



CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – December 15, 2024

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

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| 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 |
| | Youth Bake Sale – Lobby |
| 10:45 am | Contemporary Worship Service / |
| | Children's Christmas Celebration – Great Commission Room (GCR) |
| 6:30 pm | Sr. High Youth / College Freshman Youth Group – Room 120 |

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Our children have been working hard for a very fun and engaging Christmas Celebration that will be held TODAY at the 10:45 am service in the GCR. Children in grades 3-6 created the set! Please join us!

CROSS VIEW HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- **Sunday, December 22:** Regular 8:15 and 10:45 worship services
- **Christmas Eve, December 24:** 1:00 pm Traditional Service, 3:00 pm Contemporary Service, 5:00 pm Traditional Service
- **Christmas Day, December 25:** 9:30 am Traditional Christmas Single Service (with communion)
- **Sunday, December 29:** 9:30 am Traditional Single Service (no education hour)
- **Sunday, January 5:** Regular 8:15 and 10:45 worship services (education hour resumes)

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

- **December 23:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **December 24 – 25:** Office closed
- **December 26 – 27:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **December 30 – 31:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- **January 1:** Office closed
- **January 2 – 3:** Office open 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

Please join us next week 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.

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.

POBLO CHRISTMAS PARTY: The POBLO International Friendship Center Potluck is on Saturday, December 21, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Please RSVP to Shari at shari@poblo.org and bring a dish to share! They are looking for \$25 gift card donations to Walmart or Aldi to give to each of the IFC families. Please contact Shari about making a donation.

SIGN UP FOR 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.



ADULT LIVES IN TRANSITION FOR GOD OUTING: Saturday, February 1, 2:00 pm

Save the date! The group will gather at Rent My Arcade in St. Paul for a visit to a classic arcade. Play as many games as you can in three hours, and join members of the group for dinner afterwards if you’d like. Donkey Kong, Pole Position, classic console games...pinball! \$15 per person for three hours of play, paid upon arrival. Anyone older than 13 is welcome so bring your teenagers!

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.

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! [Sign up on CV Connect](#). 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 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 Zahrtke (hannah@crossview.net; 952-243-2047)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: The kids will be practicing for their Christmas program during the Sunday School hour this week. The practice will be held in the GCR.

SR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: With good reason, many great lessons could be taught on the history and significance of God's covenants with His people. Today's lesson will help students understand God's purpose for the Covenants, both Old (made with Israel through the Law) and New (made with all people through Jesus).

JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: It's easy to lose sight of the true story of Christmas – that Jesus was born in humility to bring his hope and salvation to everyone. Students will examine the record of Jesus' birth in Luke 2 to see if there's more to the story than the typical nativity scene shows.

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

MONDAY, 12/16	Women's Book Club – Room 120	1:00 pm
TUESDAY, 12/17	Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
	Praise Team Rehearsal – GCR	6:00 pm
	Spiritual Care MAT	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 12/18	CV Quilters – Room 218	9:30 am
	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	5:30 pm
	Midweek Recharge Discipleship	6:30 pm
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:45 pm
	Women's Choir Ensemble – Sanctuary	8:15 pm
SATURDAY, 12/21	Bloom for Jesus Indian Fellowship	10:30 am
SUNDAY, 12/22	Traditional Service – Sanctuary	8:15 am
	Discipleship Hour	9:30 am
	Contemporary Service – GCR	10:45 am
	Christmas Poinsettia Decorating	12:00 pm

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

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

Monday: Bradley & Janet Ost

Tuesday: Scott & Beth Otto

Wednesday: Tom & Lynn Pahl

Thursday: Joshua & Megan Paulsen (Nathaniel, Peter & Liliana)

Friday: Luke & Christine Peikert (Carter & Chase)

Saturday: Ryan & Nicole Hanson (Ella) – ECC

Sunday: Matt & Greta Hartzler (Annika, Zachary & Cora) – 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.*