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WINDSUnited
Methodist
Church**Meet & Greet**
with
Pastor Dianne**Meet and Greet in August**

We invite you to sign up to attend one of three Meet and Greet opportunities with Pastor Dianne. We have decided to do these as potluck dinners. The three dates are August 6, August 20, and August 27 from 5:30-7:00pm.

Please sign up and indicate which date you prefer to attend and what dish you will bring to share. We have a limit of 15 people per gathering. Please sign up all family members that will be attending.

For questions, please contact Michelle in the office.



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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

MN Annual Conference News

Stay up to date on news from the MN Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church: www.minnesotaumc.org

Finance Update

Thank you for your Giving for CWUMC. As we head into July we have a slight surplus and as you may be aware starting in July there will be staffing changes. We will welcome a new Pastor and make other changes to our ministry staff. Those changes will be highlighted in the Compass and will impact our budgeted expenses in the remaining months. Your Finance Committee has reviewed these changes to the budget and has recommended to the Board to move ahead with approving those changes. In light of the staffing changes that will be occurring during the summer we need to consider our on-going funding for church staff and our ministries. Therefore, if you have not pledged for 2025 or want to increase your pledge it's not too late! We welcome any support that you can provide no matter what the time of the year it is. You can still make a difference for 2025.

If you have questions about our Operating Fund, or questions related to our 2025 Budget, other Reserve Funds, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance contact us at finance@crosswindsumc.org

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MOVING MOUNTAINS

WORSHIP SERIES
JULY 6-20



Join us in worship this month as we welcome Pastor Dianne.

Her first sermon series is titled Moving Mountains.

July 6 - *God is on the Move*

Genesis 1:1-8

Join us for worship for Pastor Dianne's first Sunday at Cross Winds.

July 13 - *Mountains can seem like Obstacles*

Genesis 12:1-9

Today we welcome the Brooklyn Big Band as they provide their great music for worship.

July 20 - *Mountains as Opportunities*

Luke 1:39-45

Join us after worship for a special reception to welcome Pastor Dianne.

Cross Winds UNPLUGGED JUNE 15-JULY 13



We are taking a break from
livestreaming worship.
Online friends can revisit some
favorites from the past year.



“...Getting Wet”

“Most of what we do in our worldly life is geared toward our staying dry, looking good, not going under. But in baptism, in lakes and rain and tanks and fonts, you agree to do something that’s a little sloppy because at the same time it’s also holy, and absurd. It’s about surrender, giving in to all those things we can’t control; it’s a willingness to let go of balance and decorum and get drenched.”

~ Anne Lamott, Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith

I don’t know about you, but much of who we have been in the last several days (which now feels like weeks) has seemed to be about staying dry in the midst of all the rain we have had lately. In the last several days, we have been dodging rain as the moving truck was loaded and unloaded. On both occasions, the movers had just finished and then it seemed as if the heavens opened and let loose. I have had this image emblazoned on my heart combined with the images of water from the tables at Annual Conference where we were called to touch the waters to remember our baptism and be thankful. Opening worship at Annual Conference called us to remember what it means to be a part of the body of Christ and to the waters of our Baptism. In Baptism we open ourselves to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and how sometimes we jump in while not really knowing what it is all going to look like. I was reminded of these words from Anne Lamott’s book because we as adults in the faith spend considerable time and energy trying to ‘stay dry’ while in reality, what we need to be doing is GETTING WET!

Even though the “church” was not present for the service at Annual Conference, we recognize that we are part of the one body of Christ. We are part of helping one another grow in faith and service to the world, so that others will know of the life changing gift of God’s love. God equips us brothers and sisters to do powerful work with people of all ages and stages. We are engaged in something holy and perhaps absurd that we don’t understand or claim to come from us. And yet, as humans, we try to put together the words that those entrusted to us for faith and community that we are here with them on this amazing journey. Most importantly though, when we celebrate a baptism, we all affirm once again that we believe that God travels with us in our journey as well. Even when we do not know it or understand what it means. Even when we don’t feel as if we are worthy, or together enough, or even much of a ‘believer.’ Even when we don’t get it or understand what it all might mean. Even when our primary aim is to stay dry.



“...Getting Wet” (continued)

I know that throughout my life I have certainly spent a considerable amount of time and energy trying to stay dry and look good. I have probably also spent even more effort trying not to go under, not to send myself spiraling into a hole I feared I'd never crawl out of. I've twisted myself into shapes and knots only a contortionist should be able to do to keep control. Any of this sound familiar to you?

And yet, as Anne Lamott reminds us, this life we have been given is mostly about surrender. The more we surrender to the surprises and unknowns, the more we allow ourselves to free fall into the Mystery of God that holds us. It is the dress rehearsal for the ultimate surrender we each reach at life's end. A daily practice of surrender can bring more than any of us could ever imagine and promises to keep our daily walk filled with grace and giftedness.

Baptism is many things to many people. But as I see it, this act we in the Christian household call a sacrament, is something visible to us of something that dwells within, whose ingredients are pure grace. Its action binds strangers and friends, guests and enemies, young and old, those who agree and those who argue, into a common, messy life together using that element of which we are all made and through which we are all sustained: water. Swimming through it all is the Creator whose image is imprinted on each of us. Each time we welcome one with water, we welcome them to this messy, wonderful world we welcome them with water, hope and love. “Come on in! The water is fine!” we said,

And so it is. And so it is.

As one on the journey with you,
Pastor Dianne

A Word of Thanks

I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks for the wonderful welcome that you have extended to me as I make my home in Champlin and serve the people of Cross Winds UMC.

The move went smoothly, and I am so grateful for the wonderful meal provided on Tuesday, June 24th during the move. Thank you so very much!

I look forward to meeting you all and walking alongside you in mission and ministry.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Dianne



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



VBS 2025: "Power of Prayer" consists of 12 carefully crafted sessions, each focusing on a different biblical passage that highlights specific aspects of prayer. Cross Winds' Very Blessed Summer will run June 15-Aug 31!

- July 6- A prayer of guidance: Abraham's servant's petition. Genesis 24: 12-14
- July 13 - A prayer of courage: Esther's brave stand. Esther 4:16
- July 20- A prayer of consistency: Daniel's faithful habit. Daniel 6:10
- July 27- A prayer of repentance: Jonah's return to God. Jonah 2:1-9

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



Adult Ministries and Small Groups



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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**

Prime Timers Monthly Brunch

Tuesday, July 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.](#)

Prime Timers

No special event is planned for July but there is lots going on for you to enjoy. Check out [Maple Grove Days](#) in early July along with all the concerts and movies at [Town Green](#).

Plymouth also has events at Hilde Center and a number of other activities at the Plymouth Community Center including indoor movies as do many other nearby communities.

Enjoy your summer!

LADIES WHO LUNCH
July 15, 11:30am

Join us at Brick and Bourbon in Maple Grove.
Sign up on the website or contact the church office by July 13.

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Ladies Who Lunch

Tuesday, July 15, 11:30 am

Ladies Who Lunch will gather on Tuesday, June 17 at 11:30 am at Brick and Bourbon in Maple Grove. 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.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, July 28 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.





Celebrating the Ministry of Lori Lahtinen

Wednesday, August 13

Alumni Choir Rehearsal and
Celebration Dinner

Sunday, August 17

Alumni Choir and Blessing of
Lori's Ministry during worship,
followed by a special reception

Cross Winds has been blessed with the music leadership of Lori Lahtinen for 26 years. We invite you to save the date to celebrate her ministry with us as she retires from her work as the Director of Worship and Music ministries this August.

Save the Date For These Celebrations

- Wednesday, August 13 (evening) – Alumni Choir Rehearsal, Dinner, and Retirement Recognition Program
- Sunday, August 17 (morning worship) – Alumni Choir and Blessing of Lori's Ministry during worship followed by a special reception

Alumni Choir Information

All students and adults who have sung with Lori in the past are invited to participate in a special alumni choir rehearsal and performance. Rehearsal will meet the evening of Wednesday, August 13 and the choir will perform during worship on Sunday, August 17. To participate in the alumni choir, please [register online](#) or contact Michelle Schober (office@crosswindsumc.org).

Celebration Video - Submissions due by July 27

We will be putting together a special remembrance video for Lori. If you would like to submit a 2 minute video message for Lori, please record the video in landscape format and then upload files [HERE](#) or send to Michelle Schober (office@crosswindsumc.org).

Card Shower

We also invite all church friends to share cards of appreciation for Lori. These will be collected throughout August and presented on August 17.

Music Notes



Save the Date - October 19

Cross Winds Choir will be joining our voices with singers throughout the metro area to premier the incredible musical "Amazing Grace: From Blind To Free" composed by Lloyd Larson at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis on October 19th. This is the same work that we are presenting at Carnegie Hall in NYC this month.

You are all invited to come to the concert which starts at 4pm. We have arranged a bus for transportation and purchased a block of 56 tickets so you can simply drive to church and leave your car in the parking lot. Tickets for this event are \$25 and will be first come, first served; you will have to [register online](#) and pay online at Crosswindslife.org to secure your seats.

The choir is busy preparing music for this wonderful event; it provides us an opportunity to deepen both our faith and our musical connection to our world and God. We would love to have you join us! See you at the concert!

Cross Winds Job Opening - Choir Director Position

Cross Winds is seeking a part-time Choir Director to prepare the sanctuary choir and worship leaders to sing in weekly worship. The Director works with the worship staff to ensure that each worship service has a welcoming and worshipful atmosphere where the community feels invited to participate and encourages and empowers other to share their worship leading gifts with congregation. The Choir Director is expected to work on-site on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, with additional time built in for personal rehearsal, planning, and collaboration with the worship staff. More information can be found on the [church website](#).



Cross Winds Endowment Fund

2025 Endowment Fund Updates

Recent \$20,000 Gift Made to the Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that \$20,000 has been recently given towards the Cross Winds Endowment. We are grateful for the generosity of the donors who made this possible.

2025 Endowment Project – Student Wing Renovation

In addition, the endowment committee is honored to present the 2025 endowment gift towards the renovation of the student wing entry cabinets. This renovation work was selected as the 2025 gift recipient by the committee because it provides increased versatility for our student wing area, supporting the space with more practical countertops, a new cleaning sink, and space for proper storage. This is well timed as the student wing flooring and paint is renovated through the donations made earlier by the Capital Campaign. We are grateful for the work of our endowment committee and trustees for their input in this selection process.

How does the Endowment Fund work?

The Endowment Ministry Fund provides a way for members and friends of Cross Winds to leave a legacy that will live on past their lifetimes. Through this Fund, the Church can carry on God's work, reaching beyond the limitations of the annual budget. The Endowment Ministry Fund is a permanently restricted, self-sustaining source of funding. Earnings are paid out annually according to the church's wishes. Donations such as cash, checks, or stock options and other types of gifts may be given. An endowment fund pools contributions from its donors and invests those contributions so that they will grow. The portfolio is managed professionally, and then a portion of the investment fund is withdrawn each year and used for purposes designated by the church. As such, donations made today are truly lasting gifts, which will continue to support our church for many years into the future.

Previous Endowment Gift Recipients

- **2022 – Sanctuary Sound Board**
- **2023 – Fellowship Hall Chairs**
- **2024 – Office Renovation Work**



MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

June 11-13 | St. Cloud

Annual Conference Recap -

by Christa Meland, edited by Michelle Schober

This is a summary of some key highlights of the three days of Annual Conference.

Key Details and Theme: About 500 from across Minnesota came together in St. Cloud to worship, learn, discern our shared future, and celebrate what God is doing through us. Drawing on 1 John 4, our theme was “Created to Love Boldly.” We were reminded that God loves us beyond measure and inspired to share God’s love in a hurting world.

Episcopal Address: In her Episcopal Address, Bishop Lanette Plambeck urged us to lean into “the reckless, unrelenting grace of God” even when the world around us seems bent on despair. She reflected on the word “hallelujah”—which is found only in Psalms and Revelation; it’s used not as individual praise but as a collective call to praise the Lord. She encouraged us to be a people who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

Constitutional Amendments: Voting took place by written ballot for the four Constitutional Amendments. The outcome of these ballots will not be known until all Annual Conferences hold their sessions.

Legislation: Hundreds of voting members in attendance at Annual Conference approved the majority of legislation under consideration, including:

- a resolution calling on all congregations to commit to taking climate action by creating or strengthening a “green team” for action in four areas each year—worship, education, practice, and advocacy
- a resolution encouraging all congregations to examine our church property deeds and personal and business property deeds, as well as the books in our municipalities and counties, for discriminatory language/laws and have them removed
- a resolution that publicly opposes the U.S. presidential administration’s proposed plan for the U.S. to “take over” and own” the Gaza Strip and calls for the Palestinian people to have a voice in their own destiny and a right to their land
- a resolution affirming that withholding humanitarian aid to those in need is antithetical to the Gospel message and opposing the actions of the U.S. government to withhold aid from the people of Gaza
- Members overwhelmingly approved, by a hand vote, a 2026 apportioned budget totaling \$4,965,615, with an uncollectible contingency of \$375,000 for a total apportioned budget of \$5,340,615. This represents an increase of \$48,636 over 2025.

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