# SUNDAY - February 23, 2025

"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 –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)

6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group – Room 120

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

## CUW SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT: Monday, March 3, 7:00 pm

Join us at Cross View for a concert by Concordia University Wisconsin students. A potluck dinner will be served for the students beforehand. If you're able to provide a dish for the dinner, please contact David Mennicke (david@davidmennicke.com) as dishes are still needed (with a few special dietary needs). The concert is open to the public and a free will offering will be taken to support the music program.

# WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHOIR: Wednesday, March 5, 7:00 pm

The Touring Choir of Walther Christian Academy will share their music at Cross View's 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service. Fifty-six students/chaperones will need housing for that evening as well as sponsors for their Ash Wednesday meals.

<u>To sponsor meals</u>, please place your gift in either the offering basket or the church office, with the designation "Walther Choir Meal." The meal cost is \$7 per adult.

<u>Hosts are still needed</u> for 28 student/chaperones. Hosts will meet their guests after the Ash Wednesday service (minimum of 2 students), provide them with bed and breakfast, and return them to Cross View by 8:30 am the following morning. Please contact David Mennicke (david@davidmennicke.com) if you are interested in becoming a host or if you have any questions.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADDITIONAL CHILI MAKERS NEEDED!** Our Lenten meals to support Cross View's youth kick off on Ash Wednesday. With the added choir guests, extra chili makers are needed. If you are able to provide a batch of chili, please contact Hannah Zahrte (hannah@crossview.net) as soon as possible.

**PRAYER CHALLENGE:** During Lent, you are invited to pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Stop by the Giving Trees in the lobby through March 2 to pick up a prayer card and commit to pray for that person during the season of Lent. You can learn more at <a href="https://www.icommittopray.com">www.icommittopray.com</a>.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIFE!** In celebration of the Sanctity of Life in January, we collected donations for Crystal Women's Clinic through our Giving Trees. Thanks to your generosity, the items donated through Cross View totaled \$1,711.00 in value! If you would like to learn more about their ministry or get involved, visit supportlife.org.

"SHOW US YOUR GLORY" ART EXHIBIT AT CROSS VIEW! Cross View is hosting an art exhibit through Great Commission Artists through today, February 23. Artwork created by multi-generational artists including students from four area high schools is featured in the exhibit titled "Show Us Your Glory". Artists created something based on the theme verse, "Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1). To learn more, check out their website at greatcommissionartists.com. Contact Amy Gundermann with questions.

# MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST WITH KENDALL QUALLS: Friday, February 28, 6:30 – 8:00 am

Men of faith already in small groups or seeking to join a small group are invited to the Original Pancake House in Eden Prairie for breakfast, fellowship and to listen to the guest speaker, Kendall Qualls, President of Take Charge. Register on CV Connect or email Dan Battcher at dtbattcher@gmail.com.

#### WELCOME TO CROSS VIEW NEW MEMBER CLASS:

Join us at 9:30 – 10:30 am on Sundays, March 9 – April 13, for our Welcome to Cross View series. This is a series of classes for anyone interested in becoming a member and for those who have been members and want a refresher. Use the QR Code below to register to go to CV Connect. Contact Ann Ryan (annryan@hotmail.com) or Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net) with questions.



**FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR:** The Senior Adult Ministry is hosting a funeral-planning seminar Thursday, March 6, at 1:30 pm at Cross View. Pastor Wheeler will speak on topics including obituary writing, selection of scripture and hymns, pall-bearers, family participation, pre-service planning, funeral costs and other related topics. This seminar is open to all Cross View members.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS ROUNDTABLE: Saturday, March 15, 9:00 – 10:30 am** If you are a current small group leader, please plan to join us for ongoing training and supportive conversations with other leaders. You may choose to send another representative from your group if you are unable to attend. Contact Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net with questions.

**SEWING PATTERNS NEEDED:** The church is collecting sewing patterns for the sewers in Guatemala. Patterns for tops, skirts, pants, kids clothing, or notions of any type would be appreciated. Please drop off donations by March 16 in the church office. Contact Laurie Koch with questions at koch@umn.edu.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS**

Questions for staff? Contact...

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

#### The Most Excellent Way (Sanctuary)

Sundays, Feb. 9 – Feb. 23, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Reed

Empowered for Witness: Discovering your Witnessing Style (Rooms 209-211)
Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Steve.

#### The Book of Isaiah (Sanctuary)

Sundays, Mar. 9 – Apr. 13, 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:** Today's Topic: John Prepares People for Jesus' Coming in Luke 3:7-18. Bible verse to memorize: 1 John 1:9. Bible point: Repenting prepares us for Jesus. What to talk about at home: Talk about the importance of confessing your sins and how it draws you closer to the Lord.

- **SR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**: In today's lesson, students will see Esther's courage as they grapple with what it means to stand up against culture for the sake of God's Kingdom.
- **JR. YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**: We all face plenty of moments in life when we get angry. In today's lesson, students will look at how Jesus can help them respond differently to anger—and how they can replace anger with acts of kindness.
- **YEAR-END KIDSTITUTE PARTY: Wed., February 26, 6:30 7:30 pm (Room 223)** Everyone ages Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to participate in our last day of Kidstitute party! The night will be filled with games, snacks and fun fellowship to celebrate a year of Wednesday night learning fun!

**UPCOMING WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE CLASS: Starting March 2**If you have a current 5<sup>th</sup> grade student and haven't yet received an invitation to this class, please contact Barb Coffin (barb@crossview.net).

## SENIOR STEPPING STONE: Sundays, March 2 – 16 (Room 121)

Calling all high school seniors and your parents! As a way to prepare you for this upcoming transition with graduation and life after, we will be having a series of Stepping Stone classes starting in March. Parents, please attend with your high school senior as we will be discussing important topics like identity, purpose, and what life looks like after high school. Contact Hannah if you have any questions.

#### THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

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

MONDAY, 2/24	BSF Leaders Meeting	9:30 am
TUESDAY, 2/25	Men's Bible Study Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Praise Team Rehearsal – <i>GCR</i>	8:00 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, 2/26	Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Midweek Recharge Discipleship Adult Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Confirmation FMSC Outing – Offsite Women's Ensemble Rehearsal – Sanctuary	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 8:15 pm
FRIDAY, 2/28	Men's Ministry Breakfast – Offsite	6:30 am
SUNDAY, 3/2	Traditional Service – Sanctuary Discipleship Hour Welcome to the Lord's Table Class Senior Stepping Stone Class – Room 121 Contemporary Service – GCR Next Season Moms Group – Room 213 Sr. High Youth Group – Room 120	8:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm 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: David & Debra Smith Tuesday: Isaac & Leah Snow Wednesday: Chuck & Liz Standfuss

**Thursday**: Lee & Libby Stapf (Megan & Hailey)

Friday: Brad & Eileen Starr

Saturday: Luke & Christine Peikert (Carter & Chase) - ECC

Sunday: Jason & Caitie Peltier (Lainey) – 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.