

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,’ ” Johnson continued. “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.



1am Worship ~ Thankfulness Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION
“The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see.”
~ Mary Davis

“We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.”
~ Thornton Wilder

“Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I’m grateful that thorns have roses.”
~ Alphonse Karr

PRELUDE “Fugue in G Major” J.S. Bach
Adam Baus, guest pianist

WELCOME


+OPENING WORDS (responsively)
In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:
love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.
We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is and who we are.
We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

+OPENING HYMN “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” No. 694
1, 2 & 3

UNISON PRAYER			PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
Most Holy and Powerful God, author of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world through Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days. To you be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.			OFFERING		“i thank you god” Chancel Choir, with Adam Baus, guest pianist Gwyneth Walker
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE			ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<i>After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.</i>			+CLOSING HYMN		“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” 1, 2, 4 & 5 Congregation, Chancel Choir & Alleluia Ringers Heather Broneak, piano; Peteria Cochran Routt, organ Under the direction of Dr. Gerald Gurs No. 139
ANTHEM	“Gaudete” Alleluia Ringers	arr. by Michael Glasgow	+BENEDICTION		
STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER		John Koziol	+POSTLUDE		“Prelude in G Major” Adam Baus, guest pianist J.S. Bach
MORNING PRAYER			ALTAR FLOWERS		
THE LORD'S PRAYER			This Sunday’s arrangement is provided by Ruth Zieper, in memory of loved ones.		
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.			IN MEMORIAM		
SCRIPTURE			The white rose on the altar is in remembrance of Dennis Worwa, husband of WBLUMC member Mary Worwa. Dennis died suddenly on Nov. 3 and was remembered on Nov. 14 at Jimmy’s Event Center in Vadnais Heights. Denny is survived by Mary and their sons, Jason and Joe, three grandchildren and other extended family. Memorials in his name are preferred to Shriners Hospitals for Children.		
Mark 12:41-44			Reader: Clint Hallmark		
He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”					
RESPONSE TO THE WORD					
<i>Leader:</i> For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us.					
<i>All:</i> Thanks be to God.					
MESSAGE		Fearless Generosity! Letting Go without Losing	Pastor Bill Eaves		
RECEIVING OUR COMMITMENTS TO GIVE FOR 2019					
CONNECTION CARDS					
<i>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.</i>					

Thanksgiving Eve service



COMMUNITY WORSHIP

7pm Wednesday, Nov. 21

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

Meet our new Next Generation Minister!

Missie Aberle will be our Next Generation Minister, starting on Sunday, Dec. 2. Since 2012, Missie has worked as Youth and Family Minister at Faith Lutheran Church in Balsam Lake, Wis. Before that, she was a design service engineer in the telecommunications industry and a small business owner. She has an master's degree in youth and family ministry from Luther Seminary. A native of Colorado, she is also a wife and mom. We look forward to welcoming her very soon!



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, main hallway
10:45-11am—Worship; Children's Church & nursery

Monday, Nov. 19

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

Tuesday, Nov. 20

12:30-1:45pm—Faith in Action, library
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall
6:30pm—Serving from the Heart study, room 200

Wednesday, Nov. 21

All children's or youth activities and music rehearsals are canceled this week.

1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room
7pm—Community Thanksgiving service,
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thursday, Nov. 22

OFFICE CLOSED, Happy Thanksgiving!
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107

Friday, Nov. 23

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, Nov. 24

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, room 200
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, room 107
2-3pm—Mary Danielson music recital, sanctuary

Sunday, Nov. 25: Hymn sing

9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery
10-10:45am—Coffee, tea, and treats, Fellowship Hall;
prayer room is open
10am-noon—Advent fundraiser, main hallway
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.

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Fearless Generosity!



2018-19 Stewardship Campaign

This year's stewardship campaign continues today with speakers during both services. Messages will culminate today a call for giving and a fellowship celebration with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls between services.

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: Letting Go without Losing

Hymn Sing next Sunday, Nov. 25!

Join us to sing your favorite hymns at the 9am and 10:45am services.

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 or contact leader Jim Roe at revroe@aol.com.

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, in room 200.

November book club

Book club will meet at 7pm on **Monday, Nov. 26**, in the library to discuss *Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution* by Todd S. Purdum. **December's book** will be *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen.

December Baking with a Purpose

The Bread Ministry thanks all who volunteered to help with December bread-baking! Pick up loaves of Challah and Craisin Walnut on **Sunday, Dec. 2**, after each service. December's donations will go to Second Harvest Heartland. Your generous November donations raised \$650 for home-building in Guatemala through Common Hope.

Children's voices at Christmas

The United Methodist Women will welcome the Joyful Noise Children's Choir to their annual Winter Program on **Saturday, Dec. 8**, 10am-noon in Fellowship Hall. The choir will sing Christmas songs, followed by a sing-along of your favorite and most cherished Christmas tunes. All church members are welcome. Please bring new socks and underwear (men, women, children, all sizes) for the Giving Rack (formerly God's Closet). Sign up in the Narthex or contact Eva Shipley at shipley.41@comcast.net for information.

Photo directory waiting list

Our first photo session on Dec. 4 is full, so we've added another session on **Monday, Dec. 3**. To sign up for the new date, stop by the table in the narthex today between services; on the church website, wblumc.org; or via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/wblumcphotos>.

Once you've signed up, be sure your address, phone numbers and emails are up-to-date in the ACS database. You can make changes to ACS yourself by going to wblumc.org and clicking on the login tab, or stop at the table in the narthex today for help.

A few ways to give back

Santa Shop volunteering at Solid

Ground: We need 10 adults to help with shopping and gift-wrapping on **Saturday, Dec. 15**, 9:30am-1pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall, along with a description of what volunteers will do. If you're interested in donating new items for the Santa Shop, pick up information sheets at the bulletin board. Donations should be taken directly to Solid Ground.

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.

Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec. 16 at both services
Join us for music focused on Advent, Solstice and New Year.

9am and 1045am worship
All are welcome, bring a guest!



Children's Ministries is having an Advent Shop!

Today and Nov. 25, Children's Ministries is hosting 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. Stop by the tables in the main hallway to get a great deal and show your support!

WBL food shelf: Holiday Baking Bags

Is that the smell of cookies in the air? The White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf is excited to be giving out Holiday Baking Bags to shoppers again this December! The food shelf is looking for individuals and groups to collect specific baking items and assembling them into lovely baking bags. Each Holiday Baking Bag is valued around \$10 and brings a sweet treat to a family in our community this holiday season. Contact Sonja at volunteer@whitebearfoodshelf.org if you'd like more information. You may also pick up a flier on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

