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MIDWEST MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH

Midwest Mission Sunday - October 6

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CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

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11:00 am*

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and review 2024 church finances

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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 Thursdays - includes pastor's note, important information about the life of the church, and links for upcoming events
- Prayer Chain email updates

Finance Update

We are working on the 2025 Budget. We have a long way to go to meet all of requests that will support all of our CWUMC missions. You can make a big difference with additional Giving now in 2024 or your pledge for 2025. No amount is too small. We welcome any support that you can provide. Thank you again for your giving in 2024 for all of our ministries at CWUMC.

If you have questions about our Operating Fund, Your 2024 Pledge or questions related to our 2024 Budget, Capital Campaign Fund, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance please contact us at finance@crosswindsumc.org

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Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

~ Deuteronomy 6:4-9

When Moses led the Israelites out of slavery and into the promised land, God regularly reminded them of the importance of keeping God first – in the ways they loved, thought, spoke, and lived. In the scripture listed above from Deuteronomy, we hear God admonishing us to pay attention to those very things. Keep the Word of God constantly on your mind. Talk about them with

your kids. Talk about them with your family and friends wherever you go. Keep them visible so that you remember them in your personal and public lives.

How do we cultivate a life that is deeply immersed in paying attention to God wherever we go? Paying attention to anything in a hyper saturated information age is a challenge. It is so easy to get distracted. That is why these admonitions from Deuteronomy to pay attention to God and keep our attention on Him are more pertinent than ever.

Thankfully as Christians we have many ways to cultivate awareness of God. That is why we are spending time this fall talking about Five Habits that will bless your life and help you pay attention to God's direction wherever you go.

Our Five Main Habits Are:

Worship/Prayer - Pray 5 times a day. Worship once a week

Study – Read at least 5 verses of scripture a day

Serve – Pursue 5 acts of kindness a week

Give – Practice 5 acts of generosity a month

Share (Witness) - Share my faith with 5 people each year

I invite you to give these a try. Pay attention. They will change your heart and bless your lives. Do this and you will live.

WELL SPENT

Cultivating a Life of
Faith, Hope, & Love



As modern life becomes increasingly available “on demand,” it can be hard to choose what matters most. Join us this fall as we explore five Christian habits that will help you cultivate a life that can be well spent.

October 6 - *Transformed*

Romans 12:1-8

In a digital age when we can participate in and give towards almost anything at any time, how do we make meaningful choices that make an impact on our lives and the world? Join us as we explore the third essential Christian habit, service, and consider moving beyond the occasional gift given into a life changing, transformational pattern of service that is well spent. Today we also celebrate World Communion Sunday and explore the new ways we can partner with Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

October 20 - *For All To See*

Matthew 5:13-16

With the click of a button, we can share a digital review for the world to see. What does it take to move beyond simple clicks towards a deeper movement, where our very lives reflect the kind of review we'd like to share with the world? Join us as we explore our final Christian practice, known as witnessing.

October 13 - *From the Heart*

Matthew 6:1-4, 19-21

Jesus taught, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” What does it take to align our giving practices with the tugs of our own hearts? How can realigning the way we spend our money pave a path towards a life that is well spent? Join us as we explore the Christian practice of giving.

October 27 - *Cultivating Faith, Hope, & Love*

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

As we consider the five essential Christian practices of worship, study, service, giving, and witness, we'll take time to consider how all these practices collectively add up towards a life well spent that cultivates faith, hope, and love.

WELL SPENT

Cultivating a Life of
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Cross Winds Monthly Study Challenge

Read at least 5 verses of scripture a day as part of your holy, healthy habits. Several of the scripture selections also correspond with the Sunday readings as you prepare for weekly worship with the Cross Winds community.

Oct 1	Romans 12:1-5		Oct 17	Matthew 5:16-20
Oct 2	Romans 12:6-10		Oct 18	Matthew 5:21-24
Oct 3	Romans 12:11-15		Oct 19	Matthew 5:25-30
Oct 4	Romans 12:16-21		Oct 20	Matthew 5:31-37
Oct 5	Psalm 8:1-5		Oct 21	1 Corinthians 12:12-16
Oct 6	Psalm 8:5-9		Oct 22	1 Corinthians 12:17-21
Oct 7	Matthew 6:1-5		Oct 23	1 Corinthians 12:22-26
Oct 8	Matthew 6:6-10		Oct 24	1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Oct 9	Matthew 6:11-15		Oct 25	1 Corinthians 13:1-6
Oct 10	Matthew 6:16-20		Oct 26	1 Corinthians 13:7-13
Oct 11	Matthew 6:21-25		Oct 27	1 Corinthians 14:1-5
Oct 12	Matthew 6:26-30		Oct 28	Revelation 21:1-5
Oct 13	Matthew 6:30-35		Oct 29	Revelation 21:6-10
Oct 14	Matthew 5:1-5		Oct 30	Revelation 21:11-15
Oct 15	Matthew 5:6-10		Oct 31	Revelation 21:16-20
Oct 16	Matthew 5:11-15			



Coffee with the Pastor - Sunday, October 6, 11:00 am

Get to know our Pastor and other new friends at a “Coffee with the Pastor” event hosted in the main floor meeting room after Sunday morning worship on October 6th. These informal gatherings are a great way to meet other people, get to know more about Cross Winds, and find out how to connect!

New Member Sunday - November 10

During worship on Sunday, November 10th, we are excited 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.



Baptism Workshop - Sunday, November 10, 11:00 am

Open for all families considering baptism for their children. This 30-minute class is led by our pastor to help families prepare for the sacrament of baptism. Families do not need to pre-register to attend a workshop. However, if a family wants a child baptized, we ask that you attend a baptism workshop or schedule a meeting with the pastor.

Capital Campaign - Building Security Update - New Keys

As we update our facility, thanks to the generosity of the Capital Campaign, we have been able to upgrade our front doors with new locks and programmable access. We also have updated all door locks of internal rooms. Old keys will no longer work. If you want front door access or would like additional access to any interior rooms, please contact Michelle Schober, Director of Administration, and she will help ensure you have access according to your needs. As we work on these projects, we appreciate your patience and are excited to onboard these new tools to manage our facility so that all may be welcome.

Immigration Talk: Speaker from Minnesota Council of Churches

Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Location: Immanuel United Methodist Church

Do you have questions about immigration? Wonder if what you are hearing on the news or online is true? Join us at Immanuel United Methodist Church (10025 County Road 101, Corcoran) for this informative presentation that will teach us about: definitions of legal statuses, refugee resettlement statistics, National and local immigration policies and political considerations, and how to take action and get involved sponsored by United Women in Faith. There will be time for questions and answers as well.



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."
~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

What a joy to be back together on Sundays AND Wednesdays!

If you missed our Family Gathering Night on Wednesday September 18, don't worry! You can still register for programming here- [2024-25 Registration](#)

For more information visit our website [Children's Ministry at Cross Winds](#)



Volunteer in Children's Ministry

If you're feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry, connect with Amber!



Youth Ministry Updates

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

When the school year starts, it's common to get a back-to-school photo taken for the yearbook. Often this is accompanied by a lot of thoughts. How do I want my hair to look? What clothes do I want to wear? Should I show my teeth when I smile? What will my photo say about me?

When we go back to church, what kind of photo does God take of us? The Bible says it isn't what our outer appearance is, but rather what is in our heart. In the scripture reading above from 1 Samuel 16:7, God tells Samuel, who is looking for a new king, that God doesn't measure us by our physical appearances but by what is in our heart. If you go look up that full Bible story, you'll hear a story about a young boy named David, who wasn't much to look at, but it is said, he was a man after God's own heart. As he grew up, he became one of the most famous kings of Israel and left a legacy that was hard to beat.

If you could have a symbolic photo taken of your heart, what might it look like? What is in there that you are excited about? What fears and worries do you hold? What do you want God's help with this year?



Wednesday Nights At A Glance

See you on Wednesday nights for dinner (5:30-6:30pm) and youth group (6:30-7:30pm) for Middle School and Senior High students. This month, we're going to spend time talking about King David and King Solomon and what it takes to be a great leader.

Class night schedule for October

Oct 2nd – King David (the early years)

Oct 9th – King David (as a leader)

Oct 16th – NO classes (Fall break)

Oct 23rd – King Solomon

Oct 30th – Halloween Party



Senior High
Fall Project
Wednesday
Nights

NEW LOOM - Upcycling
Plastic Grocery Bags
into sleeping mats!

Senior High Loom Project

All Senior High Students are invited to drop by on Wednesday nights to help launch our new loom project, which involves upcycling plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats. Interested in leading or weaving? Stop by on Wednesdays or contact Pastor Stina to learn more.

October Halloween Party - October 30

Bring your friends for a not-so-scary Halloween party with our elementary, middle school, and high school Cross Winds friends. We're especially looking for high school students who can help lead activities for the party.





Save the date 2025





High School
July 13 – 16, 2025

Middle School
July 20 – 23, 2025

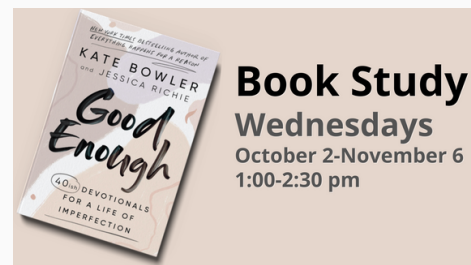
Adult Ministries and Small Groups



Wednesday Book Study - *Good Enough*

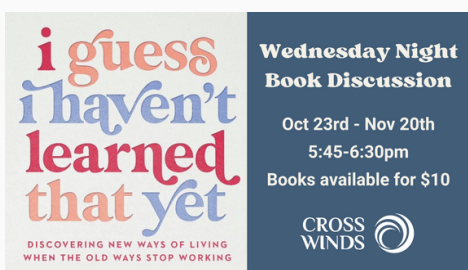
Begins October 2, 1:00-2:30 pm

Join Pastor Shirley for this Wednesday book group, reflecting on the writings of *Good Enough*. Written gently and with humor, *Good Enough* is permission for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix—and some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better. The first session will focus on the preface through page 33. [Register for the class online](#). Copies of the book are available at church (\$10/book).



Book Study Wednesdays

October 2-November 6
1:00-2:30 pm



Wednesday Night Book Discussion

October 23-November 20, 5:45-6:30 pm

Featured Book – *I Guess I Haven't Learned that Yet* by Shauna Niequist

See you on Wednesday nights for conversations about navigating the world when old ways don't work anymore. Featuring the writings of Shauna Niequist, this five-week discussion group will give you space to embrace trust God's goodness in a deeper, more profound way as you consider what your own life needs moving forward with courage, curiosity, and compassion. The group will be facilitated by Erin Lorenz. Books are available at church for \$10. [Registration is available online](#)

Prayers of the People - Gatherings Begin October 2nd

Meeting Wednesday evenings 6-6:20 pm

Gather with pastors and Cross Winds friends to share your prayer requests and pray for the prayer requests of those who gather. These brief Wednesday evening gatherings will be led by Pastor Stina and prayer hosts for all who seek a time of prayer including brief scripture reading and reflection. Gatherings will meet when Wednesday dinners are offered during the school year.

As we prepare to launch these gatherings, Pastor Stina is looking for a few friends who would like to help serve as prayer hosts (offering prayer support and care on Wednesday evenings). If you would like to learn more about serving as a prayer host, please contact Pastor Stina.



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6-6:20 pm

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Stitches of Love

Thursday, October 3, 1:30 pm

The Stitches of Love sewing group will be meeting Thursday, October 3 at 1 pm in the lower level. We will be discussing our new fall/winter projects. All new sewers are welcome.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Monday, October 28, 1:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, September 23 at 1:30 pm at church. Bring your own beverage, current project, and any completed shawls. We invite you to join us if you knit or crochet or would like to learn. We meet monthly on the fourth Monday.



Adult Ministries and Small Groups



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Prime Timers

"Come On Get Happy"
Cross Community Players
Concert.
Meet at church for dessert
Then go to the concert

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
6:15 PM

SIGN UP



Prime Timers

Saturday, October 26, 6:15 pm

All retirees or those nearing retirement are invited to join us for our October outing to see Cross Community Players fall concert, "Come On Get Happy". Sign up on church website so we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there for a good time.

- 6:15 pm: We will gather at church for dessert, apple cider, coffee or bring your own beverage of choice and enjoy some conversation and fellowship.
- 7:15 pm: Proceed to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Maple Grove for the 7:30 pm Cross Community Players annual concert with a fun filled theme called Come On, Get Happy! This original concept will include Broadway and movie musical favorites from every era that celebrate optimism, hope, and good times. No tickets required: Come as you are to this fundraising event. A freewill offering of \$15 per person is recommended.

Prime Timers Monthly Brunch

Tuesday, October 1, 11:30 am

A Prime Timers Brunch has been arranged for the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo. Breakfast and Lunch menus will be available. Everyone invited! Sign up on the church website.

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Prime Timers Brunch

Join us monthly for Prime Timers Brunch at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo

SIGN UP

First Tuesdays
11:30 AM



LADIES WHO LUNCH

October 15, 12pm

Join us at Granite City, Maple Grove.
Sign up on the website or contact the church office by October 13.

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Ladies Who Lunch

Tuesday, October 15, 12:00 pm

Ladies Who Lunch will gather on Tuesday, October 15 at 12:00 pm at Granite City Restaurant, 11909 Main Street in Maple Grove. You can check their website for menu information: Maple Grove, Minnesota - Granite City Food & Brewery (gcfb.com). Please sign up on the Cross Winds Ladies Who Lunch Events page or let the church office know so reservation can be confirmed with restaurant. All ladies are invited to join us.

Game Night - Thursday, October 17, 6:30 pm

Join together with friends and have fun. It will be a game night for family and friends. Games for all ages will be there but feel free to bring your favorite game to teach others. This game group will meet in the evening of every third Thursday of the month. We will be playing a variety of games. Please spread the word and join us.

Game Night

3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Games for all ages!



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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Cross Winds is excited to expand our support of Midwest Mission this coming year. Learn more about the ways you can do all the good you can through helping the work of Midwest Mission with us on Sunday October 6th during worship AND afterwards (11am) for a discussion panel.

About Midwest Mission

Located in Pawnee, IL, Midwest Mission serves as a distribution center for relief supplies in the US and internationally. They are Christians who work to show God's love in a practical way to those in need in their time of crisis. Founded by the United Methodist Church (UMC), all are welcome to engage in this ministry. Supplies are given freely through trusted partner non-profits who work with people from all places and backgrounds.

FOUR AREAS OF SUPPORT

Through local church support, Midwest Mission can send tangible resources to those in need to make an intangible difference in their lives through hope and empowerment.

Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, we send requested supplies and prepared kits. Disasters have four stages: 1. Readiness 2. Rescue 3. Relief 4. Recovery. We work with US and global partners in each stage except for the rescue stage.

Health

Health is a basic human need, but many lack equipment and supplies to sustain and improve their health. We send resources like Rice Meals and medical supplies to meet community health needs. When someone's health is in jeopardy, everything else is.

Education

Education is a key to improving a child's circumstances. Students need tools that will set them up for success. We equip them with resources that empower them to build a better future for themselves.

Microbusiness

We refurbish bikes and sewing machines to send to men and women to give them the means to make a living for their family.

Learn more online about Midwest Mission - <https://www.midwestmission.org/>

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About Midwest Mission - *Continued*

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

Midwest Mission is one of seven cooperating depots in the UMCOR relief supply network. Midwest Mission is not funded or run by UMCOR but receives, assembles, and stores all UMCOR Kits and disburses them upon the request during disasters in the United States.



Ways to Support Midwest Mission at Cross Winds

Donation Drives for Supplies

Throughout the year, we'll have donation drives to collect supplies for Midwest Mission. Interested in helping, contact a member of the connections committee (Co-chairs Rev. Joyce Sluss and Kathryn Wahl)

Volunteer at Midwest Mission

We're assembling a volunteer trip to serve at the Illinois Distribution Center November 9-13, 2025. Trip leader is Mark Biederman. Contact Mark or Pastor Stina.

Join Stitches of Love

A group who sews school bags and quilts for Midwest Mission and UMCOR needs. Stitches of Love coordinators - JoAn Baker and Maryanne Mbali.

Senior High Students

Sleeping Mat Loom Project (more information soon. This project involves upcycling plastic bags to be used for weaving sleeping mats). Stop by Wednesday night programming to learn more.



MIDWEST MISSION TRIP TO ILLINOIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER NOV 9-13, 2025

Register by Nov 24, 2024



Midwest Mission Trip - November 9-13, 2025

Reserve Your Spot by November 24, 2024

Join others from Cross Winds for a week of service at Midwest Mission.

WHAT TYPE OF WORK WILL I BE DOING?

At Midwest Mission, they strive to accommodate a wide variety of ability levels, from sit down work to manual labor. While at Midwest Mission, volunteers will: pack kits, sort items, sew, help with mailings, build desks, repair bicycles & sewing machines, or whatever the current requested needs are at the time.

Learn more about Midwest Mission at <https://www.midwestmission.org/>

Estimated Trip Costs

- \$100 food per person (estimating \$10/person/meal)
- \$50/night/room in dormitory (can sleep up to 4 people)
- [If hotel is chosen - estimated costs are approximately \$100-\$150/night]
- \$50 volunteer fee (for 6 shifts of working at Midwest Mission)
- Traveling expenses [TBD] - participants will arrange travel
- Additional costs of meals while traveling

Possible costs depending on recreational activities chosen by the group

How Do I Sign Up?

Register online OR Contact Pastor Stina to indicate your interest.

Official deposits and final team registration will occur in January 2025.



Cross Winds UMC Annual Giving Drive 2025 - *This is Our Story*

We give thanks for the ways God has been faithful through the people of Cross Winds UMC over the decades. As we prepare for the year ahead in ministry, we take time to celebrate our blessings and welcome the ways God is encouraging us to live faithfully into the future. Join us this fall as we prepare for the future together through the joint work of our Annual Giving Drive. Information will be available, and a congregational meeting will be hosted in October, so that we can work on this together as partners in the ministry. Making these hopes a reality requires your help. Prayerfully consider the ways you will be able to support this work through your prayers, presence, financial gifts, service, and witness by filling out a Commitment Card. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

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Annual Giving Drive Commitment Sunday - November

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