



## Youth Ministry

We are proud of our 2024 Confirmands and Grads. What a joy to celebrate life with you. Congrats!



## Congratulations Graduates!

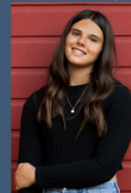
Garrett Frizell



Joseph Gray



Erica Kemp



Madyson Nordstrom



Kelsey Pautzke



Cooper Peschman



Shane Colson



## **Summer Mission Trip - Traveling in July**

We are one month away from sending our 18 summer mission trip members to Benton Harbor, MI this summer. As we partner with Osseo UMC, we ask for your ongoing prayer support of the team. We are grateful for our Cross Winds adult leaders – Cindy Bailey, Karmyn Nelson, Grant Nelson, and Cheryl Purkat and the senior high students who have committed to the trip. On Sunday, June 16th, we will have a special time of testimony as we get ready to send the team out on a mission.

If you would like to be a prayer partner for a team member, contact Pastor Stina to help.

## **2024 Mission Trip Theme: *Rooted***

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Being rooted in Christ allows us to show others the boundless riches of God's love and experience it for ourselves. As our roots grow deeper, we have a greater understanding of how wide and long and high and deep God's love is for us and the world. When we are rooted and established in love, we can't be shaken, and Jesus uses us to love and serve others.

Just like a thriving forest or meadow full of individual plants, we can grow deeper in our faith together, producing good fruit as we serve and love communities. This summer we will dive into one of Paul's letters to the early Church, learning practical ways to be spiritually healthy – to be filled with the fullness of God both on the trip and back home.

## **Service on Site Includes**

We will have the opportunity to learn about the economic disparity and tensions between Benton Harbor and sister city, St. Joseph, while serving alongside several influential community leaders to support efforts to revitalize the city through hands-on garden and clean up projects, and serve at local organizations like food pantries, children's programs, thrift stores and provide a helping hand in their long-term efforts of redevelopment.

## **Prayer Requests for our Mission Team and the neighbors they will serve**

Benton Harbor is disproportionately affected by economic hardship and unemployment. You can be in prayer that recent economic development and revitalization would help people in the community rather than displace the most vulnerable in the community. Prayer for Mosaic Christian Community Development, and their voice in the revitalization effort. Pray for YouthWorks partners, such as the Arts and Culture Center and Benton Harbor Community Development Corporation to be beacons of light and agents of transformation in the community.