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COMING!!!



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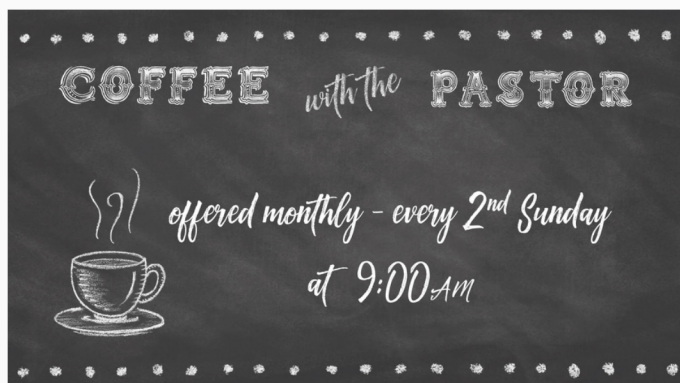
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9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Contact Michelle Schober to be added to the email distribution lists for

- "Cross Winds Life", distributed on Fridays - includes pastor's note, important information about the life of the church, and links for upcoming events
- Prayer Chain email updates



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Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



Happy New Year! As we begin this year together, my heart is filled with praise and gratitude for God's work that is becoming real because of your commitment to Cross Winds. It is exciting to see how God is on the move in our program ministries and through the renovation of our facilities.

This winter, I am especially excited to see the start of our kitchen renovation project. Preparing for this new kitchen has also sparked a passion within this community to envision new ministry partnerships. It is exciting to be a part of conversations that not only dream about new initiatives, but work hard to make them come true. This work can be challenging and messy, but it is exciting. I find myself lifting up my voice like the Psalmist who wrote,

*Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord! Bless his name!
Share the news of his saving work every single day!
...Greatness and grandeur are in front of him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. (Psalm 96:1-2,6)*

Truly God has blessed us. In these coming months, we will start singing the new songs God has placed in our hearts as new ministries come to life because of these capital campaign projects such as the kitchen. Thank you for bringing good news and blessings through the generosity of your gifts.

As we get ready for this new kitchen, I also ask for your prayers for those responsible for construction, for the church leaders preparing the way for kitchen management, and for the new ministry partnerships that we will begin this year and in the years to come.

SO ALL ARE *Welcome*

So welcome each other,
in the same way that
Christ also welcomed
you, for God's glory
Romans 15:7

January Capital Campaign Update

The kitchen is coming! We are excited to announce that this winter, construction will begin on the new church kitchen and should be completed later this spring.



This renovation will provide for increased opportunities for food service, catering and hospitality by increasing the size of the Fellowship Hall Kitchen and upgrading the equipment provided within. The renovation includes a 180 square foot interior expansion into Fellowship Hall with a large center island, 10 feet of continuous serving counter, a dedicated dirty dish washing area separate from the food preparation area and more floor space for flow of volunteers. The optional open storage area in the Southeast corner of the fellowship hall for chairs and tables can provide a new wall space for additional built-in serving counter space.



Expanding our kitchen to a larger, commercial grade facility, will allow us to offer more events for our church community, organize missional projects, and host community events.

During construction, the fellowship hall will be closed, which means activities will be rescheduled to other parts of the facility. We appreciate your patience during the renovation and are excited to celebrate a completed commercial kitchen with you this spring.

Thank you all for your commitment and support! A big thanks to those who financially contributed towards this project, the work of our Capital Campaign Steering Committee, the Project Management Team, Hospitality team, Trustees, and staff for working hard to make this dream become a reality.

A Wish FOR ALL

January 1 - A Wish for All

Luke 2:21-32

Pastor Stina

Ring in the new year with worship at Cross Winds!



January 8 - Epiphany Sunday

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Stina

The Christmas season concludes with the celebration of Epiphany, which remembers the wisemen who brought their gifts to Jesus after following a star on a long journey. Just like the wisemen, we take time to honor the newborn king and share our gifts of faith, hope, and love with our Savior.

re·mark·able

(adjective)

worthy of notice or attention

As we look for things to change our lives and make an impact on the world, sometimes we find that it's the ordinary practices that really leave a mark. Join us as we explore simple practices that can help make our lives remarkable.

January 15 - Just Add Water

Matthew 3:13-17 - Baptism of Jesus

Pastor Stina

Sometimes ordinary things like water can be a moment for God to do extraordinary things. Today we explore how ordinary practices and familiar rituals can leave an extraordinary mark on our lives and the world.

January 22 - Come to the Garden

Psalms 119:169-176

Jamie Boettcher

Jesus often went to solitary places to be with His Father and encourages us to do the same. This simple practice of daily time with God is nourishment for the Christian soul. It's an ordinary routine with extraordinary possibilities.

January 29 - On the Virtue of Perseverance

1 Samuel 17:4-24; 32-37

Pastor Chad Koppes

When David was a shepherd boy, he faced mighty Goliath. In this underdog story we get a peek into what it takes to persevere and overcome as we welcome Chad Koppes to the pulpit.

WORSHIP

Highlights

We were so blessed to have the Brooklyn Big Band join us for worship on December 11! If you missed the service you can go back and watch it from the church website.



WORSHIP

Highlights

Thank You to all involved in the Christmas Musical and all the families who supported them.





January Church Conference - 2023 Budget Approval

Sunday, January 22, 11:00 am

All are welcome to attend a Cross Winds church conference meeting for the purpose of approving the 2023 budget on Sunday, January 22 at 11am. During the meeting, the board and finance team will also present the 2022 financial updates as well as 2023 ministry priorities.

A New Year Means New Nominations

As each new calendar year begins, the work of the Nominations Committee ramps up. The Nominations Committee collaborates with the lead pastor, the Cross Winds board, and the other committee chairs to identify open positions for the new program year that will begin in July. The Nomination members then work to identify and invite people to fill those positions. The responses are collected, compiled, and presented at a church conference in May for affirmation and approval.

As Romans 12:6 states, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." The committee's goal is to match the gifts of those being nominated to the needs of the committees they will serve.

Have you considered serving as an elected leader in one of these committees: Cross Winds Board, Finance, Personnel, Trustees, Nominations, or Endowments.? Or would you like to know more about them? Please contact Pastor Stina or Ali Lundin (Nomination Chair) to learn more!

Facilities Year in Review

We are grateful for the work of our facilities team led by Dick Post, who in consultation with the trustees, senior facilities team, and the technology team make sure our Cross Winds facility is ready for ministry. Here are some highlights for the year.

- Continued work in our parking lot. The dumpster corral is completed. The parking lot poles have been painted (thank you Mike Ronning and Dale Bossen). We have a new snow plow service.
- Our phone and internet services have been updated and are working well.
- The Technology Team (coordinated by Gary Muellenberg) continues to do great work and will become a separate team reporting to the trustees in 2023.
- Landscape Management: With the help of the Boy Scouts, we continued to care for the property. We also partnered with Bee-Hive to make the eastern boundary seamless.
- The tree stands stored in the rain water control pond were removed and sold.
- New thermostats were installed with the ability to manage by Wi-Fi.
- Hired a new custodial service, Lucky Klover

Senior Facilities Our partners in grime, deserve an ovation.

Whether working on handyman projects inside or tending to the gardens outside. This Wednesday crew works diligently each week to keep our building and grounds looking great. Thank you Senior Facilities Team, led by Roger Roth!

Cross Winds Inclusion Update - Building Our Foundation

Cross Winds has long been on a journey to welcome all. In September we voted as a congregation to formally adopt a statement of inclusion into our mission/vision/values statement. Since that vote, the Board has begun the work of putting a foundation in place that will support inclusion as part of our essence and not simply be words on pages. To invite, to heal, to live and to love as Jesus did.

To begin establishing the foundation, we added the inclusion statement to our [website](#) as well as at the end of this article. From a physical/building perspective, our capital campaign project committee is making accessibility improvements as part of the ongoing work that they are doing. They are adding or updating railings on stairs, flattening the walkway to the new deck



adjusting the height of towel holders, soap dispensers and adding grab bars in the bathroom stalls, replacing the entry doors on the front of the building, and the counters in the new kitchen will be at the proper height. All these small improvements make our space more welcoming for everyone.

From an invitational and loving perspective, the Board adopted the following language at our October meeting:

- “In accordance with the Minnesota Annual Conference Extended Cabinet’s statement on LGBTQIA+ inclusion, Cross Winds affirms our appointed pastor has the discretion to officiate marriages of the pastor’s choosing which may include LGBTQIA + marriages either on or off site.”

Pastor Stina will be hosting workshops in January to discuss this in relation to the Book of Discipline, the Minnesota Extended Cabinet Statement, and our new Board statement. See dates and times below.

Further, the Board has engaged Susan Nienaber from the Annual Conference to help guide us as we live into this journey. We have started conversations with the staff as well as ministry teams and committees of the Board to build inclusivity into everything that we do -- our building facilities, worship, programs, outreach, and ministries.

Please reach out to Pastor Stina or any Board member for additional information, to join us on this journey, to ask questions or raise concerns.

Thank you from the Cross Winds Board: Becky Real (chair); Brianna Bruers; Craig Machacek; Jeanine Ronning; Karmyn Nelson; Mark Biederman; Stina Koppes (pastor)

Cross Winds Inclusion Statement

We are committed to inclusiveness in all aspects of the life of the Church. Following Jesus’ example, we will work to intentionally welcome and include all persons. We will live this example by embracing the richness of diversity such as age, race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, economic status and gender identity found within the fullness of the community.

Pastor's Forum - Church Conversations about Inclusivity and Marriage

January 18, 7-8pm; January 19, 7-8pm (Zoom); January 22, 9am

The Cross Winds Board invites the church community to participate in conversations about inclusivity and marriage. This January, Pastor Stina will facilitate conversations regarding the MN Annual Conference Extended Cabinet and the Cross Winds Board statements about LGBTQIA+ inclusion as it pertains to allowing clergy to officiate weddings. Pastor Stina will host sessions on Wednesday, January 18, 7-8pm (in person), Thursday, January 19, 7-8pm (on Zoom), and Sunday, January 22, 9am (in person). For more information or to participate via zoom, contact Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org).

CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



January Curriculum

"When I'm older!" "When I'm taller!" Every kid is excited to grow up – even if it's just to finally ride that big kid roller coaster they've had their eye on. This five-week series is about another kid who grew up – Jesus! Through stories from Jesus' early life and ministry, kids will learn five important truths to help them continue growing:

God guides us to safety, we can love God with our actions, we can follow Jesus, God makes us ready at the right time, and God's words help us make wise choices.

***We will not have Sunday School on January 1. See you in worship at 10am!**



Join the Team

Are you feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry? We are looking to add to our team in 2023! Come and be a blessing all while being blessed in the Kid Min program!

It's Time to Join the Cross Winds Bell Choir!

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to join the bell choir led by Ali Lundin and Pam Wrolstad. Each ringer is required to attend both practices prior to a performance!

The first 2023 performance will be during the 10am worship service on Sunday February 12. Rehearsals will be at 11am on Sunday January 29 and Sunday February 5. Sign up with Ms Amber!

Sharing Love at BeeHive

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

We had a wonderful time with our neighbors at the BeeHive. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and treats shared.



CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



December was filled with service and fun!
Celebrations galore now are all done.
We studied and sang all the month through.
Now it's a new year- what will we be up to?!





The Ultimate Nerf Battle

The youth are invited for a night of fun!

WHEN: January 21, 6:00pm-9:00pm

WHO: 6th-12th grade students

WHERE: Downstairs at Cross Winds UMC

WHAT: Nerf battle course!

Games!
Hang out with friends!
Pizza and snacks!



We Need Cardboard Boxes!!

Don't throw away your large cardboard boxes because we are collecting them for a January youth event. If you have any large cardboard boxes, please consider donating them to the youth group.



Adult Ministries and Small Groups

Find a way to connect with others
at Cross Winds!



Winter Adult Education Hour

Resumes January 29

Adult Education on Sunday mornings at 9am will resume on Sunday, January 29 with a four week series to accompany the "Remarkable" worship series. No advanced reading required. Sessions will feature our winter preachers, Jamie Boettcher and Cliff Helling, who will explore ordinary spiritual practices that have left remarkable impacts on their lives.

Game Group

Thursday, January 26, 1:30 pm

Do you like to play board games or enjoy fellowship with church friends? You are invited to bring your favorite board game to Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please bring your own beverage of choice. No need to sign up. Just show up! Contact Marlan Tevis for more information or for questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, January 23, 1:30pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet in the area at the bottom of the stairs near the elevator since the kitchen will be under renovation. Maryanne Mbali is bringing treats and hosting. Bring your own beverage, completed shawls, and knit hats plus your current project to work on. Schools need hats if you want to continue to make them. Hope to see you there.

Stitches of Love

Thursday, January 5, 1:00 pm

Gather with other sewers for fellowship and service at the next Stitches of Love meeting on Thursday, January 5 at 1pm. Stitches of Love meets every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Senior Facilities Team

Wednesday Mornings, 9:00-11:00 am

Gather for fellowship and service with other men on Wednesday mornings. This group meets weekly downstairs for coffee and connection. Then the group works away at various indoor and outdoor projects. Men are welcome to attend as their schedule permits. Group facilitator is Roger Roth.

Cozy Cap and Mitten Making Mission

Wednesday, January 18, 1:30 pm

We are going to answer a need in our local community to provide warm mittens and hats to school kids that need them. Allyson Tarnowski is donating fleece and Linda Hoden and Joan Mann have patterns for making caps and mittens from fleece. Come on January 18 to get this project started. Bring a pen for tracing patterns, a scissor for cutting them out. If you have a lightweight portable sewing machine to sew some up, please bring it. We will get this project started for completion at home. There will be treats and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Dianne Roth, Linda Hoden, Joan Mann or the church office. Sign up on website or show up.





Music Notes



Kicking Off 2023...

CW Choir is learning from one of the best!

The Cross Winds Choir is excited to welcome composer/ pianist Lloyd Larson for a vocal workshop here at Cross Winds the weekend of January 7 and 8. Lloyd will be working with the choir on Saturday morning, and then directing a vocal piece with them as well as playing piano throughout the Sunday morning service.

For over 30 years, Lloyd Larson has been an active composer and arranger for several major publishing companies of church and school music. His music compositions and arrangements number well over 1,300 published works—including choral anthems, numerous extended Christmas and Easter works, keyboard collections, vocal solo and duet collections, instrumental solo and ensemble publications, orchestrations and handbell settings. It is his work in the local church, though, which continues to be the catalyst for much of his writing. He is an active participant at Maple Ridge Baptist Church here in Maple Grove where he directed the adult choir in addition to regularly being involved in worship planning and leadership. He has been involved in church music ministry for over 35 years, serving churches in Indiana, Ohio and Minnesota.

Start the New Year in worship; plan to worship with Lloyd and the CW Choir on Sunday, January 8.



Christmas Tea

Highlights



After a few last minute hiccups, the Christmas Tea was a success! Thank you to all who helped and all who came to experience the tea!



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