



PRAYING THE MOVIES

Movies move us, inspire us, and explore life's deepest questions. Join us as we discover faith-filled insights through beloved films.

We are a Christian community of faith, seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life. We welcome all people, inclusive of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, and circumstances of life.
Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church!

10am Summer Worship / August 9, 2026

PRELUDE "Bring Him Home" & "Castle on a Cloud" from *Les Misérables*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "We Are One In the Spirit" ("They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love") | No. 2223, v. 1-2

UNISON PRAYER

Thank You for reminding us that real faith is more than what we say, it shows up in how we live.
Show us opportunities each day to put our faith into action,
and to let our faith grow to maturity as we walk with you wholeheartedly. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "For the Fruit of This Creation" | No. 97

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Children pre-k through 5th will stay in worship with their families; nursery is available for 3-year-olds and under.

ANTHEM "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Misérables*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE James 2:18-22 | Reader: Amy McNabb

MESSAGE Praying the Movies: *Les Misérables* | Pastor Christine Ford

COMMUNION For those who desire gluten free bread and/or individual servings of juice, go to the eucharist station on the communion table.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Come to the Table" by Sidewalk Prophets
"Empty Chairs" (instrumental) from *Les Misérables*

CLOSING HYMN "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend & Kieth Getty | see screens

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "On My Own" & "At the End of the Day" from *Les Misérables*

The music for *Les Misérables* was written by French composer Claude-Michel Schönberg with lyrics by Schönberg and French librettist Alain Boublil.

MUSIC^{ON}THE LAWN

AUG. 16

4pm OUTDOORS*

FREE CONCERT



2 Girls and a Boy

featuring Mary Jane Alm,
Aimée Lee, Boyd Lee,
Richard Kriehn, & Noah Hoehn

*INDOORS IF RAINING



Keo's Shaved Ice
provided by the
Church Council

Sunday, August 9 | Summer Worship HAPPENINGS AT WBLUMC

Welcome New Visitors: First-time visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex for a gift of freshly baked bread. If the basket is empty, ask a pastor and they'll be happy to assist.

Coming Up in Worship: In our sermon series, "Praying the Movies," we'll explore faith-filled insights through beloved films. We invite you to watch each movie before worship to enrich your experience:

8/16: "The Color Purple" **9/6:** "The Shawshank Redemption"

8/23: "The Great Santini" **9/13:** "Entertaining Angels"

8/30: "Schindler's List"

Women's Golf Group: This week on **Wed. Aug. 12**, we play at **Tanner's Brooke Golf Course** in Forest Lake. If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please contact Marcia Lantto at malantto@hotmail.com, alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023. We hope to see you on the course!

Volunteers Needed for the Native Garden: Our native garden is off to a wonderful start! The native flowers are growing and blooming beautifully. Unfortunately, so are the weeds. We're looking for volunteers to help keep the garden healthy by removing unwanted plants. Not sure what to pull? Don't worry, we'll provide guidance and information, so you know exactly what to remove. No green thumb is required! If you're interested in helping, please contact: **Curt Merkle** – 651-334-1280 or **Amy Pfankuch** – 651-402-8791. Thank you for helping care for this beautiful space!

Hearts and Hands: We are a small group for those interested in knitting, crocheting, and other hand crafts. Due to vacation plans, we decided not to meet in July. Join us again on **Mon., Aug. 17 at 7pm** in the church library.

Volunteers Needed for Worship Technology: We are looking for volunteers to help run the worship PowerPoint presentations and sound system during our worship services. No prior experience is necessary as training will be provided. For more information about what is involved or to volunteer, please contact Steven C Anderson at steven.c.anderson@wblumc.org. Your assistance helps make our worship services run smoothly and is greatly appreciated!

Church Calendar: Below are the August meeting dates with elected members, in addition to the volunteer worship committee. Stay up to date on volunteer committee meetings, events, classes and more at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>.

Aug. 3: Worship Comm., 5:30pm, church library

Aug. 13: Finance Comm., 7pm, rm. 206

Aug. 18: Staff-Parish Relations Comm., 2:30pm, rm. 200;
Trustees Comm., 6:30pm, rm. 200

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Steven C Anderson, piano;

Laurel Kaeferlein & Mark Fleischhacker, vocals

Kirk Holslin, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's floral arrangement is provided by Dave and Shirley Hegdahl in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Happy Anniversary to a great couple!

Hearing assist devices are available for your convenience at the sound booth located at the back of the sanctuary.

See an usher for a large print hymnal.