



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 23, 2026

PRELUDE "Father's Eyes" by Amy Grant

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Children of the Heavenly Father" | No. 141, v. 1, 3, 4

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, as we gather in worship at the turning of summer toward fall,
open our hearts to your presence and remind us that we are your beloved children.

In a season filled with fairs, celebrations, travel, work, and family,
help us remember that our deepest identity is not what we do or what others think of us, but who we are in your love.
Come, Holy Spirit, and shape our worship today, that we may know whose we are and live more fully as your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Thy Word is a Lamp" | No. 601

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Finn Johnnie Sexe

ANTHEM "The Living Years" by Mike & the Mechanics

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING "Who You Say I Am" by Hillsong Worship
Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:1-2 | Reader: Sue Halena

MESSAGE Praying the Movies: *The Great Santini* | 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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" traditional spiritual
"Somewhere in Time" by John Berry

CLOSING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | No. 140

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Moon River" by Henry Mancini as featured in *The Great Santini*
"Dance With My Father" by Luther Vandross

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.

RALLY DAY 2026 | SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

GRATEFUL FOR EACH OTHER

All are welcome!

Join us for **10AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP** followed by:

SHARED MEAL | ACTIVITIES | LIVE MUSIC



**Sunday, August 23 | 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:

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

Sept. 20: Rally Day – *Grateful for Each Other*. Join us after worship for a shared meal, activities, and live music.

Sept. 27: Back to two services with *Holy Imagination* sermon series.

Yogadevotion Fall Session: Our fall Yogadevotion session will be on Tuesdays, **Sept. 8-Oct. 27** from 6-7pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost for this 8-week session is \$96. Register at <https://yogadevotion.com>. Can't commit to a full session? Select our "Drop-In" option to select single classes. Anyone is welcome to join!

Handbells and Choir Are Back This Fall! Do you like making a joyful noise? Join Chancel Choir! Rehearsals **begin Wed., Sept. 9, 7-8:30pm** in the Music Room and continue weekly through May. The choir sings at most 9am Sunday services, along with one or two special choral services each year. For more information, contact Dr. Gerald Gurss at gerald.gurss@wblumc.org.

Alleluia Ringers, our advanced handbell choir, also begins rehearsals **Wed., Sept. 9, 5:30-6:45pm** in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals continue weekly, and the group plays for Traditions worship October through May. Upcoming performances include Oct. 4 and Nov. 22. To learn more or join, contact Amy McNabb at amy.mcnabb@hotmail.com.

Last Music on the Lawn, Sun., Sept. 13: Closing out the 2026 Music on the Lawn series is "Good News Big Band" featuring WBLUMC's own New Crossings drummer, Andy Artz. Get ready to swing to the sounds of this Minneapolis-based jazz orchestra under the direction of Sam Graber...it's always a good time with Good News! Faith in Action will be selling concessions at this concert to benefit WBLHS Black Student Union!

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!

Farewell and Thank You to Renee: As many of you know, our wonderful administrative assistant, Renee, is leaving us to take an exciting new professional position. Renee's last day with us will be August 27. While we are sad to see her go, we want to celebrate her incredible service and send her off with our prayers and blessings.

Renee's dedication and efficiency have truly been the backbone of our church office. Every single day, she has managed to keep so many balls in the air at once, keeping our operations running smoothly and ensuring no detail was ever missed.

More than that, Renee brought a beautiful warmth to our church home. We will all deeply miss her welcoming smile greeting us whenever we walk through the doors. She has also been a true blessing to our church volunteers, always stepping in with patience to help them find the answer to every question.

Please join us in thanking Renee for her outstanding service. We wish her the absolute best of luck and abundant blessings in her new position!

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Church Calendar: Stay up to date on volunteer committee meetings, events, classes and more at <https://wblumc.org/viewcalendar>.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Steven C Anderson, piano; Trish Sisson, vocals;
Steve Yeager, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

WHITE ROSE ON THE ALTAR

The white rose on the altar is given in memory of longtime member Jock Ramaley, who passed away on Mon., Aug. 17. His funeral will be held at the church on Sat., Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.; visitation begins at 10 a.m., with a luncheon following the service. Please keep his family, especially Lael, in your prayers.