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Community Night

November 20
5:30-7:30 pm

Community Night - November 20

Thanksgiving Dinner (5:30-6:30pm)

All About Communion workshop (6:30-7:30pm)

Bring your family and friends for a Thanksgiving dinner at Cross Winds on Wednesday, November 20 (5:30-6:30pm) hosted by our hospitality team. Recommended donation of \$5/person.

After dinner, families are invited to stay for a special "All About Communion" workshop where you can learn together about the sacrament of Holy Communion and share in the sacrament together.



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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 continue working on the 2025 Budget. A vital piece to the budget is our Pledge of Giving. You can make a difference with your pledge for 2025. Our goal is to increase our Giving by 10% next year. We welcome any support that you can provide and no amount is too small. Thank you for your giving in 2024 and your Pledge for 2025.

If you have questions about our Operating Fund, Your 2024 Pledge or questions related to our 2025 Budget, Capital Campaign Fund, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance please contact us at finance@crosswindsumc.org

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With Gratitude

A Big thank you to all who have been praying for me, sending cards and good thoughts. They are working! To God be the Glory!

~ Colleen Rorvick

HELLO NOVEMBER

Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

~ Matthew 5:14-16

This fall we have been reflecting on five important Christian habits:

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 hope you've been trying some of these habits out and going even deeper with the ones you've already made as habits. Most importantly, I pray that you keep these habits for the long haul, going far beyond this fall. These essential Christian practices are crucial in tending a healthy, loving relationship with God and one another.

Doing anything for the long haul can be tough. When monotony sets in and when distractions seem more alluring, remember these habits are vital to your well-being! They are what it takes find faith, hope, and love in your life. Sticking with these habits for a lifetime will bless you and your family. Trust me that when you give these habits to God, you will find joy and fulfillment amidst adversity and chaos. These are the habits that make life well spent.

As these habits become a part of your life, you will find it easier and don't be surprised if you feel as if people notice a difference, as if you radiate something. You will! Jesus talks about it like this, when our lives are grounded in the habits of God, we begin to shine, like a light. So do not hide it, let your light radiate so that others are blessed by our Heavenly Father as well.



Thankful

Celebrating the Blessings of Life

In life, in death, in life after death, God is with us. Join us as we praise God for all seasons of life, trusting in the eternal goodness of God and the blessings our Father longs to share with us.

November 3 - A Heavenly Vision

Revelation 21:1-6

The Psalmist declares, “weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5). Gather with us on All Saints Sunday to celebrate the heavenly vision God has for us in the life of the world to come. We also will commission our Home Communion Ministers and hear testimony from Scott Parr about this new ministry.

November 10 - Everything She Had

Mark 12:38-44

Living like Jesus involves giving like Jesus. Sometimes that includes giving financially to the work of local needs, including our church. Join us as we explore what Jesus had to say about giving as we consecrate the financial pledges made towards the Annual Giving Drive and welcome new members to the Cross Winds family.

November 17 - Conformed or Transformed

Romans 12:1-2

We are the light of the world. We are the salt of the earth. Therefore, it is our responsibility to preserve and illuminate the world. Join us as we hear a word of encouragement from Rev. Elijah Nagbe.

November 24 - In the Face of Adversity...Try and Try Again

James 1:2-7, 12

Throughout the Bible we are told that God gives us gifts for the “common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7). Yet putting those gifts to work takes commitment and perseverance. Today we celebrate the work of our public servants, who have overcome great adversity in order to benefit the common good, as we welcome Officer Jason Brezina to the pulpit. We will also highlight the work of the Sweet Dreams program of CROSS Services, featuring Dale Bossen.



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.

Nov 1	Revelation 21:21-25		Nov 16	Romans 11:28-33
Nov 2	Revelation 21:26-22:3		Nov 17	Romans 11:33-12:2
Nov 3	Revelation 22:3-7		Nov 18	Psalms 16:1-6
Nov 4	Psalms 127:1-5		Nov 19	1 Corinthians 12:1-5
Nov 5	Psalms 146:1-5		Nov 20	1 Corinthians 12:6-10
Nov 6	Mark 12:13-17		Nov 21	1 Corinthians 12:11-15
Nov 7	Mark 12:18-23		Nov 22	1 Corinthians 12:16-20
Nov 8	Mark 12:24-31		Nov 23	1 Corinthians 12:21-25
Nov 9	Mark 12:32-37		Nov 24	James 1:2-7, 12
Nov 10	Mark 12:28-44		Nov 25	Psalms 93:1-5
Nov 11	Romans 11:1-6		Nov 26	Psalms 126:1-6
Nov 12	Romans 11:7-11		Nov 27	Psalms 25:1-5
Nov 13	Romans 11:12-16		Nov 28	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Nov 14	Romans 11:17-21		Nov 29	Luke 25:25-30
Nov 15	Romans 11:22-27		Nov 30	Luke 25:31-36

CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



What a joy to be together on Sundays AND Wednesdays! Here's what we are learning:

People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey.

In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.





Join us in Children's Ministry

It's never too late join us! You can register for programming [HERE](#)

[For more information visit our website.](#)

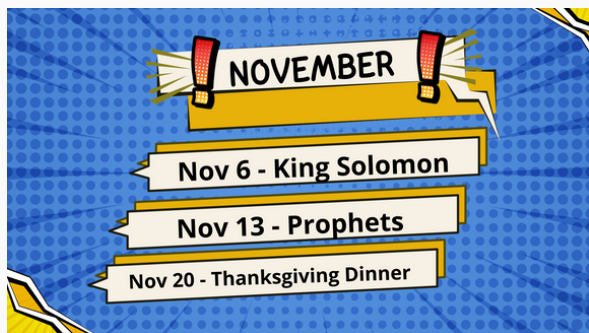
Volunteer in Children's Ministry

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





Youth Ministry Updates



Wednesday Nights

October and November Theme - Great Leaders

When you hear the word "leader," you might think about an influential artist or celebrity, or a famous politician, or a coach on a soccer field, or that kid who just got elected class president. And, sure, those people are definitely leaders! But these aren't the only ways to lead. Great leaders don't have to have official positions, titles, or people who report to them.

With God, being a great leader is something anyone can achieve because leadership is simply about becoming the kind of person who's worth following. But how? Through their examples (both good and bad), we reflected how great leaders are the people most likely to follow through, choose to love, choose integrity, and follow God's lead.

Last month, we talked about the leadership of King David. Join us in November as we consider the wisdom of King Solomon and the emergence of the prophets who spoke truth to leaders in a time of need.

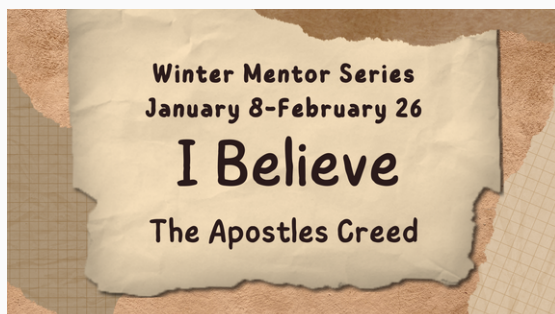
November Schedule at a Glance

November 6 - King Solomon and the Temple

November 13 - The Prophets of the Old Testament

November 20 - Community Night

November 27 - NO CLASS, Thanksgiving Break



Looking Ahead - Mentoring Starts in January!

Our winter mentor session this year for Wednesday evening Middle School students will focus on the Apostles Creed and invite parents or a family member to participate. To get ready for this program, Pastor Stina will be asking each family to communicate which family member will be the mentor for each student by December 15th.



Christmas at Cross Winds

Looking ahead - Christmas Sneak Peak

Choir Musical - The Silence and the Sound

"The Silence and the Sound", an Advent musical composed by Heather Sorenson, will be presented by the Cross Winds Music Ministry Team for worship on Sunday, December 8 at 10am. This cantata begins with the magnitude of the ancient Christmas carol "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" as the silence of God for 400 years is experienced in word and music. The work continues exploring the mystery and the majesty of Christ's birth through scripture, carols, and original sacred songs and ending in a celebration of sing along familiar carols. Invite others to join you for this unique worship experience as you prepare for the coming of Christ.

Flute Cocktail at Cross Winds - December 22, 10:00 am Worship

See you on Sunday, December 22nd as we welcome Flute Cocktail to worship (10am). Flute Cocktail is a group of flutists from a variety of backgrounds playing a variety of flutes, who will perform both sacred and secular Christmas music. The voices that make up Flute Cocktail's delightful sound include C flutes, alto and bass flutes, piccolo, and whistles. Learn more about the group - <https://flute-cocktail.org/>

Christmas Eve - Celebrate Christmas with Cross Winds

Worship Services at 2pm, 4pm, and 10 pm

2pm Traditional Family Worship Service: Includes your traditional favorites for all ages to enjoy in 45 minutes and will be livestreamed.

4pm Children's Worship Service: This high energy, celebratory worship service, gives all children a chance to put on a Christmas costume and be a part of the fun. Be ready to smile from ear to ear and make some noise.

10pm Candlelight Worship Service: Enjoy the peace of a traditional candlelight service, complete with many beloved Christmas traditions and sanctuary choir.



Coffee with the Pastor - Sunday, November 3, 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 November 3rd. 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.

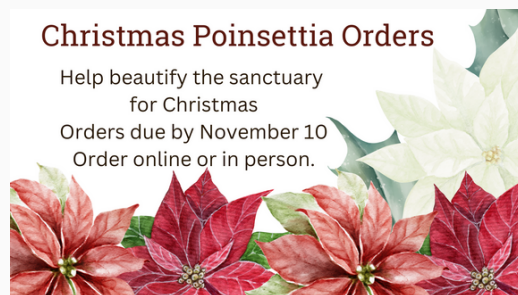


Baptism Workshop - Sunday, November 10, 11:00 am

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.

Christmas Poinsettia Order - Due November 10

Order Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas. Pick up an order form at church and pay by check or use this [link](#) to order and pay online. Plants will be supplied through Lynde Greenhouse.



Home Communion Ministry Starting

We give thanks to our new home communion ministry team, ready to share the sacrament of Holy Communion with friends at home. The Communion elements are blessed during Sunday morning worship and available for distribution to friends throughout the month.

Working collaboratively with our pastors (Pastor Stina, Pastor Paul Baker, and Pastor Harold Biederman), our new Communion Ministers are: Louise Fuller, Amber Lahtinen, Bill Lewis, Joan Mann, Scott Parr, Mary Stire.

If you are interested in receiving Communion at home, please contact Pastor Stina.



Lefse Making Party
Saturday
November 23
9-11:30 am
Registration required.
\$12 fee

Lefse Making Party - Saturday, November 23, 9-11:30am

Learn how to make Lefse, a Scandinavian culinary tradition. Spaces available for 16 participants. Students (ages 12 and older) welcome if accompanied by an adult. Recommended \$12 per person. Hosted by Jeanine Ronning. [Register online today](#); deadline for registration is November 19.

Dinner for Eight-ish Launches in January

Sign up by December 15

Join a "Dinner for Eight-ish" group starting this January. These small groups of five to eight adults will bring church friends together for once-a-month dinner gatherings (January through April). The individual small groups will determine the specific days and venues for gatherings, which may vary from home gatherings to restaurant connections or even meeting at church for small potlucks. [Sign up online](#) by December 15th or contact Ron Chick or Pastor Stina to learn more.

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Sign up on the website

crosswindslife.org

**CHARGE
CONFERENCE**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
6:00 PM

For the purpose of approving
2025 Pastoral Compensation

Cross Winds Charge Conference - Tuesday, November 26

There will be a Charge Conference at Cross Winds UMC on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:00pm for the purpose of reviewing and approving the 2025 Pastoral Compensation forms. At a Charge Conference, all church members are welcome to attend to provide voice only, while Board members have voice and vote. For more information, please contact the Staff Parish Relations Chair (SPRC), Lisa Midgarden, or Pastor Stina.

Faithful Servant Award 2025

Nominations due December 22

Beginning in 2022, Cross Winds awarded its first annual Faithful Servant Award to congregation members to recognize volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents towards the efforts of Cross Winds. We are blessed with many people who give of themselves to this church in a variety of areas. The reasons include but are not limited to Building, Ministry, Education, Hospitality, Music, Sunday School, Worship leadership, Women's retreat, and Missions. Nominations are now open for the 2025 Faithful Servant Awards to be awarded later this winter. Please fill out a nomination form [located on the Cross Winds website](#) or paper copy on the welcome desk. Paper ballots can also be returned to the welcome desk. These should be returned by December 22.

**Faithful
Servant Award
Nominations**

Due December 22

Adult Ministries and Small Groups



Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Events

Sunday, November 24, 11:30am-1:00pm

Monday, December 9, 5:30-7:00pm

A GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar, offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this 90 minute seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. You'll hear insights from respected Christian counselors, pastors, and psychologists. You'll receive a Holiday Survival Guide with practical strategies, encouraging words, helpful exercises, Q/As, and journaling ideas for daily survival through the holiday season. A light meal will also be served. Register online: [November Event](#) Or [December Event](#).

Meal Ministry Team - Volunteer Opportunity

The Cross Winds Meal Ministry is an excellent way to serve others, share the love of the Lord Jesus, and make a difference in someone's life. The purpose is simply to help someone in need by providing a ready-made meal. In times of need, it is an incredible blessing to see a friendly face and receive a meal. Organized meal giving centers around significant life events. When a friend is in need, everyone wonders, "What can I do to help?" One answer is to provide a meal! If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry or know of someone who would benefit from a meal, please contact the Church Office or Lynda Weeks (prayer@crosswindsumc.org).



Wednesday Night Advent Bible Study

December 4-18, 6:30-7:30 pm

Christians have long observed the Advent season by meditating on peace, hope, joy, and love. Study these rich biblical words with our Advent series based on resources from the Bible Project. Join this 3-week study that does not require advanced reading. [Sign up online](#) or stop by!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Monday, November 25, 1:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, November 25 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



PRIME TIMERS November Event Friday, November 15, 6:00 pm

Join us for dinner and a show
featuring the Looney
Lutherans at St Philip the
Deacon Church in Plymouth
Ticket information and
more on our website

Prime Timers

Friday, November 15, 6:00 pm

Join the Prime Timers for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we attend the Looney Lutherans of Church Basement Ladies fame at St. Philip the Deacon, 17205 County Road 6 in Plymouth. Further information about the Looney Lutherans can be found on their website: <https://looneylutherans.com/>. Please see the event on the Cross Winds website for information about how to register and get tickets.

Prime Timers Monthly Brunch

Tuesday, November 5, 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.



Ladies Who Lunch

Tuesday, November 19, 12:00 pm

Ladies Who Lunch will gather on Tuesday, November 19 at 12:00 pm at PF Changs. 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, November 21, 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.





Annual Giving Drive Commitment Sunday - November 10

As you consider your commitment to the Cross Winds Annual Giving Drive, please submit your Annual Giving Commitment Cards by Sunday, November 10th. Cards are available at Cross Winds or an electronic form is also available online at www.crosswindslife.org. Your annual giving commitment helps your church plan ministry. Please return a card, even if you can only make a limited financial commitment at this time. Your commitment can be changed and does not set up your donation. It simply tells us what you are planning. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support. You can always increase or decrease your commitment if your situation changes by calling our Church Office or contacting our financial secretary, Steve Weeks. If you have questions regarding this card or your annual giving, call the Church at or contact Steve Weeks (finance@crosswindsumc.org).

More information about the giving drive, the online estimate of giving form, the stewardship drive videos, and much more can be found in the [website article](#).

Holiday Toy Drive

November 1-24

Unwrapped toys (ages 0-10)
Money for gift cards (ages 11-18)
wrapping paper



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CROSS Services - Holiday Toy Drive Collection

November 1-24

Spread Christmas cheer this year to local children and youth by donating to the CROSS Services Holiday Toy Drive. We will be collecting unwrapped toys for children ages 0-10 and financial donations to be used to purchase gift cards for students ages 11-18. Donations of wrapping paper also are appreciated. CROSS Services is a non-profit 501(c)(3) social services organization. They assist local families and individuals in need, with an emphasis on ending hunger through access to healthy food. CROSS serves Rogers, Maple Grove, Osseo, Corcoran, Dayton, and Champlin (West of 169) communities of Minnesota.

To donate money towards the holiday gift cards, please make checks payable to Cross Winds UMC, noting CROSS Gifts in the memo line. Online giving is also available at crosswindslife.org/give (select subfund – CROSS Services). Thank you making the holiday season brighter for our neighbors.

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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

Midwest Mission

A big thanks to all who donated supplies this summer for flood relief efforts. They have been given to Midwest Mission for use.



Hurricane Helene & Milton Disaster Relief Support Through Midwest Mission

Hurricanes Helene and Milton have left a path of devastation in its wake. Record flooding and winds caused entire communities to be flattened from Florida to North Carolina. Consider supporting the work of Midwest Mission in relief efforts. Financial donations may be given directly to Midwest Mission or give through Cross Winds and note – “Midwest Mission hurricane.” Learn more online - <https://www.midwestmission.org>

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. Located in Pawnee, IL, Midwest Mission serves as a distribution center for relief supplies in the US and internationally. Founded by the United Methodist Church (UMC), they work to show God's love in a practical way to those in need in their time of crisis. 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/> To learn more about the trip or register your interest see the [website article](#) or contact Pastor Stina or trip leader, Mark Biederman.

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Christmas Offering Layette Kit Items



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Christmas Baby Shower in a Bundle - Donate Layette Kit Items for Midwest Mission

Donations Accepted Throughout December

Bring hope to new moms across the world this Christmas by donating layette kit supplies for Midwest Mission.

Layette Kit Items Requested for Donation

Items must be new and 0-6 months in size. Donation items include cloth diapers, gowns or sleepers, onesies or undershirts, infant washcloths (no adult washcloths), diaper pins - with plastic closures, sweater or jacket with front opening, receiving blankets (28"x28" to 32" x 32", no fleece or thermal). Do not send items with camouflage fabrics. Handmade items are also accepted when they follow the patterns available at <https://www.midwestmission.org/patterns>

If you would like to donate money towards the purchasing of supplies, please make your donations payable to Cross Winds UMC and indicate – Midwest Mission kits in the memo line. For online donations, please select Midwest Mission as the subfund and note – kits in the memo line.

More information can be found in the [website article](#).

Epiphany Party

Wednesday January 8th

Dinner at 5:30pm
Layette Kit Assembly
at 6:30pm

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Epiphany Party - Sneak Peak

Join us on Wednesday, January 8th (5:30-7pm) for dinner and activities as we assemble the layette kits together!

Courageous Women Fall Retreat

Women's Fall Retreat

Thank you to everyone who made the fall retreat a special time of renewal and learning.



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