



Cross Winds

United Methodist Church

The Compass
August 2018

FOR THE
LORD GOD
IS A SUN AND SHIELD

Worship at Town Green... Sunday, August 5th 9:30 am

7791 Main Street No,
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Cross Winds is going "on the road" to lead a community worship service at the band shell. Be there and help us put our best foot forward.

Invite a friend or neighbor. Come early, the music starts at 9:15 AM.

Linger after with coffee and treats.

Pastor Mike's message is
"Children of Encouragement"



Neighborhood Bash

August 29 • 6-8PM

FREE ✓ Food ✓ Music ✓ Games ✓ Petting Zoo ✓ Face Painting
{summer's not over yet}



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Thank you for all the prayers, cards
and good wishes.

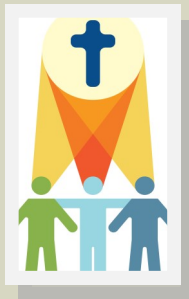
They are all a major part of my
healing process.

Pete Eckenberg



We grow up when we see our life
and our role from God's perspective;
when we thank God for the role he
has assigned us and begin to see
our cup as a gift instead of a cross;
when each morning we ask, "God,
how can I glorify you today
in my given role?"

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*



Special dates

- **Labor Day**, Sept. 3, 2018
- **National Grandparents Day**,
Sept. 9, 2018
- **Patriot Day**, Sept. 11, 2018
- **Hispanic Heritage Month**,
Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2018
- **First day of Autumn**,
Sept. 22, 2018

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inspiration. It is updated continually.

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CROSS WINDS

Charge Conference

Tuesday July 31 - 6:30 pm

Our District Superintendent Susan Neinaber has authorized Cross Winds to hold a charge conference for the purpose of electing the final member of the Cross Winds Board. Steve Weeks has applied for the open two-year position on the Board, and if elected will serve until June 30, 2020.

A Charge Conference is open to all members of Cross Winds, with Board members and all active and retired clergy eligible to vote. Pastor Mike Dyrdal is the presiding elder of this charge conference.



SPIRITUAL URBAN LEGENDS

“Spiritual Urban Legends”

Our Summer Worship Series - concludes this month with the following line-up:

Sunday, August 5 – Worship at Town Green Band Shell at 9:30 AM. Cross Winds is going “on the road” to lead a community worship service at the amphitheater. Lots of great music and Pastor Mike’s message “*Children of Encouragement*” is based on Acts 4: 32-37 and the life of Barnabas. In an age of polarizing words and behavior, Barnabas shines as an example of grace, kindness and community building.

Sunday, August 12 – “Soul Mate - In All the World, There’s Only One for Me?”

This Spiritual Urban Legend says that in all the world there’s one person just right for you. There’s 7.6 billion people in the world, and one for you. Good luck on your search! Or is there a better way to think about this? Ephesians 5: 21, 25-33

Sunday, August 19 – “God Doesn’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”

Rachel Devereaux

Sunday, August 26 – “It’s Too Late. I’m a Lost Cause” This Spiritual Urban Legend suggests there are some things from which you just can’t recover. Is the way things are the way they’ll always be? Bill Lewis takes on this Spiritual Urban Legend with God’s offer of grace, hope, future and a do-over. Consider Luke 15: 1-7 in preparation for this message.

Coming in SEPTEMBER New Worship Times

I hope you are enjoying these blessed last weeks of summer. It won't be too long and September will be here and we'll be back in the swing of fall programming. In the effort to meet the needs of our own congregation and the community, we are excited to announce that beginning **Sunday, September 16**, Cross Winds will have a new Sunday morning schedule:

Worship services will occur at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

- † The **9:00 am service** will be 60-minute long with children invited to depart for children's worship after a children's message.
- † The **10:30 am** service will also be 60-minutes long. Children's Sunday School and Adult Education classes will be held at this time.

Other adult learning options will emerge at various times, both on Sunday mornings and at other times of the week.

At this point each Sunday's worship service will be nearly identical. "All of our wonderful music groups including the choir, various ensembles, brass, and Wind of the Spirit will continue to be blessing us at both of our worship services."

Coffee will be served all morning (8:30 – noon) at various places around the church – the Fellowship Hall, the lobby, and downstairs. Treats will be served 10 – 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



This schedule is intended to better meet the needs of families who are looking for worship and Sunday School to occur at the same time, as well as for those who want to attend worship and also take in an educational experience. It will also eventually allow for more classes and groups to meet. We are also mindful that studies have shown that it is wise to conclude worship and groups well before the noon hour. For many good reasons this schedule change was thoughtfully considered and made.

Some of you are welcoming this time change. Others aren't sure about it. Several of you have said – no pun intended – "It's about time" and "I've been waiting for this." While others are wondering how it will work. In any case, we ask for your help and support, remembering God blesses us and gives us each other whenever we gather. And that includes the rest of summer. Please check out the great worship experiences planned for August.

If you have questions, please contact a staff member or Pastor Mike at

Pastor.Mike@crosswindsumc



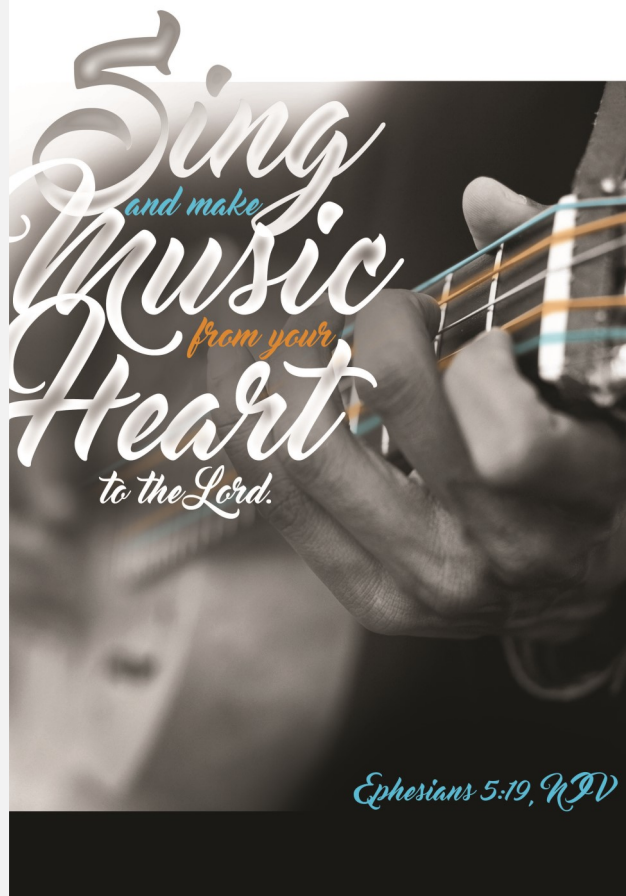
NEW SIGN UPDATE

The response has been terrific by our congregation to the need for a new church sign. At this writing about \$57,00 has been donated toward the \$64,000 cost.

On July 25th a 7 foot deep hole for the foundation was dug. Construction will be completed in mid to late August.

We expect the that our sign will be sharing the great news of Cross Winds before Labor Day.

Thank you to all who have supported this all-church effort. And if you are wondering, there is still time for your much appreciated gift.



Music Notes...

1 Chronicles 16:9 *Sing to the Lord!! Sing praises to Him!
Talk about all His wonders.*

August is upon us and it's time to start preparing for fall worship at Cross Winds. Thank you to everyone who shared worship music this summer with our congregation. You are appreciated! We have a wonderful year of music planned beginning on Welcome Back Sunday on September 9 with only one service at 9:30 am followed by an all church picnic. If you have been away from Music Ministry for a while or are interested in sharing your musical gifts for the first time, plan to join one of our groups or talk with Director of Worship and Music, Lori Lahtinen at llahtinen@msn.com about ways to get involved. If music is one of your spiritual gifts, plan to join us. I can't wait to hear your heavenly voices and instruments join in worship!

Adult Choir (9th grade to senior adult) Sings 3 Sundays per month. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7:00-8:15 pm beginning on August 29 during the Free Neighborhood Bash. Plan to come at 6:00 with your family and enjoy FREE food and activities, then come on down for Fall Music Preview.

Men's Ensemble (9th grade to senior adult) Sings 1 Sunday per month. Rehearsals are 2-3 Wednesdays per month from 8:15-9:00 pm beginning on September 12. This group works for people who are unable to come every week and want the fellowship of other men.

Women's Ensemble (9th grade to senior adult) Sings 1 Sunday per month. Rehearsal are 2-3 Wednesdays per month from 6:15-6:55 pm beginning on September 5. This group works great if you are unable to commit to every Wednesday and Sunday and need an earlier rehearsal time with great women's fellowship.

Brass Ensemble This quintet has an immediate opening for a 2nd trumpet player, and we are always looking for subs for other instrumentation. The group rehearses Mondays at 5:30 pm. Please contact me if you play the trumpet and would like to join the group or if you play a brass instrument and would like to be included on the sub list.

Wind of the Spirit This is our worship band and we are always looking for subs. Please contact me for information regarding the band.

Instrumentalists We often use a variety of instruments in worship, so if your Spiritual Gift is playing an instrument please talk with me. I'd love to talk with you about sharing your gifts in worship.

Children's Bell Choir We are excited to be focusing on bell choir this year, there will be 3 sessions of bell choir beginning with 3-5 grade this fall. See the children's updates for specifics.

Psalms 150:3-4 *Praise Him with the blast of trumpets high into the heavens, and praise Him with harps and lyres and the rhythm of the tambourines skillfully played by those who love the Eternal. Praise Him with singing and dancing; praise Him with flutes and strings of all kinds.*



All Church Schoolbag Mission Project

There is something about buying new school supplies that gives you hope. Hope for the year ahead, hope for learning new things, and hope for growth through education.

You are invited to join in a back-to-school mission project as Cross Winds provides hope for children who need school supplies. Let's work together in this all-church mission project by purchasing and organizing supplies for school children in need in developing countries.

The Cross Wind's *Stitches of Love* group is sewing schoolbags to be filled with supplies. Donations of heavier fabric like denim or corduroy are gladly welcomed. Anyone in our congregation is invited to join in on sewing school bags. Let Jane Ducklow know your interest, and she'll get you started.

Requested School supplies: (The number needed for each schoolbag is in parenthesis.)

One-subject 8" x 10 1/2" spiral notebooks (3)
 Pens (blue or black) (3)
 Unsharpened pencils (no advertising) (3)
 Small glue sticks (3)

Pencil sharpener (1)

Pencil eraser 2" or larger (1)

Ruler 12" long with metric (1)

Box of 24 crayons (1)

Pair of round tips scissors (no plastic scissors) (1)

School supply donations can be dropped off at the little red wagon in the Lobby at Cross Winds starting August 14 thru September 23.

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Checks should be payable to Cross Winds with "School Supplies" in the memo line. Donated money will be used to purchase fill-in supplies.

Our youth will be helping by opening packaging on October 3rd during Wednesday night programming. The Service of Sunday (SOS) Children will be filling the schoolbags on October 7th during both services. Michelle Schober will be delivering the schoolbags to the United Methodist Midwest Distribution Center in Illinois late October. From there our schoolbags will be sent to schools overseas.

If you have questions, please contact Jane Ducklow at our church office.



Stitches of Love Fall Kick-off

We're revving up our sewing machines to start another year of sewing items for those in need. If you like to sew and want the opportunity to impact others with your sewing or just want to hang out with others who sew COME JOIN US!

We use our meeting time to discuss our projects, show what we have finished, get supplies, and plan for our special events.

Will you consider joining the Stitches of Love group? Our Fall Kick-off is on September 6 at 1:00 pm in the Cross Wind's Adult Ed Room.

Stitches of Love gladly accepts donations of fabric. Please leave your fabric in the Stitches for Love donation box on the CROSS food shelf.



Contact JoAn Baker or Jane Ducklow at our church office.



Days for Girls Sew-a-thon Save the Date

Mark your calendars for a Days for Girls Sew-a-thon on October 12th from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at Cross Winds in the fellowship hall. The Stitches of Love Sewing Group is hosting this event.

Through Days for Girls, you can make a difference in the lives of girls and women in developing countries by helping to make reusable feminine hygiene items. The Days for Girls' kits allow girls to attend

school when they have their periods so they don't miss out on getting the education they need and deserve.

Everyone is welcome to help. You don't need to be a sewer to participate as we have many

non-sewing tasks to do. If you are a sewer, you are welcome to bring your machine.

Donations of hotel-sized soap, thin washcloths, gallon size Ziploc brand freezer bags, washed flannel (dark and wild patterns are best), washed 100% cotton fabric (smallest size 5" x 5") and monetary donations are always appreciated.

Questions – Contact JoAn Baker or Jane Ducklow at our church office.

Things you may want to know about...



Our Giving

By Don Bushen

through June is tracking with our budget for 2018.

At this point in the year we have a small deficit fund balance. We also realize we have a long road ahead of us where we can get to the positive side.

We are hopeful that we will get to a breakeven or be able to contribute to our reserves this year.

If your family would like to help us this year and you wish to make a pledge, please reach out to our Financial Secretary, Steve Weeks so we can include you in our plans for 2018.

Thank you so much for your generous support for this year and your continued support for our ministries at Cross Winds for 2018.



Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.
- Proverbs 22:9

Feed My Starving Children

Looking for a few
good hands to

Feed My Starving Children

Join a group on:
Saturday, August 11,
9:00 - 11:00 am

Coon Rapids Location

Turn hunger into hope with your two hands at Feed My Starving Children.

If you are interested please email
Floyd Burghard



Volunteers needed...

3-5 Volunteers needed...

Tuesday, August 7th

New sign preparation, we'll move gravel, retaining blocks, and planter soil.

Bring a shovel.

About 75 retaining blocks will be available to members of the congregation.

Root beer floats will be rewarded to all volunteers

Contact Dick Post or Dave Looney at our church office.

Children's Ministry

We're all about our Cross Winds Kids!
Pre School - Kindergarten - 1st - 5th Grade

August 2018

Sundays this Fall



We are so excited to announce ALL NEW Sunday morning times for Fall. Here's what we know for kids:

ALL MORNING

Bottom of stairs & Fellowship Hall
Coffee, Treats 10:00-10:30 am, Good Company

9:00-10:00 am Family Worship, Children's Message then
Kid's Worship, Amazing Adult Studies

10:30-11:30 am Large Group & Age Level Sunday School,
Amazing Adult Studies

Bell Choir!

Crew 345!

Family Fun Nights!

ALL BACK by popular demand!

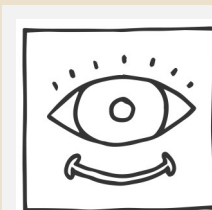
WANNA PLUG IN?

Small Group Leading, Kid's Mission
Work, Small Group Study w/ Adults,
etc, etc!

Get involved in a kid's life!

THIS is your year!

Call Tracy at
612-760-6929



***Hint: This has something
to do with our kid's
Christmas musical!***

Tracy Ottenstroer,

Director of Children's Ministries

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Student Ministry

**High School 9-12th
Grades**

**Middle School
6-8th Grades**



Youth Mission Trip-Minneapolis

MISSION TRIP:

Minneapolis
(completed 5th-7th grades)

† Prep Meeting - Wed.,
Aug. 1st @ 5:30 PM

† Send off - Sunday,
Aug. 5th during worship

† Departure - Thursday, Aug. 9th @ 9 AM

† Return - Saturday, Aug. 11th @ 8 PM

August in Student Ministry @ CWUMC

5th – Worship @ Town Green @ 9:30 AM – wear a CWUMC t-shirt (mission trip, camp, youth group, etc.) If you don't have one, we have some for \$5/each!

5th – Middle School Mission Trip Parent Meeting – after worship @ Town Green.

7th – National Night Out – a night to hang out with your neighbors! If your block isn't planning anything, feel free to come over to Rachel's 6:30-8:30 PM to hang out in her neighborhood (free walking tacos for everyone)!

16th – Valleyfair – bring your friends! \$40/student, chaperones that help drive go for free! 3:30-10:30 PM – email rachel@crosswindsumc.org to let us know you're coming!

19th – Student Worship Service @ 9:30 AM – if you went to camp or on a mission trip this summer, this is YOUR service to share your experience!

VALLEYFAIR

All students 3rd-12th grades
Thursday, August 16th - \$40
Departure - 3:30 PM from CW
Return - 10:30 PM to CW



STUDENT WORSHIP SERVICE:

Mission Trip Sunday
Sunday, August 19th -
9:30 AM



Rachel Devereaux
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Students,
Young Adults and their
Families
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Stay connected to what is happening
with the
Youth Ministry program @ CW

763.494.9463 - church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wed. Sept. 5th – Back to Youth Night @ CW – 6-8 PM – come see everything that will be happening with CWUMC Student Ministry this Fall for students in 6-12th grades! FREE pizza!

Wed. Sept. 12th – WNL Mentor vs. Student Kickball game – ALL students 6-12th grades and ALL adults welcome! 5:45 PM – dinner, 6:15 PM – welcome worship, 6:45-8 PM – kickball game (bring bug spray, water bottle and running shoes).

Wed. Sept. 16th – Student Pancake Breakfast @ Rachel's @ 9 AM, Worship @ CW @ 10:30 AM (carpooling from breakfast to worship together – parent pick up @ CW after worship).



September 8th Spirit River Benefit

Lunch and Golf Benefit

Join Bishop Bruce and Char Ough for a fun day of food and information about the Spirit River Foundation and its work to meet the needs of fragile families. If you love golf please join us in the morning or afternoon for a round of golf to help us raise money for this important work. **If you don't golf, don't stay away!** Please come for lunch and a tour to learn more.

\$100 for lunch, tour & golf; \$50 for lunch and the tour

Donations welcome • Credit cards accepted

For further information, search for "Spirit River Golf" on Facebook.



First Round of
Golf 9 a.m.

Lunch and Tour
Starting At noon

Second round of
golf 1:30 p.m.

Sponsor a Hole!
\$500.00

Spirit River

located at
1321 Heritage Blvd. NE
Isanti, MN

Mailing address:
PO Box 158
Isanti, MN 55040-0158

Payment must
accompany reservation

Please reserve by
August 30th

events@spiritriverriverhall.com

Call 612-888-4255

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				Teddy Bear Camp 2 August 2-4		
<p>5 9:30 am Summer Worship Service at Maple Grove Town Green 7791 Main Street No.</p> <p>1:00-5:00 pm Emmaus Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Caring Ministries</p>	<p>7 7:00 am BNI 9:00 am Staff Meeting National Night Out</p>	<p>8 <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> 9:00 am Sr. Facilities 1:00 pm Multiply Leaders 6:00 pm Music Rehearsals 7:00 pm Hospitality Team</p>	<p>9 9:30 am Sr. Exercise class</p>	10	<p>11 9:00 am Feed My Starving Children Coon Rapids location</p>
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August Worship at Cross Winds...

Sunday, Summer Worship

One service at 9:30 am

Sunday August 5th...



**Sunday
August 5
9:30am**

**Cross Winds
Community Worship
at Town Green**

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