# SUNDAY - December 8, 2024

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

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

Special Needs Sunday School Class – Room 220

**10:45** am Contemporary Worship Service – Great Commission Room (GCR)

12:00 pm Next Seasons Moms Group – Room 213
 4:00 pm Jr. High Youth Christmas Party – Room 122
 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth Christmas Party – Room 120

6:30 pm CV Game Night – Lobby

## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT!**

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

**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**

## HOLIDAY DECORATING: Sunday, December 22, 12:00 pm

Please join us in two weeks to decorate our worship spaces with poinsettias. We will gather immediately following the second service and expect to wrap up no later than 2:00 pm. A light lunch will be served.

**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.

# 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.

**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 right here at Cross View. Sign up to volunteer or donate to help cover the cost of the ingredients 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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!** Join in Priscilla Shirer's "Elijah: Faith and Fire" study offered on Wednesday evenings January 8 – February 19. Two sessions will now be offered and women can choose to attend whichever session is most convenient for them week to week. Session 1 is from 5:00-6:15 pm and Session 2 is from 6:30-7:45 pm. Register on CV Connect and purchase your own study book. Books ordered on Amazon do not have video access while books ordered from Lifeway do have video access. Contact Vicki Weber with questions at 952-838-5500.

**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 meals to be delivered to your house.

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

It is not too late to join the second session online or in person! <u>Sign up on CV</u> <u>Connect.</u> The lecture will be followed by discussion in small groups.

### God's Mission in the Old Testament (Sanctuary)

Sundays, Jan. 5 – Jan. 26, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Reed

For full descriptions of all Bible studies, please visit Cross View's website at <a href="https://www.crossview.net/ministries/adult\_bible\_study.cfm">https://www.crossview.net/ministries/adult\_bible\_study.cfm</a>.

# **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**: Today's lesson introduces students to God's Law, specifically the Ten Commandments. The lesson will help students understand that the Law's purpose is to connect us to God, keep us safe, and help us point others to Him.
- **JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**: God could have chosen any way He wanted to share the message of redemption with the world. But God chose to use human beings He uses a community of people who are willing to invite others into their stories, showcasing the goodness of being reconciled to God through Jesus.

#### THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 12/9	BSF Leaders Meeting	9:30 am
TUESDAY, 12/10	Men's Bible Study Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) FMSC Team Meeting – Room 213 Praise Team Rehearsal – GCR Church Council Meeting – Room 213	8:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/11	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Midweek Recharge Discipleship Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Women's Choir Ensemble – Sanctuary	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 8:15 pm
THURSDAY, 12/12	ECC Christmas Program – Sanctuary	5:15 pm
FRIDAY, 12/13	TNT Bible Study – Room 120	6:00 pm
SUNDAY, 12/15	Traditional Service – Sanctuary Discipleship Hour Youth Bake Sale Contemporary Service – GCR Children's Christmas Program – GCR Sr. High/College Freshman Youth Group	8:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 10:45 am 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: Claire Oie Tuesday: Peggy Oie

Wednesday: Kevin & Pam Olsen Thursday: Dave & Juli Olson Friday: John & Lynne Olson

Saturday: Ross & Erika Halbur (Josephine) – ECC Sunday: Grady & Mia Hannah (Jovi) – 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.