

CROSS VIEW CLARION

June 2019



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-Christine Eid



Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

by Christine Eid, Director, Children's Ministries

On May 19, Cross View celebrated the 34 years of ministry and retirement of Rebecca Waller, with worship emphasizing music and fine arts, a luncheon, and a program reflecting on all that she has done in that time. It was a time of celebration of so much, while at the same time reflective and sad of the loss that Cross View will feel from Rebecca's departure.

Change is hard. Our human nature wants everything to stay the same and comfortable. But by getting out of our comfort zone, we grow and new gifts from God are used. While the change with Rebecca leaving the staff position at Cross View is hard, it presents new

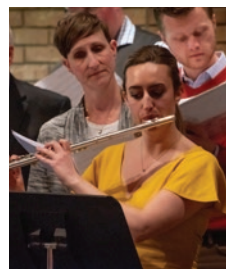
opportunities for her to serve our Lord in new capacities, as well as Cross View having new opportunities to expand music and fine arts ministries in different and exciting ways. While the change may be difficult, let us look with anticipation and excitement on what God has planned next. His plans are beyond our expectations.

And while we wait, let us continue to celebrate and praise Him for the work Rebecca did among us, as we once again say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

View photos from Rebecca's 34 years at Cross View, as well as last month's celebration, on pages 2 & 3.

A Celebration of Rebecca Waller's Ministry

Rebecca Waller's 34 years of ministry at Cross View were celebrated on May 19 with a luncheon and program that included heartfelt memories, music, plenty of laughs, and more than a few tears.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to sincerely thank you, Cross View members and staff, for the day of celebration on May 19. I felt honored, appreciated and loved. I thank you for your generous outpouring of gratitude and encouragement through your comments, cards and gifts. The beauty of the day's festivities was that it isn't the end of my association with you, it's just a change. I still plan to be around, participating in volunteer opportunities and enjoying our ongoing friendships. I just won't be around as much, nor carry the responsibilities of the position.

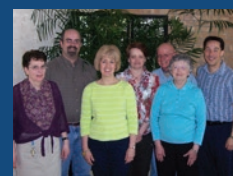
The day's events were a time to reflect on 34 years of shared ministry with the people of Cross View. I thank each one of you for the opportunity to serve here, to expand and grow personally and professionally, and to put my God-given abilities to work here at Cross View and beyond our walls. From the singular job description of Adult Choir Director in 1985 to a widely varied list of responsibilities through the years, it has been an opportunity to serve when and where I was needed; the phrase "bloom where you are planted" comes to mind.

I am grateful for the many staff people with whom I have served. Each person brought a unique set of skills and talents to share with us personally and as a congregation. They challenged us with fresh ideas of how to further expand and improve ministry. We shared laughter and tears, challenges and successes. You are in good hands! I am also grateful for the members who so willingly said "yes" when I asked for help with a project I was leading. You all made my job easier, and helped with a smile and can-do attitude!

So, now we move on. I personally look forward to the unlimited and yet to be imagined future for me and for Cross View. It's an exciting time of growth and new adventures. Let's enjoy this journey together!

In His Service,
Rebecca Waller

Rebecca Through the Years...



Building For Generations Update

The Cross View 4.0 Building For Generations construction project started Tuesday, May 28. Signing off on Lutheran Church Extension Fund loan papers May 23 enabled Anderson Companies to begin construction. **Praise Break!** Initial work included tree removal, fencing off a construction perimeter, and placing the construction trailer on site.

A few parking and church entry reminders:

- All parking will be in the lower lot.
- The upper main church entrance (door #1) is closed.
- The lower church entrance (door #2) is closed.
- A sign designates Sunday and Wednesday night and weekday entry.
- Sunday worship and evening event parking is in the lower lot. Enter through the south ECC door (door #3).
- The east ECC door (door #4 - facing the playground) is the main church entry from 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Schedule at a glance:

- Total project – May 28 – January 24, 2020
- ECC remodel – June 10 – August 30
- Sanctuary sprinkling June 24 – September 6
- Sunday worship in Fellowship A-B-C – June 24 – September 6

Communication strategies:

- Periodic Sunday pre-service updates
- Congregation emails from our Communication Committee
- Pictures and information posted on the our website: www.crossview.net.

Please contact Scott Douglas, Building Chair, at stdouglas1@icloud.com with questions.



Lynn Pahl, President, Linda Baule, Treasurer, and Scott Douglas, Building Chair, celebrate signing the LCEF finance package.

Financial Update

- YTD income is 5% unfavorable to budget. Budget includes a 9% year-over-year increase.
- The net surplus is \$41K favorable to budget due to strong capital campaign contributions resulting in no debt incurred to date.
- Both operating and capital campaign pledges remain critical in 2019.
- Operating costs will not decrease during build.

Cross View			
April 30, 2019	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget YTD	Actual Better/(Worse) vs. Budget
Total Income	\$392,649	\$412,322	(\$19,673)
Total Expense	\$359,519	\$419,917	\$60,398
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$33,130	(\$7,595)	\$40,725

Spring Voters' Assembly Meeting Recap

The following topics were covered at the spring Voters' meeting on May 19.

- **2018 Final Financial Statements:** No significant changes were made from the preliminary results shared with the congregation at the January Voters' meeting. Our independent financial auditor reviewed 2018 financial statements, policies and controls and found no material errors or inconsistencies.
- **Council Elections:** The proposed Council slate was approved by the voters.
- **Music Ministry Update:** Our current organist, Russell Draeger, will be leaving Cross View to attend to his growing organ repair business. Harrison Lawrence, St. Olaf College graduate, accepted 1 year interim Organist position. A MAT has been formed for future music and fine arts visioning.
- The 2019 financial and building updates are covered in separate *Clarion* articles.

View & Print the Cross View Monthly
CALENDAR ON THE WEB!

Our web calendar is updated throughout the month and always contains the most current information. Go to www.crossview.net/calendar. (Or just [click here!](#))

Construction Traffic Flow Map



**Parking
Volunteers
Needed!**

**Early or Late
Service Times**

Contact jonathan@crossview.net

Cards & Games End the Season

Cross View Cards and Games celebrated the completion of the 2018/2019 season with dinner at Trillium Woods on Friday, May 10, followed by an abbreviated game night and a closing meeting. Congratulations to Barb Reichart for winning this season's revolving Bridge trophy, and to Kathy Fulkerson for winning the Games trophy. At each monthly gathering of the 9-month Cards and Games season, each participant donates \$2, so usually \$30 - \$50 is banked each month in a Cross View savings account. During the closing meeting, the group voted not to donate the funds currently in the savings, but rather to hold the funds one more year to see what options will exist once Cross View's new addition has been completed.

Special thanks to Mel Davis, Linda Baule, and Marilyn and Steve Koepcke for their service as coordinators of this group during the past year! The 2019/2020 season will begin in September; watch for sign-up information in August at the Connection Center.

Christian Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

ROAR is coming soon! Starting Monday, June 17, Cross View will welcome over 150 kids plus volunteer staff. They'll learn that while life has many unexpected turns, God is faithful and is always with us. It's not too late to sign up! Go to www.crossview.net and use the link for summer events to register. Help is still needed! If you are entering 5th grade through adult, we can always use your help. [Sign up online!](#)



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: EPHESIANS: WHAT'S GOD'S PLAN FOR US?

Summer Sunday School is for students age 3 to entering 6th grade. We will meet together in room 218, with older students assisting younger. This summer, we will use the video series from Right Now Media as our basis. Students will study the book of Ephesians during June and July, answering the question, "What's God plan for us?" The video segments are by Phil Vischer, founder of Jellyfish Labs and co-creator of the acclaimed *VeggieTales*, who answers the question, with the help of some animated friends, and unpacks what it means to live the way God intends—for us and for the whole world.



On vacation or wish to do Sunday School as a family? Each week Christine will email out the outline for the week. The video clips and discussion handouts are available through Right Now Media. If you haven't signed up yet for this free video service, contact the church office for how to do so.

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. Sign up at www.crossview.net.



SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS IN JUNE & JULY: Did you know that nothing has ever dawned on God? Before the world began, He knew His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. Join us as we study the book of Ephesians, a survival manual that equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. This class begins June 2 in the fellowship hall.

Youth Ministry

7 YOUTH CONFIRMED MAY 5

On May 5, we celebrated with seven confirmands as they affirmed what Christ had done for them in their baptism! We are so excited to see how they will continue to grow in their faith as they continue on in high school ministry and beyond. Congratulations Cynda-Rhea, Destyni, Grace W., Eric, Grace S., Natalie, and Chase!



ROCHESTER SERVICE EVENT

Our junior high youth are headed to the Rochester Servant Event June 9-12. 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 have been equipped with the protection to enter this world as brothers and sisters in arms under the one true hero, Jesus Christ. We have the free permission to talk to the ONE TRUE GOD as our Father.

Our group will participate in projects like painting, general maintenance and cleaning, Bible Camps, park clean up, and landscaping. RSE works with many caring organizations in Rochester to help them and those they reach.

As we go, we ask that you please pray for all participants, but specifically the leaders and youth from Cross View.

Women's Ministries

REAL WOMEN. REAL TRIALS. REAL TRIUMPHS.

Come join us as we dive into the Word for our third annual Women's Summer Bible Study! Some of today's best-known authors look at the spiritual lessons learned from six women in the Bible and what they mean for you today. We will look at these women's successes and failures, see how they draw near to God in the midst of trials and learn how they overcame rejection and disappointment. Their stories will inspire you to persevere through difficult times and find joy in the hope that Jesus has provided. Two of the lessons will be taught by our favorite teacher, Lisa Harper!

WHEN: 10AM Thursdays, June 12 through July 18

WHERE: Hosted by Mary Daenzer (4339 Wooddale Avenue, St. Louis Park) and Susan Charles (6805 Point Drive, Edina) in their homes.

DETAILS: Each week we enjoy fellowship and a short video followed by discussion and prayer. Between sessions, there is a chance to dig deeper with readings and reflection questions.

QUESTIONS? Call/text Susan (952-567-1232) or Mary (952) 200-0924

SIGN UP at the CONNECTION CENTER



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

June's book club will be hosted by Kathi Etchison. She has chosen *The Silent Governess* by Julie Klassen for us to read and discuss. We will meet on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM at church. New members are always welcome. Feel free to contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Early Childhood Center

WHAT'S NEW FOR THE ECC?

We had a full house on May 3 when we invited the ECC grandparents for our annual grandparent's party. The children prepared a program of songs, and everyone enjoyed making cards for Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center and sharing a refreshing snack.

The summer is a time of many changes as children move to a new classroom or graduate for Kindergarten. We are celebrating our Hopper Preschoolers on June 6 with a graduation. We will miss our graduates as they prepare to leave Cross View over the next couple months, but we can celebrate the developmental growth they have made at the ECC. 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.

Our School Age Program starts on June 10; it is a full group of alumni students. The school age group has great opportunities for learning, spending time in the Word of God, exploring nature, planting a garden, and mentoring the younger children by volunteering in the preschool classrooms.

The toddlers and infants have been enjoying their new Rainbow play set that was installed on May 16. It was made possible by a generous memorial gift by the family of Jackie Bruesehoff.





TEAM WORLD VISION

We had a great turnout at the Global 6K on Saturday, May 4. We had 10 people run (and a couple of volunteers) from Cross View with Alex Wheeler coming in first for female runners and Rory Tharaldson coming in first for kids up to 7 years old. In all, about 42 runners between New City Covenant Church and Cross View. Globally, over 50,000 runners ran, which means over 50,000 kids received water for life! Yeah God! (Start planning to run with us next year – May 16, 2020)

Also, thanks to you for coming out for “Chow for Charity” at Red’s Savoy on Monday, May 6. If you mentioned “Team World Vision”, 20% of the sale went to our Cross View Team World Vision.

Through your generosity (and hungry bellies) over \$160 was raised and will be added to our team’s donation page.

Two things to know: 1) we’re having another “Chow for Charity” at Red’s Savoy (in Edina) on Monday August 5. 2) You can still join our Minnesota Half Marathon team, or you can choose to support our team at our team page. We don’t run for ourselves, we run with World Vision; everything

we raise will go toward children, community development and people being given Living Water that changes lives Eternally.

FUSION CONFERENCE HOSTED AT CROSS VIEW

LINC Twin Cities Hosted the Fusion Conference at Cross View May 18. The Conference was offered to teach first generation immigrants how to effectively reach the next generation. Guest speakers from Maryland, Iowa, California, and Missouri presented the latest missional strategies and models for reaching the 2nd generation of immigrants in the United States.

The speakers gave their presentations from 10 AM to 6:30 PM. There was an amazing exchange of experiences and ideas between presenters and participants as they engaged in dialogue. The sessions were concluded with a delicious multi-cultural dinner that was shared by all.

Cross View’s sanctuary saw its first truly multi-cultural/ multi-ethnic worship service at 6:30 PM. Music, readings, prayers, and the most-lively offering collection this author (Steve Wheeler) has ever seen were all a part of an incredible worship experience. Multiple languages were used for the readings and songs. There was even a Japanese Ukulele Band that led the singing of the song “God is so Good” in multiple languages!

Special thanks the Pastor Ben Griffin for his amazing work in the Twin Cities, connecting and equipping leaders from every nation, tribe, people, and language. I was blessed to make several new friends at the conference and tap into several community resources that could open some new and exciting doors for Cross moving forward. It was an honor for Cross View to host this amazing event to our community!



Outreach & Missions

GUATEMALA EXPLORATORY MISSION UPDATE

On April 24-30, Tom Koch and Pastor Steve Wheeler traveled to Guatemala on an exploratory mission trip with CALMS (Central American Lutheran Mission Society). We visited several sites that had been pre-screened in advance by CALMS missionaries. We met with local and civic leaders at those sites to find out what God was already doing in their midst and to assess whether or not Cross View might come alongside of one of them. The purpose of the trip was to find ministry opportunities that would allow Cross View members, led by the Holy Spirit, to sow Gospel seeds in Guatemala.

As you heard in the May *Clarion* article, we visited three major sites – Santa Cruz, La Union, and Gulan. After a careful analysis of each of the sites, much conversation with each other, abundant and prayerful deliberation, and a unanimous leading of the Holy Spirit, we recommend that our congregation partners with the very small village of Los Vaquez, located in the mountains surrounding the small town La Union in Zacapa.

The rationale for our recommendation is as follows. First, we saw tremendous need in this little village of 55 families. Second, no church or other outside organization has ever partnered with this village. Third, we felt that the village was of a manageable size that our congregation could truly make a difference by partnering with them. Fourth, we felt a very strong connection with Carlos, the Lutheran translator and missionary, with whom we would work. Fifth, the village had very receptive leadership that was excited to work with us. Sixth, we felt, by the Spirit's leading, that there was

great potential for meaningful mission and ministry there. And finally, the village demonstrated a beautiful and sincere love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 12, we presented our recommendation to the people of Cross View during the education hour. The presentation was well attended, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement about the potential of sending future teams. We are tentatively looking at the dates of November 15-24 to potentially send our first team of 8-22 people. We circulated a preliminary questionnaire to those who were interested in participating in this first mission trip. We ask that those questionnaires be returned to the church office.

Next steps... There were many questions that remained unanswered after the presentation because time simply ran out. We will offer an open forum for Q & A on Thursday, July 18 from 7-9 PM at Cross View. At this meeting, we hope to answer questions, receive input, and prayerfully move forward with putting together our first mission team to Guatemala.

We cannot express how powerful our visit to Guatemala, and in particular our visit to Los Vaquez, was for us. The experience will forever change our lives as we reflect upon and pray for these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in joining the team, please join us for the open forum on July 18, or email steve@crossview.net or tjkoch47@gmail.com. Please keep this mission opportunity in your prayers, praying that God opens a door to transform lives near and far with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Celebrate Russell Draeger

Sunday, June 16, 9:30 AM

Russell Draeger has faithfully served as Cross View's organist for the past two years. We will celebrate with Russell during Café Cross View on Sunday, June 16, after the 8:15 AM service. (Be sure to stay through the postlude; you won't want to miss it!) A basket to collect cards of thanks will be available. Here is an excerpt from Russ' resignation letter:

"I would like to thank the entire Cross View community for two years of wonderful music making. It has truly been my honor to serve such a loving and caring community, and I am truly touched at the outpouring of support and encouragement as I pursue work as an organ builder.

I look forward to watching Cross View grow as the 4.0 – Building for Generations commences this spring. I'm thrilled to be a part of this effort as the caretaker of the organ and look forward to seeing the familiar faces of those I've come to know over these last few years.

I wish the congregation all the best as it faces tough farewells and new beginnings. I cherish the time I spent at Cross View and know whomever serves as the church's next organist will be blessed with the same love and support that was shown to me."



YAMS* to FMSC

At the end of March, the YAMS team went to Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen! They helped pack 192 boxes which is just over 41,000 meals! As always, a fun time was had by all! Our next YAMS event is the Annual Family Picnic. This will be held August 10 from 4-7 at Rosland Park in Edina. Look for more information coming soon!

***Young Adult, Married & Single; a social and service group.**



InC* Bike Ride

June 15

Join InC friends for a bike ride to a brewery, Saturday, June 15. We will meet at 2:00 PM at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 Co. Rd. 19, Excelsior. Park on the George Street side of the church. We will ride 6 miles to Enki Brewing, 1495 Steiger Lake Lane, Victoria.

There are multiple ways to participate: 1) Ride both ways with a refreshing beverage in between; 2) Ride one way and plan for a pick-up ride in Victoria; 3) Just drive and meet the group at Enki Brewing about 3 PM. Whatever your pleasure (rain or shine!), we hope you can come! Questions? Contact Marta Volbrecht (marta.volbrecht15@gmail.com) or Rebecca Waller (rebwall323@gmail.com).

***InC is a social and service group for people around the ages 45-65.**





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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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