CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – November 19, 2023

"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 Hour – Rooms 210-211 Children's Sunday School – Rooms 113/118/216/217/223 Junior & Senior High Sunday School – Rooms 120/122 CV Connect Assistance – Room 213
10:45 am Contemporary Worship Service – Great Commission Room (GCR)
6:30 pm CV Game Night – Lobby

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

STEWARDSHIP AND STATEMENT MAILINGS: This past week our annual stewardship materials and year to date contribution statements were mailed out. We will be collecting the stewardship pledge cards at the worship services on November 22, Thanksgiving Eve and on November 26, Commitment Sunday. Please also review your contribution statements for any discrepancies so we can make the corrections before year end. Any needed corrections can be directed to Alyssa Meger (alyssa@crossview.net) in the church office.

SPECIAL REQUEST: We are going to use a nativity stable from a sister church in Sartell, MN, for our live nativity on December 2. The pieces are 12 feet long. We are looking for a volunteer with a trailer to pick up the stable by November 30 and bring it to Cross View. Contact Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net) if you are able to deliver this very important piece for NativityFest. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of a few more servers for our Pie Fellowship event this Wednesday, following our Thanksgiving Eve worship. Call the church office or contact renee@crossview.net if you can help.

TRINITY FIRST – THANKSGIVING FAMILY NIGHT: Cross View will be helping to create a Thanksgiving Family Night at Trinity First on November 21 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. There will be food, games, and crafts for families to do together. If you would like to help with this event, <u>sign up on CV Connect</u>. Check out the sign up in the lobby to donate pies or other holiday desserts. Please contact Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net with any questions.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS: Get into the Christmas spirit while preparing our church for the Advent and Christmas season. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Call or email Marian Kratzke at 952-941-1094 or marian@crossview.net.

- Friday, November 24, 10:00 am 1:00 pm: Decorate our worship spaces and lobby with trees and greenery
- Saturday, December 23, 9:00 am 11:00 am: Decorate our worship spaces with live poinsettias

NATIVITYFEST – A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Our Christmas outreach event is a great way to kick off the Advent season! The activities will point to Jesus as the reason for the season with something for everyone to enjoy. We will have a live nativity, crafts, treats, story time, and more. We will need lots of helpers, so check out <u>CV Connect</u> for ways to volunteer! Also, sign up to donate a package of cookies to be served as treats during the event by visiting the display in the lobby. Take a paper cookie with you and sign up on the stand next to the display. Contact Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net) or Barb Coffin (barb@crossview.net) with questions.

STEWARDSHIP OF SKILLS AND INTERESTS: How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts at church? As we focus on stewardship this month, take the time to pray about this and then complete the Skills and Interests survey (previously referred to as Time and Talents). You can complete the survey by visiting the "Serving" tab on CV Connect or by completing a paper form which can be found at the Registration Desk in the lobby. "Skills" refer to areas where you have specialized training, and "Interests" refer to areas where you simply have a willingness to serve. We will use this information for future volunteer opportunities at Cross View. With family accounts, you can find "Skills and Interests" under the "Personal Information" tab of each person's profile. If you have questions on how to access the survey, contact Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net). May Jesus be glorified in all that we do!

THE MIGHTY DESSERT DONATION DRIVE: We are looking for LOTS of dessert donations this month! Please consider adding a pie, a package of cookies, or another dessert to your shopping list to help out. We are collecting **pies** for the Trinity First Thanksgiving Family Night on November 21, **pies** for the Pie Fellowship after Thanksgiving Eve worship at Cross View on November 22, and **cookies** for the NativityFest outreach event on December 2.

Donations will be collected November 19 – 26 at church (pies are due by November 21 at noon, cookies are due by November 26). Please do not bring frozen or uncooked pies. If you drop off during the week, visit the church office with your donation.

Visit the donation display in the narthex, grab a dessert tag, and add your name to the list to help make these events even more "sweet"!

LCEF 6.25%, 2.5 YEAR TERM NOTE! A limited-time "special" term note from LCEF. For information visit <u>www.lcef.org/</u> or call 1-800-843-5233.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Monday November 20, 1:00 pm (Room 120)

We will meet at the church to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Lower level doors will be open. Please feel free to join us as new members are always welcome.

UPCOMING ADVENT BIBLE CLASS – THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS: Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, this class, led by Pastor Reed, searches out the true identity of the child in the manger. Join this Lee Strobel video study as he asks the tough, pointed questions you'd expect from an award-winning legal journalist. The Case for Christmas invites you to consider why Christmas matters in the first place. Somewhere beyond the traditions of the holiday lies the truth. It may be more compelling than you've realized. Weigh the facts . . . and decide for yourself.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Questions for staff? Contact...

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

Money Matters (Rooms 209-211)

Sundays, November 5 – November 26, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Steve & Pastor Reed

The Case for Christmas (Rooms 209-211)

Sundays, December 3 – December 17, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Reed

Community Light School of Discipleship: Hope Revealed – Revelation Part 2 (GCR)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, taught by Pastor Nadasdy. No class November 22.

The Chosen – Youth and Adult Study (Room 120)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, taught by Amy Gundermann. No class November 22.

For full descriptions of all Bible studies, please visit Cross View's website at https://www.crossview.net/ministries/adult_bible_study.cfm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND 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: The kids will be practicing their songs for the Christmas program in the sanctuary the entire Sunday School hour this week.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 7 – 12): This week our Bible study considers the faith of Abraham: A Father's Sacrifice.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 11/20	Women's Book Club – Room 120	1:00 pm
TUESDAY, 11/21	Men's Bible Study Bible Study Fellowship Special Needs Ministry Meeting – <i>Room 213</i> Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>GCR</i> Spiritual Care MAT	8:00 am 12:30 pm 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 11/22	No Midweek Recharge Discipleship Thanksgiving Eve Worship Pie Fellowship	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY, 11/23	Church Office Closed	
FRIDAY, 11/24	Church Office Closed	
SUNDAY, 11/26	Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i> Discipleship Hour Contemporary Service – <i>GCR</i>	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:45 am

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

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

Monday: Peggy Oie Tuesday: Kevin & Pam Olsen Wednesday: John & Lynne Olson Thursday: Brad & Janet Ost Friday: Scott & Beth Otto Saturday: Natalie Neal (Beckett) – ECC Sunday: Douglas & Jacqueline Nelson (Josephine) – 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.