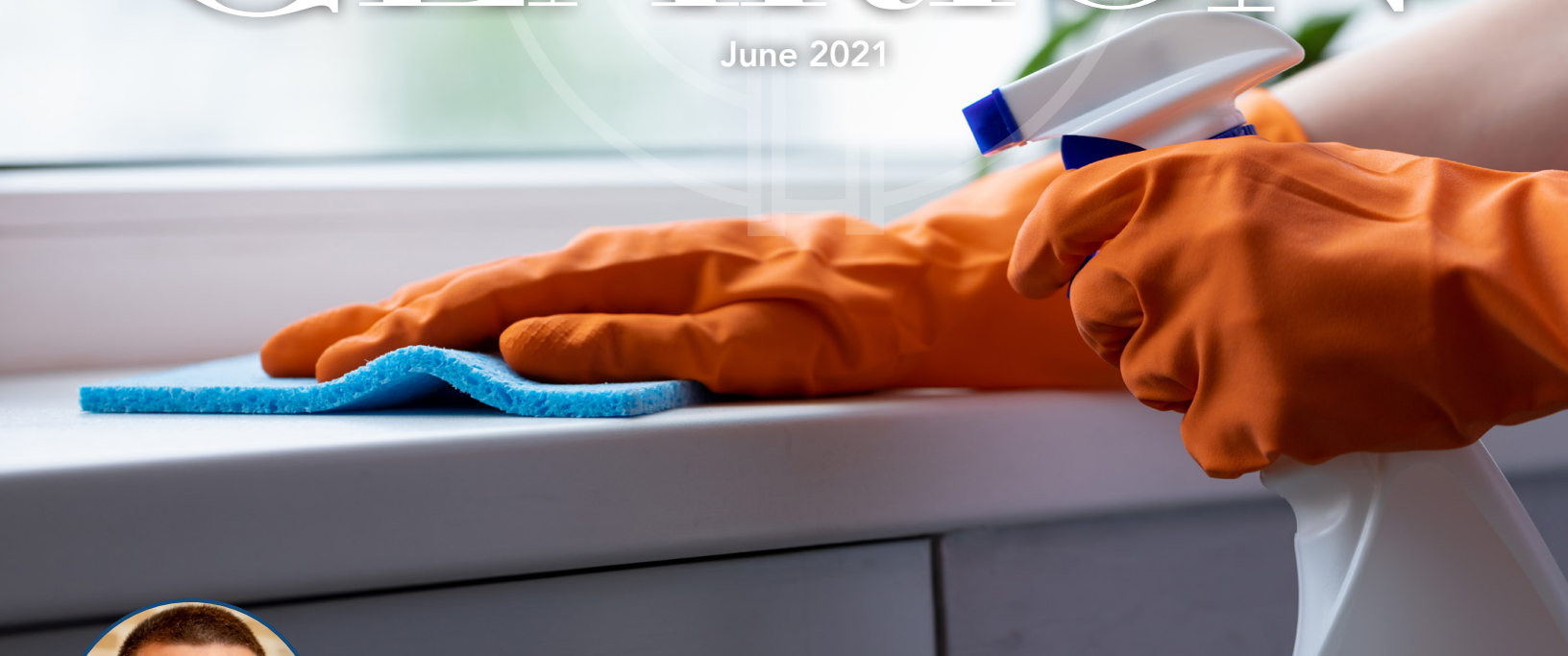


CROSS VIEW CLARION

June 2021



"Jesus reminds us over and over again that '...but one thing is necessary.' That one thing is Him." -Jonathan Zellar

There's Always One More Thing (Luke 10:41-42)

by Jonathan Zellar, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

"The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary."

When you read the words household chores, what comes to mind? Is it laundry, dishes, updates that you'd like to do, projects you've started that are not finished? Those can all be summed up in one theme: Never-ending. House projects or chores really are never ending. Laundry piles up because we keep wearing clothes. Dishes keep

piling up because we keep eating meals. There's always a project at home that would make your house "better." There is always one more thing. Unfortunately, this doesn't just apply to home. There's one more thing that you could do at work, or after supper when the kids are in bed. There's one more event to get your kids to, to pay for, continuing ed to complete. There. Is. Always. One. More. Thing.

It's been this way for a long time too. We read



in Luke 10:40 that “Martha was distracted by her many tasks...” I can only imagine what she was busy doing. Cooking, cleaning, getting the house ready for guests, etc. Sound familiar? This isn’t a new issue, and it likely isn’t something that will go away anytime soon. Just like Screwtape said in C.S. Lewis’ book with the same title, “There are things for humans to do all day long without His (God’s) minding in the least – sleeping, washing, eating, drinking, making love, playing, praying, working. Everything has to be twisted before it’s any use to us” (pg. 118). We can get so lost in the details and all the things of life that we forget what really matters. We forget the “one thing” that is necessary.

Yet, Jesus reminds us over and over again that “...but one thing is necessary.” That one thing is Him. If we can focus in on Him, that is Jesus, all else takes a backseat. And what does it look like to focus on that “one thing?” That looks like Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus. Learning from Him. Listening to Him. Being in relationship with Him.

Spending time with Him when there are other things to be done. All those other things can wait.

For us as post resurrection Christians we have the Easter reminder that Jesus wasn’t just a good teacher, wasn’t just an amazing healer, but He was the Son of God who came to show us what true love looks like through His death and resurrection on the Cross. That all those things we do are good, but He is greater and has saved us once and for all.

So, what are you busy doing? What’s getting in the way of that “one thing” that’s necessary? Jesus is greater, and he gave up everything so that He could be in relationship with you and spend time with you for eternity. As we reflect on Holy week and Easter here is the encouragement: Focus on Jesus. Dig into scripture and learn from Him how we are to live and act. Listen as He speaks to you through His word. Set time aside on a regular basis to be in relationship with Him and His family (the church.) All those other things can wait.

Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- April contributions were \$40,267 below budget and \$42,154 less than April 2020
- Year to Date income through April is \$36,219 behind budget and \$18,176 less than April 2020
- Year to Date expenditures are less than budget primarily due to lower wage and benefit expenses with open positions
- ECC Tuition income remains below budget with some openings in one room

Cross View Lutheran Church			
4/30/21	2021 Actual Year to Date	2021 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Greater (Less)
Total Income	\$414,832	\$451,051	(\$36,219)
Total Expenses	\$404,234	\$450,620	(\$46,386)
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,598	\$431	\$10,167

Sing to the Lord a New Song For He Has Done Marvelous Things!

Cross View has a rich history of strong music and fine art ministries! Each year, we are privileged to enjoy a variety of vocal and instrumental musical offerings that reinforce themes from the scriptures and enhance our worship of the triune God. In 2011, Cross View dedicated a contemporary worship service to be offered each Sunday. Since then, many wonderful vocalists and musicians have stepped up to participate on our praise team. We give thanks to the Lord for each one of them.

Following Fall Kickoff in 2019, Jason Paulson, then the leader of the praise team, took a position at another church. This unexpected departure happened right in the midst of our construction project while we were still worshipping in the fellowship hall. Bob Cavalieri, the praise team's keyboard player (since 2006), graciously agreed to lead the team until the position was filled.

Little did Bob or any of us know that the construction of the sanctuary would take much longer than expected. Longer still was the staffing of the praise team leader. About the time the building was completed the Covid-19 pandemic struck. Bob and his wife Wendy graciously recorded hymns in their home for our online services during the pandemic. When onsite worship re-opened in June of 2020, Bob continued to lead our praise team, selecting songs, leading the team rehearsals, and communicating with the church office for the production of our weekly bulletins.

After two years of attempting to fill the Praise Team Leader position, it became clear that the Lord was closing that door. Existing music leaders began conversations and eventually moved toward a different approach that would allow for a transition of the leadership of the team as well as for new visioning moving forward. Conversations between Sue Quist (Cross View's new Director of Music and Fine Arts), Pastor Steve, and Bob Cavalieri commenced. Eventually, a decision was reached to move forward with transitioning the leadership of the praise team to Sue Quist as a part of her responsibilities in music ministries. A rotating lead-singer-model was proposed and a transition of the leadership of the team is set for June 13.

As Bob Cavalieri takes a long-deserved rest over the summer, we pause to sincerely thank him for a job well done. His loving service made possible the continuation of our contemporary service during build, the pandemic, and beyond. Thank you, Bob, for making a difference and for leading the team during the extended transitional period. You are a blessing, and your service is deeply appreciated! June 6 will be Bob's last Sunday as the leader of the Praise Team. We will have a basket for a card shower to thank him for his service.

In the words of Psalm 98, "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!" Indeed, He has! We thank the Lord for all He has done in the past two years and look forward to all He will do in the year ahead.



Returning to Normal Worship Schedule and Seating Capacity

Taking the Governor's relaxation of restrictions into account, starting Sunday, May 30, Cross View will return to our regular schedule. Our COVID 19 policy is being updated, but here are some key points to know:

- Two services – Traditional @ 8:15 AM and Contemporary @ 10:45 AM
- All pews in the Sanctuary will be open for seating
- No more ushering into the pews; please try to sit in groups as much as possible to maximize space between family groups
- Mask usage will follow the CDC, State of Minnesota, and local guidelines
- Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will change to continuous distribution; Drive-through Communion will be offered through June 27
- Registration will still be required, but only for contact tracing

CDC and Minnesota Health Guidelines:

If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- You can resume activities without wearing a mask. Per governor Walz' May 6 announcement, distancing limits will come to an end on May 28.

If you have not been fully vaccinated:

- Minnesotans who are not fully vaccinated are strongly recommended to wear face coverings indoors.

Cross View will continue to follow the CDC and Minnesota Guidelines moving forward.

Early Childhood Center

ECC ART FAIR; SUMMER CHANGES

The Early Childhood Center held their "Pint Sized Picasso" art fair on May 20th as a fund raiser for the center. The children made art that was framed, and the parents could purchase the artwork. Thank you for all the donations of frames. They really enhanced the beauty of the children's work.

Our School Age Program starts on June 7th. The school age group has many great opportunities for learning, spending time in the Word of God, exploring nature, planting a garden and so much more.



The summer is a time of many changes as children move to a new classroom or graduate to kindergarten. We are celebrating our Hopper Preschoolers on June 3rd with a graduation. We will miss our graduates as they prepare to leave Cross View, but we can rejoice over 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.



New Stephen Minister Training Scheduled for Fall

Stephen Ministry leaders from Our Lady of Grace and Cross View will be leading a training course for new Stephen ministers, beginning in September. Cross View will be hosting several of the training sessions which will be once a week for about 2-3 hours and approximately 12-14 weeks in duration. More details on the precise scheduling will be shared in next month's Clarion. For now, please prayerfully consider whether your spiritual gifts and talents could be used in this compassionate ministry.

Since 1975, over 600,000 people from all walks of life have been trained as Stephen Ministers—lay caregivers who, in turn, have brought God's healing love to millions of hurting people going through difficult times in life. These people are drawn to Stephen Ministry training by the desire to make a significant difference during a time of great need in someone's life. What often surprises them is the tremendous personal and spiritual growth they themselves experience.

If you are thinking about becoming a Stephen Minister, here are some next steps:

- Pray for discernment about your gifts, your passions, and how God is asking you to grow in ministry.
- Let a pastor or Stephen Minister know about your interest in Stephen Minister training.
- Visit stephenministries.org/SM for additional stories and information about serving as a Stephen Minister.

If you need a Stephen Minister, please contact a pastor.

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

—Galatians 6:2

Christian Education

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Treasured is coming soon! Starting Monday, June 21, Cross View will welcome 130 kids and volunteer staff. They'll learn that God chooses 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

This Summer our Children's Sunday school will look different a little different than usual. Starting June 6th there will be family Sunday school offered in room 216/217. Throughout the summer, families will be walking through the book of Colossians together. They will sit together to read from Colossians and other related passages, watch the video that correlates to that week's lesson, work together on the crafts and other activities that are offered, and participate in the month-long service project. Each week there will be a facilitator in the classroom to help with whatever questions families may have and assist with the video.

Each month all the lessons will be laid out so that families can move as quickly or slowly through the lessons as they wish. This also allows for families to not worry about being "out of the loop" for weeks that they miss.

Please contact Jonathan if you're interested in helping. He is looking for room facilitators.

CHILDREN'S GRAB & GO BAGS

Sunday morning children's activity bags are back! Starting June 6th, children's activity bags will again be available at our worship services. These are intended to be bags that children can use within the pew or in their seat and take home with them. The content of the bags will regularly change so that it isn't the same. These bags are designed for children ages two years old through third grade. If you need one and can't find them, be sure to find an usher for help.

MUSIC CAMP: JULY 26-30

A re-imagined *Interplanetary Jammin'* show includes a new story line, additional music, and the use of puppets. Come join us for this upbeat, action packed week.



HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30-10:30 AM MAY 9-JUNE 13, ONSITE

The story of the Bible has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told." But did you ever wonder where the Bible came from? Who wrote it? Why they wrote it? Who decided which books to include? In this study, Dr. Paul Maier travels to the Bible Museum in Goodyear, Arizona, to take a look at how we got the Bible. This class will be led by Greg Lenz. [Register on CVConnect](#). If you have questions or need information, email Greg Lenz at gregorylenz73@gmail.com.

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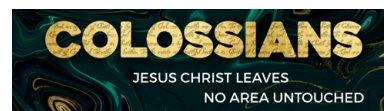
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, 9:30-10:30 AM JUNE 27-AUGUST 29, ONSITE & ONLINE



What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us—what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

Join us for this 8-session summer Bible Study as pastor Louie Giglio takes us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Jesus influences everything in our lives. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.

Pastors Steve and Toby will be facilitating this study. [Register on CVConnect](#). If you have questions or need information, email Pastor Toby at toby@crossview.net.



Tuition Support

Cross View supports member families who send their children to Cross View's Early Childhood Center, LCMS elementary and secondary schools, and adults enrolled in professional church worker programs in post-secondary institutions and seminaries. As a congregation, we feel that it is important to commit ourselves to members who seek this kind of educational experience. Therefore, the congregation annually budgets for tuition assistance and the ECC has a budget line item for reduced tuition.

Application Timeline and Process: People seeking tuition support shall apply annually by completing a Commitment Form.

The application period is June 1 – July 1 of each year. Forms are available at the Welcome Center, online by [clicking here](#), or contact Renee Kirchner in the church office (renee@crossview.net).

The Tuition Assistance Ministry Action Team will review membership and attendance records to determine eligibility. Tuition support is determined annually and is based upon funds available and number of applicants.

Notification and Payment: Eligible applicants and their learning institutions will be notified of the tuition assistance amount in August of each year.

Youth Ministries

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Summer youth group starts on June 6th! We start back fully onsite and will continue meeting from 6:30–8:00 pm on Sunday nights. If we need to move indoors, we will mask as necessary. Throughout the summer we will continue to meet as a large group (7th–12th grade). Once fall arrives and confirmation starts again, we will be reassessing our groupings and offerings. Our June Calendar is as follows:

- June 6: Onsite Youth Group
- June 13: Onsite Youth Group
- June 20: No Youth Group (Father's Day)
- June 27: Onsite Youth Group

(TC)² REGISTRATIONS ARE LIVE!

Taking Care of the Twin Cities or (TC)² is the Cross View youth at home service project running July 25–29. Our 7th through 12th grade youth serve our church family and greater community by doing indoor & outdoor projects. These projects range from painting a garage, washing windows, cleaning up a yard, and cleaning up city parks. While the focus of this event is giving the Jr and Sr high youth a service opportunity, all Cross View families are invited to participate this year. Here are the different ways that you can help (T.C.)² be a success:

Youth and Adult Participants: If you're up for it, this project team would love to have as many youth, families, and adults help that week! They always need more drivers and hands to extend our impact!



Support Staff: They're also looking for senior saints or those who have a skill or experience to share to serve alongside our teams. Registration, photography, nursing, and construction are just a few of the ways that your help is useful! Being on the support team also allows for you to serve when you're able throughout the week!

Work Projects: To be successful and have a greater impact on our community, the youth are relying on our community to be watching for others who need some help. They continue to look for work projects that our teams can participate in and complete that serve our members, their neighbors, and the surrounding community. If you know of any, please submit them on the website.

Contact Jon Zellar with any questions and look for [registration forms](#) on the Cross View website!

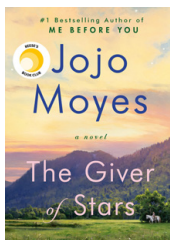
"For in Him we live and move and exist" (Acts 17:28).



Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

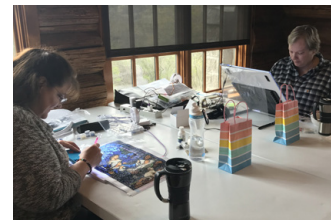
We have selected *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes to read and discuss in June. We will be meeting at church at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 21. We will try to find a shady spot in the grass or will meet inside so bring along a lawn chair just in case and your own beverage and snack. Please contact Marcy (mpnordhus@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in joining.



CRAFTING RETREAT ENJOYED BY ALL

The Women's Crafting Retreat was held at Good Earth Village the weekend of April 23–25. Nine women attended which included Cross View members, as well as friends and family of those members. With such a small group everyone was able to have their own space for crafting with social

distancing between groups. Socializing and good meals were also enjoyed.



Outreach & Missions

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER!

The new Welcome MAT design team has continued to meet monthly, working diligently toward the launch of this exciting new ministry! The actual launch is planned for September, but they have planned presentations to the congregation and training for all volunteers a couple of months prior to that. The major factor for this is that they still need lots of volunteers to make this ministry successful as planned. The Welcome MAT is in need of Hosts, Connectors, Welcome Center Attendants and a couple of lead positions. If you have a gift or passion for making visitors feel welcomed and bringing them in to Cross View, the design team prays that you would consider becoming a part of this vital ministry. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the roles that need to be filled. Please contact any of the following team members with questions and/or offers to volunteer.

- Tonya Bushey, tonyabushey@gmail.com, (612) 716-5583
- Sue Harrison, kharrison1111@gmail.com, (713) 269-9657
- Barb Martenson, blynnmart@gmail.com, (952) 240-3597

The Welcome MAT design team thanks you for your prayerful consideration for participation in this exciting and vital ministry to grow God's Kingdom!

MISSION PARTNER VISIT: REV. DR. FUNG LO JUNE 20, SUNDAY WORSHIP & DURING ADULT DISCIPLESHIP IN THE GREAT COMMISSION ROOM

Join us as our mission partners, Pastor Fung Lo, his wife, Kalia, and their son, Mercy, share all about the opportunities God has provided to join Him in His ministry of equipping His saints for His work of seeking and saving the lost among the Hmong people in Southeast Asia.



Pastor Fung was the Executive Director for LINC-Twin Cities from 2013-2017. Since 2017 they have been helping to train Hmong pastors and leaders, provide support and discipleship training to local Hmong congregations, and start new ministries and plant new churches. This is of the utmost importance because in Southeast Asia, there are over two million Hmong who still don't know Jesus.

Join as the Lo family visits Cross View and shares the Lord's work with all of us while they are on an extended furlough (due to COVID.) This presentation will also be streamed online



at <https://crossviewedina.online.church/> and you will be able to participate in the class via a chat.

For more ways to support the Lo family, go to their page at Mission of Christ at <https://missionofchrist.org/lo/>.

CHURCH MISSION PLANT AT CROSS VIEW

Did you know there are over 45,000 people from the Indian subcontinent living in the Twin Cities? Of those people, at least 6,750 live in the Edina, Eden Prairie, and Bloomington area. Our ministry partner, LINC-Twin Cities (TC), has been watching those numbers and demographics for some time. In addition, Cross View leadership and staff have been in conversation with LINC-TC to see how we might partner together to reach them. We have all been praying and looking for opportunities to join Jesus in growing His kingdom.



For the past three years, LINC-TC has been working with a small fellowship that has been meeting in homes. However, Jesus is growing His kingdom and now they have grown too large for in-home worship and fellowship. They need a larger space that would allow them to continue meeting together, and yet still grow. God has opened the door for this fellowship, LINC-TC and Cross View, to work together for the sake of His kingdom.

We are excited to share that on June 19, and every 3rd Saturday (for now) we will be hosting this fellowship from 10:00 AM-Noon. Partnering with us and LINC-TC, Pastor Jacob Christy and this small fellowship will be at Cross View to gather for worship, fellowship, and study.

We are excited for the possibilities and opportunities God has in store. Pastor Christy and fellowship leader Winifred Nader would like to invite us to participate in their gatherings. At the same time, we are excited for these families to participate in our various ministries as well. Join us as we praise God for this opportunity and pray for all that God has in store as He grows His kingdom.



Welcome to Cross View's New Members

Spring 2021 Membership Classes



Carey Duraibaba moved to the Twin Cities from Marshall, MN, in August of 2019. She has four children: Savanna, Isabelle, Lucca, and Aiden. They had been members at Good Shepherd Church and the children attended Samuel Lutheran school. Savanna now teaches college in Lamar, CO. Isabelle attends college in Alexandria, MN, and Lucca and Aiden go to school in Woodbury. Carey is a dental hygienist in Minneapolis.



Anita and Bjorn Erickson met in cardiac intensive care at Abbott Northwestern Hospital where they both worked. Anita is a nurse and Bjorn is a cardiac sonographer. They married in 2010 and moved to Edina in 2016. Their 8-year-old daughter, Carmen, likes nerf guns, Legos, and watching Star Wars or Little House on the Prairie with her mom. Anita has too many interests to name (please see her Pinterest boards.) Bjorn is a woodworker/craftsman at heart and spends his free time making things (from Anita's Pinterest boards.) They look forward to growing in their walk with the Lord, with each other and with the Cross View community.



Brynn, Justin, and Oliver Kampinen reside in Eden Prairie. Three-year-old Oliver attends preschool and loves sports, Legos and baking with the family. Justin works at Mill Creek Entertainment and enjoys movies. Brynn works at Target headquarters and enjoys scrapbooking and spin classes (now at home instead of in person!)



Harrison and Libby Lawrence are high school sweet-hearts and got married. They live in Blaine with their dog, Winston. They enjoy spending time outside, reading, and trying new recipes together in the kitchen. Harrison works in IT and as the organist here at Cross View. Libby works as a teacher at Cross View's Early Childhood Center. Both are excited to be joining the family here at Cross View.

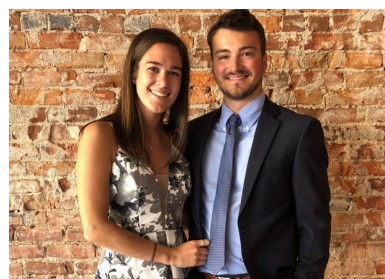


Karen Moschkau moved to Carver in June 2020 from Burnsville where she was an active member of Messiah Lutheran in Lakeville. She has six grown children, and a

ninth grandchild is due this fall. She enjoys traveling to spend time with the four out of state families. Two sons and a son-in-law are active duty with the Air Force. Karen is on the accounting team for Stratasy in Eden Prairie. In addition, she has a seamstress business specializing in formal wear. Leisure activities include biking, hiking, and needlework.



Ralph and Lynnae Skogerboe Asher met at Valparaiso University in 2002. Ralph is originally from Valparaiso, IN, while Lynnae grew up in Fridley, MN. They were married in 2009 and briefly lived in Indianapolis before moving to Minneapolis. Ralph is the founder of Data Driven Supply Chain LLC, a startup specializing in applying artificial intelligence to supply chain, and Lynnae works as a Category Manager for Schwan's Consumer Brands. They have two children, Esther (3) and Judith (1) as well as Champ, a standard poodle puppy. They were members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and are looking forward to being part of a larger congregation.



Nuavana Staack graduated from UW-Stout in 2018 with a BS in Packaging. She moved to the Twin Cities for a packaging engineering position at Boston Scientific. She currently lives in Edina. In her free time, she enjoys training and competing in triathlons. You can often find her at one of our lakes with family and friends.



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GROW

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 2nd & 4th
Sundays*

SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Our most current calendar
is always available at
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