



Spread Kindness!

Thanksgiving Offering - November 20 Spread Kindness for CROSS Services

Help spread kindness to families around our local area, by donating peanut butter or financial donations to the November Special Offering in support of CROSS Services. CROSS Services is a non-profit 501(c)(3) social services organization that has over 50,000 visits to the food shelf each year. Moreover, they assist local families and individuals in need, with an emphasis on ending hunger through access to healthy food. They serve Rogers, Maple Grove, Osseo, Corcoran, Dayton, and Champlin (West of 169) communities of Minnesota. In addition, they have special outreach programs, such as KidPack and mobile food pantries, in Brooklyn Park and St. Michael. To Learn more about CROSS Services, visit: <https://crossservices.org/>

Donating \$30 provides 90 meals.
Donating \$50 provides 150 meals.
Donation \$100 provides 300 meals

To support this special offering we invite you to bring your peanut butter or financial donations to church or give online - www.crosswindslife.org/give. Please select "CROSS Services" as the sub-fund.

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sign Up To Stay Connected

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 November to support all of our CWUMC ministries. Our latest financials are indicating a deficit so we need your help to balance our budget for 2022.

We have started our Annual Giving Pledge Drive for 2023. The proposed budget of \$580,227 is a 2% increase over our prior year expense budget. We need your support. Please complete the Annual Giving Commitment Card and submit by Sunday, November 13. Your annual pledge helps us plan for and provide ministry to all. All of your contributions will help us to get to the funding goal for next year. If you have any questions you can 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



So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.

Hebrews 12:1-2, CEB translation

Although Thanksgiving is the signature holiday in November that deserves proper fanfare, I also have a special fondness for a lesser celebrated holiday, All Saints Day (November 1). All Saints Day is meant to give us time and space to remember those who have died. We are given encouragement to name, remember, grieve, and celebrate those we miss dearly.

If you're looking for a time and space to do this, I hope that you are able to join me in a special All Saints Worship on Sunday, November 6 as we take time to pray for those who have died. If you're someone who is looking for a space to find hope in your grief, I invite you to join me in one of our Surviving the Holidays events offered on Sunday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 16 (additional information available on page 14).

As we prepare for the celebration of All Saints Day, wherever life may take you, I leave you with these words from the hymn, "For All the Saints"

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

- Lyrics from For All The Saints
Words by William How

This All Saints Day, may you have time to remember, celebrate, grieve, and honor the saints in your life. May you honor the ways in which their lives have impacted you and live on through you. May you find comfort in knowing that they shine in glory, seated at Jesus' heavenly banquet, smiling at you and cheering you on to run the race with perseverance.

EXODUS

November 13 - *You've Assured Me*

Exodus 33:12-23

Pastor Stina

The Exodus is a journey of deeper discovery of ourselves, humanity, and the very essence of God. In these final chapters, Moses shows us that our only hope lies deep down in a deeper self-discovery about God's own character and name. Today we also commit our 2023 annual giving drive pledges in worship and encourage you to bring your pledge card to church.

November 6 - *Something Beautiful*

Exodus 25:1-9

Pastor Stina

Before the Israelites had a home, while wandering still in the desert, they began constructing beautiful things for the tabernacle tent to worship God. Impractical and inconvenient; yet it was the beginning of something beautiful that grounded and strengthened the people. Today we explore the emergence of creating something beautiful even when the timing seems strange. We also take time to remember the saints in our lives on this All Saints Sunday during our prayer time and sharing of Holy Communion.

November 20 - *Thriving is More Than Surviving*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pastor Stina

In Moses' final words to the Israelites, he urges them to "choose life" so it might go well for them. Today we take time to reflect on what it means to choose life and move beyond surviving the daily grind towards embracing a life that thrives. Today we also celebrate Thanksgiving and will have a special offering in support of CROSS Services.

November 20 Thanksgiving Celebration



November 27 - *A Wish for the Days to Come*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pastor Stina

Wishes often express hopes we have for the future. As we begin the season of Advent, we take time in worship to share the hopes we have with God as we listen to what scripture says about God's hope for our world.

Annual Giving Drive

Standing on the
Promises

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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 for all that God has done through Cross Winds in 2022 and are excited about 2023. As we prepare for a new year of ministry, we ask for your financial support. The proposed 2023 budget of \$580,227 includes annual operational and mortgage expenses, reflecting a 2% increase in total cost from the 2022 budget. Information about the proposed budget is available online - www.crosswindslife.org/news-upcoming/2023-annual-giving-drive

Commitment Sunday – November 13

As you consider your commitment, we ask that you please submit your Annual Giving Commitment Cards by Sunday, November 13th. 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).

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 Update - Deck Construction

The new deck is here! We are grateful for the work of Jeff Ducklow, Mike Ronning, Kevin Dickey, Scott Parr, Scott Nagel, Jeff Emerson, Dale Bossen, David Hoden, David Britt and Paul Crosland who have put in so many hours to get the new deck built.



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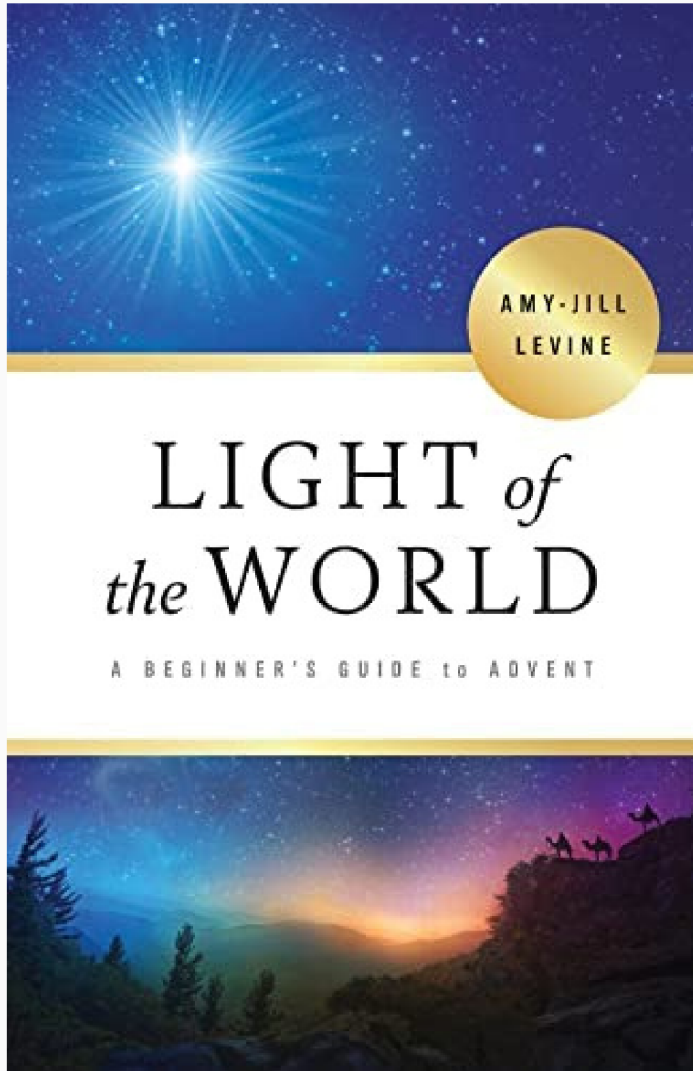


We are also thankful for the work of Construction Results, who partnered with us to install the new fellowship hall door & window as well as updating our sidewalk needs adjacent to the new deck. This new door and window were installed in preparation for the new kitchen renovations that will be coming in 2023.

Thank you all for your generous support of this project. We look forward to the new ministries that will be possible because of this hospitality space.

Adult Ministries and Small Groups

Find a way to connect with others
at Cross Winds!



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

Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent - 4 Week Adult Study

November 13-December 11, 9:00 am
Class will not meet on November 27

Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary's visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. This short-term study will begin on Sunday, November 13 and will meet during the 9am education hour.

Facilitated by Christy Sturlaugson.

Sign up and pay for a book on the church website -

Other Ways to Participate

- Purchase the book *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine (paperback/e-books available on Amazon, Cokesbury, etc.). Copies are available at the church for purchase as well.
- Watch the Amy-Jill Levine 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 four-week video series for this study and MUCH MORE! Watch one video per week and spend time journaling or praying in response to what you hear.

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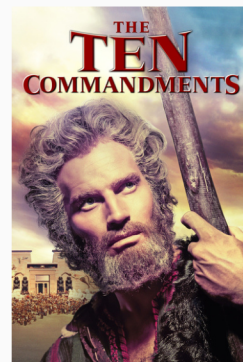


The Ten Commandments Movie Showing

Wednesday, November 16, 1:00 pm

Charlton Heston and Yul Brynner in the 1956 film "The Ten Commandments" are coming to Cross Winds as a culmination to our study of the book of Exodus and Moses. Plan to join us on Wednesday November 16 at 1 pm to see all the dramatic events unfold before you in this classic film full of high tech moments. Whether you watch it every year, have seen it once, or have never seen it...it is still an epic in which you see something new each time. There will be a short feedback discussion to follow the film. Popcorn, snacks, and water will be provided. Running time is over three hours, so bring a pillow or whatever you need to keep yourself comfortable. Please RSVP so we can have proper room set up and snacks for all.

Hosted by Lori Lahtinen lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org



Stitches of Love

Thursday, November 3, 1:00 pm

Gather with others who have a love of sewing, for fellowship and service at the next Stitches of Love meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 1:00 pm.

Stitches of Love meets every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, November 28, 1:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, November 28 at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Joan Mann is bringing treats and hosting. 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. Contact the church office or Joan Mann for further information.



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.



November Curriculum

From the Northern Lights to the Great Barrier Reef, our world is full of so many incredible wonders! In this four-week series, we'll explore the natural wonders of the world while learning from the book of Psalms about how all of God's creation is evidence of how wonderful our Creator is!

Each week, we'll invite kids to worship because of all the "wonder-full" things God has done by putting their hope in God, asking for God's help, remembering what God has done, and living for God!



Join the Team

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!

CROSS WINDS CHILDREN



In October we sure got in the groove!

We like to sing and we like to move!

We said thanks to our pastor and read our neighbors some books,
we admired our building as it is changing its looks!

We studied His word with activities for all; what else is in store for CW this fall?

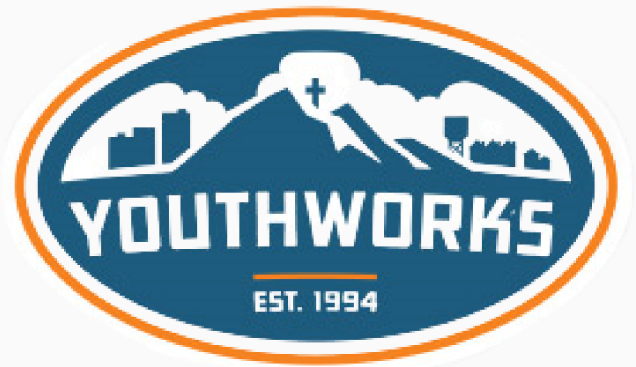




2023 High School Mission Trip

Mark your calendars! In June 2023, we will be serving alongside the YouthWorks team in Kansas City. Our teens will serve with local organizations on both sides of the state line that strive to provide basic needs for community members. We will serve residents of all ages through maintaining community gardens, assisting at local community kitchens and food pantries, and working alongside of organizations that care for the basic needs of their neighbors. In the evenings, we will engage with a long term friend of YouthWorks who will share more about the neighborhoods we serve. We will also experience the sites and history of the city through a scavenger hunt and have time to enjoy local attractions and some great BBQ! Youthworks has partnered with this community since 2008.

- Ages: This mission trip is for 9th-12th graders.
- Dates: June 25 - June 30, 2023
- Location: Kansas City, MO



We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

– 1 John 3:16-18



Calling all Youth Grades 6-12

Christmas is coming and we will be celebrating together at Cross Winds We Need Your Help!

There are three ways you can participate to help make this Christmas season special at Cross Winds.



Visual Art

Create a picture to be used to illustrate a passage in the poem for the 2pm Christmas Eve Children's Message. Your picture will be used to create a worship slide.



Speaking

Be part of presenting the poem "Twas the Evening of Christmas" for the 2pm Christmas Eve Children's Message.



Singing

Join the Higher Ground youth choir in singing for the December 18 Christmas Musical. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 11am



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)

Cross Winds Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 pm

There will be a Charge Conference at Cross Winds UMC on Tuesday, November at 22 at 6:30pm for the purpose of reviewing and approving the 2023 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 Personnel chair, Bill Lewis, or Pastor Stina.



December Teasers

Advent Event

Saturday, December 3
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Fun for the whole family

Christmas Gift Program

Our 2022 Christmas mission gifts will be given in support of Simpson Housing Services

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