



#### **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 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.

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## **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

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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