



# CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY – December 17, 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!

### CHRISTMAS RECHARGE SCHEDULE:

- **December 20:** Community Light School of Discipleship will meet as planned, no other activities or meal.
- **December 27:** No activities or meal for Christmas break.
- **January 3:** Meal will be served, Kidstutute, Confirmation and The Chosen study will meet as planned, no Community Light School of Discipleship.
- **January 10:** Meal will be served, all activities will meet as planned.

### 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)

### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2023 YEAR-END OFFERING DEADLINE:** IRS regulations make it very clear that for a contribution to be credited to the 2023 tax year, it must be received on Cross View's premises by December 31 or postmarked no later than midnight on December 31, 2023. Dropping it off in January with a December date on the check does not qualify. Please note that December 31 falls on a Sunday this year, so you may drop your final year-end contributions in the offering plate. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

**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. Thank you to everyone who has taken gift tags and committed to provide items for the kit! All donations must be new and they DO NOT need to be wrapped. If you did not get a tag but would still like to contribute to the kit, the Sunday School children are collecting cleaning supplies (near the trees in the Lobby) and the youth are collecting hygiene items for the family (near the Senior High Youth Room). Please bring all donations to church by January 1.

**CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS:** Help is needed to set up poinsettias and take down Christmas decorations. 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
- Sunday, January 7, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Take down Christmas trees and decorations

**MEN'S MINISTRY: "Loving God by Loving Others. Serving God by Serving Others."** Last October we gathered for food, fellowship and a motivational presentation by Mike Max. As announced then, our next big event is to come together to serve God's children by packing food at the Feed My Starving Children site in Chanhassen on Saturday, January 13 at 9:00 am. We have an ambitious goal of 100 volunteers. If we reach that goal we will pack enough food to feed 60+ children for an entire year. You can register on CV Connect, at the registration kiosk, or by emailing Dan Battcher at dtbattcher@gmail.com. Mark your calendars and start making a list of who you will bring along.

### **FELLOWSHIP AND FOOTBALL: Vikings vs Packers – Big Screen Showdown**

On Sunday, December 31 at 6:30 pm, come pick a side and cheer on your favorite squad! Enjoy the Minnesota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers on a huge screen at Cross View. The most colorful purple, green, and gold fan attire is strongly encouraged. Bring a heavy appetizer to share and your own (non-alcoholic) beverages. All ages are welcome! Daycare will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Contact John Daenzer at johndaenzer@gmail.com if you would like to help or if you have questions.

## **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.

## **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. No class this week.

For full descriptions of all Bible studies, please visit Cross View's website at

[https://www.crossview.net/ministries/adult\\_bible\\_study.cfm](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 celebrating Jesus' birth by having Christmas parties in their classroom this week. Merry Christmas!

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (Grades 7 – 12):** This week we will use the 7 Arrows Bible Study method to dig deeper into the Christmas story.

## **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 2 boys with significant mental health issues struggling to manage family.
- Single pregnant mom with a 3-year-old boy. She is currently in school and trying hard to support her son.
- Single mom with a 3-year-old girl. Mom is working and recently got out of a domestic violence situation.
- Single mom of five children who just moved to stable housing.
- Single mom of four girls, new to the state and struggling to make ends meet.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

<b>MONDAY, 12/18</b>	Women’s Book Club – <i>Room 120</i>	1:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY, 12/19</b>	Bible Study Fellowship	12:30 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>GCR</i>	6:00 pm
	Spiritual Care MAT	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY, 12/20</b>	CV Quilters – <i>Rooms 218-220</i>	9:30 am
	Women’s Choir Rehearsal – <i>Choir Room</i>	5:45 pm
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	6:15 pm
	Community Light School of Discipleship	6:30 pm
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	7:15 pm
<b>SUNDAY, 12/24</b>	Christmas Eve Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	1:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Contemporary Service – <i>GCR</i>	3:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	5:00 pm

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

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

**Monday:** JoAnn Ridgway

**Tuesday:** Dean & Tami Riter (Abigail & Emmitt)

**Wednesday:** James & Jeanne Rolfs (Natalie & Samuel)

**Thursday:** Patrick & Megan Rooney (Graham & Brooks)

**Friday:** Deb Roquette & Steve Woodcock

**Saturday:** Alex & Stephanie Pullen (Diego) – ECC

**Sunday:** Paul & Jackie Raymaker (Waylon & Wesley) – 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.*