



SUNDAY – December 18, 2022

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." [Psalm 95:6]

8:15 am **Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary**

9:30 am **Adult Discipleship – Rooms 209/210/211**

Children's Sunday School – Rooms 113/118/216/217/218/223

Junior & Senior High Sunday School – Room 120

10:45 am **Contemporary Worship Service – Great Commission Room**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS to help take down Christmas trees in the Sanctuary immediately following the 8:15 am service on January 8. Please contact **Sue Quist** (sue@crossview.net).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROSS VIEW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- **Christmas Eve, December 24:** 1:00 pm Traditional Service, 3:00 pm Contemporary Service, 5:00 pm Traditional Service
- **Christmas Day, December 25:** 9:30 am Traditional Single Service (with communion, no Bible classes)
- **Sunday, January 1:** 9:30 am Traditional Single Service (no Bible classes)
- **Sunday, January 8:** Regular Schedule Resumes

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

- **December 19 – 23:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **December 26 – 30:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **January 2:** Office closed

2022 YEAR-END OFFERINGS DEADLINE: IRS regulations make it very clear that for a contribution to be credited to the 2022 tax year, it must be received on Cross View's premises by December 30 or postmarked no later than midnight on December 31, 2022. Dropping it off in January with a December date on the check does not qualify. Please note that the church office will be open Friday, December 30, from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

MISSING A WATER BOTTLE, NOTEBOOK, OR OTHER ITEM? Check the lost and found bins located on top the coat rack across from the church office. Also, check to see if you left a jacket hanging up. Items still there at the end of the year will be donated.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Questions for staff? Contact...

Interim Family Minister to Children & Youth: Barbara Coffin (barb@crossview.net; 952-243-2062)

Youth Ministry: (youth@crossview.net)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's topic: Elijah helps a widow in 1 Kings 17:7-24. Bible verse to memorize: Matthew 6:31, 33. Bible point: Trust God completely because He takes care of us. What to talk about at home: Is there something that you have been holding back from God and not trusting Him with? Pray together about trusting God with it.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 7 – 12): Today, we conclude our 2-week series on Leadership Context. This week's focus is where do you lead. We will look at current day examples.

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 9 – 12): Onsite tonight at 6:30 pm. See you there!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT RE-SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 10 – 11: We are confirmed at Camp Omega for Feb. 10 and 11 for this Friday late afternoon/evening through Saturday evening event. We will need two parent volunteers (one for the boys and one for the girls). Anyone interested in volunteering to help chaperon the students, can contact **Connie Landreville** (connie.landreville@gmail.com) or **Brad Ost** (ostfamily@comcast.net).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Questions for staff? Contact...

Interim Director, Outreach & Adult Ministries: Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net; 952-243-2049)

Music & Fine Arts Ministry: Sue Quist (sue@crossview.net; 952-243-2048)

A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus

Last Class Today, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Rooms 209/210/211)

Perhaps no story in all of scripture is more familiar than the Christmas story of Luke 2. In the class, we will join Middle Eastern scholar Kenneth Bailey for four video lectures followed by Bible study and discussion. We will take a fresh look at the text, attempting to strip away "additions" that have crept in over the centuries, recapturing the beauty and simplicity of the birth of Christ. Join us as Pastor Wheeler and Phil Johnson lead the discussion.

Guests from LINC (Lutheran Inter-City Network Coalition)

Sunday, January 8, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Rooms 209/210/211)

Come and hear encouraging updates from LINC, a national ministry with a local presence here in the Twin Cities. LINC is dedicated to the work of empowering local ministry leaders so that their influence will grow, their communities will thrive, and more people will be introduced to the good news about Jesus. Guest speakers will include Executive Director Ben Griffin, City Director Sena Dagaga, and Associate City Director Kevin Saunders. Don't miss this special opportunity!

The Parables of Jesus

Sundays, January 22 – February 12, 9:30 – 10:30 am (Rooms 209/210/211)

This course, taught by Pastor Steve Wheeler, is based on Dr. Kenneth Bailey's book *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*. This four-week course will explore select parables of Jesus. Drawing upon Dr. Kenneth Bailey's Middle Eastern experience and expertise, our goal is to unlock the parables by hearing, understanding, and applying them in our day in light of their original historical and cultural settings. Register for this [onsite/online](#) class at CV Connect or the Event Registration kiosks. Questions? Contact **Pastor Steve Wheeler** (steve@crossview.net).

Measured by Grace – NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 9, 9:30 am (Room 218)

We will be starting a new study on "Measured by Grace" by Sharla Fritz. The focus of this study is how God measures our worth: by His Grace and not as the world does. This Bible study meets on the first Monday of the month except in January. Questions? Contact **Marcy Nordhus** (mpnordhus@gmail.com). Register for this [onsite](#) class at CV Connect or at the Event Registration kiosks.

Altogether Beautiful: A Study of Song of Songs – NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, January 10 – February 28, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (On Zoom)

We are all beautiful because of who we are in Christ! In this 8-week study, we will dig into Song of Songs with Heidi Goehmann following her study book and videos. The study book can be found online at Amazon or Concordia Publishing House. Questions? Contact **Emily Hawkins** (612-618-3903 or ehawk4@gmail.com). Register for this [online](#) class at CV Connect or at the Event Registration kiosks.

Community Light School of Discipleship (CLSD)

Thursdays, September 15 – April 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

No classes on December 22 and 29.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: We will meet at church on Monday, December 19, at 1:00 pm in Room 120 to discuss *Comfort and Joy* by Kristin Hannah. Lower level doors will be open. Questions or interested in joining? Contact **Marcy Nordhus** (mpnordhus@gmail.com).

POBLO SEEKS VOLUNTEERS: The POBLO International Friendship Center at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Bloomington is in need of additional volunteers to teach ESL classes, computer classes, and help with childcare. If you have a heart for meeting the needs of immigrants and refugees in our community with the love of Jesus, sign up to get involved! Please contact **Shari Schulze** (612-552-3878 or shari@poblo.org) or visit their website at www.poblotwincities.org/volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

Church office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

MONDAY, 12/19	Women's Book Club – Room 120	1:00 pm
TUESDAY, 12/20	Small Group Bible Study – Room 213	7:00 am
	Spiritual Care MAT – Room 213	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/21	CV Quilters – Room 218/220	9:30 am
THURSDAY, 12/22	Praise Team Rehearsal – GCR	6:00 pm
SATURDAY, 12/24	Traditional Service – Sanctuary	1:00 pm
	Contemporary Service – GCR	3:00 pm
	Traditional Service – Sanctuary	5:00 pm
SUNDAY, 12/25	Traditional Service – Sanctuary	9:30 am
	No Discipleship Hour	

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” [Colossians 4:2]

THIS WEEK, CROSS VIEW’S STAFF AND CONGREGATION WILL PRAY FOR:

Monday: Charmaine Stillwell

Tuesday: Johanna Stratmoen

Wednesday: Charlie Sunderland

Thursday: Richard and Delphine Sunderland

Friday: Kirk and Kris Swenson

Saturday: Sean and Quynn Iske (Rhys, Jayna) – ECC

Sunday: Kevin and Megan Jarvis (Russell, Sloan) – ECC

PRAYER CHAIN...*If you have a prayer to share, please call the church office, use the Prayer Request space when you sign in to online worship, or email **Sue Hanson**, prayer chain coordinator (email: hansons96@gmail.com).*

IMPLIED CONSENT...*During Cross View worship services and events, we may take photos or videos and these may be used as a part of an article or news item in hard copy or on the website. Personal names will not be used without consent of the individual or parent, should the image be of a minor. If you do not wish an image to be used, please notify us and it will be removed as soon as practically possible.*