CROSS VIEW THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – August 23, 2026

"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	**Discipleship Hour** – *Fellowship Hall*
9:30 am	**Acolyte Training** – *Sanctuary*
10:45 am	**Contemporary Worship Service** – *Great Commission Room (GCR)*
5:30 pm	**Replenisher/Processional Training** - *Sanctuary*
6:30 pm	**Sr. High Youth Group** – *Room 120*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

ACOLYTE/REPLENISHER & PROCESSIONAL TRAINING – TODAY: All upcoming fifth through eighth graders qualify to serve as acolytes, and all upcoming ninth through twelfth graders qualify to serve as replenishers and processional participants. We would love for your child to be a part of Cross View's worship services!

If your child is new this year to these roles or would like a refresher, training will be offered today, August 23 as well as next week, August 30. Acolyte training will be offered from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the Sanctuary on both Sundays. Replenisher and Processional training will be offered from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary on both Sundays. Hannah Zahrte and Barb Coffin will lead these trainings! If your child would like to participate but cannot attend the training, please contact Alyssa in the church office (alyssa@crossview.net) and a private training can be arranged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LET'S UPDATE OUR ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY – LAST DAY! Church directories are a great tool in getting to know all our church members by name. If you haven't already done so, please see Barb Coffin or Kelly Daenzer in the narthex to take your picture and upload it into our church directory.

CAREPORTAL: Hennepin County will be opening up CarePortal to other social service departments this fall, so Cross View expects to receive additional requests. Monetary donations will help support this demand. If you're able to help, checks can be made out to Cross View with "CarePortal" in the memo line. Please contact Nicole Krueger at careportal2@crossview.net for additional information.

FALL KICKOFF IS COMING! Our theme this year is “Every Part Matters.” More than a theme, it is a reminder of who God has made us to be together! So, this year on Sunday, September 13, we will celebrate Fall Kickoff TOGETHER in a single, blended worship service at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Following the worship service, we’ll all learn from our ministry staff about their vision for our year ahead and then we will share a meal and fellowship together in the GCR, starting around 11:45 am. Following the meal, we will move outdoors for games and activities for people of all ages, including a bounce house! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

MINISTRY ACTION TEAM (MAT) LEADERS AND MEMBERS TRAINING: To prepare our MATs for the upcoming ministry year, we are holding an MAT Training and Discussion on Wednesday, September 2, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. While our goal is to have everyone there, it is especially important for MAT leaders to attend. Optionally, after the 1-hour meeting for all MATs, your individual MATs can break off at 7:30 pm to discuss your unique visioning for the year and/or conduct training specific to your area of ministry.

CROSS VIEW MUSIC ENSEMBLES – FALL START: Cross View's Choir, Handbell Ensemble, and Women's Ensemble will be back in full swing September through May, sharing their music for our weekly Sunday 8:15 am worship and festival day services. Singers and bell players high school age and up are invited to participate. Wednesday rehearsals for Handbells (5:30 – 6:30 pm) and Choir (6:45 – 8:15 pm) begin on September 9. The Women's Ensemble's first rehearsal is September 16 (8:15 – 8:40 pm). For more information, please contact the Director of Music and Choir Ministries, David Mennicke at david@crossview.net.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: Beginning September 11, the Friday morning Men's Bible study group will begin a new eight-to-ten-week study and discussion of Apologetics, the defense of the Christian Faith. The group will be using Lee Strobel's book, "A Case for Faith," as the foundation for the study. Consider joining the group as they strive to grow in their faith and strengthen their ability to defend and share their faith. The group meets at Chick-fil-A in Eden Prairie, starting at 7:00 am on Friday morning. Contact Brad Ost (ostfamily@comcast.net) or Dan Battcher (dtbattcher@gmail.com) with any questions.

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The Thursday morning adult Bible study will resume at Cross View on September 17, from 9:30 – 11:00 am. The group meets every other Thursday morning from September through May. This year, Steve Koepcke and Chuck Daenzer will lead the discussion on the book of Joshua. Joshua records the fulfillment of promises God had been making for centuries. Joshua teaches about God’s dependability, faithfulness and much more! Everyone is welcome. Please bring your Bible and become enriched by God’s Word. Please contact Steve (skoepcke@earthlink.net, 952-529-0521) or Chuck (cdaenzer1@comcast.net, 952-200-0802) with any questions.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Wrestling with God: Interpreting Difficult Old Testament Passages (Fellowship Hall)

Sundays, Jun. 21 – Sep. 6, 9:30 – 10:30 am, taught by Pastor Reed

The Old Testament is difficult to understand. How can the vengeful, angry God of the Old Testament be the same as the comforting, loving God of the New Testament? How can these old narratives of death, revenge, and morally wrong choices guide you as a Christian? This study will guide you through the Old Testament to understand difficult and overlooked ideas like violence in the book of Joshua, Israelite Sexual Laws, God's Change of Mind as well as His Suffering. These and many more topics will be discussed and taught.

For full descriptions of all Bible studies, please visit Cross View's website at https://www.crossview.net/connect/adult-education-classes.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)*

ATTENTION PARENTS TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN: All two-year-olds will be receiving their first Bible on Sunday, September 20, at 9:30 – 10:30 am during the Sunday School hour in room 118. Please plan on attending this special class with your two-year-old and contact Barb Coffin if you haven't received an email invite regarding this class so we can be sure to have enough Bibles to hand out. The celebration of this Stepping Stone is Sunday, October 11.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SECOND GRADE STUDENTS: Second grade students along with a parent are invited to attend the Adventure Bible Stepping Stone classes starting Sunday, September 27 to October 11 at 9:30 – 10:30 am in room 223. The celebration of this Stepping Stone is Sunday, October 11. This class will cover an overview of the entire Bible and how to study it on your own. The students will receive their own Adventure Bible. Please contact Barb Coffin if you didn't receive an email about this special course and have a second-grade student.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS VIEW

Church office hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm; Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

TUESDAY, 8/25	Men's Bible Study – *Offsite*	8:00 am
	Praise Team Rehearsal – *GCR*	6:00 pm
	Spiritual Care MAT Meeting – *Room 213*	7:00 pm
FRIDAY, 8/28	Men's Bible Study – *Offsite*	7:00 am
SUNDAY, 8/30	Traditional Service – *Sanctuary*	8:15 am
	Discipleship Hour	9:30 am
	Acolyte Training – *Sanctuary*	9:30 am
	Contemporary Service – *GCR*	10:45 am
	Replenisher/Processional Training – *Sanctuary*	5:30 pm
	Sr. High Youth Group – *Room 120*	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**: Carl & Sherry Grimsby*
***Tuesday**: Jon & Mary Haakana*
***Wednesday**: Carl & Pat Haerle*
***Thursday**: Stanley & Barb Hammer*
***Friday**: Kat Hammer & Erick Meszaros-Jones*
***Saturday**: Tyler & Miranda Bjork (Avery) – ECC*
***Sunday**: Vitaly & Hannah Brown (Nash) – 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.*