

# CROSSVIEW CLARION

April 2019



**"Just as winter leads us to Spring, the darkness of Lent leads us to the brightness and joy of Easter. "**

**-Toby Schmidt**



## Sing to the Lord a New Song

by Toby Schmidt, Associate Pastor

As I sit down to write this article, it's only one week to Spring (3/20) and by the time you read this, we'll be two weeks into spring. Outside, the sun is shining, and I hear the melting ice and snow drip off the roof of my home. This winter is how I remember all the winters of my youth—lots of snow, lots of sledding, snow fort building, and lots of shoveling. I pray it's over. I think we've had enough. Daylight Savings started last week. It really hasn't helped my mornings. So, add to the list lots of darkness.

One of the highlights in the last two weeks, though, has been the start of Lent. Just as winter leads us to Spring, the darkness of Lent leads us to the brightness and joy of Easter. Lent is important as it helps us to really reflect on, regret, and repent of our darkness as broken, imperfect people.

It's so much easier to refocus ... and truly understand all that Christ took away from us ... to see and embrace all God does for us to warm and brighten our lives ... to let the Holy Spirit's fire burn

◀ in our hearts ... to be refilled with God's joy for us.

In Psalm 96, the psalmist really captures that "spring feeling": how the brightness and joy of all that God is and does is reflected in us and in all of creation.

### Psalm 96

- <sup>1</sup> *Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.*
- <sup>4</sup> *For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.*
- <sup>5</sup> *For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.*
- <sup>6</sup> *Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and glory are in His sanctuary.*
- <sup>7</sup> *Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.*
- <sup>9</sup> *Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.*
- <sup>11</sup> *Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.*
- <sup>12</sup> *Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.*
- <sup>13</sup> *Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for He comes, He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

Throughout the month of April and all of Spring, I pray you can refocus on the joy of the Lord that floods our lives. Join with all the earth in a new song to the Lord. And I challenge you to declare His glory and His marvelous deeds to the people that you live among each and every day.

## Lenten Suppers

Are Wednesdays a busy night for your family? Are you running around and trying to get kids from place to place and event to event? Do you usually have time for supper?

This Lenten season Cross View Youth, First Light Academy, Senior Adults, InC, and YAMS are hosting Lenten Suppers every Wednesday before our Lenten Services to support the upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering here in Minneapolis this summer.

Upcoming meals include:

April 3: Lasagna

April 10: Sloppy Joes

April 21: Easter Breakfast (Egg Bake)

### Cost?

The cost for every meal is \$5 per person or \$20 for families of 4 or larger. We ask that you pay online, bring cash, or check with you the night of the meals for payment. There is no charge for children under the age of 22. We serve coffee, lemonade, and water with each meal.

### Where do you sign up?

In order to make sure that there is enough food for everyone who is planning on attending our Lenten suppers we are asking that you sign up the Sunday before the meal in one of these ways:

1. You can go to our **website** [www.crossview.net/lent](http://www.crossview.net/lent) and fill out the registration near the bottom of the page.
2. You can sign up on our **CV Connect Database** under registrations.
3. You can look in your bulletin on Sunday morning for the **lavender insert**, fill it out, and turn it in to the church office.
4. You can stop by the **Connection Center** to find an extra insert to fill out and turn in to the church office.



# Christian Education

## VBS

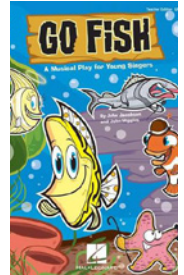
**"Roar! Life is Wild-God is Good!"** is this year's Vacation Bible School theme. Join us June 17-21, 9:00-11:30 AM for a week of learning about how Jesus helps us through difficult times and rescues us from sin. VBS is open to students age 3 (potty trained) through entering 4th grade. Cost is just \$12 for the week! (Students entering 5th grade and older are invited to volunteer throughout the week). To guarantee a T-shirt, please register by Wednesday, May 22.



## SUMMER MUSIC CAMP! "GO FISH!"

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; a seven legged octopus, an angel fish, a clown fish who isn't funny, a needle fish, a star fish who can't get an acting role, and so on. All involved will be reminded that it takes all kinds of fish to make the ocean a beautiful place, just the way it takes all kinds of people to make a world filled with harmony and color. It will be

an unforgettable experience for all, and we hope you'll join us! Music camp is July 22-26; 9 AM to 12 noon for a wonderful week learning and performing a musical. Under the direction of Sarah Fincham, students entering 2nd through 5th grade learn music, create costumes and sets, and learn choreography to present their show on Friday morning at 11:15 AM. Cost is \$45 for the week.



**Registration for both Vacation Bible School and Summer Music Camp is online at [www.crossview.net](http://www.crossview.net). Sign up today! Space fills up fast!**

## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Cross View students in 5th grade, and their parents, have participated in "Welcome to the Lord's Table" class in preparation for their first communion. On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we welcome the following students to join us at the Lord's Table: Isaiah Kelly, Ella Meger, Eleanor Porisch, Micah Schmidt, Vivian Schroeder, Graham Thompson, Annika Tran, Gigi Weigle, and Lauren Wentzien.

# Senior Ministry

## S.A.G.E.S (SAINTS ALIVE! GROWING, EVER SERVING)

The reservation deadline for the annual gathering of Minnesota District Senior Adults is quickly approaching. The 2019 Minnesota South District LCMS Older Adult Gathering XXXI will be held this year on May 6&7 in Mankato. The theme for this event is "Navigating Life's Changes." Featured Speaker will be Mark Schoepp, the Executive Director of ALOA (Adult Lutherans Organized for Action,) and entertainment will be provided by Jeff Burkhart. The gathering also includes two days of workshops, great food and fellowship with other older adults. Overnight housing will be provided by Country Inn and Suites with meals by Axel's Bonfire. **Hotel reservations deadline is April 6 and conference deadline is April 17.** A packet of information including registration and overnight hotel forms are available at the Connection Center. For more information contact Jim Dibble at 952-835-6925 or Chuck Daenzer at 952-200-0802.

## UPCOMING SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY\* EVENTS

**April 25 at 7:30 PM** – 2019 Confirmation Class Ice Cream Social

**May 6 & 7** – S.A.G.E.S. Gathering in Mankato

*\*Senior Adults are people living out exciting faith, thinking positively, seeking new ventures and willing to serve.*

# Outreach & Missions

## VEAP FOOD DRIVE

**Thank you** for your generosity and for being a part of Minnesota FoodShare. Every year the Minnesota FoodShare food drive in March helps restock more than 300 food shelves across the state. Your donations last month helped to restock the food shelf at our mission partner VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People). (Want to know more about VEAP? Visit their website at <https://veap.org/>)

## TEAM CROSS VIEW – TEAM WORLD VISION

Saturday, August 3 is the Twin Cities Half Marathon (13.1miles). It's crazy, but people from Cross View don't care so much about personal bests or bucket lists, but about water. Our team of people, your team of people, are walking or running with Team World Vision to raise awareness and funds so that people around the world can have access to clean water. All the funds raised go to educate, dig, and maintain the wells and communities that World Vision is present in (which are a lot). To learn more about why we're doing this or how to help, please reach out to Matt Holland ([mrholland@live.com](mailto:mrholland@live.com)) or Pastor Toby ([toby@crossview.net](mailto:toby@crossview.net)), or go to our Cross View World Vision Team page: <http://bit.ly/MNTWW19>.

## Twelve21

Twelve21 is a group of 18-30~ year olds who get together for fellowship and faith discussions. If you are interested in joining the group or need to be added to the Facebook group or email chain, please let Jonathan know.

This group meets for bible/book study the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Hope to see you all there!



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday: April 14

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

### Maundy Thursday: April 18

7:00 PM Traditional Worship

### Good Friday: April 19

7:00 PM Traditional Worship

### Easter Sunday: April 21

8:15 AM Traditional Worship

9:15 AM Easter Breakfast

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

## EasterFest, Sat. April 6

EasterFest is less than a week away. On Saturday, April 6 from 10 AM – 12:00 Noon, we will welcome Cross View and community families to enjoy an Easter Journey through scenes from Holy Week, an egg hunt, a petting zoo, crafts, refreshments, and more. Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers!

We're also requesting your help and prayers to have a successful event. There are many ways to SERVE! Sign-up online (preferred) at <http://bit.ly/CVEF19> or on the sheets at the Connection Center. Please check any and all areas where you can help. These simple ways to serve will help make the event go smoothly.

Thank you in advance for being willing to be a part of this exciting way to spread the Good News of Easter! Any questions can be answered by Tonya Bushey, Ministry Action Team leader, at [tonya@witthus.com](mailto:tonya@witthus.com) or 612-716-5583.



## Easter and Impact

Here are a few ways to let Easter impact you, your family, and others around you. Ways to bring Easter home, to help you and others have a deeper understanding of what Easter means.

- **EasterFest Invitations** – Grab those EasterFest invitation postcards, write a personal note on them, and personally invite your neighbors, classmates, and people you know could use a little love from Jesus and Easter celebration.
- **Volunteer** – Help with EasterFest. As an individual, family, or small group, volunteer to set-up, takedown, host, or participate. (And/or help at your community Easter Egg Hunt or maybe even host one.)
- **Invite & Accompany** – So invite and accompany your friends and neighbors to our Holy Week events.
- **Egg-vitations** – The Sunday before Easter, with your small group or family, give everybody a plastic egg with candy and an invitation for them to attend the Easter services.
- **Easter Lily Gifts** – Take that lily or flower you've bought to help decorate the sanctuary, and then deliver it to a Cross View shut-in, your neighbor, or your community senior center.



# Early Childhood Center

## ECC LENTEN ACTIVITIES

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, we invited the children's parents to join us for Lenten Chapel and Lunch. It was a great ministry opportunity for the parents and children to hear God's word together and then eat with one another among Cross View friends. We had about 90% of our parents attending.

We will spend April teaching and learning the lessons of Holy week with the children in preparation for our Easter

celebration, which will take place on Wednesday, April 24. The children will make palm branches and act out the procession into Jerusalem. Some classrooms will learn the Easter story with flannel boards and props. All the children will learn the message of Easter: that God loves each of us and sent His Son to be the Savior of us all. Cross View Early Childhood Center also gave an Easter activity packet as a gift for each family in the center.



## Remix: Interpretations of Paradise

The 37th annual Christian Art Festival received a warm welcome (in spite of the snow!) on Sunday, March 10. At the 8:15 AM worship service award-winning artists were recognized. During the education hour, guest speaker Anna Leigh Biedenbender spoke on the challenges and blessings of being a Christian artist...or an artist who is a Christian. An afternoon reception welcomed over 50 visitors, including artists and their guests. The exhibit is open Tuesday-Friday 10AM-4PM, and Sunday afternoons 12 Noon – 4 PM, closing at Noon on Easter Sunday, April 21.



# Financial Update

- Year-to-Date (YTD) receipts through Feb 28, 2019 were 16%, or nearly \$28K behind budget and \$10K behind last year
- The 2019 budget includes a 9% increase over 2018 results
- Expenses were lower than budgeted, allowing for break-even results
- Commitment to ongoing operating fund pledges is essential to avoid programming cuts. 4.0 Building for Generations campaign pledges remain equally critical as construction begins this month.

	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget YTD	Actual Better/(Worse) vs.Budget	2018 Actual YTD
<b>Total Income</b>	\$176,093	\$204,018	(\$27,925)	\$186,465
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$176,025	\$203,142	\$27,117	\$166,475
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	\$68	\$876	(\$808)	\$19,990



**37th Annual Festival**  
**March 10 – April 21, 2019**

**Tuesday-Friday**  
**10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**Sundays**  
**Noon – 4:00 P.M.**

*Closes Easter Sunday at Noon*



# Building Project Update

Cross View members, like all Minnesotans, are a hardy and flexible group. While our journey into spring has been challenging, we know warm weather and green grass will arrive. Likewise, Cross View's 4.0 - Building for Generations construction project is following a long and winding road but will begin soon.

We are happy to announce the City of Edina issued Cross View's building permit. The Building Steering Committee appreciates Pope Architects and Anderson Companies diligent, persistent, and collegial work with Edina City officials. This building permit signifies our construction drawings meet City code requirements and provides a green light for construction.

Steering Committee members also reviewed and granted final approval of construction drawings. We have defined what is included in the project, prioritized add alternate items if funds become available, and deferred other items until project completion. The Steering Committee will continually work to include Cross View members design ideas during the construction process.

Starting construction, just like spring's arrival, continues to fluctuate. Heavy machinery will arrive in the south end of the

lower parking lot prior to road restrictions. Inside and outside work schedules are being developed and reviewed with staff. Weather challenges may dictate starting construction inside rather than outside. The first inside activity will be the lower entrance (door #2), sanctuary stairway, and upper sanctuary bathrooms.

Closing door #2 means the Sunday and Wednesday lower parking lot church entrance will become the Early Childhood Center south door (door #3). This door faces the parking lot. A sign will designate Sunday and Wednesday night entry.

The upper entrance and parking lot will remain accessible until earthwork begins. Once the upper entrance (door #1) is inaccessible, members will park in the lower lot and enter the south ECC door (door #3) for Sunday and Wednesday night activities. The east ECC door (door #4 - facing the playground) will serve as the main church entry from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday. Upon entry, members will immediately take the elevator or go up the stairs. This maintains ECC security.

Please contact Scott Douglas, Building Chair at [sldouglas1@icloud.com](mailto:sldouglas1@icloud.com) with questions or concerns.





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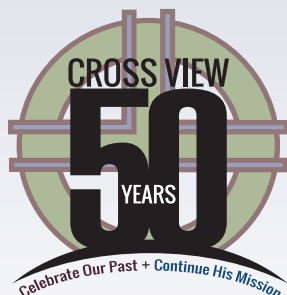
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## GROW WITH CROSS VIEW

### 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 calendar is always available on our website at

[www.crossview.net/calendar](http://www.crossview.net/calendar)

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