

The hunger for the dream job — Redefining passionate work

“We are part of a holy community that for three thousand years and more has been formed inside and out by these words of God, words that have been heard, tasted, chewed, seen and walked. Reading Holy Scripture is totally physical. Our bodies are the means of providing our souls access to God in his revelation....One of the early rabbis selected a different part of our bodies to make the same point; he insisted that the primary body part for taking in the Word of God is not the ears, but the feet. You learn God, he said, not through your ears but through your feet: follow the Rabbi.”

~ Eugene H. Peterson, Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual

Many of us have imagined ourselves landing a “dream job” at one time or another. The flip side of hoping for a dream job is few of us arrive at what we imagine on the doorsteps of where we land, fall or plan into. Our spiritual lives might follow this same sort of arc. Our passions seem to inch and evolve a little less dreamy and a lot more ordinary. Becoming a disciple is a process, and I suspect it’s part of the human condition. According to Rev. Eugene Peterson, this may be how we “learn God.”

But, what is it that causes our passions to rise and our hearts to leap as we venture through meaning? Research compiled by Barry Schwartz defines interesting work attributes that seem to bring us fulfillment. In *Why We Work*, Schwartz says real “dream jobs” depend on our ability to contribute, our ability to have an impact and our ability to share community rather than money. Universally, we acknowledge paychecks are necessary and certainly change our freedoms; however people are intrinsically motivated even when they are not paid. You may have noticed this sort of intrinsic excitement in serving. Essentially, our hope or hunger from our earliest childhood roots to our oldest meanderings, is to have an affect to influence something different and good, rather than purely have an effect.

We followers fix our eyes on the world of faith, opening the embolden, passionate, traveler Jesus, in His full form. Jesus, who lived out the ultimate dream job. This is simply and not ever simply, to co-create the world bits at a time with us.

Rev. Peter Wallace, author of *The Passionate Jesus: What We Can Learn from Jesus about Love, Fear, Grief, Joy and Living Authentically* descriptively writes of Jesus. Historically Jesus is “a character who coolly and calmly floats above the grit and grime of human existence. He [Jesus] doesn’t hurt, he doesn’t fear, he doesn’t laugh, and most tragically, he doesn’t love very passionately. He seems not to feel at all. But a closer look at the Bible reveals something surprisingly different.” Jesus comparatively shapes and loves unconditionally like none other standard of love we know.

Think, remember and place yourselves in the sandals of many of the people we admire from history. Rewinding from the earliest of times to now, it’s easy to recall at least a few of your favorites. Lydia’s vibrant purple cloth and passionate conversion opened and transformed her home to become a welcome center for travelers. She courageously hosts battered prisoners, Peter and Silas after their release. Further dream job owners were the young, fisherman disciples, who not only could get along with people in a boat for a long while; they could travel the sea and land to proclaim, Jesus. Even Jesus with all of His insights, was not a welcome prophet of anything in His home town and yet, Jesus models the highest standards of faith. Again we recall Rev. Peterson’s words, “You learn God, not through your ears but through your feet: follow the Rabbi.” These jobs weren’t exactly dreamy; however, they have a life-long impact and significance.

More broadly, we can take a glimpse at humanity now. George Washington Carver, Albert Einstein, Marie Currie and currently, Donna Strickland along with all scientists, healers and engineers fulfill what’s a possibility. Parents, teachers and mentors hold dreams, since “the hand that rocks the cradle does have a capacity to shape the world.” The theologian shares too in dream building. From Jesus to His disciples, to Bonhoeffer, to Martin Luther King, to our talented and inspired pastors here; they hold the power of life long dreaming. What about the regular guy, more like me and more like you, who sees the potential for a heart, a justice and a prayer right where they are? This is the context of life that Jesus prays for when we whisper or shout “that Thy kingdom might come.”

Finally, and might I say most reverently and presently, we possess a potential to “learn God and to follow the Rabbi.” All the disciplines have borne their humanity and opportunity to be dedicated, real, angry, honest, passionate, loving —and to become more like Jesus, the Rabbi. Passionately, this is the dream job we are given every day. Embrace the gift. Amen.

~ 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](mailto:ljjacot@q.com). **The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto: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.



9am Worship ~ World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Ideally religion and spirituality are designed to help wake you up, to grow you in an expansive, compassionate, inclusive embrace and understanding of who you are and what our shared common life looks like together.... And what people don’t want anything to do with is bad religion – which they shouldn’t – but actual trained help, education, insight, practices that can shape your heart, that can give you a calm center, that can teach you to forgive somebody who has wronged you (it doesn’t mean you condone or approve of what they did). This is needed more than ever.”

~ Rob Bell

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

~ Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE

“Take My Life and Let It Be”  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

arr. by Lori Line  
arr. by John Carter

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

“Love is Love”  
Chancel Choir

Abbie Betinis

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

Today we come to offer ourselves to God.  
**Today we sing in gratitude for Christ’s gift.**  
We envision a new world through the words and images of the scriptures.  
**We hope in the promised reign of God.**  
We listen for the Spirit’s whisper.  
**We prepare to more fully welcome God’s Spirit among us.**  
Today we gather at the table of life and forgiveness.  
**May we meet here the one who satisfies our deepest hungers.**

+OPENING HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”  
1, 2, 4 & 6

No. 92

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, you are the author and artisan of life. You speak, and whole worlds come into being. You toil for creation as a laborer with dirty hands – not distant, but here. You ask us to labor with you so that all life might flourish. Let us draw near to you so that we might know our holy purpose and join our lives with yours. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *After this message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for 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.**

ANTHEM “Sisi ni Moja” (“We are One”) Jake Narverud  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 1:3-11 Reader: Steve Peterson  
His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For anyone who lacks these things is nearsighted and blind, and is forgetful of the cleansing of past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for 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 The Hungers of Life: The Hunger for Passion Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN “Be Still My Soul” No. 534  
1 & 2

CONNECTION CARDS *Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, you can place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING “The Prayer” arr. by Joel Raney  
Alleluia Ringers & Leilani Lewis on synthesizer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
*We will receive communion by intinction — dipping the bread into the cup so as to take them together. Individual and gluten-free servings are available at the table. We serve communion at an open table — you are welcome to participate as you choose.*

COMMUNION MUSIC “Come Share the Lord” Solo, Devon Sinclair

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)  
**Lord Jesus, we welcome your presence with us.  
May the food and companionship we share nourish our bodies, hearts and minds.  
And may our spirits be refreshed as we live in the light of your presence with us now,  
and at all times and places. Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Peace I Leave With You” Timothy Shue  
Chancel Choir

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Toccatta Festivea” Dennis Janzer

IN MEMORIAM  
The white roses on the altar are to remember former WBLUMC member Ronald Sundquist, who died on Sept. 22 and whose funeral was at the church on Friday, Oct. 5; and WBLUMC member Ervin Walhoff, who died on Sept. 28. Erv’s funeral will be at Waverly Gardens on Monday, Oct. 8, at 11am with visitation at 10am.

## Weekly calendar at WBLUMC

### Sunday, Oct. 7

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

### Monday, Oct. 8

10am—Hang Loose Women’s AI-Anon, room 206  
3-5pm—UMW Sarah Circle State Capitol tour  
6:30-8pm—“Revival” study, room 200

### Tuesday, Oct. 9

4pm—Worship Committee, library  
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm—Trustees meeting, church office  
7-8:30pm—Finance Committee, room 200  
7-9pm—Staff-Parish Relations Committee, room 206

### Wednesday, Oct. 10

9:45-11:45am—UMW Dorcas Circle, room 200  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
6-8pm—Youth Puzzle Room team builder  
6:30pm—Children’s programs  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room

### Thursday, Oct. 11

7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
9am-3pm—The Gathering, room 299/Fellowship Hall  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107  
10:30am—“Created for Happiness” study, room 206  
1-3pm—Book club (outside group), library  
6:30-8pm—“Making Sense of the Bible” study, room 200

### Friday, Oct. 12

5pm—Lueck-Prater wedding rehearsal, sanctuary

### Saturday, Oct. 13

7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, 200/206  
4-5:30pm—Lueck-Prater wedding, sanctuary

### Sunday, Oct. 14: Jazz Sunday at 10:45am

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

## Lydia Project donation bin

Knitters, if you’ve been busy making purple scarves for the 2020 UMC General Conference in Minneapolis, we have a place for you to put them! Please drop them off in the marked plastic bin in the closet next to the church office. Thank you.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	9am to 12pm
<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	9am to 3pm
<b>Friday and Saturday</b>	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](mailto:office@wblumc.org) no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **1pm 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](mailto:office@wblumc.org) or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit [wblumc.org](http://wblumc.org) for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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## Coming next: Exploring our Methodist Roots

### **Oct. 14: John Wesley — The Drive Toward Holiness**

Examine Wesley’s background and the methods he and his followers explored toward holiness.

### **Oct. 21: John Wesley — The Catholic Spirit**

Explore some of Wesley’s life and how he sought and found a middle ground theologically:  
Willing to change his position when he saw that his first position may be in error.

### **Oct. 28: John Wesley — Salvation and New Life**

Explore Wesley’s understanding of grace and salvation as something in this life as well as the afterlife.



## Love Thy Neighbor: Bread for hurricane relief

Pick up a loaf or two of bread today after both worship services, and your donation will go to help ease the suffering in the Carolinas, recently hit hard by Hurricane Florence. All proceeds from October’s Baking with a Purpose will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help our neighbors in the South. Bread selections are ciabatta and craisin-walnut, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you!

## Breads for entertaining class

Bread Class with master bakers Bryce Johnson and Ross Safford on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, from 2-6pm. We’ll make crisp flatbread, bread sticks and pizza dough. Participants will take home some of each. Cost: \$40 per person. Limited to 14 people; register by Oct. 18 and pay at [wblumc.org/events](http://wblumc.org/events) under event registration, or sign up in the narthex. Contact: Glenn Oliphant, [golipha@gmail.com](mailto:golipha@gmail.com).



# Take a tour!

## State Capitol tour with Sarah Circle

Join Sarah Circle for a tour of the State Capitol on **Monday, Oct. 8**. Car pooling will leave church at 11:45am for a 1pm guided tour that lasts 45 minutes. This tour has a limit of 15 people, so sign up ASAP on the sheet in the narthex or contact Gail Stucky at 651-354-9537.

## Minnesota History Center outing

You're invited to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul from 1-4pm on **Sunday, Oct. 28**. We'll have access buttons and maps that ensure hassle-free admission with no waiting, plus an overview of the building and a guided tour of the "1968" exhibit, followed by unlimited self-guided museum exploration. **Deadline to reserve your spot is Sunday, Oct. 14**: Sign up in the narthex ASAP — we have 30 spots! Cost is \$10/person (ages 5 and up); email lori.mcbride@wblumc.org with questions.

# Coming up soon

## What is A Way Forward all about in the UMC?

**Save the dates at WBLUMC:** Plan to attend one of the information sessions at our church to learn more. Please join us on one of these dates: **Thursday, Oct. 18**, at 7pm; **Sunday, Oct. 21**, at 10:10am; **Monday, Oct. 22**, at 7pm; and **Sunday, Oct. 28**, at 10:10am. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex beginning today. Contact Sheila Bennett with questions at sheila.bennett2@comcast.net.

## New member class

Are you interested in joining WBLUMC? Come to a class with the pastors on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, from 11:30am-1:30pm in room 200. Lunch will be provided. To sign up for the class, either indicate it on the connection card or email Carol Effertz at doncarol@q.com.

## October book club selection

October's book selection for church book club is *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of "What's My Line" TV Star and Media Icon Dorothy Kilgallen*, by Mark Shaw. Our next meeting will be at 7pm on **Monday, Oct. 22**.

## Resources for older adults

Would you like more information on resources with issues such as senior housing, Medicare, home care, housekeeping help, long-term care, health-problem support groups, or caregiver support? The Congregational Care Team has prepared a packet on the many resources available in our state and local communities. Pick up a copy at the church office in the CCT mailbox.

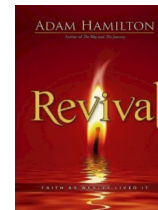
## Not winter yet! Time for our Welcome Urns

Although we hate to imagine the flutter of white snow, it's time to consider sponsoring the welcome urns that greet us outdoors for a new season. The pots are almost ready for that evergreen that catches our eye against the white all winter long. Urns may be sponsored anonymously or by name in honor or in memory of an organization, person or family. Pick up a request form from the bulletin board outside the office; donations may be given to the office or given during our offering with an Adopt-A-Pot notation. Our appreciation for the welcome of a flower and the welcome in a green bough that symbolizes forever. Questions? Contact Julie Jacot at ljjacot@q.com

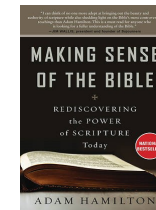


# Fall Adult Faith Studies

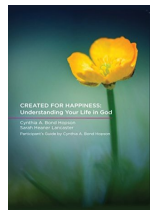
Classes have begun but it's not too late to start reading and join one or more groups.



**Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It**  
by Adam Hamilton  
Leader: Pastor John McBride  
6:30-8 pm Mondays  
**Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29**  
in room 200



**Making Sense of the Bible**  
by Adam Hamilton  
Leader: Pastor Bill Eaves  
6:30-7:45pm Thursdays  
**Oct. 11, 18; Nov. 1, 8**  
in room 200



**Created for Happiness**  
by Cynthia Bond Hopson  
and Sarah Heaner Lancaster  
Leaders: Tammey Busch  
& Judy Slomkowski  
10:30-11:30am Thursdays  
**Oct. 4-Nov. 8**  
in room 206

## The Gathering memory care respite Q&A sessions

Learn more about Lyngblomsten, the Gathering and in-home respite programs by attending a Respite Q&A Session with Lyngblomsten staff. The sessions, which are free and open to anyone, will include an overview of respite and volunteer opportunities through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten, a chance to observe The Gathering in action, and a time to ask questions. The next Q&A sessions will be 10-11:30am **Tuesday, Oct. 23**, at Salem Lutheran Church in West St. Paul or **Tuesday, Nov. 13**, at Centennial UMC in Roseville. To register or to get more information, contact Lyngblomsten Volunteer Services at 651-632-5406 or volunteer@lyngblomsten.org. You may also visit the website at lyngblomsten.org/individualvolunteer.