

CROSS VIEW CLARION

August 2019



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REAL PRESENT GOD

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

On July 11-15, twenty-seven of Cross View's senior high youth and five adult leaders joined with over 23,000 Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) youth from all over the world in Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering (NYG). The majority of the event took place at the Minneapolis Convention Center and US Bank

Stadium (home of the MN Vikings).

The theme for this year's gathering was **REAL PRESENT GOD** based on Psalm 46. These three words describe none other than Jesus Christ Himself! Born our "Immanuel" (God with us), He was as **REAL** as could be. Shortly before His ascension, He promised to always be **PRESENT**, ►

◀ saying, “I am with you always to the end of the age.” Following His resurrection, Thomas declared what all who saw Him knew to be true, “My Lord and my **GOD!**”

Participants explored this theme each day of the gathering through the morning Bible studies, daily sessions, and the evening mass events at US Bank Stadium. Over the course of the five-day gathering, we had plenty of opportunities to soak in the wonder and promises of Psalm 46 and to grow in our understanding of how much we are loved by our **REAL PRESENT GOD.**

Our journey began on Thursday with a gathering sponsored by our own MN South District at Concordia St. Paul. All of the participants from the MN South were a part of this event. It was a lumberjack theme, complete with a lumberjack competition and show. Lots of fun! From there, we traveled, via light rail, to the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel where we checked into our rooms. That evening, we walked to US Bank Stadium where we joined with 23,000 other youth from around the world to worship God, to be inspired by engaging speakers, and to take in the Word of God through a variety of media at our first of five mass gatherings. The “Event Plus” (after the mass event) that night was a concert by Contemporary Christian artist Toby Mac.

Friday through Sunday followed a similar schedule. We started each morning with an incredible Bible-study-session with 3,500 other youth from 9-10 AM. Following the Bible study, students attended sessions of their choosing on various topics by different speakers from 10 AM to 5 PM. During that time frame, students also could explore the interactive center in the convention center. After catching a quick dinner prepared by our wonderful Cross View volunteers, we headed to US Bank Stadium for the mass event and the Mass Event Plus which lasted until 11:15 PM.

We met back at the hotel for a quick debrief of the day. Lights were out at 12:30 AM. Yes, it was fun. Yes, it was exhausting. We concluded the NYG on Monday with a mass worship and communion service at US Bank Stadium.

Please take some time to ask Cross View's youth about their memories of this unforgettable experience. A few snapshots follow on the next page. It was overwhelming to worship and sing praises to God with 22,000 others! Each day, students shared with each other which sessions impacted them the most and why. Each day, students shared their “God-Sightings” with each other. “God-Sightings” were people, places, and events where God showed Himself to them. Seven of our students ran a 5K in the midst of extreme heat. One of the seven set a personal best with a finish time of 16:04, taking first place out of 3,500 registered participants! Leaders and students grew in their relationships with one another as they shared special moments connected with the gathering. We had the opportunity to meet and speak with people in the community and along the streets as we walked to and from US Bank Stadium. We made friends with a homeless man named “George.” By the last day of the event, one of Cross View's students shared part of his lunch with George. One of our adult leaders prayed with him.

It warmed our hearts to see many other adult members of our congregation volunteering in various supporting roles at the gathering. You folks are “Rock Stars!” Your Cross View youth and adult leaders sincerely thank all of the members of Cross View for your prayers, support, and volunteer service that made this unforgettable experience possible for us and for so many others. We will forever cherish this gathering as we take refuge in our **REAL PRESENT GOD.**

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

2019 LCMS Youth Gathering



CV 4.0 – Building for Generations Update



Cross View members participated in a Town Hall meeting Sunday, July 21st. Scott Douglas, Building Chair, and President Lynn Pahl provided a capital campaign pledge fulfillment update and construction progress report.

A special thanks to Lowell Herzberg and his support staff for live streaming the Town Hall. Members can visit the Cross View website to review an archived Town Hall video and power point.

Capital Campaign

4.0 Building For Generations pledge fulfillment is ahead of schedule. We have collected \$3,046,671 during the first year of our three-year pledge drive. Your generous support adds interest revenue and delays construction loan interest payments. **PRAISE BREAK!**

ECC Update

The Early Childhood Center remodel is on schedule. Many contractors begin their workday after the ECC closes and work into the night. This minimizes disturbing students and staff. We anticipate full completion between August 30th and September 3rd.



Asbestos Update

Sanctuary work began June 24th and stopped June 27th with the discovery of asbestos in glue that attaches ceiling wood to underlying sheet rock. The asbestos fiber concentration was so low mitigation workers didn't wear protection gear. Sanctuary asbestos removal concluded July 17th.

Asbestos removal in the 1969 narthex, bathroom hallway, Jon Zellar's office, and storeroom by the boiler will be scheduled the end of July or early August. These fibers are in glue attaching carpet and tile to the floor.

Sanctuary Update

Sanctuary design changes were presented. Adding a required fire safety sprinkling system provides an opportunity to begin refreshing the sanctuary for the next 50 years. Pictures of the existing and proposed ceiling are below this article. Sanctuary refresh goals include:

- Easing the transition from the new addition into our 1969 sanctuary.
- Reducing the number of different wood colors in the front of the church.
- Starting a long-term sanctuary refresh for the next 50 years.
- Establishing cost savings to redirect into other project areas.



Exterior Wall Shoring Update

Excavators expressed concern that below grade existing walls may crumble as we remove dirt closer to the existing building. It was decided south and east lower exterior walls required shoring support. The design and civil engineer approval process delayed outside work 30 days. Excavation resumed July 17th. Anderson Companies expects to make up lost workdays prior to the January substantial completion date.

Unexpected/Unknown Expense Update

Many construction projects experience "surprise expenditures" during excavation and remodel start up. Cross View is no exception. These depleted the Contractor's Contingency by 50% and create a potentially negative Owner Contingency. The Building Steering Committee's goal is to keep expenses within the congregational approved \$7.1 million dollar budget. This can be done by "value engineered savings", deferring expenses until after project completion, receiving donations above the 4.0 Building For Generations Capital Campaign goal, or asking for Congregation approval for more money. Below are unexpected/unknown expenses during the first seven weeks of our thirty-five-week project.

- \$ 30,000 Asbestos mitigation estimate
- \$ 181,800 Nine Mile Creek expense (\$102,500 escrowed until summer 2020)
- \$ 78,000 Exterior wall shoring
- \$ 10,000 Changes in Architect construction drawings
- TBD North wall underpinning
- TBD Sanctuary ceiling, altar, communion rail refresh
- TBD Main sewer backup
- **\$299,800 Total**

- Sanctuary sprinkling June 24th – October 31st
- Sunday worship in Fellowship A-B-C – June 24th – October 31st

Worship Schedule through October 31st

Sanctuary construction delays require continued Sunday worship in Fellowship A-B-C until October 31st. Education hour, including Sunday school, resumes September 8th and will be between services. Attendance patterns at both early and late service require adding a third worship service Wednesday nights from 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM. This service will include the sermon message from the previous Sunday. Communion will be offered according to the previous Sunday communion schedule. Worshippers will sit at round tables and encouraged to bring a brown bag supper. More information will be provided in weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, and September's *Clarion*.

Schedule Update

- Total project – May 28th – January 28, 2020 – 35 weeks
- ECC remodel – June 17th – September 3rd

4.0 Building for Generations Campaign Update

- Campaign receipts total \$3,046,671 as of 6/30/19, or 75% of our total pledges of \$4,053,000!
- Not only have we avoided borrowing any of the LCEF construction loan, we have earned nearly \$8K in interest.
- As a friendly reminder, the second installment of annual gifts is due by Sept 1, 2019. Thanks to all of our members and guests for continuing to fulfill your pledges in a timely manner.

Parking Volunteers Needed!
Early or Late Service Times

Contact jonathan@crossview.net.



Construction Traffic Flow Map



Financial Update

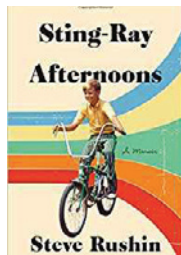
- June was a VERY strong month for Cross View! YTD income is 6% favorable to budget. Budget includes a 9% year-over-year increase.
- The net surplus is \$79K favorable to budget due to strong receipts, lower expenses than planned and capital campaign contributions resulting in no debt incurred to date.
- Thank you for your generous contributions and for recognizing that both operating and capital campaign pledges are critical in 2019

Cross View			
June 30, 2019	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget YTD	Actual Better/(Worse) vs. Budget
Total Income	\$597,973	\$562,830	\$35,143
Total Expense	\$567,194	\$610,837	\$43,643
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$30,779	(\$48,007)	\$78,786

Women's Ministries

BOOK CLUB

Book club in August will be hosted by Mel Davis and she has chosen *Sting-ray Afternoons* by Steve Rushin for participants to read and discuss. We will meet on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Vernon Terrace of Edina where Mel lives. New members are always welcome. Feel free to contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions.



YAMS* Picnic Aug. 10

The YAMS are once again hosting the Annual Family Summer Picnic! Please join us August 10th from 3-7pm at Rosland Picnic Shelter in Edina. Meats and Buns will be provided! We just need everyone to bring something to share! All family and friends are encouraged to join! You can also bring your favorite outdoor game to share! There is a sign up at the Connection Center. Please contact the YAMS MAT if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

*YAMS is a service and social group for Young Adults Married & Single.

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.

Coming Soon!

WEDNESDAY ROUND TABLE WORSHIP

September 11 - October 30
Worship 6 PM to 6:50 PM
Kidstitute, Confirmation, Adult Ed. - 7 PM to 8 PM

Adult Choir Begins Sept. 4

All voice parts welcome!
No auditions: lots of fun!
In the chapel, Practice Time TBA.

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Outreach and Missions

WE SUPPORT LINC!

One of the great organizations we support at Cross View is LINC Twin Cities. LINC is a LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO) that empowers local leaders to start new ministries that engage unreached people groups. What LINC works towards, and helps us as a local congregation work towards (with unreached people groups), is: 1) NEW LEADER DEVELOPMENT through customized training and mentoring. 2) NEW MINISTRY STARTS targeting unreached and marginalized people groups. 3) UNITING THE TWIN CITIES in prayer; bringing together a diversity of leaders from across the city.

The Sunday after Easter their Executive Director, Pastor Ben Griffin preached for us at Cross View. In addition, this Spring we hosted LINC and their conferences for developing new leaders, training new church plants, and networking. LINC does amazing work! Check out their website: <https://twincities.linc.org> to learn more about this fantastic and important ministry we get to partner with.

If you want to get involved there's always more to do



in God's Kingdom. Did you know that your prayers and generous donations allow them to move forward and scale to support these local needs? With every commitment you provide, they will honor your gift by providing periodic updates on the leaders and initiatives of your choice.

OCTOBER 27 – SERVICE SUNDAY

Planning has begun for our next Sunday Service Day on Sunday, October 27. Some projects that are already identified for this event are making "no sew fleece hats" for kids with cancer, re-using plastic bags by making "plarn" (plastic bag yarn) and then crocheting them into mats for the homeless, and college care packages. Do you have an idea for a service project members of Cross View can do together? Would you like to be on the planning team for this opportunity to touch our community? Contact or Christine Eid (christine@crossview.net) or 952-941-1094 to find out how you can be a part of it! And watch the weekly connections and the September *Clarion* for specific donation needs we have. We would love to have you join our team!

Early Childhood Center

ECC SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Summer is a great time to be outdoors and to take field trips. The Preschool group went to The Mustard Seed Nursery and learned about plants and how bees help pollinate the flowers. Later in July, the School Age explored the Works Museum and each child made a catapult. All the children enjoyed bounce house fun and an in-house field trip called, Apollo to the Moon. In the upcoming weeks, the School Age group will be taking a field trip to Cub Foods to learn about the behind the scenes jobs at a grocery store. The Preschool and School Age groups will enjoy going to Pump it up for all their jumping and bouncing desires. We are celebrating the end of the summer with a music DJ that makes for the best Bubble Party ever.

August is a time of many changes at the ECC as children move to a new classroom or graduate for Kindergarten. We will miss our School Age group as they return to their elementary school for a new year. We will miss our Hopper graduates, but we can rejoice over the developmental growth they have made at Cross View. We take assurance in the fact that not only are they ready for Kindergarten, but that they have also begun a new phase of their life journey and faith walk. We pray that they may continue to grow in God's love.

We would like to say thank you to all our summer workers who enthusiastically helped us this summer. We thank Lauren, Lexie, Esther, Carla, Robyn, Ivy and Claire for all their help this summer!



Christian Education

PHILIPPIANS IN AUGUST

Join us for adult education in August. During our Sunday morning Bible studies, we'll be studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. From the confines of a Roman prison Paul wrote this "letter of joy". Obviously, we find joy in our triumphs, but not really in our trials. As we study Philippians, we learn that Paul's joy can also be our joy. Real joy, real joy, genuine joy, is always ours no matter the circumstances, in the saving grace of Christ Jesus.

FALL REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Registration for fall children's ministry opportunities will start at the end of August. Mailings will come to all families with children with information and instructions to help us prepare for a great fall kick-off on Sunday, September 8! This year, children's ministry will join the rest of the congregation with the theme, "Soul Food."

MUSIC CAMP – "GO FISH!"

This year's music camp was great! During the week of July 22-26, 24 students learned and performed this year's musical. They also made their own costumes, props, and decorations. Through our devotions, we learned aspects of different fish and ocean creatures, and were reminded that we are all wonderfully made by our God. Check out the pictures for a feel of our week! Thanks for a great week!



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.

Cross View Cards and Games Begins 9/12

Cross View Cards and Games will begin a new season in September. We meet at Cross View at 7 PM on the 2nd Friday of each month, September through May (with special 6:30 PM pot luck dinners in both December and May). Connect with Cross View members and friends (adults of all ages) for several hours of fun and fellowship by participating in cards and games of your choice (e.g. Bridge, 500, Cribbage, Whist, Golf, Dominoes, Pinochle, Rummikub, Tic, Hand and Foot). **If you are interested, sign up at the Connection Center, or contact Marilyn & Steve Koepcke (763) 951-3266.** In September, registered participants will receive a schedule that will include the names of all players, substitutes, and hosts/co-hosts for the entire season.

Twelve21

Twelve21 is a social and service 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!



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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

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