



Youth Ministry Updates

"Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it." ~ Hebrews 13:1-2

As we enjoy this homestretch of summer, I pray that you are truly enjoying it! Summer at its best is a time to recharge, regroup, and go on a few adventures. At our house, summer especially has been a time of hospitality, where we have the chance to open our house to guests. Practically speaking at my house, this involves a lot of food, a lot of games, a lot of campfires, and a lot of nerf darts scattered throughout the yard. Extending hospitality is good for the soul. It gives us a chance to practice loving others like family and deepen friendships.

Making friends and caring for others matters. Our friends are some of the most important people in our lives. Our friends know us best. They're the people we've spent countless hours with telling stories, laughing, and creating memories together. We all know having great friendships means a lot more than just having people to hang out with, but how do you find friends like that? How do you build the kinds of friendships that last? And what do you do if you feel like your friendships aren't everything you'd want them to be? My hope is that this coming year, in our time together, you'll get a chance to experience what it takes to build friendships that last because they are built on something deeper and better. Be sure to check out the information about our upcoming activities and think about how God is calling you to participate – and maybe even bring a new friend.

Summer Festival Camp

A big thanks to our Summer Festival Camp chaperones Alyssa Honmyhr and Cheryl Purkat for bringing our CW middle school crew to camp! A great time was had by all growing in faith, hope, and love.





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.

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Combined outing
with White Bear
UMC

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).

End of Summer Youth Gathering Fish Lake Park Tuesday, August 22, 5-8 pm



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[Register online](#)



Fall Programming Preview and Registration

The new information about fall youth programming (grades 6-12) is ready! This year, we are expanding Wednesday evening programming to include weekly meals and group opportunities for all ages starting September 20th. We also are offering a Sunday morning music program at the 9am hour beginning in September. Information & registration about fall programming is available online - <https://crosswindslife.org/engage/youth/>

Four Ways to Learn About Fall Youth Programming

- Aug 22nd Youth Night (parent check in time at 5pm, 15-minute check in with Pastor Stina before students leave for Fish Lake)
- **Sept 10th (11am)** - Parent meeting (social time and check in with Pastor after worship)
- **Sept 20th** (5:30pm dinner, 6:30pm program) - Wednesday Evening Fall Kick Off
- **Contact Pastor Stina** (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)