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## THE **BIG EVENT**

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11:00 am-1:00 pm

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CROSS WINDS  United Methodist Church  
15051 Weaver Lake Rd  
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## Volunteer for The BIG Event

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

It is such an exciting time to be part of the congregation of Cross Winds! Things are changing inside our building and inside our hearts. "So let's strive together for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19. When we work together, incredible things can happen! A volunteer team is needed for The Big Event on Saturday June 3rd. This event will recognize, honor and celebrate heroes in our community so let's join together to host a fun event for our community! Follow this link to see the volunteer opportunities and to sign up for the one that best suits you! [Volunteer for The BIG Event](#)



## Cross Winds

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Sign Up To Stay Connected

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

## Finance Update

Thank you for your pledge and giving for 2023.

### Kitchen Upgrade Project

The Kitchen Upgrade project will be completing shortly. All expenses for the Kitchen have been paid from the Capital Campaign fund so far. Additionally, your Finance Team has recommended that our Strategic Reserves may be used temporarily to pay Kitchen Upgrade Expenses that are approved for payment by the Board if we exceed the collected Capital Campaign funds. It is still projected by the Finance Team that with the balance of Capital Campaign contributions to be received they will exceed all completed and planned projects. Accordingly, any Strategic Reserves used for the Kitchen Upgrade project will be returned based on those specific collections received.

### General Operating Fund

We will have our challenges in the months ahead as our budget indicates that we will be in a deficit for the year. As we enter May we need all your giving to support all of our CWUMC ministries. If you have not pledged for this year it's not too late and no amount is too small.

Thank you again for your blessings and support for our ministries at CWUMC. If you have questions about our 2023 Budget, pledging or questions related to our Capital Campaign Fund, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance please contact us at [finance@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:finance@crosswindsumc.org)

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## Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



*1 We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It's a house that isn't handmade, which is eternal and located in heaven. 2 We groan while we live in this residence.... 7 We live by faith and not by sight... 14 The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. 15 He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised. 16 So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!*

~ 2 Corinthians 5:1-2,7,14-17

For Christians, springtime coincides with the Easter season, a Great Fifty Days that we celebrate beginning on Easter Sunday through the Feast of Pentecost. It is fitting to celebrate the Easter season in springtime for all of creation reveals the gift of new life, resurrected life, persistent life that defies the harshness of a long winter.

The mystery of Easter also celebrates the transformative nature of God who makes all things new. It's not simply resuscitated life, but it is a metamorphic life that we experience in this life and in the life to come.

As I mentioned in my Easter sermon, this kind of metamorphic life is messy. As Paul describes it in 2 Corinthians, it causes us to groan! Things get torn down and new life raises up. This kind of metamorphic life can feel overwhelming, but we are reminded repeatedly that it is not random or haphazard, it is controlled by the love of Christ. We need not fear.

My guess is that there is something going on in your life that is messy right now, where you are groaning and wondering how God will make it new. In my life, I experience that everyday as a mom of a newly minted teenager. We are at a tender time where the rapid changes of adolescence make it clear that new things are on the way everyday. It is exhausting and amazing.

As a church, we are also at a place of groaning, as our experiences of metamorphosis continue to penetrate every level of our work. We see it visibly as the kitchen is constructed, but also feel it in the ways we continue to change how we live together as a community, what programs we offer, and how we find one another. It is exhausting and amazing. It causes us to groan.

Through it all let us remember that we live by faith and not by sight. The love of Christ controls us. May God continue to work among us so that we too as a church may become a new creation, blessed deeply by the work of the Holy Spirit to reveal a little bit more of heaven on earth.

# SO ALL ARE *Welcome*

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

## May Capital Campaign Update

The kitchen is almost ready! Our equipment is arriving and every week we are one step closer to completion. Our hope is to have everything installed and inspected this month so that we will be ready to use the kitchen soon!

A big thanks to everyone who has worked so diligently on the kitchen over these past few months. Thanks this month especially to our tiling crew and volunteers who helped to make a new coat rack addition: Scott Nagel and Mike Ronning.

Thank you also to our Hospitality Team, Facilities Team, Senior Facilities Team, Trustees, Kitchen Management Team, and staff for their ongoing leadership on this complicated project.



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CROSS WINDS  
KITCHEN

## Kitchen Shower - Thank You!

Thank you for your generous support of our spring kitchen shower! Thanks to your support, we raised over \$18,000.

The Kitchen Management Team (Jeanine Ronning, John Mbali, Faustina Otoo, Joyce Sluss, Allyson Tarnowski, Maureen Wiethorn, and Stina Koppes) are working diligently on acquiring the kitchen items that have been selected on the registry, as well as identifying the greatest needs, so that we can get the kitchen ready for operations in May.

There are still items left on the list that need your help. If you'd like to help us, learn more online <https://crosswindslife.org/resources/news-updates/kitchen-shower-registry/>





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**KITCHEN**  
REGISTRY





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REGISTRY







# AT THE TABLE

*Whether it's meeting for coffee, playing a game, sharing a feast, or having a meeting, when we gather at a table we share life together. Throughout the Bible, we encounter stories of how lives are transformed around the table. As Christians, Jesus invites us to gather at tables regularly as part of our lives of faith. Join us in worship as we gather around the table to meet God, reconnect with the community, and encounter ourselves in new ways.*

## **May 7 - Confirmation Sunday**

John 21:1-14

Join us in worship as our confirmation students profess their faith and encourage us to recommit our lives to the ways of Jesus on this special Confirmation Sunday.

## **May 21 - A Fierce Wind**

Acts 2:1-13

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost today, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Join us as we give thanks for the many ways the Holy Spirit is at work as we recognize the diversity of leadership and service in the church. We also will welcome new members as we continue to widen the circle!

## **May 14 - Gladness and Simplicity**

Acts 2:42-47

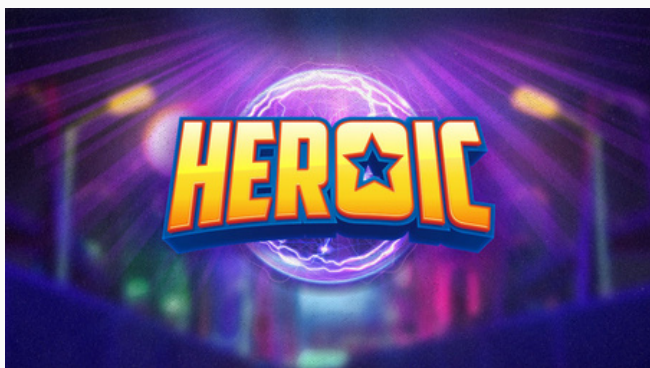
In the book of Acts, the early community of faith is described as meeting regularly, sharing food "with gladness and simplicity." Today we celebrate how community life can enrich our experiences of gladness and simplicity when we gather around the table.

## **May 28- Honoring God Honors Others**

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

As we gather around the table, we take time to reflect on how our lives bring honor to God through our service. During our worship, we will also take a special prayer time to remember those in military service who have made the greatest sacrifice for our freedoms.

# CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



## May Curriculum

Every kid wishes they had superpowers, but with Jesus, we don't need x-ray vision or invisibility to be heroes! In this four-week series, kids will hear stories about the heroes of the Early Church – the apostles and disciples who used their unique abilities to spread the good news of Jesus. Through their stories, we'll see that anyone can do great things for God because God gives everyone a mission, the Holy Spirit gives us power, and we're heroic when we work as a team!

## The BIG Event

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

We all have a hero in our lives. Maybe we've even been a hero to someone else. On June 3, let's come together to recognize and appreciate heroes in our community! It's called The BIG Event because there will be big trucks, big heroes and big fun!! Dance to the music, thank a veteran, sit in a police car, create a thank you card, enjoy a picnic and yard games. Save the date and bring your friends!!

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Register Now for VBS!

**HERO HOTLINE**  
Called Together to Serve God!

June 18-22 6-8PM · family dinner at 5:30PM

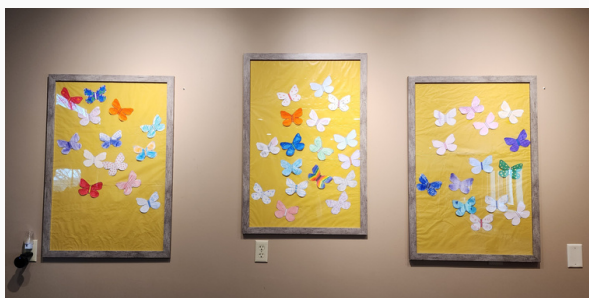
## Vacation Bible School - June 18-22, 6-8pm

In the depths of a colorful underground cave is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

# CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



What a month of worship and praise!  
Gardens, butterflies and a palm parade!  
God is good all the time,  
So let me remember to Rise and Shine!



## Thank You Teachers!

Thank you for the time you give  
To each child who looks to you;  
You truly make a difference  
By all you say and do.

For as you touch each tender heart,  
You leave your imprint there;  
And always they'll remember you--  
How much you really care.

Keep on loving, keep on caring,  
Sharing Christ as you do,  
For one day they'll return to say,  
"Teacher, I really do thank you."

You've made a difference in my life.  
I'm who I am today,  
Because you gave your time to teach  
And show to me God's Way."





### Confirmation Sunday - May 7

We are excited to celebrate our 8th grade students who will be confirming their faith in worship on Sunday, May 7. Be sure to join us for this special worship celebration.



### Sunday School - May Schedule

Join us for Sunday School in May for our year end series which is all about the promise Jesus made about getting the most out of life—the full life we’re offered in following Him. In May, we’re talking about empathy and what it means to really show up for the people in our lives who are struggling or in need. We’ll also have conversations that encourage students to be generous with what they have to help others win and to cheer them on when they do. Then we’ll finish up on May 21 with a party!

### Wednesday Night Youth - Year End Celebration

We are grateful for all of our students who made a commitment to Wednesday night classes this year. They have shown what it means to love God with all their heart, souls, and minds, as they reach out to love their neighbors as themselves. We are proud of our students and grateful for our families. Thanks for a great school year!



### 2023 Graduates

Graduate Recognition  
Sunday, June 4

Please send graduate information to  
Pastor Stina by May 22

### Honoring 2023 Graduates - Sunday, June 4

Calling All Graduates! Cross Winds UMC Graduation Sunday is June 4th. If you or someone you know is graduating (high school or college) this year and would like to have their accomplishment celebrated, please contact Pastor Stina, [stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org) by May 22. Please include a recent photo/school/degree/future plans.

### Youth Ministry Staffing Update

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee and Board Members have created a sub-team to work diligently on preparing for the youth ministry staffing needs to ensure we have dynamic programs for our students. In June, the teams will be ready to present additional information about future staffing and programs. For additional questions, please contact the sub-team members from SPRC and the Board who are working on this project: Pastor Stina, JoAn Baker (SPRC), Lisa Midgarden (SPRC), Brianna Bruers (Board), and Karmyn Nelson (Board).

In this time of transition, Pastor Stina will continue to serve as the interim youth director until new staffing is hired.



**SUMMER FESTIVAL**  
camp  
Middle School Camp –  
July 16 – July 19



### Summer Festival Camp

July 16-19

**Open to students who have finished 6th grade through 9th grade in the 2022-2023 school year. Limited to 5 students per adult chaperone. Cost \$200.**

For a week during the summer, teens have the chance to get away from real life, hang out with people from all across the Midwest, deepen friendships, and talk about God. Everyday speakers come to share inspiring and challenging stories about real life, God, and where the two intertwine. The days are packed with fun surprises of all kinds. From the music, the movies, the games, the speakers, and club – all with laughter to tears – Summer Festival Camp really has something for everybody. To learn more about SFC visit:

<https://summerfestivalcamp.com/>

Summer Festival Camp will be held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. Summer Festival combines wild games, gut-busting humor, a messy fight, meaningful music, relevant speakers, breakout sessions and small group discussion time for a unique experience. Camp helps students draw closer to Jesus, each other and to the leaders from their church.

If your students are interested in attending SFC with Cross Winds Youth or you are interested in serving as an adult leader, please contact Pastor Stina. Space is limited. Registrations due by June 1. Scholarships available upon request. [stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)

Adult Chaperone Opportunity - We currently have one adult leader (Alyssa Honmyhr) ready to take a group to Summer Festival Camp. Thank you Alyssa! This means we have spots open for 5 students to attend camp. If you know of an adult interested in serving as a potential co-leader, please contact Pastor Stina for further information.

### Typical Camp Day:

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:15 Morning Event
- 10:15 Morning Club
- 11:15 Morning Small Group
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:15 Afternoon Event
- 2:30 Free Time
- 4:00 Workshops
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:00 Free Time
- 7:00 Club
- 8:15 Evening Small Group
- 9:15 Evening Event
- 10:15 Late Night Scramble
- 11:30 Lights out



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**Saturday, May 13**  
**2:00pm**

Join us for the spring tea as we welcome back Alison Young, the Blissful Hiker as the guest speaker.

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Saturday, May 13, 2:00 pm

Join us for the Spring Tea in the Cross Winds Fellowship Hall as we welcome back Alison Young, the Blissful Hiker as the guest speaker.

Join Alison Young – the Blissful Hiker – for a spectacular solo journey of New Zealand’s 2,000-mile “Long Pathway,” Te Araroa (TAY ah-dah-DOH-uh) and discover how to step into joy.

A former professional flutist and American Public Media radio host, Alison Young is the “solo female middle-aged titanium-reinforced long-distance backpacker” Blissful Hiker. She’s hiked on six continents and in one year, walked New Zealand’s “long pathway” Te Araroa and the Pacific Crest Trail. She shares stories about her life as a thru-hiker through image, found sound, poetic and metaphor-rich word as well as music, bringing alive lessons from the trail that inspire, energize and ultimately heal the body, mind and spirit.

Register for the tea on the website - [crosswindslife.org](http://crosswindslife.org).

**Cross Winds Member Update**

- Let us know membership intentions
- Update contact information
- Indicate permission to publish preference

## Church Directory Update - Due June 1

Please help us as we update our new church database by verifying the information we have on file for you and your family. You can fill out a household directory form online at [www.crosswindslife.org](http://www.crosswindslife.org) or grab a paper copy on the Welcome Desk.

Properly caring for your contact information is vitally important for our administrative ministries. We not only want to ensure that we have the correct information for you, but also understand how you would like your information shared. We will not release your information to the congregation unless we have your permission in writing.

## Name Tag Update

Beginning in May we will have a new name tag station at the Welcome Center. This new station will have both disposable as well as reusable name tags that will allow you to customize your own name tag. As we switch over to the new name tags, if you choose to use a reusable name tag, we ask that you take your name tag with you. If you would like to use your current name tag, please be sure to pick it up from the current name tag rack. After May 1st, the current name tag rack will be removed and the new system will be at the Welcome Center.

**Coming Soon!**

New Cross Winds Nametags

If you would like to keep your old nametag, please take it by May 1

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MAY 21**

CONTACT PASTOR STINA OR ATTEND A "COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THE CHURCH

## New Member Sunday - May 21

During worship on Sunday, May 21, we are honored to welcome new members to Cross Winds. If you are interested in becoming a member, stop by a “Coffee with the Pastor” event or contact Pastor Stina to learn more about joining the church. ([stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org))

# WORSHIP

## Highlights - Easter





# Thank You!

## **Cross Winds Elected Leadership - Thank You!**

*He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)*

We are grateful for the commitment of our elected church leaders who care for the administrative ministries of the church. Elected Leaders are asked to serve three year terms and give generously of their time and talents to ensure that Cross Winds is equipped for ministry. In addition to the annual needs of the church, our elected leaders have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help Cross Winds adapt to emerging ministry needs through our Capital Campaign building projects, administrative updates, and ongoing adaptations for program ministry needs. We are grateful for the commitment of our leaders who serve faithfully!

Cross Winds Board: Becky Real (Chair), Jeanine Ronning, Mark Biederman, Karmyn Nelson, Craig Machacek, Brianna Bruers, Pam Wrolstad (Recording Secretary)

Finance Committee: Don Bushen (Chair), Scott McHenry, Roy Testerman, Sherri Sholund, Rick Wiethorn, Steve Weeks (Financial Secretary), and David Hughes (Treasurer)

Trustees: Paul Crosland (Chair), Linda Dickey, Jim Beukelman, Brenda Machacek, Scotty Brooks, Jake Honmyhr, Jason Brezina, Dale Bossen

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC, also known as the Personnel Committee): Bill Lewis (Chair), Pam Wrolstad, JoAn Baker, Scott Parr, Kim Julin, Lisa Midgarden

Nominations: Ali Lundin (co-chair), Jamie Boettcher, Joanie Lewis, and Mary Muellenberg

Endowment: Jon McWilliams (Chair), Jeff Drayton, Louise Fuller, Becky Real (Board Chair), Don Bushen (Finance Chair), and Paul Crosland (Trustees Chair)

Join us for worship on Sunday, May 21 as we celebrate the work of our elected leadership.

**Join us for the upcoming church conference on May 23 as we prayerfully elect new leadership for the coming year.**



# Thank You!

## Technology Team - Thank You!

Cross Winds UMC has a Technology Team that meets monthly, under the supervision of the facilities team and trustees, to care for the ever expanding technology needs of our church.

Over the past two years this team has been meeting faithfully to care for everything under the sun! Whether it is updating our phone systems, changing our facilities networking needs, caring for A/V equipment, or providing advice on emerging technology needs, this team has quietly and faithfully ensured that Cross Winds is ready for the years ahead.

We are grateful for the work of our Technology Team and want to say a special thanks to the team members: Gary Muellenberg (Chair), Michelle Schober (Director of Administration), Dick Post (Facilities), Brad Johnson, Andy Lahtinen, Roger Roth

## Worship Teams - Thank You!

Praise the Lord from heaven! Praise God on the heights! Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces! (Psalm 148:1-2)

At Cross Winds, we celebrate that worship is the work of the people to glorify God. That means, every week, we have a lot of people who are leading worship. Whether you see them as worship leaders, or they are serving in the A/V booth, or have prepared the sanctuary space for the day, or greeted you upon arrival, we are grateful for the dozens of people who serve each week on our worship teams.

Thank you to the many people who help make worship possible:

**Worship Leader Team:** Lori Lahtinen (Director of Worship and Music), Ann Anderson, Tiffany Brezina, Brianna Bruers, Jeff Emerson, Roger Fellows, Krista Kemp, Bill Lewis, Andrea Loveless, Ali Lundin, Craig Machacek, Chuck Mann, Mary Muellenberg, Gary Muellenberg, Scott Parr, Tim Peschman, Cheryl Purkat, Jim Rorvick, Michelle Schober, and Pam Wrolstad.

**Worship Team (Prepares sanctuary space):** Michelle Schober, Ann Anderson, Julia Beyer, Chuck Mann, Jodi Peschman.

**A/V Team (Cameras, sound, and proresenter):** Michelle Schober (Director of Worship Technology), Veronnicka Chick, Ron Chick, Tim Peschman, Roger Roth, Wade Sturlaugson, Dave Tarnowski, Pam Wrolstad, Jim Walber.

**Ushers:** Tom Bailey, Jim Beukelman, Lorna Beukelman, Dale Bossen, Bill Bryant, Dave Looney, Scott Nagel, Jim Rorvick, Kevin Wrolstad, Pam Wrolstad.

**Cross Winds Choir:** Lori Lahtinen (Director), Nancy Betterman (Pianist), Ann Anderson, Karen Biederman, Tiffany Brezina, Brianna Bruers, Krista Kemp, Andrea Loveless, Faustina Otoo, Jodi Peschman, Diane Post, Cheryl Purkat, Becky Real, Michelle Schober, Melanie Goulson, Ali Lundin, Mary Muellenberg, Lee Peterson, Joy Schwartz, Sherri Sholund, Joyce Sluss, Dorothy Taylor, Pam Wrolstad, Bill Bryant, Ron Chick, Jeff Emerson, Roger Fellows, Rich Hall, Owen Kosloski, Bill Lewis, John Lucchesi, Chuck Mann, Scott Parr, Tim Peschman, David Arthur, Harold Biederman, Jason Brezina, Craig Machacek, Gary Muellenberg, Jim Rorvick, Mike Sluss, Kevin Wrolstad

**Wind of the Spirit Praise Band:** Lori Lahtinen (Director), Melanie Goulson, John Schober, Alan Nees, Mark Schaffer, Jason Brezina, Ron Johnson, Jeff Drayton, Ali Lundin, Krista Kemp, Tiffany Brezina, Michelle Schober, Craig Machacek, Bill Lewis, Jeff Emerson

**Higher Ground:** Ali Lundin (Director), Melanie Goulson (accompanist), Jeff Emerson (percussion), Bridget Bailey, Patrick Bao, Johanna Basse, Hannah Blazevic, Norah Crosland, Makenzie Dayton, Julia Gray, Ady Honmyhr, Haley Honmyhr, Lilyana Lahtinen.

**Pianists:** Nancy Betterman (accompanist), Mary Muellenberg.



**MINNESOTA METHODIST  
BUILDERS CLUB**  
*Together in Mission*

# Cross Winds UMC Featured as Minnesota Methodist Builders Club Spring 2023 Call



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**METHODIST  
FOUNDATIONS**

## Cross Winds UMC Featured as Minnesota Methodist Builders Club Spring 2023 Call

We are excited to announce that Cross Winds has been selected as the recipient of the Spring Call for the Minnesota United Methodist Builders in support of the new kitchen construction.

The mission of the Builders is, "To help Minnesota United Methodist Churches to connect with their community and welcome new people." Over the past 133 years, the Minnesota United Methodist Builders has given hundreds of loans and grants to support the building and repair projects of churches in Minnesota.

Call brochures are being mailed out to all MN Builders members and United Methodist Churches. Donations will be collected from April through the end of September 2023. Cross Winds will receive the grant dollars in early October.

We are grateful for the MN Builders support and look forward to hearing exciting results this fall! Thank you MN Builders. To learn more about the Builders, visit: [www.mnumb.org](http://www.mnumb.org)

To read our featured article for the Builder's Call visit: <https://www.mnumf.org/article/builders-call-spring-2023-cross-winds-umc-17387386>



# 2023 Love Offering

## MN Annual Conference Love Offering

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session, which will take place in St. Cloud May 31-June 1 this year.

Bishop Lanette Plambeck invites congregations to pray about and participate in the Love Offering as an expression of our gratitude for God’s blessings in our lives. Our Love Offering this year will tangibly share God’s extravagant love with a hurting world by addressing the growing mental health needs in Minnesota.

"The 2023 Love Offering invites us into an opportunity to walk alongside those on the journey toward health and wholeness and to share the healing and transforming love of Christ," Bishop Lanette said in her letter to members and friends of Minnesota United Methodist churches.

### 2023 Recipients

Sixty percent of the Love Offering will fund a new grant that will support Minnesota UMC churches that have partnerships with mental health services offered in local schools or communities.

Thirty percent of the Love Offering will go to three Minnesota nonprofits engaged in mental health education and advocacy: Mental Health Connect, Mental Health Minnesota, and Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health.

Finally, 10 percent of the Love Offering each year goes to Volunteers in Mission scholarships, which support first-time mission trip participants. Learn more about these recipients.

Cross Winds will collect a special offering to support these initiatives on Sunday, May 21. Give in person or online at [crosswindslife.org](http://crosswindslife.org)

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Return Service Requested

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