



## Youth Ministry

It's been a great year to grow in faith and friendships at Cross Winds. Thank you, families, for your commitment to Wednesday night faith formation, music groups, and summer activities. Thank you volunteers and mentors for being a part of the ministry team! As we get ready for the spring and summer months, here are a few highlights of key events.



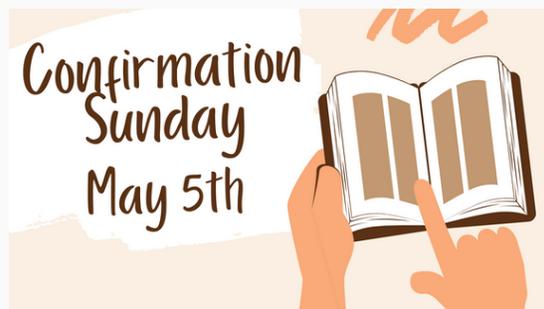
## Wednesday Night - School Year End Party

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 pm

Join us for an end-of-the year party on Wednesday, April 24th (5:30-7:30pm) as we celebrate our first year of Wednesday night dinners and programming for all ages. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We are excited to welcome the Surf Cats, a classic rock and roll band featuring our own CW friend, Ron Johnson! It's going to be a high energy, fun-filled night. See you there.

## Confirmation Sunday - May 5

Join us on Sunday, May 5th, as we celebrate our 8th graders who are seeking confirmation. Worship will include a special time of blessing for each student as they say yes to their faith and to supporting the life of Cross Winds. We are proud of our Confirmation students and eager to celebrate with them.



*Note: for 8th grade students preparing for confirmation, there will be a rehearsal and dinner (including family and mentors) on Wednesday, May 1st (5:30-7:30pm).*



## Honoring 2024 Graduates Sunday, May 12

Calling All Graduates! Cross Winds UMC Graduation Sunday is May 12th. If you or someone you know is graduating (high school or college) this year and would like to have their accomplishment celebrated, please fill out the Grad Sunday form online or contact Pastor Stina by May 5th. Please include a recent photo/school/degree/future plans.

<https://crosswindslife.org/resources/news-updates/graduate-recognition-sunday/>



### Registration Open for Summer Festival Camp July 14-17

Open to students finishing 6th-9th grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

Cost \$250.

Location – Gustavus Adolphus College

For a week during the summer, teens have the chance to get away from real life, hang out with people from across the Midwest, deepen friendships, and talk about God. 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. CW Registration for all campers will be due by June 1st. Scholarships available upon request.

<https://crosswindslife.org/resources/news-updates/2024-summer-festival-camp-middle-school/>

### Senior High Summer Mission Trip - Spring Plant Sale

Support the 2024 Senior High Mission Team as they prepare for their trip to Benton Harbor, MI from July 6th through July 12th. Team members have partnered with Lynde's for this year's spring plant sale in support of the summer mission trip. Orders due April 10th. Learn more online: <https://crosswindslife.org/resources/news-updates/2024-plant-sale/>

If you would prefer to donate money to a team member, consider leaving an online sponsor donation today: <https://crosswindslife.org/engage/youth/>



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BENTON HARBOR, MI

SPRING PLANT SALE

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