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Come and celebrate the flavors of fall at our Fall Festival! Enjoy a bowl of chili, sample apple and pumpkin treats and vote for your favorite, pack school supply kits for Midwest Mission, play games and make a craft!

If you would like to provide a crockpot of chili for this event, please contact Amber.

All participants are encouraged to bring their favorite apple or pumpkin dish to share. Who do think will win? Team Apple or Team Pumpkin?





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- "Cross Winds Life", distributed on Tuesdays - includes 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:
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"...Hidden Objects"

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I am fully known."

~ 1 Corinthians 13:12



As a child I loved Highlights magazine. I particularly loved the pictures where things were hidden, images of things drawn into a scene, things that didn't usually fit with the overall picture. The larger image might be of a forest. If you looked closely you would find a spoon etched into the bark of a tree or a camera inside the veins of a leaf. I know we never received this magazine in our home. It was usually found in the doctor's office waiting rooms. I may have been one of only a few children who looked forward to seeing the doctor. It was all about the Highlights magazines!

Being in the metro, I am discovering many new things. I had the opportunity to walk a path on St. Paul's Harriet Island. In the playground area I noticed the bottom part of a large tree, its roots shooting down from an elevated mound, a shiny metal slide coming out of the body of the tree. It looked like such fun. I headed over to get a closer look.

As I looked at the trunk treated to, I assume, keep small hands and knees free from splinters, I noticed the heron etched into the bark of the tree. On closer inspection, there was a fish whose body swirled out of the bark formation, whose head was created by the end of a root. I walked around the tree finding not only the heron but a large woodpecker, a tiny squirrel, a curious fox and a rabbit. A lovely large rabbit! I was filled with joy. Highlights magazine had come to life!

I have to admit that I cannot get the image of that tree out of my mind. I continue to wonder about the artist whose idea it was to take what may have been one of the trees damaged by the floods and to create, not only a place to climb and slide on, but an object where hidden treasure is found. I imagined the small children who discover these little unexpected gifts, their exclamations to adults nearby keeping watch. "Look, Momma! A rabbit!"

I have found that often life is its own Highlights magazine hidden game. So many times the solution to a problem is found tucked within the conundrum itself. On further reflection, questions that nag at us and cause distress, hold the answers at the edges of the query. It has certainly been my experience that each of us carry hidden gifts waiting to come into the light, waiting to be called out by the Artist within. Every parent or teacher knows this. They are the audience that is present to the joy of watching what is hidden within a child slowly become visible for all to see.

What Highlights scene is playing with your imagination these days? What gift is being teased out of the ordinary skin that is your extraordinary self? Perhaps the discovery will be yours to make all by yourself. Or maybe you need the gentle gaze of a creative eye to help find the hidden object at the roots of your life. Whichever it is, may this day, this week, this year be the time when the hidden treasures you hold become visible in the world.

As one on the journey with you,
Pastor Dianne



A STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY SERIES

Counterculture

This stewardship series focuses on the countercultural, often radical way that Jesus calls his followers to relate to their resources, financial and otherwise. This way of relating stems from a relationship with Christ, shaping values and an identity that come alive in daily action to transform our relationships with others and the world.

October 5 - *Who Are You?*

Romans 12:1-2

The pressures and expectations of our culture can define us without us even realizing it. Paul invites us to wake up — to resist being molded by the world — and instead choose to be shaped by God's renewing love in our everyday lives.

October 19 - *Love In Action*

1 John 3:16-18

Our identity in Christ is not static or passive. It is lived out in concrete, tangible expressions of love for others — especially those in need.

October 12 - *Who Are You Wearing Today?*

Colossians 3:12-17

Becoming more Christlike takes intentional and daily commitment. When we put on the 'Christ clothes' of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love, our inner transformation overflows into our relationships and our way of life.

October 26 - *Authentic Loving, Authentic Giving*

Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40; Genesis 1:26-27

When we know who we are and whose we are — created in God's image and called to love — we are freed to live authentically. Loving God and neighbor becomes our truest identity.



Finance Update

Thank you for your Giving for CWUMC. As we head into October, the deficit which we had in September has increased slightly, which was expected. Our expenses have stayed at anticipated updated budget levels. As we enter the fall months, you can make a big difference with any additional financial support.

No amount is too small and any support is welcome no matter what time of year. This will help to support our missions and necessary expenses during the balance of the year. Don't forget that you can also give online. A simplified giving form has been set up that goes directly into the operating budget. You can still use the giving form on the website to give to other funds besides the operating budget.

We sincerely thank you again for your giving in 2025 to all of our ministries at CWUMC. If you have questions about our Operating Fund, or questions related to our 2025 Budget, other Reserve Funds, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance, please contact us at finance@crosswindsumc.org.



**SIMPLIFIED
GIVING FORM**



Music Notes

Ever, Only All for Thee

This October, you'll hear a hymn twice in worship that is especially meaningful: "Take My Life and Let It Be," often called the Consecration Hymn - UMH #399

The hymn was written in 1873 by Frances Ridley Havergal, a gifted writer, musician, and devoted follower of Christ.

Born in 1836 in Astley, Worcestershire, England, she was the youngest of six children and an extraordinary learner. By age three she was already reading, and over her lifetime she became fluent in six languages—including French, German, Latin, and even Greek and Hebrew. She began writing poetry at seven, and as an accomplished pianist, singer, and composer, she was often invited to perform as a concert soloist.

On her 15th birthday, Frances gave her life to Christ, later writing in her diary: "I committed my soul to the Saviour ... and earth and heaven seemed bright from that moment." Though her life was short—passing away at only 42—she left behind hundreds of hymns and poems, as well as devotional and children's books that continue to inspire today.

Take My Life and Let It Be was born from a powerful experience Frances had while traveling with friends—some believers, others not. By the end of the trip, all ten of her unbelieving friends had accepted Christ. That night, too joyful to sleep, she prayed through the night, renewing her own consecration vows. As she prayed, the words of this hymn "formed themselves and chimed" in her heart.

The hymn begins with the simple offering of her life to God, then moves deeper—surrendering her voice, her hands, her wealth, her love—every part of herself for God's glory.

My prayer is that, as you sing these words, they will speak fresh meaning into your own walk of faith. Perhaps they will lead you to renew your own vows of consecration—or maybe, for the first time, to offer them as your own.



BIBLE BUDDY ADOPTION

Come to adopt a snuggly friend **AND**
a love for God's word.



Bible Buddy Adoption Fall 2025

A Bible Buddy acts as a companion to help children engage with scripture in a fun and interactive way. The goal is for children to read their Bible to their new plush friend, fostering a daily habit of faith.

Family Movie Night

Friday October 10, 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to come relax and enjoy a movie on the big screen! Bring your friends, a dish to share and something comfy to sit/lay on! The movie will start promptly at 6:45pm.



Blessed with the best!

Program leaders:
Cheryl & Jorie- Nursery
Shawn-Elementary Sundays
Megan- Elementary Wednesdays



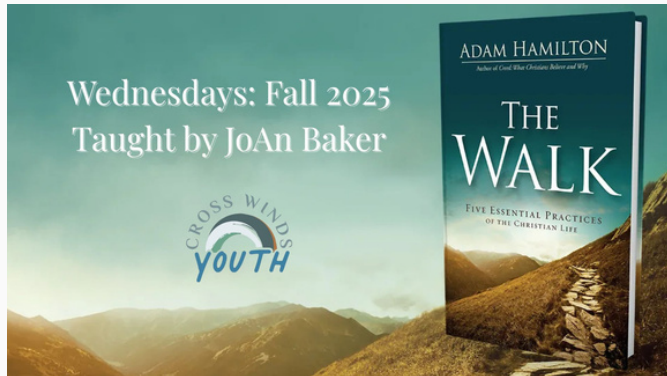


Program leaders:
John and Cailin- 6th & 7th grade
Amber- 8th grade Confirmation
JoAn- 9th-12th grade

Highway Clean Up

Saturday October 11, 9am

Let's join together to keep God's beautiful world clean. Our adopted road is a portion of 101 near Mama G's and Rush Creek Golf Course. Meet at the Ronning's house at 9am. Contact Amber if you'd like to come help or need their address.



CONFIRMATION

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT CROSS WINDS

OCT 1: SIN
 OCT 8: REDEMPTION
 OCT 15: NO CLASSES FOR MEA BREAK
 OCT 22: HOLY SPIRIT
 OCT 29: MISSION - CROSS SERVICES



Adult Education



Bible 101

The Basics Every Christian Should Know

Sundays: September 21- October 12
9:00-9:45 am
Taught by Lori Walber



Bible 101

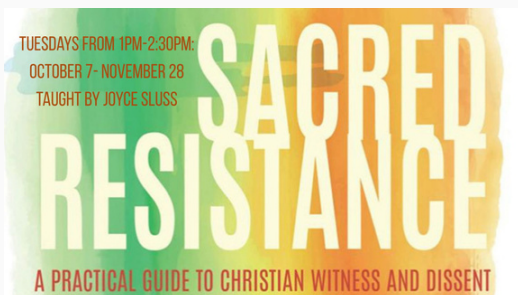
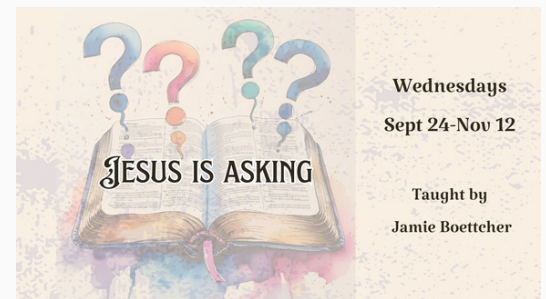
Sundays through October 12, 9-9:45am

Not everyone is a Bible scholar, but every believer needs to know the basics. Whether you're new to the Bible, or just need a refresher, this is the class is for you.

Jesus Is Asking

Wednesdays through November 12, 6:30-7:30pm

So often we think of Jesus as the one with the answers. But repeatedly in scripture, Jesus asks questions. He invites people into conversation and shows genuine interest in their responses. As we study these stories and the responses provided, we will consider the questions from the perspective of being asked of us today.



Sacred Resistance

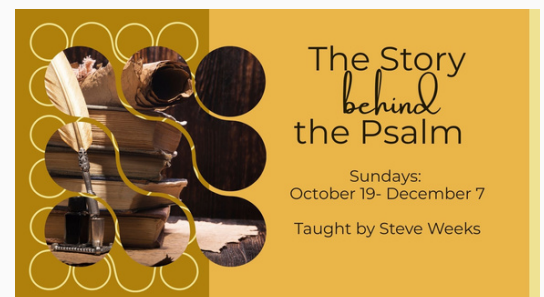
Tuesdays - October 7-November 25, 1-2:30pm

The book *Sacred Resistance: A Practical Guide to Christian Witness and Dissent* (Ginger Gaines-Cirelli) serves as a reminder to look at politics through the eyes of faith, and also how to use your faith as a way to judge politics. Written in 2018 it is NOT about the current Trump administration. It is, however, a vital way to let our faith lead in our political understandings. Each week will stand on its own so come as often as you are able.

The Story Behind the Psalm

Sundays - October 19- December 7, 9-9:45am

Ever wonder what inspired the prayers, poems and songs we know as the Book of Psalms? Join Steve Weeks as we explore what was happening in David's life when he wrote some of the Psalms. We will primarily use the books of Samuel to understand the context behind some of David's writings- and discuss how we might respond to similar circumstances including being unjustly attacked, living with fear, dealing with anger, enjoying success, sinning, facing family problem problems and aging.



Small Groups Ministries



CROSS WINDS United Methodist Church

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, October 7, 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, October 21, 11:30 am

Ladies Who Lunch will gather on Tuesday, October 21 at 11:30 am at Granite City 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.

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October 21, 11:30am

Join us at Granite City in Maple Grove.
Sign up on the website or contact the church office by October 19.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, October 27, 1:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, October 27 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.

Prime Timers

Thursday, October 2

Join for a day trip to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska on Thursday, October 2. There will be car pooling opportunities leaving the church parking lot at 9:30 am. Arrive by 9:15 for prompt departure at 9:30. The Arboretum is located at 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska.

Activities can include a tram ride, lunch, touring the Snyder building, and walks through the gardens and trails.

Find more information and sign up online.

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SIGN UP

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
9:30AM**



Stitches of Love

Stitches of Love will have its fall kick off meeting on Thursday, October 2 at 1pm in the lower level. We welcome any members interested in helping with our mission related sewing projects. We meet every two months except for the summer. We focus on sewing book bags and quilts that go to Midwest Mission. We also sew feminine hygiene kits that are sent to third world countries where feminine hygiene products are not available for young girls trying to go to school. Sewing is done in your own home. We provide the patterns and have funds for material used. Come join us!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to those who donated blood in September. 27 pints were collected, which will bless approximately 80 patients!

Our next blood drive will be December 8.

Midwest Mission - School Supply Drive

Sunday September 14 - Sunday October 26

Cross Winds will be collecting school supplies requested by Midwest Mission to assemble kits. Kits will be packed during Fall Festival on October 26. For a list of items visit, www.midwestmission.org/kits. Contact Amber with any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 14- OCTOBER 26

1 Kit =	
•	3 Notebooks- 1 subject, wide ruled, spiral
•	Metric ruler, pink erasers, student scissors
•	6 Unsharpened #2 pencils, pencil sharpener
•	Crayola- 24 pack crayons, 12 pack colored pencils
•	Handmade bag provided by Cross Winds



Caring Ministries

The Cross Winds Caring Ministry would like to add to their current team. The Care Team aims to provide support, care and a sense of community to individuals. We will be focusing on four specific areas: Communion Ministry, Meal Ministry, Card Ministry and Visitation Ministry. If you would like to learn more or are interested in heading up any of these please fill out a connection card or contact the church office.

Jumpin' Jehosaphats Concert

Friday, October 24, 7:00 pm

Join in for a fun evening of music and fellowship. We will hear music by the Jumpin' Jehosephats and will also hear from a representative from Midwest Mission. A special offering will be taken to support the work of Midwest Mission.

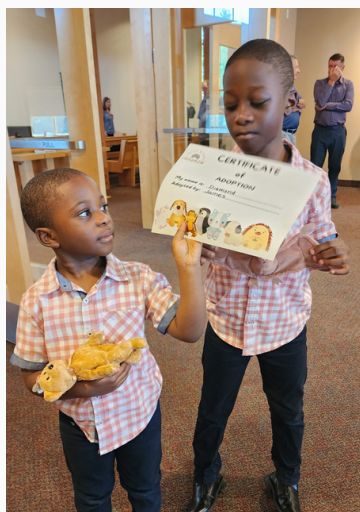


Community Meals

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Are you able to help with a Wednesday meal? Whether grocery shopping/food order pick up, cooking, serving, set up or clean up- many hands make light work and make our Wednesday meals possible! Contact Jeanine Ronning if you would like more information on how to serve in this awesome ministry!

September Highlights



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