



CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – December 3, 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
10:45 am **Contemporary Worship Service – Great Commission Room (GCR)**
6:30 pm **Youth Group – Room 120**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

WELCOME KIT – LOVING OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS: Our congregation is collecting items during the month of December to bless a refugee family of five as they get settled in Minnesota. We are creating a Welcome Kit through Arrive Ministries which will include many of the household basics a family would need. Check out the display in the lobby during the month of December to sign up and bring donated items to church by January 1. Add a Welcome Kit item to your Christmas shopping list or invite your small group to purchase an item together. All donations must be new. In addition to the specific items listed on the display, the Sunday School children are invited to donate cleaning supplies and the youth will be collecting hygiene items for the family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

- **December 18 – 22:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **December 25:** Office closed
- **December 26 – 29:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **January 1:** Office closed

CROSS VIEW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- **Christmas Eve, December 24:** 1:00 pm Traditional Service, 3:00 pm Contemporary Service, 5:00 pm Traditional Service (No am services, No Bible classes)
- **Christmas Day, December 25:** 9:30 am Traditional Christmas Single Service (with communion)
- **Sunday, December 31:** 9:30 am Traditional Single Service (no Bible classes)

THANK YOU, TRINITY FIRST VOLUNTEERS! The family night at Trinity First for Thanksgiving was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help out with all the activities, food, and planning! Thank you, also, to everyone who donated delicious pies and treats! It was a wonderful way for the Trinity First community to gather together and give thanks to the Lord for His incredible goodness.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Our children have been working hard for a very fun and engaging Christmas Celebration that will be held next Sunday at 10:45 am in the GCR. They will be telling the story of Christmas in a fun and new way. Please join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU: Hamburgers, baked beans, chips and brownies. Registration and payment is required by 9:00 am on the Monday prior to the meal so that we can get the meal count to the caterer. Please register and pay on CV Connect to reserve your spot. Our caterer provides ten extra meals for walk-ins and these are first-come, first-served so come early if you forgot to register.

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.

- Saturday, December 23, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Decorate our worship spaces with live poinsettias

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY: In times of need and times of joy, we come together as a community to support one another. We are excited to offer our support through our Meal Train ministry. We invite volunteers to lend a helping hand by providing meals for our members in need. Whether it's a home-cooked dish, a takeout meal, or simply your time to deliver a warm smile and a friendly chat, your contribution will make a difference. If you would like to volunteer your time and culinary talents, please contact Megan Jarvis at meganjarvis.msj@gmail.com to sign up for the distribution list.

If you or someone you know is in need of a meal due to illness, life events, or any other circumstances, please reach out to Megan, and she will gladly help arrange a meal to be delivered to your house.

NEW 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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Monday December 18, 1:00 pm (Room 120)

We will meet at the church to discuss *Hello, Sunshine* by Laura Dave. Lower level doors will be open. Please feel free to join as new members are always welcome.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP! At Cross View, we know being a member of a small group can be transformational. Groups spend time together in God's Word, share life's joys and challenges, pray for one another, and serve others like Jesus did. If you'd like to join a group or become a small group leader, please contact Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net or complete the [interest form on our website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Questions for staff? Contact...

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

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 Dean Nadasdy.

The Chosen – Youth and Adult Study (Room 120)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, taught by Amy Gundermann.

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 for their Christmas program during the Sunday School hour this week. The practice will start in the sanctuary at 9:30 and move to the GCR at 10:00. Kids can be picked up at 10:30 in the GCR.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 7 – 12): This week we perform a case study on Rachel and Leah's relationship.

CARE PORTAL FAMILIES

As we assist families in crisis, we pray for strength, support and grace in their time of need. Specifically, we pray for the following families directly impacted by our donations:

- Single mom with 3 kids (7, 6, 4) with history of domestic violence, now moved to stable housing from a shelter
- Single mother, isolated, no family support with 6-year-old son; Mom recently obtained employment and housing

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 12/4	Women’s Bible Study – <i>Room 218</i>	9:30 am
TUESDAY, 12/5	Bible Study Fellowship	12:30 pm
	Marketing MAT – <i>Offsite</i>	5:30 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>GCR</i>	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/6	CV Quilters – <i>Rooms 218-220</i>	9:30 am
	Midweek Recharge Meal – <i>Rooms 210-211</i>	5:15 pm
	Women’s Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>	5:45 pm
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	6:15 pm
	Midweek Recharge Discipleship	6:30 pm
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	7:15 pm
SUNDAY, 12/10	Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	8:15 am
	Discipleship Hour	9:30 am
	Children’s Christmas Celebration – <i>GCR</i>	10:45 am
	Jr Youth Christmas Party	3:30 pm
	Sr Youth Christmas Party	6:00 pm
	Game Night – <i>Lobby</i>	6:30 pm

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

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

Monday: Dan & Debra Piepho

Tuesday: Gregg & Jana Poppe (Brody)

Wednesday: John & Lisa Porisch (Daniel & Eleanor)

Thursday: Joe & Britt Portillo

Friday: Pamela Prince

Saturday: Matt & Emma Olson (Theodore) – ECC

Sunday: Jonathan & Danielle Palmeri (Camden & Delfina) – 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.*