

# CROSS VIEW CLARION

November 2025

"We want God to bring light into the darkness of our generation... through the mission and ministry of Cross View." – Steve Wheeler



## Unwavering Stewardship

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

Thomas Edison was one of the most unwavering men of his time. His perseverance and unwavering management of time, resources, and ability led to the invention of groundbreaking inventions in multiple fields such as electric power, mass communications, and sound recording. The invention of the first practical and safe incandescent light bulb in 1879 is but one example. While developing the light bulb, he famously quipped, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Christ-followers are also called to be unwavering stewards of the time, resources and abilities that God has entrusted to them. The big difference? God uses His church to light far more than an incandescent bulb. He uses the time, ability and resources of His church to bring the light of Christ to the world!

1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." Unwavering stewardship means a resolute commitment to responsibly manage all that God entrusts to us for His glory and for the benefit of others. It involves faithfully using God's resources for a greater purpose than our own personal gain.

### The Real Need for Unwavering Stewardship

Never has it been more important for unwavering stewards to step up to empower clear Biblical teaching and gospel proclamation. Why? The Barna Research Group reminds us that the primary challenges facing the Christian church today stem from declining biblical worldviews, spiritual apathy, and a growing disconnect between faith and daily life. Our world needs the light, the love, and the truth of Christ and His gospel to shine through the darkness.



## ◀ **What Empowers Unwavering Stewards**

Unwavering stewards understand that God's greatest gift has made them rich "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). In response to God's gift to them, they deeply desired to share the love and the light of Christ with others.

## **Our Challenge as Unwavering Stewards**

Unwavering stewardship in 2026 that desires to share the love and light of Christ with others will not only need to match, but to exceed the financial and volunteer requirements of 2025. Programming, community outreach, missions, ongoing plant & facility needs, mortgage, and staffing require serious financial and volunteer resources. How can each of us step up as unwavering stewards with the time, talent, and financial resources entrusted to us? To meet our missional goals for 2026 will require sacrificial and proportionate gifts from all.

## **The Fruit of Unwavering Stewardship**

God blesses and multiplies the efforts of unwavering stewards as they partner with each other. Together, we can accomplish more than any one individual could as we support Bible-centered teaching in worship, in our educational offerings, in our Early Childhood Center, and through our online presence. Our facility, staffing, and technology are essential for carrying out these missional goals. Rich generosity will enable local ministries like our CarePortal, International Friendship Centers, and others. Unwavering stewardship will support national ministries like LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) and others. Unbending

resolution will internationally empower another Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, a continued partnership with the people of Los Vásquez, Guatemala, and our ongoing support of mission partners. God makes possible fruitful mission and ministry through His unwavering stewards.

## **With Joy, Engage in Unwavering Stewardship**

In the coming weeks, you will receive a mailing that recaps this article. When you receive it, please prayerfully complete your financial commitment form. Next, complete/update your Skills and Interest Survey by scanning the QR code on the commitment form for 2026. We encourage everyone to review their Skills and Interest survey as we have added new categories and opportunities for engagement. Finally, detach your commitment card and bring it with you to worship on November 23, our Commitment Sunday. If you are unable to attend, please mail your form to the church office.

## **Opportunities to Grow as Unwavering Stewards**

### **Nov. 9–26**

- Sunday sermon series, 8:15 & 10:45 AM
- Sunday Bible Study for adults, 9:30 AM
- November 23 – Commitment Sunday during worship
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve worship celebration with pie fellowship

Our world (including us) desperately needs the love, the light, and the truth of Jesus Christ. May God's overflowing generosity in our lives make possible unwavering stewardship. We want God to bring light into the darkness of our generation—locally, nationally, and internationally through the mission and ministry of Cross View.

# Financial Update

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS AUGUST 2025

- Year to date income is \$38,675 unfavorable to budget and \$63,456 greater than YTD 2024.
- Member contributions are less than pledged and \$28,899 less than YTD 2024.
- Year to date expenses are favorable to budget, primarily due to lower wages. Missions expenses are lower as they are a percentage of contributions.
- ECC Income was unfavorable to budget primarily due to enrollment vacancies and a vacation budgeting error.
- ECC Expenses are favorable to budget primarily due to lower than planned wage and benefit expenses and payoff of 4.0 loan obligation.
- ECC Net Deficit is unfavorable to budget by \$99,610

Cross View Lutheran Church			
8/31/25	2025 Actual Year to Date	2025 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$1,063,722	\$1,102,397	(\$38,675)
Total Expenses	(\$1,090,066)	(\$1,102,363)	\$12,297
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$26,344)	\$34	(\$26,378)
Designated Fund Transfer	(\$175,000)		

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2025

- Year to date income is \$38,205 unfavorable to budget and \$59,152 greater than YTD 2024.
- Member contributions are less than pledged and \$45,281 less than YTD 2024.
- Year to date expenses are favorable to budget, primarily due to lower wages. Missions payments are lower as they are a percentage of contributions.
- ECC Income was unfavorable to budget primarily due to enrollment vacancies and a vacation budgeting error.
- ECC Expenses are favorable to budget primarily due to lower than planned wage and benefit expenses and payoff of 4.0 loan obligation.
- ECC Net Deficit is unfavorable to budget by \$109,924

Cross View Lutheran Church			
9/30/25	2025 Actual Year to Date	2025 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$1,174,653	\$1,210,858	(\$36,205)
Total Expenses	(\$1,228,722)	(\$1,252,727)	\$24,005
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$54,070)	(\$41,869)	(\$12,201)
Designated Fund Transfer	(\$175,000)		

# Contribution Statements

Contribution statements through September 30 were mailed mid-October. Please review your statement and contact Alyssa Meger at [alyssa@crossview.net](mailto:alyssa@crossview.net) in the church office with any discrepancies so we can make any adjustments before year-end.

## Looking Ahead

Year-end offering deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 31. IRS regulations make it very clear that for a contribution to be credited to the 2025 tax year, it must be received on Cross View's premises by the close of business on Wednesday, December 31st, or postmarked no later than midnight on December 31, 2025. Dropping it off in January with a December date on the check does not qualify.

# Stewardship of Skills and Interests

How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts at church? As we focus on stewardship this month, take the time to pray about this and update your Skills and Interests listed on your profile on CV Connect under "Serving". On a computer, click the three dots and select "edit." On mobile device, tap the forward arrow. Or scan the QR code below. Check all that apply. If you would like help accessing your profile, contact the church office. May Jesus be glorified in all that we do!





# Christian Education

## END TIME HOPE: CHRISTIAN FUNERALS IN LIGHT OF THE LAST DAY

**Sunday, November 2**

**9:30–10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

Funerals often involve mourning, sadness, tears, and pain. As we celebrate All Saints Day, we are reminded that funerals don't have the last word for Christians and neither does death. We have end-time hope that finds fulfillment on the last Day, and that hope changes everything!

## THE BOOK OF MALACHI

**Sundays, November 9, 16, & 23**

**9:30–10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

Our sermon series for our fall stewardship emphasis is entitled Malachi: Unwavering Stewardship. To put this series into context and to gain a better of this last book of the Bible, join us for a three-week study on this incredible oracle that continues to speak boldly to every generation.

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

**Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14, 21**

**9:30–10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

Advent is a THE season of light! A light like none other entered the darkness of our world over 2000 years ago. Come and join us for a four-week journey through John 1:1–18 as we ponder the mystery of the incarnation—the first and greatest gift of Christmas.

## COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP (CLSD)

CLSD is a community Bible study that is offered to individuals and congregations to help them grow as disciples who make disciples.



Our 2025 fall class is "Genesis 1-11: From Creation to Confusion" with Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing. You can choose to join in person or online.

- Wednesdays, through November 19
- Onsite and livestream - Wednesday evenings 6:30–8:00 PM
- Archived meetings accessed by offsite participants on demand.

Make sure to [register on CV Connect](#). Use the pull-down menu to select either "IN-PERSON - Class (limited onsite seating)" or "ONLINE - Class via <https://crossviewedina.online.church/>."

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT AMBROSIA

Join us for a continued study on the book of Hebrews starting on September 13th from 9:30–11:00 AM. We meet every other Saturday at Ambrosia Coffee Shop, 7373 France Ave. S., Edina.

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever wanted to learn from the Bible and others in a discussion-oriented format? Fellow Christians have been meeting every other Thursday at 9:30–11:00 AM in the fireside room at church to study and discuss how the Old Testament Tabernacle and God's message to Moses guided the Israelites through the wilderness to the chosen land. They are looking at how God's guidelines and covenants made between Him and His people have impacted the New Covenant and true Temple, Jesus Christ. Come join us September 4th and every two weeks thereafter. Contact Steve Koepcke if you have any questions.

# Early Childhood

## FALL DAYS AT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Children and teachers alike are enjoying the fall days. Pajama days, apple tasting, picture day, and fun fall crafts are a few highlights of the month. Dressing up for classroom parties will be a fun way to end October. Stay tuned for pictures in next month's *Clarion*.





## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day at the Early Childhood Center was a wonderful celebration of the generations! The children, teachers and office staff were overjoyed to welcome more than 70 visitors that afternoon! Children and grandparents (and a few stand-ins) enjoyed snacks, crafts, photo shoots, and time in the classrooms together. Grandparents read stories. Children proudly shared their artwork and favorite toys in their classroom. Staff treasured each moment watching the children and their special visitors delight in each other.





## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

It is a privilege to partner with parents in the important work of caring for their children, nurturing their faith, growth and development. The Early Childhood Center staff takes this responsibility seriously and values the opportunity to connect with parents. Teachers have been busy finishing student assessments and preparing for parent-teacher conferences that will take place in November. Teachers are looking forward to celebrating each child's unique gifts and progress with parents during this special time together.

## STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Early Childhood Center staff members have had a variety of training and development opportunities over the past month. Several staff members renewed their CPR and First Aid certifications at the beginning of the month. During the Staff Development Day on October 17th, staff participated in several hours of required training, learning about culture and cultural awareness, as well as Individual Child Care Program Plans. In addition, the monthly visit for the ECC's Child Care Health Consultant was purposefully scheduled for that day to train staff on health policies. What a great educational opportunity for all staff to learn from this valuable resource!

The ECC recently started collaborating with the Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health (MACMH) to offer Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for teachers and administrators. This consultation is a free service provided by the State of Minnesota to anyone working in early care

and learning environments to support the social-emotional development of young children.

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation is a mental health prevention service focused on building adult capacity to support infant and young children's emotional development and to prevent, identify, or reduce mental health challenges. It includes a combination of training, supported skill building, and reflective consultation. These consultations provide guidance, dedicated space, professional support, and valuable resources to help staff navigate a wide range of challenges including transitions, behavioral concerns, developmental questions, family support, stress management, and more.

## ECC PRAISES AND PRAYERS

### Praises:

- For grandparents and a fun day celebrating intergenerational relationships
- For great training opportunities for staff
- For the privilege of partnering with parents to care for their children

### Prayer Requests:

- For parent-teacher conferences on November 6 and 18
- For one more well-qualified teacher— with great love for the Lord and for children— to join our team

### ECC MISSION STATEMENT

*Growing loving followers of Jesus Christ through early care and education.*

## Safety and Security M.A.T.

Hello and blessings! Did you know that Cross View has a dedicated team working hard to improve safety and protect our church and neighbors?

The Safety & Security Ministry Action Team (M.A.T.) is actively exploring ways to make sure everyone feels comfortable and secure while enjoying time on campus with friends and family. Although this team is just getting started, they've already begun implementing thoughtful strategies and helpful tools.

- Kingswood Security recently completed a comprehensive on-site security analysis. The team is currently reviewing and prioritizing recommendations. Some of those recommendations have already been implemented: Security cameras have been expanded into Early Childhood Center classrooms, new trauma and first kits were purchased, and emergency information has been posted at all phones.
- Reviewed existing Safety & Security plan with staff. Next steps include training lead volunteers such as ushers, welcome center attendants, and hosts/greeters.
- Team members are meeting with other area faith communities to discuss best practices.

Everyone plays a part in creating a safe, welcoming environment. If you ever notice something concerning or see suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to report it right away— talk to a staff member or usher. Together, we can make a difference!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Safety & Security MAT: Denny Scheppmann, Marc Johnson, Mike Kibat, Pat Kullmann, Chris Woestehoff. Staff liaisons: Renee Kirchner and Ben Mangum.

## Cross View Game Night

Do you love games? Join us for fun and fellowship every second Sunday of the month from 6:30–8:30 PM in Rooms 209/210. Cross View Game Night is open to all teens and adults, including church members and their guests. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her own board or card games. If you bring a game, be prepared to show others how to play. Questions? Contact John Daenzer at [johndaenzer@gmail.com](mailto:johndaenzer@gmail.com) or Michael Kibat at [mgkibat@centurylink.net](mailto:mgkibat@centurylink.net).



*Game Night*

# Children's Ministry

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Cross View's Children's Christmas Celebration will take place on Sunday, December 14, at 10:45 AM. All practices will be during the Sunday school hour 9:30–10:30 AM starting Sunday, October 26. All children are invited to participate, and all classrooms will have a part in the program.

## FAMILY MINISTRY SEEDS OF FAITH

The Family Ministry challenge for November is to have family devotions and spend time reading the Bible together. How do you study the Bible personally? A structure you may use is **SOAP**.

**Scripture**

**Observation**

**Application**

**Prayer**

**Scripture:** Open your Bible and read a verse, a couple of verses or a chapter.

**Observation:** Talk about what the verse means in its context.

**Application:** Put action to the verse by using it to change your life or behavior.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in doing of all the above and pray for others, your church, and community. Look back at the October issue of the Clarion regarding the family focus on prayer.

Here are some suggestions for Scriptures for you to share with your family.

1. 2 Timothy 3:16–17
2. Deuteronomy 6:6–9
3. Psalm 119:9–16
4. Matthew 6:9–13
5. The Commandments in Exodus 20:1–21
6. Doubting Thomas in John 20:24–29
7. Creation in Genesis 1
8. Spiritual Gifts in 1 Cor. 12:1–11

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, October 12, Cross View had a fun open house in our Sunday school classrooms. So many parents came to see what our kiddos are learning and how much fun they have with our excellent Sunday school teachers.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION FOCUS SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 5, Cross View's Sunday school children got to learn about Missions in a creative way. Each month they are focusing on different aspects of mission that Cross View engages in. The focus of October was our very own Early Childhood Center which focuses on sharing Jesus with children who are in preschool. Our children got to tour the ECC and learn about what goes on in their classrooms and how Jesus is shared daily with the ECC students.



## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES

### November 2025

- Wednesday, November 26: Thanksgiving Eve—No Kidstitute

## PARENT CORNER



### *What are some ways to organically read God's Word as a family?*

1. Keep an open Bible on the kitchen counter or family room coffee table.
2. Put it on your "to do" list.
3. Family huddle structure: Share highs and low, the same verse all week and pray together.
4. Check out the books on the shelves downstairs by the youth room for some great family devotionals.
5. Use the Bible church gives the 2-year-olds, 2nd graders, and confirmation students.
6. Download a Bible app on your phone. You can elect to receive a daily verse to your inbox. The Bible app is a great one.
7. Use Portals of Prayer before dinner together or at bedtime.
8. The Bible Project has great short videos.
9. The Parent Cue app is another great tool for age-appropriate quick Bible teachings that are fun for all ages.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make Trunk or Treat a great success again this year! We had so much fun going trick or treating in all the car trunks,

enjoying treats, and doing some fall themed crafts. Thank you for all the candy donations and the volunteer help at the event on Sunday, October 26.





# Adult Ministry

## SENIOR ADULT "APPETIZERS AND ADVENT ALLELUIAS"

All Cross View senior adults are invited to join us for an evening of "Appetizers and Advent Alleluias" on Friday, December 5, 5:00–7:00 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share as we welcome in the holiday season by being together in Christian fellowship. The evening will close as Judy Campen leads us in singing joyful Advent and Christmas hymns. Register on CV Connect [here](#).

## TNT—TWENTIES AND THIRTIES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Come and get to know others in the same stage of life at TNT (Twenties & Thirties Young Adult Ministry) through Bible study and time hanging out together! Bible studies and outings are held every second and fourth Thursdays of the month; running from 6:00–7:30 PM. Contact Nicole at [nclvvo@gmail.com](mailto:nclvvo@gmail.com) or Hannah at [hannah@crossview.net](mailto:hannah@crossview.net) with questions or to be added to the TNT GroupMe.

### Fall/Winter Sessions:

- November 14: Friendsgiving Potluck and making tie blankets (Krueger's)
- December 12: White Elephant at Cross View

## MEN'S MINISTRY FALL BREAKFAST

On October 4th, 55 Cross View members and guests enjoyed breakfast and heard an inspirational presentation by Jerrid Sebesta, former meteorologist at KARE 11, and now author of *Life Undeferred* and motivational speaker. Jerrid wove in humorous and emotional personal stories into his presentation. He also challenged attendees to

grow in their relationship with God; into the people God wants them to be; and in healthy relationships with those in their lives.



## FALL POTLUCK— SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The Seniors of Cross View enjoyed a wonderful evening together taking part in Christian fellowship and a delicious, potluck dinner as they celebrated the fall season. Sue Harrison provided a fun, table-time activity. We were led in devotions by Vicki Berge. We enjoyed a stroll down memory lane as Susan Charles led us in an autumnal sing-along.

# Thank You Note

Cross View Leaders,

Thank you so very much for all your hospitality in hosting me yesterday morning. Each one of you was so gracious in welcoming me into your community, and the entire morning was led so seamlessly between your staff, musicians, and pastors. What a beautiful morning of worship and fellowship. I thank you sincerely for the opportunity to share about Lutheran Summer Music with your congregation and youth. I had some joyful connections, and I will follow up!

Thank you again so very much, and God's blessings on your week ahead.

MaryLynn Mennicke

Lutheran Summer Music Academy  
& Festival

# Music Ministry

## CROSS VIEW YOUTH ARE INVITED TO LSM!

"If you were at service on Sunday, Oct 12th, you heard from MaryLynn Mennicke inviting high school students to enroll in Lutheran Summer Music, a faith-based residential music academy for high schoolers held on the campus of St. Olaf this coming summer.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a Lutheran college campus. During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons with collegiate-level faculty, and elective classes (church music, composition, conducting, handbells, jazz ensemble, musical theatre, pipe organ, and more!). In the evenings, students attend recitals and Evening Prayer services, and social events with their friends. LSM 2026 takes place at St. Olaf College in Minnesota from June 21–July 19 (Full Session) or June 21–July 3 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8–12. To learn more, go to [LSMacademy.org/program](https://LSMacademy.org/program).



## A Message from Our Pastors

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Cross View:

We were deeply touched by your many cards and your sincere and exceedingly generous expressions of appreciation to us on Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thank you for your kindness, support, and ongoing partnership in sharing the gospel. We count it an honor and a privilege to serve as your pastors. Many, many thanks!

-Pastor Lessing and Pastor Wheeler

## Concordia St. Paul Field Worker at Cross View

A warm welcome to Deanna Ringler! She is a field work student from Concordia St Paul for this school year working under the supervision of Barb Coffin on a part-time basis. Here's a short note she wrote:

"Hi, Cross View! My name is Deanna Ringler, and I am so excited to be a practicum student for you guys this year. I am a junior in the DCE program at CSP. A little bit about myself is I love to read, bake, and be outside. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you!"



## Outreach & Missions

### CAREPORTAL TRAINING

The next and last training for 2025, offered via Zoom for those interested in becoming a member of our CarePortal Response Team, will be on Monday, November 3, from 6:30–8:00 PM. If you'd like to get involved in helping families in crisis, please contact Pam Olsen at [careportal@crossview.net](mailto:careportal@crossview.net).

### THANKFUL!

For over three decades, Cross View has served a Thanksgiving meal to the families of Trinity First, Lutheran School. Over the years, the love and kindness of parents, children, and people of all ages has overflowed to make this event possible. The only year we were unable to serve was in 2020, the year of the pandemic. That year, in lieu of a meal, gift cards and food packages were shared with families. We are so thankful for the many people of our congregation who have overflowed with rich generosity in the past to empower this missional meal.

Lay leadership, coupled with staff support, is essential for the success of major ministry events at Cross View

like the Trinity First Thanksgiving meal. Unfortunately, this year, none of the past leaders of this Ministry Action Team (MAT) are available. Some have moved, others have passed away, and still others have current health issues that prevent them from serving in positions of leadership. For this reason (and several others), we will NOT serve the Trinity First Thanksgiving meal this year.

That said, thanks be to God! During our communications surrounding the decision to forego this event in 2025, God has provided a potential path for us to continue and perhaps "re-imagine" this missional meal next year. Cross View member, Joe Klosterman, has indicated a willingness to coordinate the event next year and to attempt to build a new MAT for the Trinity First Thanksgiving meal. If you are interested in helping this missional outreach to continue next year, please contact Joe Klosterman at: [klostermanjoe17@gmail.com](mailto:klostermanjoe17@gmail.com). We are both thankful and excited to potentially continue this wonderful event next year, but we need a team. Prayerfully consider how you might be a part of the team and connect with Joe!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

A Stephen Minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need.

If you need a Stephen Minister or are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Steve.

***"Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the law of Christ."***

-Galatians 6:2





# Youth Ministry

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- November 7–8: Reality Apologetics Conference

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- November 2: Youth at CV
- November 7–8: Reality Apologetics Conference
- November 9: No Youth
- November 16: Youth at CV
- November 23: No Youth
- November 30: No Youth; Thanksgiving weekend

## CONFIRMATION

The 2025–2026 confirmation year has started! 14 seventh and eighth graders, and their parents, met for the first class on Wednesday, September 10. This year, we are diving into Luther's Small Catechism and our Lutheran Confessions.

September 19–20 was the confirmation retreat at Camp Omega in Waterville. The confirmands and adult leaders spent time in God's Word through different lessons, a movie, and a solitude Bible study time. They also served the camp by cleaning out their fire boxes and pits, played games during their free time, and participated in archery.





## DISTRICT YOUTH DAY

A couple of Cross View's junior high youth attended the District Youth Day held at Concordia St. Paul on Saturday, October 11. The youth joined with almost 250 others as they learned how they are Remade in the Image of God and Remade with a Purpose, based on 2 Corinthians 5:17.



## REALITY APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Junior and Senior High youth, along with leaders and chaperones, have the opportunity to attend a conference at Grace Church titled "The Story of Reality" on November 7–8. This conference is put on by the company Stand to Reason (STR) and discusses Christian Apologetics (defending the faith) and hot topics like creation, sexuality, social media, mental health, and many others.



### Conference Details:

- When: 4:40 PM November 7 through 8:00 PM November 8 at Grace Church
- Drop off and pick up at Cross View
- Housing: We will be staying at Cross View overnight to eliminate drop-offs and pick-ups
- Cost: \$75 per person (adults as well)
- Transportation: We are asking our chaperones to drive youth to and from the conference

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 26 at 6:30 PM

*No worship on Thanksgiving Day*

## PieFest Fellowship

Following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service gather for PieFest Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

## Thanksgiving Eve PieFest Volunteer Opportunities

- Donate a pie (See the Giving Trees for specifics)
- Servers needed to pre-slice the pies on Wednesday, November 26, any time from noon to 3:00 PM
- Decorate the Fellowship Hall for our event on Wednesday, November 26
- Serve pie and coffee at the event
- Clean up after the event (clear and wipe down tables)
- Registration on CV Connect is coming soon, or call the church office.

## Holiday Decorating Opportunities

There are many opportunities for all ages to make our building beautiful for the holiday season.

- **Order a Poinsettia:** The deadline for ordering Christmas poinsettias is Sunday, November 9. An order form will be in the November 2 bulletin and on the registration table.
- **Tree Assembly:** Sunday, November 23, Noon–2:00 pm. Lunch provided. Join us after the second service and help set up the Christmas Trees that enhance our worship spaces.
- **Thanksgiving Eve PieFest Decorating:** Wednesday, November 26, any time between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Decorate the fellowship hall for our evening fellowship event.
- **Advent Decorating:** Saturday, November 29, 9:00 AM–Noon. Morning treats provided. Bring your family or small group and join us for a festive morning decorating a tree, setting up wreaths, swags and planters.
- **Poinsettia Decorating:** Sunday, December 21, Noon–2:00 PM. Join us after the second service to decorate our worship spaces. Lunch provided.
- **What Goes Up Must Come Down:** The "Undecorating" Sunday, January 4, Noon–2:00 PM. Lunch provided. Help take down and put away the decorations placed throughout the church.

Questions? Contact the church office 952-941-1094 or [FrontDesk@crossview.net](mailto:FrontDesk@crossview.net).



*Developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ along life's journey*

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship in the Great Commission Room

Sunday services are also [live streamed](#).

Communion is on 2nd & 4th Sundays.

## SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

## RECHARGE

Wednesdays, Sept. – May  
5:00 PM Programming Begins  
[www.crossview.net/recharge](http://www.crossview.net/recharge)

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## CALENDAR

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