



CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – December 24, 2023

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

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| 1:00 pm | Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| 3:00 pm | Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship Service – GCR |
| 5:00 pm | Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary |

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

CHRISTMAS RECHARGE SCHEDULE:

- **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 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 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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: Help is needed to take down Christmas trees and decorations on Sunday, January 7 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Call or email Marian Kratzke at 952-941-1094 or marian@crossview.net.

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.

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.

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

VIRTUAL CAREPORTAL TRAINING:

January 11, 6:30 – 8:00 pm or January 19, 9:00 – 10:30 am

Two virtual training sessions will be offered in January for those interested in joining the CarePortal Response Team at Cross View. You only need to attend ONE 90-minute training. Please email Pam Olsen at careportal@crossview.net and Kristin Broten at Kristin.broten@careportal.org to register and you will receive a link for the session a few days prior to the training. Please continue to pray for families in crisis in our community and for our work with CarePortal to make an impact with the love of Jesus.

SMALL GROUP FOR WOMEN: A new small group for women will be starting in the New Year at Cross View. The meeting time is still being determined, but it will be outside of regular business hours. If you are interested in growing deeper in your faith with other women in a small group setting, contact Deb Wagner at thewagners@comcast.net or Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net.

NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, January 2, 9:30 am (Room 218)

Cross View’s Women’s Bible study will be starting a new study in January. The study book is called “Leaning on Jesus, a Study of God’s Strength” by Deb Burma. The book is available on Amazon or www.cph.org. The group usually meets the first Monday of the month; however, because of the New Year’s Day holiday, their first meeting will be the next day on Tuesday.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB: Monday January 15, 1:00 pm (Room 120)

We will meet at the church to discuss *Signal Fires* by Dani Shapiro. 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)

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

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, taught by Pastor Dean Nadasdy. *No class this week or January 3.*

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.

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)

There will be no Children’s Sunday School, Youth Sunday School or Youth Group today or next Sunday, December 31. Regular schedule resumes on January 7.

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 six kids currently residing in a homeless shelter.
- A kinship family that includes a great-grandmother, great-grandfather, 12-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl. The family is resilient and has overcome significant trauma and adversity. One of the children is currently in placement while they work on reunification and healing.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 12/25	Christmas Day Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	9:30 am
	Church Office Closed	
WEDNESDAY, 12/27	No Midweek Recharge Activities	
SUNDAY, 12/31	New Year’s Eve Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	9:30 am
	No Discipleship Hour	
MONDAY, 1/1	Church Office Closed	

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

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

Monday: Dan & Carole Rosen

Tuesday: Richard & Patricia Rostal

Wednesday: Chris Roth

Thursday: Rodney & Carol Rudd

Friday: Curt & Rachel Ruegemer (Nathan, Luke & Alexa)

Saturday: Tim & Molly Roe (Miles, Reese & Gavin) – ECC

Sunday: Andrew & Abby Schmidt (Isabelle & Madeline) – 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.*