



## Youth Ministry Updates

Cross Winds Youth are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and Jesus-centered community where everyone can live out their faith. We care about the well-being of your students and family life. Our programs offer space for students and families to develop Christian relationships, among peers, other adults, families, and even our pastor. This is why we offer gatherings that include family dinners, small groups, service, mentoring, and leadership in the community for both your student as well as your family. Our summer calendar also offers life giving mission trips and beloved camp gatherings for students that vary each year. We are excited to offer a great year of ministry and look forward to having your family join us.



## Preview Fall Youth Programs and Register Today!

The new information about fall youth programming (grades 6-12) is ready. Wednesday evening programming will continue to include weekly meals and group opportunities for all ages starting September 25th. 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/>

## Back to School - Family Gathering Night

Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 pm

Calling all families with students participating in children and youth programs. Join us on Wednesday, September 18th (5:30-7pm) for dinner, social time, and a brief orientation to the children and youth programming at Cross Winds!



## Higher Ground Youth Choir Kick-off

Sunday, September 15, 9:00 am

We are excited to welcome all singers grade 6-12 to sing in our youth choir. The choir meets 2-3 Sundays per month in the music rehearsal room and sings in worship about 5 times per year. In rehearsal we focus on music reading, learning singing techniques, as well as ensemble singing skills with a variety of styles of music. We also share joys and concerns, pray together (and often eat donuts!). Contact Lori Lahtinen, Director of Worship and Music or the Church office to learn more.



## Senior High Students - Sleeping Mat Loom Project

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## Considering Confirmation - Middle School Families

Confirmation is a time in a student's life to discover and claim the Christian faith for themselves. It is an exploration of what it means to love God and love the world like Jesus through the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation students commit to an intentional 2-3 year course of study alongside our pastor, small group leaders, adult mentors, and peer small groups through shared classes, service, and worship. We also offer independent study options as well. At the end of Confirmation, they will be invited to make a public commitment to Christ and become a full member of our church community.

Students may begin their confirmation journey as early as 6th grade. Students are eligible to be confirmed in 8th grade or high school. New students who have completed work in other churches can speak with pastor about adapting the requirements to meet what they have already completed elsewhere. Confirmation Students complete their class requirements through attending Wednesday youth programs. Service hours and worship requirements are also a component of the confirmation experience. For additional information about the program, please refer to the [church webpage](#), contact Pastor Stina, or attend the **Back to School Night on Wednesday September 18th**.