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## THE BIG EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

11:00 am-1:00 pm

### BIG Trucks! BIG Heroes! BIG Fun!

Come join us as we celebrate the heroes in our community!

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# HERO HOTLINE

Called Together to Serve God!



June 18-22 6-8PM · family dinner at 5:30PM



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

## Finance Update

Thank you for your pledge and giving for 2023.

### Kitchen Upgrade Project and Capital Campaign Update

The Kitchen Upgrade project will be completing this month. The Capital Campaign has paid 90% of all Kitchen Upgrade expenses thus far. As the project nears completion the Finance Team has recommended that our Strategic Reserves may be used temporarily to pay Kitchen Upgrade Expenses that have been

approved for payment by the Board if we exceed the collected Capital Campaign funds. It is still projected by the Finance Team that with the balance of Capital Campaign contributions that are to be received through the end of 2024 those contributions will exceed all completed and planned projects costs. Accordingly, any Strategic Reserves used for the Kitchen Upgrade project will be returned based on those specific collections received.

### Operating Fund

We will have our challenges in the summer months ahead as our budget indicates that we will be in a deficit for the year. As we enter the summer we need all your giving to support all of our CWUMC ministries. If you have not pledged for this year it's not too late and no amount is too small.

Thank you again for your blessings and support for our ministries at CWUMC. If you have questions about our 2023 Budget, pledging or questions related to our Capital Campaign Fund, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance please contact us at [finance@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:finance@crosswindsumc.org).

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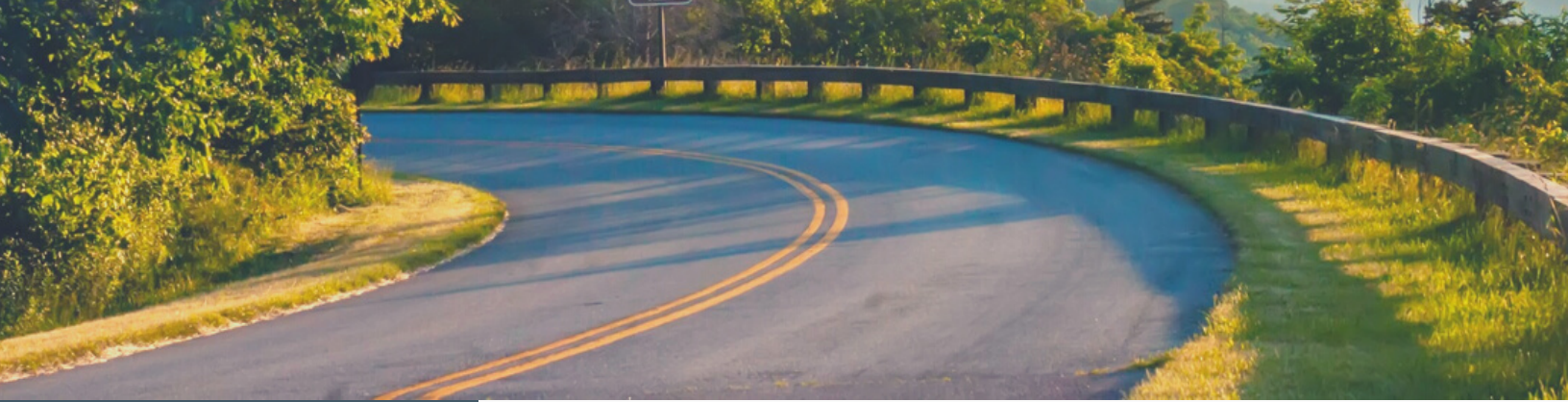
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## Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

~ Romans 12:1-2, NRSV

I spend a significant amount of time in committee meetings.

Earlier in my career, mentors presented this kind of administrative work as a burden to carry, almost like a “necessary evil” to plow through in order to get to “the real ministry.” This attitude gained popular strength nationally in the early 2000’s as many churches began to dismantle and disregard the spiritual work of committees.

To be fair, structures can get unwieldy. Bureaucracy can inflate. Time is precious. Some meetings truly are soul draining. Life, schedules, and resources change. Reformation was and is needed. We had reached a point where our shared practices were missing the mark. Modernization was needed in order to adapt to the evolving needs of society. However,

in our haste to make things accessible and exciting, something deeper was undervalued. Repeatedly in my ministry work over the decades I saw it thrown out across various church communities in favor of expediency and popular appeal.

The power of communal spiritual discernment that happens through a faithful committee.

S. Meg Funk, OSB describes spiritual discernment as “finding that still, small, ‘as if’ voice of God.” Scriptures teach us that when we engage in the work of discernment we uncover “what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

The practices of spiritual discernment are both personal and social. Each day in our prayer time, we must devote ourselves to sorting our thoughts, listening to God through scripture and prayer, and being attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We are also called to do this in our work together as the church and we get a chance to practice this especially when we serve on a ministry committee or team.

When a church is faithful, discernment happens everywhere, but especially in the work of committees. It is the heartbeat of our work together.

You may not even know that is what you were doing at a committee meeting, but you felt it. The connection or “Aha!” moments. The tug at your heart. The recognition of “Here I stand, and I can do no other.”

It is sanctifying, renewing, and compelling when led by the Holy Spirit.

This year, I have spent a significant amount of time in committee meetings that were blessed with the practices of communal discernment. Faithful leaders who gave generously of their time, talents, and thoughts to prayerfully listen to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, humbly obedient to the work of Christ, and ready to move at God’s pace. Whether it be through the work of The Board, Finance, Staff Parish-Relations, Trustees, Nominations, Connections Team of the staff, discernment happens regularly through the people of Cross Winds. I am grateful for these leaders, honored to participate in the work, and ask for you to pray for our committees as we prepare to change leadership for the upcoming year. May the work ahead be as sanctifying, renewing, and compelling so that all may be welcomed to the glory of God.

# SO ALL ARE *Welcome*

So welcome each other,  
in the same way that  
Christ also welcomed  
you, for God's glory  
Romans 15:7

## Capital Campaign Updates - The Kitchen

The kitchen appliances and cabinets have arrived! We are grateful for the hard work of so many people who continue to give generously of their time and talents to get the kitchen ready to open.

Thank you tiling team for working hard on the kitchen tiling - Scott Nagel, Mike Ronning, David Hoden, Craig Machacek, and Kevin Dickey

Thank you, trustees and senior facilities team, for coordinating the selection, purchase, and assembly of the patio furniture for the deck.

Thank you to the work crew who built a new retaining wall near the deck – Scott Nagel, Mike Ronning, Craig Machacek.

Thank you, kitchen management team, for acquiring the supplies needed for the kitchen - Jeanine Ronning, John Mballi, Faustina Otoo, Rev, Joyce Sluss, Allyson Tarnowski, and Maureen Wiethorn

Thank you for working on the Fellowship Hall sound panel project – Brenda Machacek, Ann Anderson, Jay Anderson

Thank you, Hospitality Team, for hosting the kitchen shower luncheon and assisting with the kitchen equipment prep work – Joanie Lewis, Renee McWilliams, Linda Dickey, Maureen Wiethorn, Kathy Wagoner, Kris Kosloski, Carolyn Bossen, Sue Bosworth, and Jeanine Ronning.



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# Something Wonderful



**Whether we are enjoying the beauty of creation, spending time with friends, helping a neighbor in need, or reading a good book, the world is full of so many incredible wonders. Be inspired by the ways God is working for good in the world and how we can join the movement.**

## **June 4 - I Think To Myself**

Genesis 1:24-31

The world is full of so many incredible wonders. Join us in worship as we reclaim the joy of wonder, praise, and gratitude. This Sunday we are especially thankful for our 2023 graduates and will have time in worship to recognize their accomplishments.

## **June 18 - The Most Important Thing**

Luke 10:25-37

What does it take to experience something wonderful in our own lives? Join us as we explore what it means to show grace and give freely as our Drama Team presents a special Father's Day drama. Today we'll also welcome special musical guests, Singleton Street, who play Bluegrass, Celtic, Gospel, and Americana music.



## **Celebrate Father's Day Worship with Singleton Street at Cross Winds**

Plan to worship with us on Sunday, June 18 at 10 am as we welcome an award winning band, Singleton Street, which combines bluegrass, Celtic, and old time music to form a unique version of Americana. Singleton Street has performed in the 5 state region for over a decade entertaining audiences at Bluegrass festivals, Irish festivals, churches, Renaissance fairs, and even a modern ballet! Singleton Street features tight harmonies, energetic arrangements, and a fun and friendly stage presence. " ...the true backbone of their heartfelt performance stems from their fun loving personalities and passion for sharing their message through music..." (PBS Prairie Musicians 2016)

## **June 11 - I'd Still Be With You**

Psalm 139:1-18

When we think about the details of life, it can feel overwhelming. The Psalmist reminds us that God is with us in all things and through all things. Today we celebrate God's presence with us in all of life's experiences and explore how we can cultivate an awareness of God's presence in our lives, especially when we feel alone or overwhelmed.

## **June 25 - Saved, Sustained and Serving Through Grace**

Steve Weeks

Ephesians 2:4-10

Our "Something Wonderful" series concludes with an exploration of the simple yet profound concept of grace- favor or kindness shown without regard to the merit of the one receiving it. Steve Weeks will be preaching.



## **Welcome Rev. Joyce Sluss Minister of Community Engagement**

Cross Winds UMC is honored to welcome Rev. Joyce Sluss as the new Minister of Community Engagement, beginning this summer. This new volunteer staff position will operate as an extension of our pastoral staff.

Rev. Sluss is a retired United Methodist deacon with significant congregational ministry experience including previous congregational work such as Director of Program Ministries, Minister of Christian Education, and Minister of Worship and Missions to name a few. She and her husband Mike moved to the Twin Cities area last year after retiring and have found a home with Cross Winds UMC.

As the Minister of Community Engagement, Joyce will work to develop and equip leaders for ministry, especially regarding service, community engagement, and adult faith formation, as aligned with the vision of Cross Winds United Methodist Church.

We are grateful to welcome Joyce on staff and are blessed by her wisdom, heart for ministry, and leadership experience. Welcome Joyce and Mike!



## **Celebrating Pastor Harold's 60th Ordination Anniversary June 11**

On Sunday, June 11 there will be a special moment of celebration for Pastor Harold's 60th ordination anniversary during worship and fellowship time. We are grateful for Pastor Harold's leadership, faithfulness, and Christian witness. If you'd like to give Pastor Harold a card but are unable to attend worship that day, please send your cards to the church office.



# CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



## The BIG Event

Saturday, June 3, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

We all have a hero in our lives. Maybe we've even been a hero to someone else. On June 3rd, let's come together to recognize and appreciate heroes in our community! It's called The BIG Event because there will be big trucks, big heroes and big fun!! Dance to the music, thank a veteran, sit in a police car, create a thank you card, donate blood for the American Red Cross (blood drive will be held Friday June 9), enjoy a picnic and yard games. Save the date and bring your friends!!

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**Blood Drive**  
Friday, June 9  
1-7 pm  
Please sign up to take part in the Cross Winds blood drive. Sign Up Today!

## VBS family dinners



**Sun 18**

Deli sandwich & potato chips



Pancakes, sausage & fruit

**Mon 19**

**Tu 20**

Taco Tuesday!



**Wed 21**

Spaghetti, salad & bread



**Th 22**

Pizza night!



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## Vacation Bible School - June 18-22, 6-8pm

In the depths of a colorful underground cave is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.



# CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



We had a lot to celebrate in the month of May- our teachers and youth helpers guide us on our way. We learned we can be heroes by answering God's call. Sunday School wrapped up- it'll be back in the fall!



## Feeling called to serve?

Are you feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry? We are looking to add to our team for the 2023-2024 school year! Come and be a blessing all while being blessed in the Kid Min program!



# CROSS WINDS YOUTH



## Confirmation

On May 7, we celebrated four Confirmation students who made a public commitment to Christ and claimed the Christian way of life for themselves. We are proud of Audrey, Luken, Joshua, and Jeremy and welcome them in Christian love!





## Congratulations Graduates!

Alice Ottenstroer



Autumn Lundin



Kaleb Colson



Will Bruers



Elizabeth Wahl



Gabrielle Wahl



Maura Wahl



Leah Muscatello

**SUMMER FESTIVAL**  
Camp

Middle School Camp –  
July 16 – July 19



### Summer Festival Camp - July 16-19

**Open to students who have finished 6th grade through 9th grade in the 2022-2023 school year. Limited to 5 students per adult chaperone. Cost \$200.**

For a week during the summer, teens have the chance to get away from real life, hang out with people from all across the Midwest, deepen friendships, and talk about God. Everyday speakers come to share inspiring and challenging stories about real life, God, and where the two intertwine. The days are packed with fun surprises of all kinds. From the music, the movies, the games, the speakers, and club – all with laughter to tears – Summer Festival Camp really has something for everybody. To learn more about SFC visit: <https://summerfestivalcamp.com/>

If your students are interested in attending SFC with Cross Winds Youth or you are interested in serving as an adult leader, please contact Pastor Stina ([stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)). Space is limited. Registrations due by June 1st. Scholarships available upon request.

### Youth Ministry Staffing Update

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee and Board Members continue to discern the next steps for our youth ministry programs to ensure we have dynamic programs for our students. Later this month, the teams will be ready to present additional information about future staffing and programs. For additional questions, please contact the sub-team members from SPRC and the Board who are working on this project: Pastor Stina, JoAn Baker (SPRC), Lisa Midgarden (SPRC), Brianna Bruers (Board), and Karmyn Nelson (Board).

In this time of transition, Pastor Stina will continue to serve as the interim Youth Director.



## Elected Leaders - Beginning in July

We are grateful for the work of our elected leadership teams and welcome these new leaders who begin their terms of service on July 1. The full list of leadership may be found in our May newsletter!

Nominations – Linda Dickey, Joy Schwartz, Jim Rorvick

Staff Parish Relations (Personnel) - Pam Wrolstad (2nd term), Mary Ann Eckenberg

Trustees – Paul Crosland (2nd term), Krista Kemp

Finance – Cheryl Grenz

Endowment – Jeff Drayton (2nd term), Jeanne Carlberg

Board – Jeanine Ronning (2nd term), John Mbali

Recording Secretary (annual appointment) - Pam Wrolstad

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – Michelle Schober

## Spring Clean-up

Thank you to those that helped with our outdoor spring clean-up!





## MN Annual Conference Meeting and Love Offering Thank You

The 169th session of the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will take place May 31-June 1 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Drawing on Luke 24:13-35, the theme of this year's gathering was "Encounter. Transform. Respond. The Emmaus Experience." Pastor Stina Koppes (Clergy Delegate) and Michelle Schober (Lay Delegate) will represent Cross Winds UMC. To learn more about the legislative items, worship services, and key speeches, visit: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/annualconference>.

In particular, we recommend watching the Wednesday, May 31 "Celebration of Life in Ministry" worship service, where you can see Christy Sturlaugson (previous CW pastoral intern) and Laura Cottington (Cross Winds member and St. Michael church planter) acknowledged as a newly licensed local pastors. Congratulations Christy and Laura!

We also give thanks for the work of Rev. Paul Baker (newly retired pastor and friend of Cross Winds) who serves as our Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. Pastor Paul will lead a training session on May 30, to prepare volunteers to become a certified UMCOR Early Response Team member. Thank you, Pastor Paul!

We are also grateful for your support of the Love Offering sent to our Annual Conference meeting. This year, the primary emphasis of the Love Offering was in support of mental health ministry initiatives in our Annual Conference. As of May 21, we've collected over \$325 for the love offering.

Friday, June 23rd (10am-noon)  
at Delano United Methodist Church

## Feed My Starving Children Event – At Delano UMC June 23, 10am-noon, lunch afterwards

Feed My Starving Children is returning to Delano United Methodist Church on June 22-24th for another Mobile Pack event! They are again attempting to feed over 100,000 children this year and need our help! Join Pastor Stina in Delano in making a difference in the lives of children who are struggling to find food. The group will meet at Delano UMC (3310 County Line Rd SE, Delano MN 55328) for a 10am-noon shift and participants are welcome to stop by Pastor Stina's house afterwards for a group lunch. Space is limited to 15 participants. Register online

# Stitches of Love

## Stitches of Love Thank You!

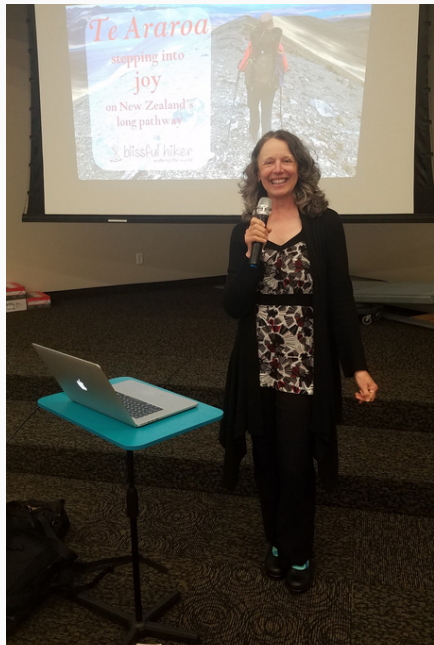
A big round of thanks to all the volunteers who joined the Stitches of Love group to assemble Days for Girls kits on May 4. Through their hard work and your generous support, 125 kits were assembled. The kits will be going to Kenya with the St Vincent de Paul's Mission outreach group this summer. Thank you Stitches of Love for doing all the good you can!





# Spring Tea

Thank you to all who helped with the tea and those who attended. The food was wonderful, the speaker was amazing and inspiring, the hospitality was fantastic and the community and fellowship heartwarming.



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