



Youth Ministry Updates

“Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed –keep that dusted off and in use.” - 1 Timothy 4:11-14

As we enjoy a summer break from the school year routines, we all have an opportunity to get out into the world. This change of pace gives us an opportunity to test out new parts of ourselves, exploring what is growing and changing. This summer, I pray for all our students and families that as you take your own summer adventures, you have a chance to “teach...with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity.” Test out the things you are learning. Integrate the virtues God is cultivating in your heart. Do not let anyone put you down because you’re young, but rather claim the gifts God has given you and put them to good use.

Youth Ministry Staffing Update

As we prepare for fall programming, Pastor Stina will continue to serve as the primary staff coordinator of youth ministries. We are realigning her work so that she will be able to provide more time specifically devoted to youth ministry leadership and teaching. This fall, Pastor Stina will serve as the primary Confirmation class teacher and be responsible for coordinating all volunteers working with our students in middle school and high school. We hope to have a parent meeting this summer to discuss the next steps of youth ministry soon. Stay tuned for invitations to parent meetings, youth ministry leadership team opportunities, and more information about the school year program. For additional information, please contact Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)

Coming Soon

Registration for Fall Programming

Pastor Stina is diligently working on preparing a great fall lineup for your students. Information about fall classes and youth groups will be available in a few weeks.

Relaunch of Youth Ministry Team

We are in the process of relaunching our Youth Ministry Leadership Team. Be on the lookout for a summer meeting happening soon. If you are interested in serving on the Youth Ministry Leadership Team or have a nomination to share, please contact Pastor Stina.

Blessing to our July Summer Festival Campers

Please pray for our students and adults who will be attending Summer Festival Camp at Gustavus Adolphus College later this month. Chaperones include Alyssa Honmyhr and Cheryl Purkat. May our students experience the joy that comes from knowing Jesus!





Twin Cities River Rats Show

Cross Winds Youth Road Trip on July 26, 5pm-9pm

All CW students (grades 6-12) and family members are invited to cheer Audrey and Hannah at the River Rats Waterski Show on Wednesday, July 26. We will meet at church at 5pm. All participants should bring blankets or chairs, bottled water, snacks or money for concessions. We will return to Cross Winds by 9pm. Contact Pastor Stina to reserve your spot in the carpool by Sunday July 23. Learn more about the Twin Cities River Rats at <http://tcriverrats.com/> or watch <https://vimeo.com/191858186>



Deliver Hope – Second Harvest Trip & Social Time August 2, 11am-5pm

Deliver hope where it's needed most by volunteering at Second Harvest with youth from Cross Winds AND White Bear Lake UMC. We will meet at church for lunch and ice breakers, then carpool to Second Harvest in Brooklyn Park to assist with sorting and packing food. Afterwards, the groups will meet up for a fun afternoon activity to celebrate. Learn more about [Second Harvest](#). [Online registration](#) is due by July 30. Group limited to 12 (grades 6-12). Cost \$10. Scholarships available upon request. Contact Pastor Stina for more information.

Information about Second Harvest Service Project

Volunteers assist with sorting, labeling, weighing and packing various food items to meet immediate needs and help feed our hungry neighbors. The projects vary from day to day and volunteer positions require volunteers to be able to twist and bend down, stand for the duration of their shift, and lift up to 5 pounds.

Dress Code: Shirts must cover the shoulders, armpits, and bellies (no tank tops or crop tops) for food safety purposes. Shorts are okay to wear. Closed-toe shoes are required. If you forget we will ask you to wear a set of disposable socks and slip-on clogs. Wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty. No jewelry. You will be asked to remove all watches, fit bits, earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry items. It is almost impossible to get back a jewelry item that is lost in the repack process.

Youth Night at Fish Lake - August 22, 5-8pm

Calling all middle school and high school youth. Join us for an end-of-summer youth gathering at Fish Lake. We will meet at church at 5 pm and carpool to Fish Lake Park for swimming, BBQ dinner, and a team corn hole tournament. Plan to wear your swimsuit and bring your appetite and an outdoor chair. We will return to church at 8 pm for parent pickup. Rising 6th graders are encouraged to attend! [Register online](#) by Friday, August 18. This is a FREE Event.

In case of rain, we will have a rain date held for Thursday, August 24. For more information, contact Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org) or Lori Lahtinen (lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org).

