAYER	God, Searcher and Auditor of the human heart: You inspect the record of our lives and gently probe the motives of our actions. Open the book of our soul to the warmth of your concern, that every item which turns us away from you may be erased from our account. Guide us to live with you and one another in the treasure house of your love, for you are the one who knows us completely and gives wisdom and clarity to our lives. Amen.				
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	<i>After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.</i>				
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 6:1-4

Reader: Sheila Bennett

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward 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	Fearless Generosity! Giving Without Remembering	Pastor Bill Eaves
+HYMN	“What Gift Can We Bring”	No. 87

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.

OFFERING	“A Good Work” Chancel Choir	Music by Mark A. Miller
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Peace I Leave With You” Chancel Choir	Timothy Shue
	<i>Peace I leave with you, Peace I give to you. Peace unlike the world's peace I give, Give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, And be not afraid.</i>	
+BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	“God of Grace and God of Glory” Karen Flynn, organ	Paul Manz

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Sunday’s arrangement is provided by Don and Verna Sonsalla to honor all military members past and present.

Thanksgiving Eve service



COMMUNITY WORSHIP

7pm Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018

Sermon by Pastor Bill Eaves.

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

Hosted by Christ the King Lutheran Church
1660 Birch Lake Ave in WBL, 651-429-4828

New display in the hallways

The new art display in hallways was created by a group of fiber artists exploring and studying themes, design and techniques, while supporting each other in our development and growth. Many thanks for sharing photos of your summer adventures for everyone to enjoy. *Please take your pictures home today!*

Sunday, Nov. 11

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10-10:45am—Stewardship Committee, Bill’s office
10:45-11am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery

Monday, Nov. 12

10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206
1-3pm—UMW Sarah Circle meeting, room 200

Tuesday, Nov. 13

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, room 206
1:30-3pm—Congregational Care Team, library
6-8pm—Board of Directors, room 107
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Trustees Committee, church office
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

Wednesday, Nov. 14

9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, Caribou Coffee
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary
6:30pm—Children’s & youth activities and confirmation
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

Thursday, Nov. 15

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107

Friday, Nov. 16

Church office closed

Saturday, Nov. 17

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 107
9am-12:30pm—Sewing for Mission, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, room 107

Sunday, Nov. 18

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, cinnamon rolls, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10am-noon—Advent fundraiser, narthex
10:45-11am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery

Welcome

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.

WBLUMC STAFF

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2018-19 Stewardship Campaign

This year’s stewardship campaign continues today with speakers during both services. Messages will culminate with a call for giving and a fellowship celebration with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Our November sermon series follows the theme of our stewardship campaign, **Fearless Generosity!** We’ll look at what it’s like to acknowledge our blessings honestly, to give freely, and to find the joy of boldly trusting God.

Today: Giving without Remembering
November 18: Letting Go without Losing

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will start planning next year's activities at our meeting on **Monday, Nov. 12**, at 1pm in room 200. Any woman who wishes to join us is welcome. New ideas are appreciated, so please share! This is an informal gathering, with fellowship time, coffee and treats.

Dorcas Circle invitation

Looking for a way to connect with other women in the church and to learn, socialize and complete service projects? Dorcas Circle invites you to Caribou Coffee's community room in WBL (4733 Hwy. 61, near Cup & Cone) at 9:45am on **Wednesday, Nov. 14**. We'll plan next year's activities and enjoy coffee and treats.

Sewing for Mission

Help with cutting and sewing for mission projects on **Saturday, Nov. 17**, 9am-12:30pm in room 200. Contact Stephanie Ondik for details at saboening@comcast.net.

Serving from the Heart study series

A United Methodist study to help people find their gifts and talents for service, including a comprehensive analysis of scriptural passages dealing with spiritual gifts. Topics will include: Spiritual gifts; talents and abilities; resources; individuality; dreams; and experiences. We'll meet at the church 6:30-8pm on **Tuesdays, Nov. 20-Dec. 11**. Sign up in the narthex by Nov. 11 or contact leader Jim Roe at revroe@aol.com.

November book club

The church book club's selection for November is *Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution* by Todd S. Purdum. We'll meet at 7pm on **Monday, Nov. 26**, in the church library. **December's book** will be *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.



Holiday breads class

Join master bakers Bryce Johnson & Ross Safford at 2pm on **Sunday, Dec. 2**, to make a spice bread and one with fruit (*not* a fruitcake). Limited to 14; register at bryce@companionbreads.com by **Nov. 28**. Cost: \$40 per person; \$10 for a child accompanied by a paid adult.

Say cheese!

You can still sign up to help us update the church pictorial directory, with a photo session on **Tuesday, Dec. 4**. If you had your photo taken in 2016, you *don't* have to get a new one. But please *do* if: you're new since the 2016 directory was completed; you used a submitted photo in 2016; you didn't have a photo taken last time; or you just want a new photo. You'll get a new directory if your photo is in it, old or new.

Sign up in the narthex between services today; online through the church website, wblumc.org; or via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/wblumcphotos>.

BeFrienders:

Abundant Aging Today

Are you finding certain tasks harder to do or do you have a neighbor or loved one facing difficulties? If so, join the BeFriender-sponsored talk with church member Roxanne Jenkins, who works for Lutheran Social Service. She helps seniors find ways to manage, so they may experience abundant aging. Sign up in the narthex or call Barb Hinz, 651-777-0465, or Roberta Schmidt, 651-653-0067. Bring a guest! Join us on **Thursday, Nov. 29**, at 7pm.

Bread Team needs you!

We'd love you to join us to help prepare for December's Baking with a Purpose. The Bread Ministry still needs five volunteers on **Saturday, Dec. 1**, to get ready for bread distribution on Sunday, Dec. 2, after each service. Please contact Glenn Oliphant at golipha@gmail.com.

Children & Youth updates



Children's Ministries is opening an Advent Shop!

On Sundays November 18 and November 25, Children's Ministries will host a fundraiser to help send kids to Good Earth Village Camp. Chocolate and Display Advent Calendars are \$5 and Christmas Jigsaw Puzzles are \$10, all priced below suggested retail.

Get a deal and show your support!

Annual gratitude challenge

Everyone can join this WBLUMC November tradition! If you didn't receive an orange November Gratitude Calendar in the mail, please pick one up from the Welcome Table in the narthex.

God's Creation calendars

Youth Ministry is not selling calendars this year, but you may order at <https://calendars.com>, then type in God's Creation in the search field. The calendars are \$8.95 plus shipping.

Calling youth volunteers

Youth are invited to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children on **Thursday, Nov. 15**. For details, please contact Linnea asap at linnea.uhler@wblumc.org or text 612-501-7065.

A few ways to give back

Century College Mobile Food Market: Please consider helping WBLUMC and Faith In Action staff this market in conjunction with the White Bear food shelf. We're looking for 6-7 volunteers, 1-3:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September-May. Contact Joy Ballou at jjo242@q.com or 651-653-0945.

White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf: Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should sign up on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall. When we have 4-5 interested folks we can set up a training session on-site at the food shelf.

Blankets for Bridging: All November, bring new or very gently used blankets for donation. Throws and twin, queen and king sizes are all needed. Put them in the basket outside Lori McBride's office.