

July 12, 2026 | 10am Summer Worship

SOUL FRIENDS

Pastor Chris Kneen

Brennan Manning

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!

PRELUDE "Sketch in F Minor" by Robert Schumann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" by Daniel B. Towner

OPENING WORDS

God, we come into Your house this summer morning, **and our hearts are full of joy.**
Come and meet us in this place. **Show us Your love, and teach us to love others.**
Use this time of worship to inspire us, **to teach us, and to change us. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Amazing Grace" | No. 378, v. 1, 3, 4, 6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Children may now leave for Sunday School; nursery available birth through age 3.*

ANTHEM "Let It Be a Hallelujah" by Lauren Daigle

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Christine Ford

OFFERING "Agnus Dei" by Samuel Barber
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Mathew 13:44-46 | Reader: Amy McNabb

MESSAGE Soul Friends: Brennan Manning | Pastor Chris Kneen

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" | No. 384

CLOSING HYMN "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" | No. 100, v. 1, 5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Fanfares" by William Mathias

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.

MUSIC^{ON}THE LAWN

JULY 19

4pm OUTDOORS*

FREE CONCERT



Billy McLaughlin & SimpleGifts

*Concessions by Faith in Action
w/proceeds benefiting the
WBLHS Black Student Union.*

*INDOORS IF RAINING



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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: Praying the Movies

Movies move us, inspire us, and often explore the same questions we wrestle with in life and faith. Join us for our new sermon series, "Praying the Movies," as we discover spiritual insights through the stories, themes, and characters of some of our beloved films. Series runs July 19 — August 13.

Women's Golf Group: This week on **Wed. July 15**, we play at **Manitou Ridge** in White Bear 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!

The Misquoted Bible Class Series: Have you ever wondered if that parable or quote is actually in the Bible? If it is, do we even use it correctly? If it's not, why do people think it is? In this series we will explore quotes and witticisms often attributed to the Bible and find out if they really mean what we think they do. Join Pastor Christine for this 6-week class on Tuesdays in room 200 through July 28 from 2-3:30pm.

St. Paul Saints Game w/Youth: Join Youth Minister Joan and Pastor Chris at the St. Paul Saints game vs. the Louisville Bats on **Sat., July 18**. Game time is 4:37pm. Meet at the church at 3:15pm for carpooling. End time is based on the game time. Youth will contact adults on the way home from the game to be picked up from the church. You may also choose to drop off and pick up at the game (let us know when registering in the memo line). **Sign up deadline is WEDNESDAY, JULY 15!!!** Student cost is \$20/ticket. Please bring your own money for snacks. Adults willing to drive get a free ticket for game! Sign up through our church website <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>. Click into the St. Paul Saints Game w/Youth on July 18 for registration link.

Hearts and Hands: We are a small group for those interested in knitting, crocheting, and other hand crafts. Our next meeting is on **Mon., July 20th at 7:00-8:30pm** in the church library.

South Hill Watershed Grant: Final Payment Approved

Our local watershed, the Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) approved our plantings on the south hill and will reimburse the church 75% of the total spent on the wildflowers. VLAWMO Watershed Program Coordinator Lauren Sampedro recently visited the south hill to confirm our efforts to restore the hill to its original condition as first envisioned by Mort Olson. "I'm very impressed by how the variety of plants are establishing themselves in just this first year," Lauren told Trustees chair Curt Merkle during her visit. "To think that it is just the first year, I'm very optimistic that by year three this project will be mostly self-sustaining," Lauren added.

VLAWMO's mission covers a variety of ground and surface water initiatives designed to help keep water clean now and for future generations. VLAWMO's area consists of White Bear Lake, White Bear Township, Vadnais Heights, Gem Lake, North Oaks, and portions of Lino Lakes, an area that very similarly represents church membership here at WBLUMC. The Trustees applied for their grant as part of VLAWMO's outreach cost-share program and Lauren's visit was to verify the project's completion and authorize final payment. You can learn more about VLAWMO at www.vlawmo.org.

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 stevenc.anderson@wblumc.org. Your assistance helps make our worship services run smoothly and is greatly appreciated!

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

Tues., July 14: Trustees Comm., 6:30pm, rm. 200

Thurs., July 16: Staff-Parish Relations Comm., 2:30pm, rm. 206;
Church Council Comm., 6:30pm, rm. 200

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Meagan Seubert, vocals; Doug Nelson, organ
Kirk Holslin, sound technician; Jack McClure, PowerPoint