



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 16, 2026

PRELUDE "Psalm Prelude 1" by Herbert Howells

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air" traditional spiritual

UNISON PRAYER

**Loving God, when life is painful, remind us that we never suffer alone.
Be our strength when we are weary, our peace when we are anxious,
and our hope when the way forward seems unclear.
Help us to trust that You are always with us, holding us close through every trial. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" | No. 526

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 "Brave" by Sarah Bareilles

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Chris Kneen

OFFERING "Gabriel's Oboe" by Ennio Morricone
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE Psalm 34:1-10 | Reader: Roberta Schmidt

MESSAGE Praying the Movies: *The Color Purple* | 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 "The Lord's Prayer" by Alfred Mallotte
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" | No. 474

CLOSING HYMN "O God, Beyond All Praising" | No. 2009

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata in D Minor" by Max Reger

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

AUG. 16

4pm OUTDOORS*

FREE CONCERT



2 Girls and a Boyd

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

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Keo's Shaved Ice
provided by the
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Sunday, August 16 | 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:

8/23: "The Great Santini" **9/6:** "The Shawshank Redemption"
8/30: "Schindler's List" **9/13:** "Entertaining Angels"

Music on the Lawn is back today: Our very own Lucy Hoadley will kick things off with a few songs, joined by our own New Crossings Music Director Steven C Anderson on piano! Then get ready for "2 Girls and a Boyd," a crowd favorite that frequently sells out the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. Featuring Aimée Lee and Mary Jane Alm on vocals, along with Boyd Lee, Richard Kriehn, and Noah Hoehn, the group brings together stunning vocal harmonies, world-class mandolin, and an unforgettable mix of music. Bring a lawn chair and settle in for an afternoon of wonderful music, community, and fun! Keo's Shaved Ice will be provided by the Church Council!

Women's Golf Group: This week on **Wed. Aug. 19**, we play at **Oak Glen 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. We will meet on **Mon., Aug. 17 at 7pm** in the church library.

Coffee Gathering for widows/ers: Attention widows and widowers: we invite you to join us for a warm and friendly coffee gathering on **Aug. 20 at 9:30am** in the library. All are welcome, regardless of how long you have been widowed. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to Karen Fairchild at 651-426-4725. We look forward to connecting with you!

Handbells and Choir are back this fall: Do you like making a joyful noise? Can you do it in tune? Then join **Chancel Choir**. Rehearsals start on **Wed., Sept. 9 from 7-8:30pm**, and run through May. We meet in the music room. The Chancel Choir sings at most Sunday morning services at 9am throughout the academic year. Additionally, the choir will engage in one to two special choral services each year. For more information, email Dr. Gerald Gurss gerald.gurss@wblumc.org.

Alleluia Ringers is an advanced Handbell Choir full of dedicated musicians striving to play well. Rehearsals will also start on **Wed., Sept. 9 from 5:30pm - 6:45pm** in the Sanctuary and will then run weekly on Wednesday nights. Alleluia Ringers play for Traditions, the traditional style worship service October through May. Our currently scheduled performance dates are Oct. 4th and Nov. 22. Any questions or interested in joining the Handbell Choir, contact Amy McNabb at amy.mcnabb@hotmail.com.

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

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Doug Nelson, organ; Meagan Seubert, cantor;
Kirk Holstin, sound technician; Tammey Busch, PowerPoint