



WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nourishing the Hungers of Life

WEEKLY NEWS & UPDATES FROM WBLUMC | Thursday, January 22, 2026

Sunday Worship | January 25, 2026

Through February 15, 2026

Christian Symbols

- 9am & 10:45am IN-PERSON
- 10am CHURCH ONLINE

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In-person worship 9am Traditions & 10:45am New Crossings

Christian Symbols: Alpha & Omega/Chi-Rho
Revelation 22:12-17 | Pastor Christine Ford

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9am bulletin

10:45am bulletin

Church Online

Weekly online worship is available early Sunday mornings on [YouTube](#).

You can also watch via the church website by using the [Church Online](#) button.

Our [Facebook](#) premiere with live chat is every Sunday at 10am. Please share the service so more people can join us!

Ministry Minute Video:

Our Jan. 18 video was on the Congregational Care Team (CCT). To view the video, please click [here](#)!

You may view all other videos on our [YouTube channel](#).

The YouVersion Bible App

This is a free, popular mobile and web platform for reading, listening to, and sharing the Bible, offering thousands of versions and languages, customizable features (highlights, notes), reading plans, devotionals, and social sharing with friends to foster faith communities. Key features include audio Bibles, offline access, verse of the day, prayer tools, and community features to engage with Scripture together.

Sunday School

Sunday school is available during the 9am service for kids 3 years old and up.

Nursery is open for infants to 3-year-olds during this week's 10am

For people interested you can download the YouVersion Bible App through the store on your mobile device or through the button below. Then join Pastor Chris by signing up for the class, "The Lord's Supper" by Hyatt Moore.

If you need help downloading the App and/or signing up for the class please ask Pastor Chris or Pastor Christine for help.

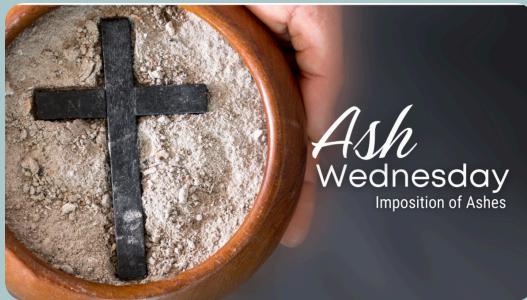
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service. On most Sunday's it's open during both 9am and 10:45am worship.

Green Tip

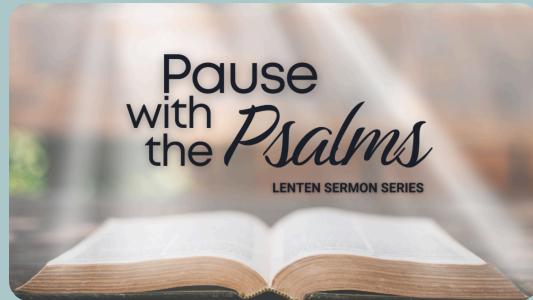
Try a new "green" activity for a week and plan a reward for yourself. This will help make it a habit. For example: Grab a rag instead of a paper towel and put the paper towels under the sink or where they are less accessible. Now go have some ice cream!!

Coming up in Worship

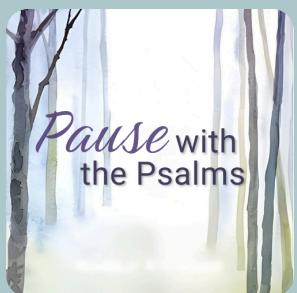


Wednesday, February 18: Let us begin our Lenten journey together at 7pm for a youth led in-person worship with imposition of ashes.

Our Ash Wednesday online service premieres at noon on Church Online, the service is also available on YouTube.



Starting Sunday, February 22: This Lent, we invite you into the ancient poetry of the Psalms. Together, we'll explore how these sacred texts still speak to our lives today-naming suffering honestly, imagining a more compassionate world, and discovering a spirituality that embraces both lament and joy. The Psalms give us permission to bring our whole selves before God: our questions, our justice-longing, our weariness, and our hope. Come be inspired on Sundays, February 22-April 5.



Lenten Study: Pause with the Psalms

Come pause with a Psalm this Lenten season with Pastor Christine Ford during this 6-week class on Tuesdays during Lent. We will be using the book **Pause** by Elizabeth F. Caldwell to delve deeper into the rich theology reflected in these ancient Hebrew songs. This class will meet weekly at **2:00pm** starting **Tuesday, Feb. 24** and run **through March 31**. Participants are encouraged to purchase their own copy of the book, as it will enhance our shared study. To secure your spot, please [click the image to register](#). You may also sign up in the narthex or by contacting the church office.

Children & Youth

Sunday School: Jesus Calls the Disciples

What does it mean to work in community? Students will engage in activities designed to encourage communication and team work.

This January, the youth will join for the gathering lesson in theater and then go across the hall for games.

Prospective Families to Good Earth Village Camp

Join us **Sun., Feb. 22, in room 200 at 10:10am** (between services) for a camp informational meeting.

Confirmation & Beyond

If your student is in middle school or high school, they are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings. We study scripture, share ideas, cook, eat, play, and go on field trips. Check the church calendar for the schedule.



If you have questions, please [email Joan Hartman](#), Next Generation Minister. Our [google calendar](#) is updated through February.

Camp is designed for grades 2nd-12th grade, with intergenerational options, too. Week of camp for WBLUMC is June 21-26.

Super early bird discount though Good Earth Village ends January 25th.

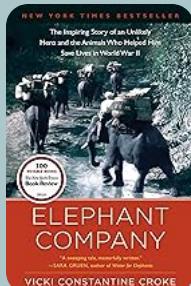
To receive WBLUMC scholarship, attendance is mandatory February 22nd for new families. If you have questions, please [email Joan Hartman](#), Next Generation Minister.



Connections

Hearts & Hands

Hearts & Hands: The January meeting has been cancelled due to several members being unable to attend. We will resume meeting on **Mon., Feb. 16 at 7pm** in the church library.



January Reading

The title for January is ***Elephant Company*** by Vicki Croke. We'll meet on **Monday, Jan. 26, 7-8:15pm**. We meet via Zoom this month. Please [email Rick Flynn](#) for the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome!

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about WBLUMC's Book Club and to view the full year's reading list with synopses.

Ask a Pastor (almost) Anything:

Have you ever wondered about the bible, the church, or worship? Do you have theological or spiritual questions you've never had a chance to ask? You may submit questions using the basket in the narthex or by emailing [Pastor Chris Kneen](#) or [Pastor Christine Ford](#). Join us on **Jan. 29 at 6:30pm** in Fellowship Hall as they answer as many questions as possible. Coffee and desserts provided!



In Memoriam

John Kenyon, longtime WBLUMC member, died on Sunday, Jan. 11, at the age of 91. A celebration of life will be held at **2pm, Sat., Jan. 31, 2026** here at the church. Visitation with family beginning at 1pm; ice cream social to follow the service. You may read his obituary by clicking on his photo. Please keep John's family in your prayers.

Rainbow Families

Are you the parent or grandparent of a member of the LGBTQ community? Join us for conversation and fellowship on **Thurs., Feb. 5 at 6pm** in the church library. Questions? Contact [LuAnn Roberts](#) or 218-590-6424.



Church Calendar

To see our updated online calendar, click on the Church Calendar button!

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Special Committee Meeting

Tues, Jan. 27, 6:30pm: Church Council Meeting This is a special meeting with Rev. Erica Koser, Director of Strategy and Innovation, to learn the assessment feedback from the CAT tool.

Committee Meeting Minutes

All committees are being asked to provide minutes, and we now have a [Realm link](#) for the congregation to access this information.

Click the video below to learn how to view all minutes that are available!



Free Piano – Conover Baby Grand (As Is):

Our church is giving away a well-loved Conover Baby Grand Piano. While it is past its prime for performances, it would make an excellent practice piano. The piano is offered as is and moving and transport are the responsibility of the recipient. If interested, please contact:

[Jim Lindner](#), Director of Operations, or 651-429-9026.



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