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### **Palm Sunday**

April 13

10am Worship; 11 am Potluck brunch

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 17

5:30 pm Dinner & Worship

### **Good Friday**

April 18

Tenebrae Service 12pm and 6:30 pm

### **Easter**

April 20

8am & 10am Worship

## **Celebrate Holy Week at Cross Winds**

Holy Week is a sacred time for Christians to remember Jesus' final week as he journeyed to the cross. We invite you to set aside time for prayer and worship throughout the week, both in-person and online, as we reflect on the mystery of the cross and celebrate his triumphant resurrection.



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## Sign Up To Stay Connected

Contact Michelle Schober to be added to the email distribution lists for

- "Cross Winds Life", distributed on Thursdays - includes pastor's note, important information about the life of the church, and links for upcoming events
- Prayer Chain email updates

## MN Annual Conference News

Stay up to date on news from the MN Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church: [www.minnesotaumc.org](http://www.minnesotaumc.org).

## Finance Update

Thank you for your Giving for CWUMC. As we head into April we have a small surplus. If you have not pledged for 2025 it's not too late. We welcome any support that you can provide no matter what the time of the year it is and no amount is too small. You can still make a difference for 2025.

If you have questions about our Operating Fund, or questions related to our 2025 Budget, other Reserve Funds, Endowment Fund, or Mortgage Balance please contact us at [finance@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:finance@crosswindsumc.org)

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## Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



*Early in the morning of the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.*

~ John 20:1

This month we have the gift of celebrating Holy Week together. Beginning with Palm Sunday and culminating in Easter, we retell the story from triumphant procession to triumphant resurrection and everything in between. For many of us, the story is familiar. We think we know it and so we may wonder why it matters to show up to hear the story again.

Holy Week is not a story.

We do not gather to put on a pageant and retell historical events from years gone by simply to remember the past.

Holy Week causes us to be re-membered.

God enters into all parts of our story. The exciting parades and triumphant arrivals. The gatherings around tables during holiday meals. The anguish of isolation late at night. The reality of betrayal, denial, abandonment, derision, suffering, and even death. God enters into our story and shows us that the worst thing is never the last thing. Resurrection is on the way and we are put back together – re-membered – as new creations.

Jesus offers us this gift every Holy Week.

I invite you to enter into the passion of the story. Participate in each element. Allow the times of worship to act as a means of grace in your life. God is waiting for you at the cross. Will you sit with him, or will you pass by pretending you see nothing?

In order for God to roll the stones away from your life, you must let him take this journey with you. Don't do it alone. Join me for worship on Palm Sunday (April 13 at 10am), Maundy Thursday worship (April 17 at 5:30pm), Good Friday (12pm or 6:30pm) and Easter Sunday (8am or 10am). May the joy of journeying from the cross to resurrected life be yours this April.

# Meeting Jesus

Through the Eyes  
of His Disciples

## **April 6 - *The Beloved***

John 15:1-17

As we approach the events of Holy Week, we meet the beloved disciple, John. Writer of a gospel and many New Testament letters, this close companion of Jesus is believed to have heard the very heartbeat of God and invites us to do the same. Today we also welcome, Chad Lanners, Executive Director of CROSS Services to speak during worship about how we too can love our local neighbors through our work with CROSS Services.

## **April 17 - *Maundy Thursday***

John 13:1-35

Join us for dinner and communion at the tables as we gather for a remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This worship service will not be recorded and is available in-person only. Including dramatic monologues of Jesus' disciples and music by the choir.

## **April 20 - *Easter - I've Seen the Lord***

John 20:1-18

Celebrate Easter at Cross Winds. We have two worship services that are family friendly and ready to bring joy to your Easter. We've saved a seat for you. Worship at 8am or 10am



## **April 13 - *Palm Sunday***

Luke 19:28-48

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which centers around a triumphant procession where Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey while crowds cheer "Hosanna," or "Save us." Join us for Palm Sunday worship as we welcome Jesus, looking to him as our Hosanna, and consider what his saving work means for us today. After worship, we invite you to stay for a potluck. Bring your favorite brunch food to share.

## **April 18- *Good Friday Tenebrae Services***

John 18:1-19:42

Gather at the foot of the cross for a traditional Good Friday Tenebrae Service. A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ, featuring readings from the Gospel of John and the extinguishing of candles. Services will be offered at 12pm and 6:30pm.

## **April 27 - *Life In His Name***

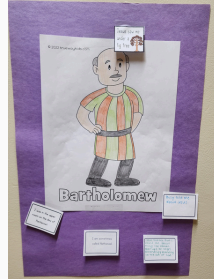
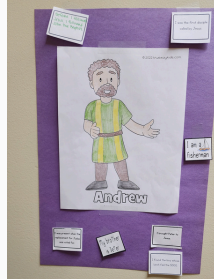
John 20:19-31

The Gospel of John declares, "But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name." (John 20:31) Today we celebrate the life that comes through believing in the powerful name of Jesus.





What a joy to be together on Sundays AND Wednesdays! Here's what we are learning:

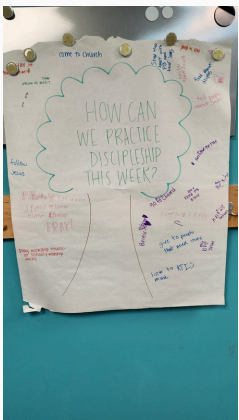


When Jesus' began his earthly ministry, he gathered followers known as disciples. Yet they became more than followers; they were invited by Jesus to join him in his work, to learn from him, and gain his authority to carry out God's plans. Each disciple had unique gifts and struggles. Join us this Lent as we meet Jesus through the eyes and ears of his beloved disciples as we consider what it means to follow him. Reinvigorate your faith as we hear the testimonies, trials, and grace of a chosen life that is beloved by our Lord and Savior.



## Volunteer in Children's Ministry

If you're feeling called to serve in Children's Ministry, connect with Amber!



## Join us in Children's Ministry

It's never too late join us! [Register for programming.](#) For more information visit our [website.](#)





## Youth Ministry Updates

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love, faith, and by being sexually pure.*

*~ 1 Timothy 4:12*

As we reach the spring, I wanted to take a moment of personal privilege to share how grateful I am for our Cross Winds youth. They are truly examples of Christian discipleship through their daily lives. Thank you, students, for showing the love of Jesus. Thank you, families, for having Christ-centered homes. May our Lord Jesus continue to bless and encourage you!

## Check Out The Loom

Our senior high students have finished weaving their first sleeping mat AND thanks for your help at the loom-athon, they are almost done with the second mat. Our students are currently working on plans to supervise and invite more volunteers to help with the loom, so stay tuned for more information to come soon.







### Wednesday Night Activities in April

- **April 2** – Dinner and class night (Meeting Jesus)
- **April 9** – Dinner and class night (All About Holy Week)
- **April 16** – NO CLASS (Students invited to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship instead)
- **April 23** – Spring party!
- **April 30** – 8th grade students and families meet for Confirmation Sunday rehearsal

### Confirmation Sunday - May 4

See you in worship on Sunday, May 4 as we support our students ready to confirm their faith! For our 8th grade families, remember that each student should schedule a meeting with me before Easter (April 20) to talk about their intention for confirmation.

### Confirmation Rehearsal and Sunday Schedule

Rehearsal & Dinner on Wednesday, April 30 (5:30-7pm)

Students arrive at 9am on Sunday, May 4 for worship prep and photos

### Honoring 2025 Graduates - Sunday, May 11

Calling All Graduates! Cross Winds UMC Graduation Sunday is May 11. 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 4. Please include a recent photo/school/degree/future plans.



### REGISTRATION OPEN for Summer Festival Camp

**High School Camp: July 13-16, 2025**

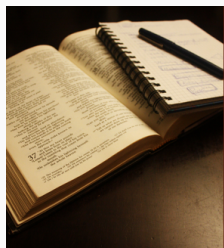
**Middle School Camp: July 20-23, 2025**

**Cost \$275 per student - Open to students who have finished 6th-12th grade in 2024-2025 school year.**

**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. Everyday speakers come to share inspiring and challenging stories about real life, God, and where the two intertwine. The days are packed with fun surprises of all kinds. From the music, the movies, the games, the speakers, and club – all with laughter to tears – Summer Festival Camp really has something for everybody. [Register online](#)

# Adult Ministries and Small Groups



## The "Other" New Testament Letters

Bible Study  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
April 27-May 18

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Join Steve Weeks for a new Bible Study on the New Testament letters not generally attributed to Paul- from Hebrews to Jude. These letters, written by leaders of the early church, offered guidance, encouragement and instruction for Christians both then and now. This four-week study runs from April 27-May 18, each Sunday at 9:00 am. Prior to the first class, please read the Epistle of James.

## Prime Timers Monthly Brunch

Tuesday, April 1, 11:30 am

A Prime Timers Brunch has been arranged for the first Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am at Lynde's Restaurant in Osseo. Breakfast and Lunch menus will be available. Everyone invited! Sign up on the church website.



## Prime Timers - Bridges of Madison County at Plymouth Playhouse - Sunday, April 6, 2:30 pm

A block of tickets has been reserved for the afternoon showing of Bridges of Madison County put on by the Cross Community Players. Tickets are \$21.65 for seniors (62 and older) or 26.84 for adults. Dianne Roth has purchased the tickets and will be selling to those interested in attending, (cash or check to Dianne Roth) at the Welcome Desk after the service on March 30 or you can contact Dianne directly. Following the show, participants will have dinner at the Plymouth Perkins located at 494 and Highway 55.

## Ladies Who Lunch

Tuesday, April 15, 11:30 am

Ladies Who Lunch will gather on Tuesday, April 15 at 11:30 am at Applebee's in Maple Grove. Please sign up on the Cross Winds Ladies Who Lunch Events page or let the church office know so reservation can be confirmed with restaurant. All ladies are invited to join us.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry - Monday, April 28, 1:30 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Monday, April 28 at 1:30 pm at church. Bring your own beverage, current project, and any completed shawls. We invite you to join us if you knit or crochet or would like to learn. We meet monthly on the fourth Monday.





## Coffee With the Pastor Sunday, April 6, 11:00 am

Get to know our Pastor and other new friends at a "Coffee with the Pastor" event hosted in the main floor meeting room after Sunday morning worship on April 6. These informal gatherings are a great way to meet other people, get to know more about Cross Winds, and find out how to connect!

## New Member Sunday April 13, 10:00 am

During worship on Sunday, April 13, we are excited to welcome new members to Cross Winds. If you are interested in becoming a member, stop by a "Coffee with the Pastor" event or contact Pastor Stina ([stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org](mailto:stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org)) to learn more about joining the church.



## April Community Night - Dinner and Music Wednesday, April 23, 5:30-7:30 pm

See you on Wednesday, April 23 for our year end Wednesday night party. The hospitality team will be hosting dinner (starting at 5:30pm) and we welcome special guests, Singleton Street, to play bluegrass and other festive music for all ages.

## New Cross Winds Photo Directory

It is time for a new Cross Winds Picture Directory! Our directory won't be complete without your picture! Our church photo sessions are Thursday, May 1, 2-8 pm; Friday, May 2, 2-8 pm; and Saturday, May 3, 10am-4pm. You may sign up for your photo session online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com); our church code is mn544 and the password is photos. You may also contact the church office for assistance with signing up.



## Stitches of Love Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards our February special offering for Stitches of Love. Thanks to your generosity, over \$2,500 was collected to help purchase new fabric for quilts, school bags, and feminine hygiene kits.



## Staffing Update

It is with gratitude that I write to give thanks for the 26 years of service that Lori Lahtinen has faithfully provided the Cross Winds Church as the Director of Worship and Music. Over the decades, Lori has been the heart and soul of our music ministries, ensuring that all people have been encouraged to lift their voices in praise and glory to God. Her commitment to Christian discipleship, community life, and service has allowed us as the church to experience the joy of the Lord as our strength.

Recently, Lori has indicated that she is ready to retire from her role as the Director of Worship and Music possibly beginning this summer. Since Lori has been such an integral part of the worship ministries, we recognize it will take our church leadership a few months to prepare for future staffing needs after Lori retires. We give thanks that Lori has offered flexibility on her retirement date in order to help work together as we determine the next steps. We also are grateful that Lori desires to remain an active member of the Cross Winds Church as she retires from her staff position and are eager to help give her the space and opportunity to explore how she will be involved in ministries in the years to come.

In this time of transition, our Board and Staff Parish Relations Committees will be working diligently to ensure we are staffed for faithful ministry in the year to come. They will be working to develop a plan for hiring needs and use this summer to initiate the next steps for future staffing ministries.

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee will also be involved in preparing a few celebrations to honor Lori's ministries. Although we do not have dates scheduled yet, if you are interested in helping to plan these celebrations, please let us know so that we can add you to the party team.

In closing, we are honored by Lori's Christian witness. She has taught us all to:

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord! Bless his name! Share the news of his saving work every single day! Declare God's glory among the nations; declare his wondrous works among all people. (Psalm 96:1-3)

We look forward to the many years of singing we have yet to share as the family of God with Lori as she transitions to the retired status and finds her place in ministry as a faithful Cross Winds member.

In the Spirit,  
Pastor Stina

On behalf of the Cross Winds Board and SPRC Committees





## Brighter Smiles Hygiene Supply Drive MARCH AND APRIL



## Brighter Smiles - Hygiene Supply Drive March and April

Bring brighter smiles to your neighbors this Lenten season by donating hygiene supplies to CROSS Services. CROSS Services is a non-profit 501(c)(3) social services organization that assists 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 communities of Minnesota. CROSS has shared that one of their greatest needs right now are hygiene items including toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and other bathroom care items. Item donations may be dropped off in the church entryway bin. Financial donations (please make checks payable to Cross Winds, with attention in the memo line to CROSS) given will go towards supporting the greatest needs of CROSS Services.

## Maple Grove Bed Races Volunteers Needed on Saturday, July 19

Cross Winds is looking for volunteers to help "race beds" during the Annual Maple Grove Rotary Club's Bed Race supporting Peaceful Dreams for CROSS Kids. Volunteers must be 12 years and over. If you're interested in helping out, contact Pastor Stina or Amber Lahtinen.



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