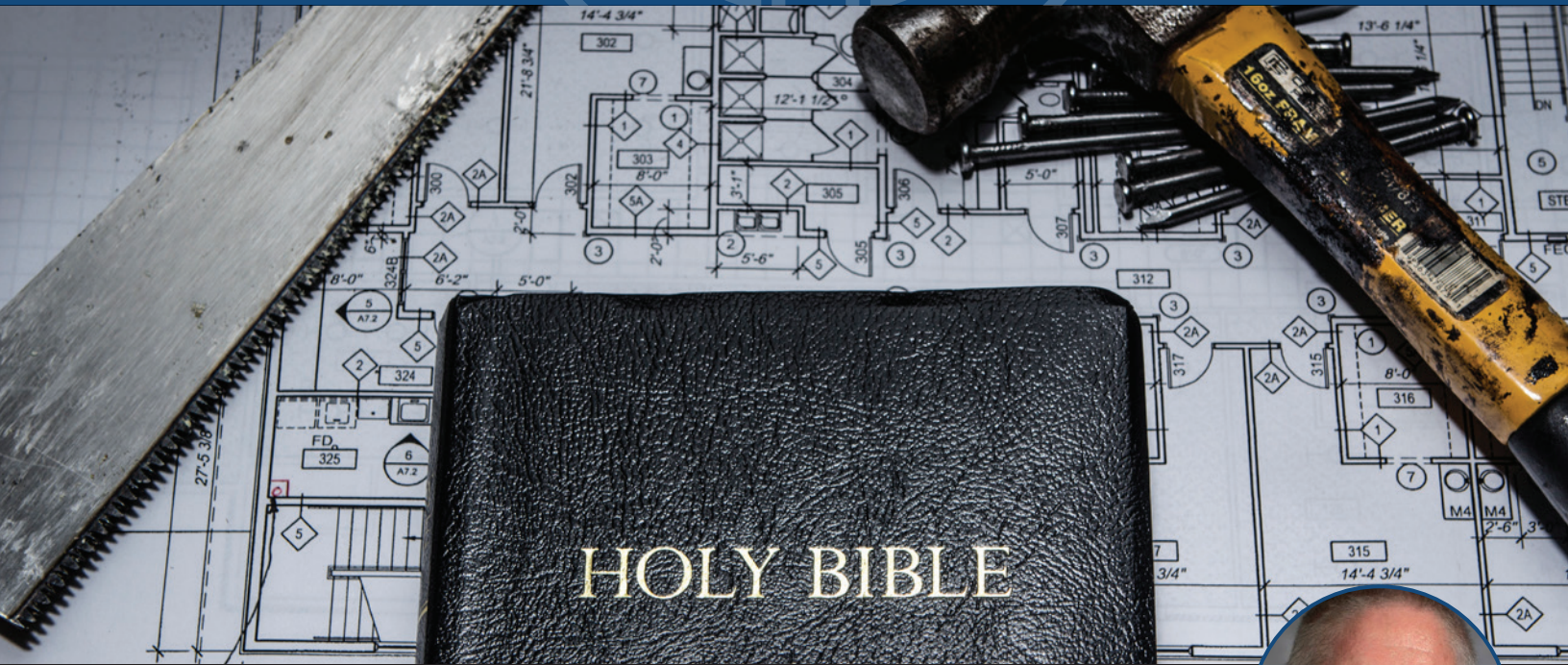


CROSS VIEW CLARION

July 2019



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-Scott Douglas



God Is Good

By Scott Douglas, Building Chair

It was a bright spring day. Flowers were blooming, birds singing, and I was a busy elementary student. Can you remember your elementary years? Mine are filled with walking to and from school, learning multiplication tables, and loving playground activities. My focus was narrow. Life was busy.

My dad was busy building our family home on a hill by a lake. This was my mother's dream home. It consumed their time. They looked at other homes, met with architects, and drove daily on a dirt road to follow construction progress. Their focus was

narrow. Life was busy.

Three older siblings were in high school. Classes, homework, sports, theatre, and social life consumed their time. Life was busy. Life was focused.

The Douglas family had one car with five drivers. Dad often said, "When we sit down to eat and you aren't here, just wait where you are. Someone will come and pick you up." This was before cell phones! Life was busy. Life was focused.

One spring day I walked home from school and felt abandoned. Our home was empty. No furniture, ►

no piano, no beds, and no ice cream. Where was everyone? Why is the house empty? My world turned upside down. What happened? I sat down and waited for my father to reconnect me with my family. *I didn't recall it was moving day.* My focus was narrow. Life was busy.

My prayer is Cross View members will connect with their Church family during summer construction. We connect with our God through worship, education, and fellowship. Sunday worship connects us to our Lord and Savior as well as each other. Let's focus on worshipping our Lord and His Kingdom expansion.

Building God's kingdom is a 24/7/365 journey. "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9). Regular worship, sharing in the Lord's Supper, fellowship, and experiencing our building expansion provides focus during a busy time. Watching Cross View grow is better than sitting on the front step and wondering what just happened! Life is busy. Life is focused. Life gives us change. God is good!

Parking Volunteers Needed!

Early or Late Service Times

Contact jonathan@crossview.net



Construction Traffic Flow Map



CV 4.0 – Building for Generations Update



Our expansion project is well underway! During the month of May, the construction crew has done a lot of dirt moving to reshape the land on the south side of the building to accommodate the new addition. It might have been a

little hard to watch the trees and courtyard go, but they will all be replaced with something even better to welcome new people and serve our Lord. Footings for the new addition have now been poured and it is exciting to see the new space taking shape. Inside the building the main staircase and half of the narthex is sealed off for safety while construction work happens behind that wall. A new emergency exit has been installed off the narthex. Work has also begun in the ECC to improve classroom configurations. Thank you to everyone for making the necessary adjustments during this time of change! Here are some key changes to keep track of:

Schedule at a Glance

- Total project: May 28 – January 24, 2020
- ECC remodel: June 17 – September 6
- Sanctuary sprinkler installation: June 24 – September 6
- Sunday worship in Fellowship A-B-C: June 30 – September 6

Parking and Church Entry & Exit

Despite the loss of some parking capacity during construction, parking is going well thanks both to the Parking Team who directs traffic each Sunday morning and to the drivers who follow their instructions. There is still a need for more volunteers for the Parking Team so that more shifts can be created. If you can help in this regard, please contact Jon Zellar at jonathan@crossview.net. Remember:

- All parking is now in the lower lot.
- Both the upper main church entrance (Door #1) and the lower church entrance (Door #2) have been removed from service.
- On Sunday mornings, enter and exit through the south ECC door (Door #3) and take the stairs to the upper level. The elevator can also be used and two wheelchairs are available if you would like a ride from the elevator.
- Access to the church office during the week (9:00 AM – 4:30 PM on Tuesday through Friday) will be through Door #4, facing the playground—just push the button labeled “CHURCH” for entry.

Worship Space

Starting on June 30th, we have temporarily moved worship to Fellowship A-B-C while ceiling work in the

sanctuary is completed. Air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall (and everywhere outside of the sanctuary) is not impacted by the construction work.

Restrooms

The restrooms next to the narthex (and closest to the sanctuary) are now closed for remodeling. Please use the restrooms near the top of the staircase that we now take to the upper level.

Emergency Exit

Hopefully it is not needed, but since the old Door #1 on the south side of the narthex is now unavailable, a new emergency exit has been installed on the north side of the narthex, where the CONNECT – GROW – SERVE window facing Hwy. 62 had been located.

Nursery

The nursery has moved to the upper level at the east end of the hallway, where the Youth Room used to be, overlooking the ECC playground.

Early Childhood Center

The renovations for the ECC will be happening this summer so that it is finished for the back-to-school period. This includes adding a bathroom and one new classroom, plus a tighter security system for the ECC so that the remainder of the church can be more accessible to the public. A new teacher was hired for this summer to help monitor construction worker foot traffic during ECC hours.

Asbestos

Asbestos was found underneath the 1969 addition narthex carpeting, bathroom flooring, and piping above the bathrooms. We are receiving bids for mitigation. Removal will occur after mid-July. Cross View continues to be a safe building for all. Removal will be done by experts who will exercise all safety precautions. We will communicate additional information as it becomes available.

Weekly Update Sources

- Congregation-wide e-mails
- Notification on your phone if you install the app and sign in to your Cross View Connect account (search for “Realm Connect” by ACS Technologies Group)
- Pictures, resources, and other info on www.crossview.net
- Periodic Sunday pre-service announcements

Questions?

Please contact Scott Douglas, Building Chair, at sldouglas1@icloud.com with questions.

June Construction Photos



Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S DINNER AT TAVERN ON FRANCE

Women's Dinner for July will be at Tavern on France in Edina (6740 France Ave S) on Thursday, July 25th at 6:45 PM. Please sign up in the "Connection Center" and let Quynn Iske (qunika@msn.com or 612-816-3657) know if you have any questions or need to order ahead. This restaurant only takes reservations for 8 or more, so please be sure to sign up by July 22nd to get an accurate count.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

In July, Women's Book Club will be celebrating summer with its second annual Book Club picnic. We have chosen *Iron Lake* by William Kent Krueger to read and discuss. We will meet at 12:00 at the Shorewood Yacht clubhouse on Monday, July 15, 2019 for a potluck luncheon and book discussion. New members are always welcome. Feel free to contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Financial Update

- YTD income is 6% unfavorable to budget. Budget includes a 9% year-over-year increase
- The net surplus is \$19K favorable to budget due to strong capital campaign contributions resulting in no debt incurred to date and timing of several expenses. The net surplus is \$18K less than May YTD 2018.
- Both operating and capital campaign pledges remain critical in 2019
- Operating costs will not decrease during build.

Cross View			
May 31, 2019	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget YTD	Actual Better/(Worse) vs. Budget
Total Income	\$465,891	\$495,658	(\$29,767)
Total Expense	\$474,381	\$523,676	\$49,295
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$8,490)	(\$28,018)	\$19,528

Summer Time & Small Groups!

B.A.S.I.C. groups (Brothers And Sisters In Christ), what should we do over the summer? Many groups take a break in the summer. I think that's valid. I think it can be good. And, I'd like to challenge you to still get together. Still meet. Continue to build on these relationships during this great time of year when there's so many wonderful things to do with our friends and faith family.

Summer is a great time to assess your group. How have you been doing at Connecting and Growing with God and each other? How have you been doing at Serving God and His kingdom as a group? What have you done this past year that was great and should be repeated? What needs to be reassessed or thrown out? Is your group who they want to be? How can you

spice things up and do things better or differently?

Speaking of different and spice, take time this summer to do some summertime things together. Meet for a BBQ. Invite your group over for yard games or tubing on the lake. Go to a 4th of July parade together (Chanhassen

has a great one that lasts about 1 hour). Go to watch fireworks together and picnic together (Bloomington/Normandale Lake has nice ones). Go to a fruit festival together (like Hopkins Raspberry Festival, July 13-21). The point is, get outside, get together, and enjoy life and God's creation (and

our last two months of summer) together (Ps 19:1-4a, 14, Ps 96:11-12; Ecc 2:24-25, 3:12-13, 8:15; Col 3:17; 1 Tim 6:17-19).

Oh, another option would be to go to a group member's neighborhood on National Night Out on August 6th. Potluck together, BBQ, get a bounce house, and help your group member meet their neighbors in a fun creative way. Build relationships. Who knows? You may meet some neighbors who are looking for spiritual answers and a small group like yours.



Early Childhood Center

ECC SUMMER FUN IN FULL SWING

We all enjoyed the ROAR! Vacation Bible School a few weeks ago. It was a great time of Bible stories, crafts, songs, snacks, and games. We had 65 preschoolers and 25 school age children from the Early Childhood Center who participated during the week. We learned how God is good during good and hard times in life. Thank you to the 15 Early Childhood

staff and the 16 volunteers who worked with the children during the week and made it all possible.

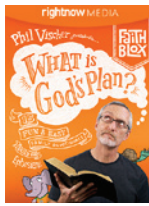
We are in full swing this summer and have many fun activities planned. We have already gone to the Como Zoo and had water days. The rest of the summer includes a bounce house, in-house field trips, Family Fun Day with carnival games and a field trip to Pump It Up!



Christian Education

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: EPHESIANS

This summer we are studying the book of Ephesians through Phil Vischer's video curriculum, "What is God's Plan?" Each week we hear more about how through Christ we are reconciled to God and can live out our faith. This month, lessons will focus on the unity of believers and using the special gifts that God has given us.



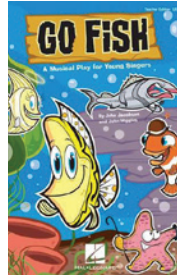
Can't join us during the summer? The curriculum is available through "Right Now Media" under the KIDS section. If you haven't signed up for this video option through Cross View, please contact the church office for more information

MUSIC CAMP: "GO FISH!" (JULY 22-26)

The musical takes place in the ocean. There is a little Tiger Shark who wants to be friends with everyone. They think he's crazy. But he meets a bunch of friends who also have their quirks. Throughout the course of the musical, all involved on stage and off are reminded that it takes all kinds of fish to make the ocean the beautiful place that it is, just

the way it takes all kinds of people to make a world filled with harmony and color.

There is still room to register for our annual music camp, but time is passing quickly so register soon! Students will join us the mornings of July 22-26, from 9:00 AM to Noon, to learn and prepare the mini-musical "Go Fish". Performance of the musical will be on Friday, July 26, at 11:30 AM. Come see the fruits of the students' hard work!



LIFE IS WILD — GOD IS GOOD!

During the week of June 17-21, 153 kids and over 90 youth and adults joined together for an exciting week of ROAR! Vacation Bible School. We learned that at times life can be unfair, scary, full of changes, sad, and good. In all those circumstances and more, GOD IS GOOD! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this week a huge success. We can't do VBS without all the volunteers, those who help by contributing supplies, and your prayers through the week. Enjoy the pictures below and on the next page that show a touch of what VBS was like.





Youth Ministries

A WEEK LEARNING ABOUT THE ARMOR OF GOD

During the week of June 9-12, our junior high youth headed to the Rochester Servant Event. Rochester Servant Event is an intergenerational, missional ministry that seeks to disciple, serve, and foster relationships to spread the love of Jesus in the community of Rochester and beyond. This year's theme is PrayerFULLY Armored based on Ephesians 6. We spent the week learning about the armor

of God, the importance of using that armor, and how it can help us to follow Christ and share Him with others. While our group was there, they participated in many different projects like painting, general maintenance and cleaning, and landscaping. We thank God for the opportunity to be His hands and feet to the city of Rochester and the surrounding areas. Here is just a glimpse of what we did.



Outreach & Missions

THANKS FROM SHERIDAN STORY AND CREEK VALLEY

During the academic year, Cross View supports Creek Valley Elementary school students in need by supporting The Sheridan Story weekend food program. In addition to financially supporting the program, volunteers go to Creek Valley each Friday and distribute food bags. A note from Creek Valley:

Dear Christine and Cross View volunteers,
Thank you so much for all of your support, time, and energy with the Sheridan Story this year! We so appreciate your partnership to help our kiddos! Thank you!
Lucy Nelson and Creek Valley Staff

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTERS (POBLO) UPDATE

Cross View is blessed to partner with POBLO at our International Friendship Centers (IFCs) in Bloomington, Burnsville, and soon in Prior Lake. Nader and Georgette Alaraj are beginning their third year of ministry among us and more than 25 of our Cross View family members have had the joy of serving along with the Alarajs in their work.

In their latest newsletter, Nader and Georgette explain that when they came to the Twin Cities three years ago, they felt the need "to serve and make a positive difference not just in the lives of internationals, immigrants, and newcomers but within the Church." They wanted to help the Church understand "what is at stake if we do not become involved in spreading the Gospel to internationals, immigrants and newcomers. The Church has a purpose to be in the corner, city and country God placed it in. Jesus commands, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." What if 'the world' is at your front yard?

People are dying right here in the Twin Cities without the Good News of Jesus Christ! Thank God for the work that is being done through the Alarajs' ministry! Thank God for the many Cross View members who regularly volunteer at the Bloomington and Burnsville IFCs (International Friendship Centers). As Nader says, "We bridge the gaps created by political divisions and Satanic barriers to hinder humanity from knowing and enjoying the presence of God, on earth as it will be in heaven."

Our IFCs are growing with new students regularly joining. We need a volunteer coordinator (can be done from home) as well as volunteers to teach conversational English (Basic and Advanced), Sewing/Knitting, Citizenship and Computer. We also need babysitters to care for children while their parents are in class and drivers who can transport students to class. Gift cards to Walmart or Target and gas cards are always welcome. Our Cross View offerings support the International Friendship Centers, where Nader and Georgette Alaraj serve, through contributions to our South District. In addition, many of our members individually support this work through one-time

donations and monthly support. We have recently learned that \$1,300/month is still needed toward the Alarajs' work. You can send your support online at www.poblo.org and via POBLO's Michigan office: POBLO International, 35555 Garfield Road, Suite 7, Clinton Township, MI 48035. You may call POBLO at 586-477-1530 or email them at office@poblo.org. For questions about our IFCs, ask Pastor Toby or Susan Charles (952-567-1232).



PASTOR GEMEDO IN ETHIOPIA

After a brief furlough home to Oregon, Pastor Gemedo has returned to Ethiopia to carry out his mission to help congregations reach out to their Muslim neighbors. He is welcomed by congregations there as they join together to have a "conference." In the U.S. church conferences feature business meetings, resolutions, discussions, and devotions. Conferences among the Oromo people of Ethiopia, in contrast, are marked by vigorous preaching, prayers, testimonies, and choirs often doing original music. People often go home excited by their faith and eager to share their joy with their neighbors.

After such conferences, often featuring Pastor Gemedo as a welcome missionary from America, he travels to congregations. Gathering local pastors and elders he instructs them from the Bible on how to reach their Muslim neighbors with the Gospel. Many Muslims are very open to the message since, for some, Islam is more of a cultural identity than a vibrant faith.

Because a number of Muslims are coming to the Christian faith, more militant Muslims have persecuted Christians and attacked some congregations. Pastor Gemedo and the congregations there can use our prayers for their mission and their safety.

At the national level, the mission work of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has been chiefly devoted to theological education in partner churches. This means that almost no mission work in new areas or in congregations is being done by missionaries sent out by the synod. As a result, support for missionaries like Pastor Gemedo, working at the local level, has really benefited by the support from congregations like Cross View.



Welcome Harrison Lawrence, Interim Organist

Harrison Lawrence is an organist and pianist with a bachelor's degree in Church Music and Organ Performance from St. Olaf College. He is passionate about accompanying music in worship and leading congregational singing. Harrison also works as an organ technician at Grandall and Engen Organs in Maple Grove where he learns the other side of the instrument.

In the future, he plans to continue



studying church music, organ performance, and organ building at the American Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma. There it will be possible to get both a Master's of Sacred Music and a Master's of Organ Technology at the same time.

Outside of the world of church music, Harrison enjoys riding bike and canoeing with his fiancé Libby and reading about philosophy and church history.

Men's Ministry

'WORK AS WORSHIP' MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN & MEN

We may spend hours each week at church or in personal Bible study. God uses that time to help us Connect with each other and Grow in our faith. But what about the 40+ hours a week on our jobs? Do you see the same potential for growth and connection there? Cross View's Men's Ministry invites all men and women who want to better incorporate their Christian faith into their jobs to a Saturday morning mini-retreat. Experience dynamic speakers as they share what it's like for us to worship with our work. A light breakfast will be provided. All Cross View members and their guests are welcome. Saturday, July 13, from 8:30 AM to Noon, at Cross View. Please register by going to crossview.net/connect and then click on "Events." You also may register by sending the names of those who will attend by email to johndaenzer@gmail.com.

New Attendance Registration

You will notice a change in registering your service attendance. A Connect Pad folder is located in each pew. Please take a moment to write your name on the Connect Pad and pass it to the person next to you. If you are the last person in the row, pass the pad back down the pew. Note the names of those in your row and, after the service, introduce yourself. Prayer request cards are in the pad's pocket to remove, fill out, and place in the offering basket.

Enki Outing

A hearty group of Cross View members biked to Enki Brewery Victoria on Saturday, June 15. The conversation and camaraderie were refreshing, not to mention the beverages!



Tuition Support for Lutheran Schools

Cross View continues to offer tuition support for children who are attending Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) grade schools and high schools. If you have a child who will be attending an LCMS school in the fall, your completed Commitment Form must be returned to the church office by August 15, 2019, in order to receive tuition support during the coming year. Forms are available at the Connect table outside the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Renee Kirchner at (952) 941-1094 or renee@crossview.net.



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GROW WITH CROSS VIEW

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tues.-Fri., 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Closed Monday

CALENDAR

Cross View's most current
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