

CROSS WINDS



United Methodist Church



Cheers For Another 30 Years!

A New Look For A New Day: Cross Winds Branding Update

On September 20, 1992, Cross Winds was officially chartered as a local United Methodist congregation. The original guiding image of Cross Winds UMC was the compass, which has served faithfully as a logo to help us find our way forward as a church.

Now as we celebrate 30 years of ministry, we are proud to unveil the next chapter for Cross Winds United Methodist Church with our updated design. This new branding includes a Spirit filled logo which invites all into the heart of God as our center and sends us out into the world, inspired by the Spirit to serve. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is often portrayed as a rushing wind, moving, shaping, and transforming the world. As we begin this new season of ministry, we celebrate the Spirit of God rushing like a mighty wind to inspire, empower, and equip us to love like Jesus as Cross Winds United Methodist Church.

Branding Design Process

Last year, the Communications Team received approval from the Board to begin work with Studio Lola on the Cross Winds brand refresh. The designer had been recommended through other local United Methodist Churches and was chosen after an intentional review process. A work group consisting of both board members and communication team members then collaborated with the designer to prepare a new branding for Cross Winds that embodies the spirit of the church and the future before us. Moving forward, the branding will be integrated into the marketing work of the church.

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Contact the church office 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 all your giving this year as we enter October to support all of our CWUMC ministries. Our latest financials are indicating a larger deficit so we need your help to balance our budget for this year. If you want to increase your pledge or if you have not had a chance to contribute yet and want to, please go to our website crosswindslife.org and review how you can reduce our deficit. (Click "GIVE", Click "GIVE ONLINE" and then select Sub Fund "Regular Giving" under the General Fund). If you have any questions about our Giving, expenses, reserves or the Capital Campaign, please email us at finance@crosswindsumc.org.

Thank you again for your blessings and support for our ministries at CWUMC.

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Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." -
Psalm 119:105*

I love giving out Bibles, especially to children. It is a joy to see a child pour over the pages of an illustrated children's Bible or see an eager student to learn how to navigate the chapters of a study Bible. Their genuine enthusiasm witnesses to the power of our holy scriptures. Their curiosity inspires me to read the stories with wide eyes and an open heart.

Last month, we had the joy of sharing Bibles with our students in worship. Once again, it was a time of joy, hope, and inspiration for me, as I hope it was for you. If you missed out on getting a Bible, please let me know. I would love to get one that is right for you!

For all of our students who received Bibles, and for all of you who are recommitting your time to reading scripture daily, I pray that your time with the Bible may be one of renewal and inspiration. I also hope that your Bible may be a source of strength and light in your life. As the lyrics from the hymn, *Thy Word* (United Methodist Hymnal #601) declare:

*When I feel afraid,
Think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

*I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.*

-Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Wherever life may take you this month, whatever is before you, may you find blessings in our holy scriptures. May God speak clearly to you, providing light and love.

fall worship series

EXODUS

Exodus is a dramatic story about unlikely heroes, supernatural miracles, unlikely escapes, and the creation of a new society. Join us as we explore this pivotal book of the Bible and see how God still speaks through these stories today.

October 2 - *Confronting Pharaoh*

Exodus 5:1-5

Pastor Stina

Confronting Pharaoh was no easy task for Moses or the people of Israel. At this point in the Exodus story, conflict is high, the drama is epic, and plagues abound making this a bold yet theologically troublesome series of events. Here we encounter the real costs of letting people go.

October 16 - *What Have We Done?*

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Pastor Stina

Amidst the chaotic terror that surrounds the Israelites while escaping from Egypt, they cry out "What have you done?" Moses responds, "Don't be afraid...keep still" as the sea parts and safety is found. Today we journey through the story of the Red Sea, looking to God for wisdom, deliverance, and strength to speak those same words of reassurance in our own storms.

October 30 - *Commandments. Conscience. Consequences*

Exodus 20:1-21

Bill Lewis

As we continue our journey through Exodus, we meet Moses and the Israelites as portrayed in a newly written drama by Scott Parr followed by a word of hope as preached by Bill Lewis. We also welcome our newest members to Cross Winds and look forward to introducing them to you!

October 9 - *God of the Oppressed*

Exodus 12:1-14

Pastor Elijah

The story of the Passover, is the story of God's redemption. The Israelites had been in Egyptian captivity for hundreds of years. The Passover celebrates their miraculous deliverance from Egyptian slavery. The story of the Passover, also teaches that God is the God of the oppressed, the weak, the poor, as well as the vulnerable.

October 23 - *Have Your Fill*

Exodus 16:2-15

Pastor Stina

Stepping out in faith is tough when you feel lost and without any resources. Repeatedly, scriptures show us that God will make sure we have our fill, even when we wonder like the Israelites lost in the wilderness, "What is this?"

MOSES

In the Footsteps of the
RELUCTANT PROPHET

FALL SMALL GROUPS

6 WEEK STUDY
BY **ADAM HAMILTON**

BEGINS OCT 2

Moses - 6 Week Small Groups

Begins Week of October 2

It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.

Small Group Meeting Times

- **Sundays, 9am-10am**
 - October 2-November 6
 - led by Christy Sturlaugson
- **Tuesdays, 2-3pm**
 - October 4-November 8
 - led by Lori Lahtinen
- **Wednesdays, 1pm-2pm**
 - October 5-November 9
 - led by Pastor Shirley
- **Wednesdays, 7-8pm**
 - October 5-November 9
 - led by Pastor Stina
- Looking for another option, contact Pastor Stina to start a new small group!

Other Ways to Participate

- Read Exodus, or portions of this fall.
- Purchase the book Moses by Adam Hamilton (paperback/e-books available on Amazon, Cokesbury, etc.). Copies are available at the church for purchase as well.
- Watch the Adam Hamilton teaching videos through Amplify Media. Register for a free personal user account under the Cross Winds subscription for Amplify Media. This online library of videos and spiritual studies (think of it as a "Methodist Netflix") includes the six-week video series for the Adam Hamilton study on Moses and MUCH MORE! Watch one video per week and spend time journaling or praying in response to what you hear.

For more information about small groups, purchasing books, or Amplify media, contact Pastor Stina, stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org



Inclusive Congregation Conversation Updates from the Board

In September, the people of Cross Winds had the opportunity to participate in several workshops and a congregational forum to discuss the nature of inclusivity with respect to the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Annual Conference, and Cross Winds UMC in particular. Pastor Stina led several workshops in preparation for the Congregational Forum on September 25th which was facilitated by the Cross Winds Board.

During our September 25 forum, people participated in holy conferencing to discuss the board's recommendation that the following statement be added to our church's vision statement.

Cross Winds Statement:

We are committed to inclusiveness in all aspects of the life of the Church. Following Jesus' example, we will work to intentionally welcome and include all persons. We will live this example by embracing the richness of diversity such as age, race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation, economic status and gender identity found within the fullness of the community.

After prayerfully discussing the proposed statement, the people who gathered voted 94% in affirmation of the statement.

The board is grateful for the healthy and sacred conversations and participation of people who engaged in the workshops as well as at the forum. We are committed to leadership and deepening our life as a welcoming and inclusive congregation and are excited to see our story continue to unfold.



Adult Ministries and Small Groups

Find a way to connect with others
at Cross Winds!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, October 24, 1:30 pm

Gather with us on October 24 in Fellowship Hall. Marcia Colson is bringing treats and hosting. RSVP to Marcia if you plan to attend. Bring your own beverage, any completed shawls and hats plus your current project to work on. Anyone who knits or crochets or is interested in learning is invited.



Game Group

Thursday, October 27, 1:30 pm

Do you like to play board games or enjoy fellowship with church friends? You are invited to bring your favorite board game to Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please bring your own beverage of choice. No need to sign up. Just show up! Contact Marlan Tevis for more information or for questions.

Senior Facilities Team

Wednesday Mornings, 9:00-
11:00 am

Gather for fellowship and service with other men on Wednesday mornings. This group meets weekly downstairs for coffee and connection. Then the group works away at various indoor and outdoor projects. Men are welcome to attend as their schedule permits. Group facilitator is Roger Roth.



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 Project Updates

The Project Management Team has been diligently working with church leaders to get our Capital Campaign Projects moving along, thanks to your financial support. We are excited to share that the new motorized window shades for the sanctuary have been installed. A big thank you to Dick Post and Brad Johnson for their assistance with this project.



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Capital Campaign Project Updates - Continued

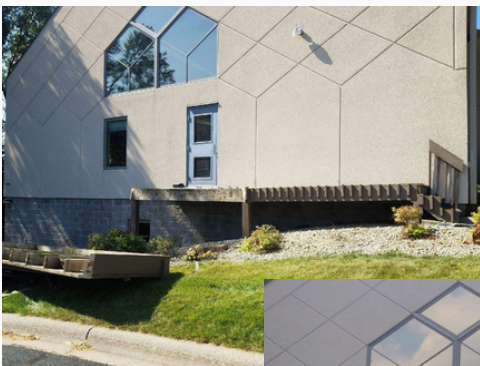
We are also diligently working away at the outdoor deck, thanks to the leadership of Jeff Ducklow.

The old deck has been removed - thank you to Mike Ronning, Paul Crosland, Jeff Ducklow.

With the removal of the deck, we are limited in the capacity of Fellowship Hall until project completion due to fire codes. So, Sunday morning fellowship time might look a little different for the next few weeks.

Planning work for the kitchen also continues to evolve as we decide on appliances, countertops, cabinets, etc.

Once again, a big thank you to our Project Management Team - Paul Crosland (trustees chair), Linda Dickey, Jeff Ducklow, Dave Looney, Dick Post, Mike Ronning, Don Bushen, and Pastor Stina.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY



October Curriculum

If you're a grown-up and you've been following Jesus for a while, you've probably figured out a few ways to grow spiritually. The kids you're parenting, on the other hand, aren't grown-ups, so they might need a little help from you to figure out how, exactly, to grow spiritually.

So what should spiritual growth look like for a kid? We like to think about it in terms of four spiritual habits. To help a kid grow spiritually, teach them to spend time with God, spend time with others, use their gifts, and share their story. These are the 4 keys to discipleship that will help kids launch their faith. We're going to have a blast learning and growing together!



Are you feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry? We are looking to add to our team for the 2022-2023 school year! Come and be a blessing all while being blessed in the Kid Min program!

Bee kind  and visit our neighbors!



Sunday October 9, 2022
12:15

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY



We kicked off September right!
Learning, loving and being a light!



Commissioning
Acolytes!



Kindergarten
& 4th Grade
Bibles!



STUDENT MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Back 2 School Night was a Success!

Our evening was filled with laughter, eating, fellowship, and games. Our 6th-12th grade students played an epic game of real-life battleship. I think it is safe to say that strategy and competition were at an all-time high for this group.



Attention Parents

If you have not done so already, please register your student today. Registration helps us maintain current contact and health information about each student.

Registration is fast and easy. Click REGISTER or scan the QR code.



Higher Ground Youth Choir



Higher Ground is our youth choir for grades 5-12, the group is designed for developing singers of all abilities who enjoy learning about music and is led by members of our Wind of the Spirit worship band. We sing in worship 4-5 times per year. Rehearsals continue throughout the school year on select Sundays at 11am.

Annual Giving Drive

Standing on the
Promises

Faith

is the assurance of things
hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

Cross Winds UMC Annual Giving Drive 2023

Standing on the Promises

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

-Hebrews 11:1

We give thanks that Cross Winds is experiencing a vibrant renewal because of your faith, hope, and love. This past year we have seen the Holy Spirit at work as our community continues to reach out in new ways so that all are welcome! We know that this work was possible because we are standing on the commitments of 30 years of ministry through the people of Cross Winds. We have a lot to be thankful for and much to be hopeful for as well. It is with that joy that we ask for your commitment to the 2023 Annual Giving Drive.

In the coming weeks, we will share information about the upcoming budget for your review as well as information about the various ways to give financially. Information will be available online at crosswindslife.org as well as paper copies at church. If you are interested in learning more, you are welcome to contact the office for a line-item budget.

We would also like to invite you to a **church forum on October 30, 11:00 am** at Cross Winds UMC where representatives from the Cross Winds Board and Finance Committees will be available to share additional information about our 2022 financial reports, present the 2023 budget opportunities, and answer your questions.

In order to determine whether our 2023 goal can be achieved, we need your support. We will be providing **Annual Giving Commitment Cards** which, after prayerful consideration, we encourage you to fill out and submit **by Sunday, November 13th**. 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. 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; 763-276-5401).

It is an honor to be in ministry with you. Thank you for your commitment to Cross Winds.



GriefShare - Surviving the Holidays

November 6, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
November 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

Grieving? Know someone who is? When you are grieving a loved one’s death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Identical sessions will be offered on Sunday, November 6 (11:30am-1:30pm) and Wednesday, November 16 (6-8pm), facilitated by Pastor Stina.

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

A light meal is included with the session. [Sign up online](#) or RSVP with Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)

Enlighten Nimba - Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who donated towards Enlighten Nimba. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$1400 in support of Enlighten Nimba, the work of Pastor Priscilla, and scholarships for the school. To learn more about Enlighten Nimba, visit: <https://enlightennimba.org/>



THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO MADE THE
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GREAT!!

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