CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – November 24, 2024

"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 – Sanctuary, 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)
12:00 pm Christmas Tree Set-Up – GCR
6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group – Room 120

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

THANKSGIVING EVE PIEFEST SERVING OPPORTUNITES: Wednesday, Nov. 27

- Pre-slice the pies any time from Noon 3:00 pm
- Serve pie & coffee at the event (2 shifts are offered to allow for fellowship)
- Clean up after the event (clear and wipe down tables)

Please contact Renee Kirchner (renee@crossview.net) with questions.

HOLIDAY DECORATING OPPORTUNITIES: There are many opportunities for all ages to make our building beautiful for the holiday season.

- TODAY, 12:00 pm: Christmas tree set-up (a light lunch is provided)
- Saturday, Nov. 30, 9:00 am: Nativity set-up and Christmas decorating (morning treats are provided)

• Sunday, Dec. 22, 12:00 pm: Poinsettia decorating (a light lunch is provided)

Register on CV Connect or contact the church office with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP MAILING: This past week our annual stewardship materials were mailed out. We will be collecting the stewardship pledge cards at the worship services TODAY, November 24, Commitment Sunday, as well as Thanksgiving Eve, November 27.

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 update your Skills and Interests listed on your profile on CV Connect under "Serving". If you would like help accessing your profile, contact the church office. May Jesus be glorified in all that we do!

THE MIGHTY DESSERT DONATION DRIVE: We are collecting **pies** for the Trinity First Thanksgiving Family Night, **pies** for the PieFest after Thanksgiving Eve worship, and **cookies** for the NativityFest outreach event on Dec. 7. Please grab a dessert tag from the giving tree to sign up.

All pie donations are due by Nov. 26 at noon and cookies are due by Dec. 5 at noon. Please do not bring frozen or uncooked pies. Due to time constraints, we unfortunately cannot accept pie donations after the due date. If you drop off during the week, visit the church office with your donation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CROSS VIEW QUILTERS: The Cross View Quilters have made 20 lovely Christmas quilts for the congregation. If you are interested in receiving one of the quilts to keep or give away as a gift, please email Barb Schaus at bschaus46@gmail.com. If more than 20 requests are received, names will be drawn from a hat to determine who gets the quilts. If you are chosen to receive a quilt, you may view the quilts and select one in Room 223 (Chapel Room) on the upper level between services on Sunday, December 8.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT OUTING FOR SENIORS: Come and enjoy an evening of nurturing fellowship and instrumental music on Friday, December 6, at 7:30 pm. The group will gather at 5:00 pm at Cross View to share a potluck of appetizers - beverages will be provided. After the potluck, the group will carpool to the Lake Wobegon Brass Band concert at Meetinghouse Church (Colonial Church of Edina) located at 6200 Colonial Way, Edina. A freewill offering for the concert will be taken to support a choral program for adults with memory issues. Please register by December 4, online or at the registration desk. Contact Kathy Fulkerson or Sue Harrison with questions.

NATIVITYFEST – A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! Saturday, December 7, 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 a lot of helpers, so check out CV Connect for ways to volunteer! Also, visit the Giving Trees in the lobby to donate cookies to be served as treats during the event. Contact Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net) or Barb Coffin (barb@crossview.net) with questions.

NATIVITY SCENE EXHIBIT: If you have a nativity scene that you would like to display during our NativityFest on December 7th, please sign up on CV Connect!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS "SING FOR MESSIAH" CHOIR INVITATION: The Cross View Choir is presenting parts of Handel's *Messiah* in the Advent/Christmas worship services. Singers high school age and up who would like to sing this much-loved music are welcome to join the choir on these dates:

- Sunday, Dec. 8, "And the Glory of the Lord", 8:15 am
- Sunday, Dec. 22, "Oh, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion", 8:15 am
- Tuesday, Dec. 24, "Glory to God in the Highest", 1:00 & 5:00 pm —

Those interested in singing for any or all of these services need to attend the previous Wednesday 6:45 pm rehearsal on Dec. 4, 11 and/or 18. For more information, please contact David Mennicke at david@crossview.net.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Questions for staff? Contact...

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

Parables and Possessions (Sanctuary)

Sundays, Nov. 10 – Nov. 24, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Reed Lessing

Community Light School of Discipleship – Threads: Celebrating the Biblical Tapestry (GCR)

Wednesdays, Dec. 4 – Feb. 12, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, taught by Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

The next session will begin on December 4. If you did not attend the first session and would like to join, <u>sign up on CV Connect.</u> The lecture will be followed by discussion in small groups.

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Questions for staff? Contact...

Director, Children's Ministry: Barbara Coffin (barb@crossview.net; 952-243-2062) Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Hannah Zahrte (hannah@crossview.net; 952-243-2047)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: The kids will be preparing for the Christmas program this week.

SR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Trials are a part of life. How we respond to hard times is what really matters. Students will discover that, instead of running away from trials or viewing them as obstacles to living the good life, they are called to persevere in a way that actually brings them closer to God.

JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: From the beginning of time, God has said that we should not be alone – we need meaningful interaction with other people. Today's lesson will help students learn that we need other followers of Jesus who care for one another, and other people need this from us.

ATTENTION ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE OWNERS! If you are upgrading your artificial Christmas tree this year, please consider donating your old artificial tree to next year's Vacation Bible School program, True North. If you need it out of your home before June, Rachael Johnson can store it until it is needed. Any and all sizes in green would be appreciated. Questions can be directed to Rachael Johnson at rachaeljohnson1478@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 11/25	BSF Leaders Meeting	9:30 am
TUESDAY, 11/26	Men's Bible Study Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Trinity First Family Night – <i>Offsite</i>	8:00 am 12:30 pm 5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 11/27	Adult Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i> Thanksgiving Eve Worship – <i>Sanctuary</i> PieFest Fellowship – <i>Rooms 210-211</i>	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY, 11/28	Church Office Closed	
FRIDAY, 11/29	Church Office Closed	
SATURDAY, 11/30	Christmas Decorating & Nativity Set-Up	9:00 am
SUNDAY, 12/1	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: Mike & Jacque Mooty (Elizabeth) Tuesday: Rebecca Muchow (Scout & Zoe Molldrem) Wednesday: Marilyn Murray Thursday: Kris Mussell Friday: Don & Linda Nelson Saturday: Dan & Darbah Exner (Elena & Ellie) – ECC Sunday: Colin Gallagher & Riley Anderson (Theodore & Harper) – 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.