

Hungry ...

“Might God be alive in this place so that some truth might be spoken and heard and carried out into this world.  
So that something like love may be done.” ~ Frederick Buechner

Rummaging in our fridge we occasionally find some portion stowed away, wrapped in crumpled foil or plastic, that has gone unnoticed. Sometimes this is a most delightful morsel from a past meal that we cart out of the cold and into the light to nourish us. We forgot this meal was there, and we take it in to fill our present emptiness. The forgotten portion fills and carries away hunger and the sweet flavor of fullness become ours.

On a deeper, thoughtful note, carrying and extending fullness for a loved, abundant life is the true story of Jesus. Scriptures nurture us to become whole in the Sacred and fill one another spiritually and physically “so that something like love might be done.” Most of us skimming these black and white sentences cannot help but recall, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (*Matthew 25:35*), we know, “I give to you a new command, that you love one another, even as I have loved you” (*John 13:34*) and we can almost visualize that well that eternally quenches, “Come and you will no longer thirst.” (*John 4:4*) The gospels of Christ are consumed with a servant-man transforming to Savior, filling hungers most often depicted in these humble words, “He had compassion over them.” Furthermore, the traditions of the last supper and communion bear images of renewing and feeding humanity in the places they are most starved.

Our community has focused our central mission statements toward fulfilling some of the hungers of life as our love and reflection of the Sacred. It is a large tent, as many mission statements are — both out there and in here we are really hungry. Which rumbling bellies do we nourish? We have our own hungers and there’s a whole world out there and in here with immense appetites. This September we’ll begin to discern what this desire and angst to crave, digest, fill and nourish is about. On the simplest, transparent level, what is feeling hungry like? Hunger can be an emptiness filled by an easy cheeseburger or bowl of soup we rush through, a feast of hospitality we will never forget or a slow, meager, meditated serving awaited by a starving child holding her distended, round belly of want. A mission is a calling and callings begin where people worry, live, work, love and sadly, hurt. There is plenty hunger for bits of peace and gulps of love in serving this hungry world.

Might I suggest that if we look closer at hunger, the late theologian and author Frederick Buechner may have some wisdom reflecting Jesus, the Servant-man Savior and our spirits. Buechner writes in *A Holy, Crazy Grace* of his hunger for his dad who died of “heart problems” or suicide, and a hunger for his daughter’s illness as she struggled with anorexia. These are honest claims of believing, or, in the truer historical definition of the word believing, a loving and honest man wandering with the Christ ever-near and present. In writing *Listening to Your Life*, Buechner illuminates hunger:

“The story of Christ is where we all started from, though we’ve come so far since then that there are times when you’d hardly know it to listen to us and when we hardly know it ourselves. The story of Christ is what once, somehow and somewhere, we came to Christ through. Maybe it happened little by little — a face coming slowly into focus that we’d been looking at for a long time without really seeing it, a voice gradually making itself heard among many other voices and in such a way that we couldn’t help listening after a while, couldn’t help trying somehow, in some unsatisfactory way, to answer. Or maybe there was more drama to it than that — a sudden catch of the breath at the sound of his name on somebody’s lips at a moment we weren’t expecting it, a sudden welling up of tears out of a place where we didn’t think any tears were.

“Each of us has a tale to tell if we would only tell it. But however it happened, it comes to seem a long time ago and a long way away, and so many things have happened since — so many books read, so many sermons heard or preached, so much life lived — that to be reminded at this stage of the game of the story of Jesus, where we all started, is like being suddenly called by your childhood name when you have all but forgotten your childhood name and maybe your childhood too.”

I conclude with this sentimental prayer. It’s likened to that unexpected portion in our fridge that fills our emptiness. May our calling at some chosen or unchosen, but never-the-less called intersection in life, be there with our voice, however feeble or loud amongst other voices, reminding people of Jesus. This is our prayer here — to nourish some of the hungers of life with something of the Everlasting — “so something like love may be done.” 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.



White Bear Lake  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NOURISHING THE HUNGERS OF LIFE

9am Worship ~ Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018

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

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

“Who you are is so much more than what you do. The essence, shining through the heart, soul, and center, the bare and bold truth of you does not lie in your to-do list.”

~ Danna Faulds

“Sabbath ... is a reprieve from doing what you ought to do, even though the list of oughts is infinitely long and never done.

Oughts are tyrants, noisy and surly, chronically dissatisfied.

Sabbath is the day you trade places with them:

They go into the salt mine and you go out dancing.”

~ Mark Buchanan

“Within you, there is a stillness and a sanctuary to which you can retreat at any time and be yourself.”

~ Hermann Hesse

PRELUDE

“Abide with Me”

Jay Rouse

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

“Love is Love”

Chancel Choir

Abbie Betinis

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

We gather together in the name of the one who bids us come.

**We gather together to hear the words of the one who calms the storms within us.**

We come in hope, trusting that the Spirit of God will unite us

**And bring reconciliation and harmony among us.**

We gather together to sing praises to the one who teaches peace.

**Come, let us worship!**

+OPENING HYMN	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	No. 140
UNISON PRAYER		
<b>God, we give thanks for the blessing of life itself and for your abundant mercy and grace. We ask you to give us peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit. Let us leave behind here everything that causes stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. May your peace reign within us and make us channels of your peace to the world around us. Amen.</b>		
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
<i>After the children’s message, children and youth through 9th grade are invited to leave for Sunday school.</i>		
ANTHEM	“A Good Work” Chancel Choir	Mark Miller
MORNING PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<b>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.</b>		
SCRIPTURE	Mark 4:35-41	Reader: Rick Flynn
On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”		
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> <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
MESSAGE	The Hungers of Life: The Hunger for Peace	Pastor Bill Eaves
+HYMN	“Come and Find the Quiet Center”	No. 2128

CONNECTION CARDS		
<i>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.</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
OFFERING	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”	arr. by B.J. Davis
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
+CLOSING HYMN	“Stand By Me” Verses 1,2,3 and repeat 1	No. 512
+BENEDICTION		
+POSTLUDE	“O God Beyond All Praising”	setting, Jeffery Honoré

## Fall sermon series: The Hungers of Life

There are some hungers – yearnings, longings – that are part of being human. Throughout history, people of faith have found that the real hungers of life are best satisfied by joining together with a community of other hungry seekers.

In this series, we look together at some of these common human hungers, the ways they affect our lives, and the sources of sustenance we can find to satisfy them. This series also gives us an opportunity to reflect on our church’s vision of providing nourishment for the hungers of life.



**Today:** The Hunger for Peace | **Sept. 23:** The Hunger for Justice | **Sept. 30:** The Hunger for Connection  
**Oct. 7** — The Hunger for Passion

**Meet our new choir director, Gerald Gurss**  
**Dr. Gerald Gurss** joined the WBLUMC staff as choir director Sept. 6. He comes to us from Charlotte, N.C., where he was artistic director for One Voice Chorus. Gerald received his DMA in choral directing from the University of South Carolina. He is also the new artistic director for the well-known Twin Cities Gay Men’s Chorus. Please take a moment to welcome Gerald as he joins us for worship!



- WBLUMC calendar**
- Sunday, Sept. 16: Two services**  
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery  
10:10-10:30am—Parent/Volunteer orientation, room 200  
10:45-11am—Worship; Children’s Church & nursery  
2-6pm—Bread class with Bryce, kitchen/patio/Fellowship
- Monday, Sept. 17**  
10am—Hang Loose Women’s Al-Anon, room 206  
6:30-8pm—“Revival” study, room 200  
7-8:30pm—Hearts & Hands knitters, library
- Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
9:15-3pm—Staff retreat, offsite; limited office hours  
6pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall  
6-8pm—Board of Directors, room 200
- Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
1-2:30pm—Prayer Team meeting, prayer room  
6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary  
7:30-9pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal, music room
- Thursday, Sept. 20**  
7:10am—Men’s Breakfast Group, library  
10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, room 107  
6:30-8pm—“Making Sense of the Bible” study, room 200
- Friday, Sept. 21**  
No scheduled activities; office closed
- Saturday, Sept. 22**  
9am-3pm—Music rehearsal, sancutary  
7:30am—Men’s Prayer Group, room 200  
8am-noon—Bread baking, kitchen/Fellowship Hall/patio  
10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women’s Group, 200/206  
1-2pm—Baking with a Purpose, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, Sept. 23: Music of Queen @ 10:45 worship**  
8am-noon—UMW Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
9-10am—Worship; Sunday School & nursery  
10:10-10:30am—Parent/Volunteer orientation, room 200  
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**

<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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NEXT WEEK!

The Music of QUEEN

10:45am service on Sunday, Sept. 23 (music starts at 10:30am)

Reach high for your falsetto at WBLUMC. Listen in a new way — a better way — and hear the sacred in the secular.

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## Coming up at WBLUMC

### First fall Book Club meeting

If you love books and reading, don't miss this year's book club. Our first meeting will be in the church library at 7pm on **Monday, Sept. 24**, to talk about *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo. **October's selection** 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.

### Next BreadXTalks: Listening Pays in Many Ways

Our next BreadX speaker will be Dr. Lyman K. "Manny" Steil, a well-known expert on how to listen. Join with friends and neighbors on **Wednesday, Oct. 3**, at 6:30pm for a short presentation in Fellowship Hall, followed by a free light dinner. Contact Lori McBride with questions.

### Join Bishop Ough for Conversations on a Way Forward

Bishop Ough comes to Woodbury as one of 15 stops to continue the Conversations on A Way Forward — addressing UMC's differences regarding human sexuality — as the denomination prepares for a special session to vote on a plan early next year. He will host the conversation at The Grove UMC, 7465 Steepleview Road in Woodbury, on **Monday, Oct. 1**, 6:30-9 pm. For information and to register, go to [minnesotaumc.org/news](http://minnesotaumc.org/news) and scroll down to "Join Bishop Ough for Conversations on a Way Forward."

### 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. Then we'll have access to unlimited self-guided museum exploration, including exhibits such as "The Greatest Generation," "Somalis + Minnesota," and "THEN, NOW, WOW." We'll share our experiences over a snack. **Deadline to reserve your spot is Sunday, Oct. 14:** Look for signup sheets in the narthex and be sure to include your contact information and number of requested tickets — we have 30 spots! Cost is \$10/person (ages 5 and up); you'll be contacted with details for payment. Email [lori.mcbride@wblumc.org](mailto:lori.mcbride@wblumc.org) with questions.

### A Rally Day thank-you

A BIG thank you goes to all who helped with Rally Day last Sunday. We have amazing helpers who come forth when asked, and this event would not be possible without such willing volunteers. Thanks to parents for willingly helping out with the bouncy houses when scheduling was not perfect. Thanks to those who signed up on green cards. Thanks to the youth who stepped in at the last minute to help. Thanks to the kitchen helpers and food servers who made sure we were fed well. Thanks to those who put in many hours behind the scenes to get food ready. Many hands were helpful in making the day a great kickoff to our fall scheduling.

~ Rally Day coordinator Marcia Lantto

### Today's fellowship

In appreciation of volunteers for the Congregational Care Team, the CCT leadership committee will be serving coffee during fellowship between services today. Thanks to the 60 volunteers who have provided meals and transportation to church members over the years.

Don't miss — next week!

## UMW PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8am-noon | Sunday, Sept. 23 | Fellowship Hall

Join us for pancakes with syrup, sausages, fruit, coffee and juice.

**Cost for this community event is \$8/person or \$20/family**, with all proceeds going to UMW-supported mission projects that serve women, youth and children, including Emma Norton Services, White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf, Solid Ground, Simpson Shelter, and more.

**We need volunteers! Please contact Margie Grilley, [mgrilley@q.com](mailto:mgrilley@q.com) or 651-324-2025, if you're able to help serve or cook.**



**ALSO: REGISTER TO VOTE!** Stop by to see Linda Anderson and Sheila Bennett with the League of Women Voters table in the narthex between services or after breakfast to register or to update your information.

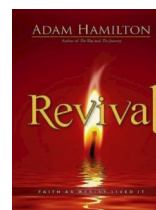
### Willow Lane Elementary book drive

**Still this week:** Faith in Action will collect donations of new and/or gently used picture books for K-3rd grade students at Willow Lane Elementary School. WBLUMC has donated 750 books over the past three years. Thanks for your part in continuing to support this outreach to elementary students as they start a new school year. Please put donations into the bin in the narthex.



## Fall Adult Faith Studies

Stop by the table in the narthex to sign up and buy books today.



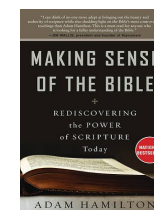
**Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It**

by Adam Hamilton

Leader: Pastor John McBride

7-week study on Monday evenings;  
6:30-8 pm

**Sept. 17, 24; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**



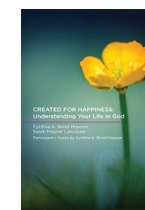
**Making Sense of the Bible**

by Adam Hamilton

Leader: Pastor Bill Eaves

7-week study on Thursday evenings;  
6:30-7:45pm

**Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18; Nov. 1, 8**



**Created for Happiness**

by Cynthia Bond Hopson  
and Sarah Heaner Lancaster

Leaders: Tammey Busch  
& Judy Slomkowski

6-week Thursday morning group,  
10:30-11:30am, **Oct. 4-Nov. 8**