



CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – December 1, 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)**

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

2025 COMMITMENT CARDS: Thank you to those of you who have already turned in your 2025 commitment cards. We use this information to create our 2025 budget. If you still need to turn in your pledge card, please drop it off in the church office. To check on your 2024 pledge progress, please log into CV Connect under "Giving" to view your remaining pledge balance. Year-end contribution statements will be mailed out as soon as possible in January.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS AVAILABLE: Please visit the Registration Desk in the lobby to pick up an Advent devotion book for your family.

WINTER WARMTH DRIVE: During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves for the "Hats & Mittens" organization. Items can be new, used, or home-crafted and can be for all ages of children and adults. The biggest need is for waterproof mittens for children ages 5-8. Grateful for our Savior's birth and His love for the world, let's be generous as we join "Hats & Mittens" in their mission to warm the bodies and hearts of kids and adults everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MIGHTY DESSERT DONATION DRIVE: Thanks to everyone who donated pies and cookies for our Mighty Dessert Drive! Cookies for NativityFest are due by December 5 at noon.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING BAKE SALE: The youth attending the National Youth Gathering next July will be hosting a bake sale in between services on Sunday, December 15. Stop by the tables, take a look at the tasty treats, and support Cross View's youth!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Monday, December 16, 1:00 pm (Room 120)

The group will meet at the church to discuss *Doorman Wanted* by Glenn R. Miller. Please feel free to join, as new members are always welcome.

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 7, please ***sign up on CV Connect!*** You would need to come by 9:15 am to set it up and then take it down again at noon. The exhibit room will be staffed with volunteers and stanchions will be in place to prevent touching the items, but take into consideration the risk of damage as you determine your participation. Please provide a label with any information you'd like to share about your set such as where it came from or who made it. Contact Amy with questions at amy@crossview.net.

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.

EMPOWERED TO SERVE: FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK: Sign up today for Cross View's second FMSC MobilePack on January 24 and 25, 2025! We have four time slots to choose from and 120 volunteer slots at each one with a goal of packing 101,088 meals. Plan to bring your family and friends to join us for a weekend of global impact. Volunteer or donate at give.fmsc.org/crossview.

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.

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 (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 Purpose of Christmas (Rooms 210-211)

Sundays, Dec. 1 – Dec. 15, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Steve & Pastor Reed

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, [sign up on CV Connect](#). The lecture will be followed by discussion in small groups.

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...

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: Today's Topic: The Son of God is Born in Luke 1:26-45, 2:1-20. Bible verse to memorize: Isaiah 9:6. Bible point: Jesus was born. What to talk about at home: How can your family celebrate the real meaning of Christmas in a new way this year?

SR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: We cannot fix ourselves – not our bodies and certainly not our sin. In today's lesson, students will understand that it is not enough to simply want healing; we must actively seek it from a source that can deliver.

JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today's lesson will help students consider how every person matters because every person plays a specific role in building community.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 12/2	BSF Leaders Meeting	9:30 am
	Women's Bible Study – <i>Room 218</i>	9:30 am
TUESDAY, 12/3	Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
	Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)	12:30 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>GCR</i>	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/4	CV Quilters – <i>Room 218</i>	9:30 am
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	5:30 pm
	Midweek Recharge Discipleship	6:30 pm
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – <i>Sanctuary</i>	6:45 pm
	Women's Choir Ensemble – <i>Sanctuary</i>	8:15 pm
THURSDAY, 12/5	Marketing MAT – <i>Offsite</i>	5:30 pm
SATURDAY, 12/7	NativityFest	10:00 am
SUNDAY, 12/8	Traditional Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	8:15 am
	Discipleship Hour	9:30 am
	Contemporary Service – <i>GCR</i>	10:45 am
	Next Season Mom's Group – <i>Room 213</i>	12:00 pm
	Jr. High Youth Christmas Party	4:00 pm
	Sr. High Youth Christmas Party	6:00 pm
	CV 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: *Ev & Geri Niebuhr*

Tuesday: *Pete & Carol Niemira*

Wednesday: *Michael & Linda Nissen*

Thursday: *Stephen & Marcy Nordhus*

Friday: *David & Amy Oelschlaeger (Benjamin, Nicholas, William & Samuel)*

Saturday: *Tyler & Nakia Gehl (Barrett & Lainey) – ECC*

Sunday: *Eli & Hannah Groenendyk (Blakely & Reuben) – 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.*