

CROSS VIEW CLARION

March 2019



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Continue His Mission with a Heart for the Harvest

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

The theme for our 2018-2019 year in ministry is Heart for the Harvest from Matthew 9:35-38. To keep us focused throughout the year, we keep coming back to this theme. In these verses, we catch a glimpse of Jesus' heart for those who have yet to hear the good news. Matthew writes, "When He [Jesus] saw the crowds, He had compassion on

them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Jesus had a heart for lost people. Jesus had compassion on those in our world who are deceived by Satan's lies. Jesus had a Heart for the Harvest!





For the past five months, we have celebrated five decades of incredible ministry. Through pictures, testimonies, videos, and our celebrations we have seen how Cross View members of the past have always had a heart for the harvest. We have reminisced upon their many sacrifices and upon their courageous efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ. As we look to the next fifty years of mission and ministry (and beyond), we are reminded that this is our time to have a heart for the harvest. This is our time to continue His mission with great boldness.

What will the future hold? We don't know for sure. What we do know is that we are called to press on with a sense of urgency as a plentiful harvest is all around us, and the fate of the next generation swings in the balance. Our message, our mission, and the truth of God's Word that we have proclaimed the last fifty years will not change. How we get that message to the next generation will need to be continually adjusted. Our upcoming build will provide many new options to reach upcoming generations.

In just a few short weeks, our congregation will sink shovels into the ground and undertake a watershed construction project that will position us to impact the plentiful harvest in ways we can't even fully imagine. The construction will undoubtedly cause some inconveniences, transitional challenges, and lots of dust. My prayer is that our congregational mindset throughout the construction phase will be one that continually sees the end goal. As you take those extra steps, are forced to park in a different space, experience adjusted programming, or have to worship in a temporary setting, count it a joy that these minor sacrifices will expand our ability to reach the plentiful harvest for generations to come.

While things may be torn up for a while, the months ahead are not a time for our congregation to step back or to step down in our mission and ministry. On the contrary, this is the time for us to bring our "A" game. In the coming months, we are going to need a strong core of volunteers to help with transitional issues. You and I may have to carry the cross and candles to worship like those early charter members. We might have to set up chairs here and there. We might have to start a new MAT (Ministry Action Team) to direct traffic in the parking lot.

Not only will we need volunteers for the various transitional issues, we will also need them for our ongoing ministries and programming. Strong worship attendance will be a key factor as we seek to maintain congregational unity and momentum in the coming months. It will also be essential that our financial contributions remain strong for our annual operating budget, as well as for 4.0 Building for Generations. Over all these things (and more), I would ask that each member of our congregation sincerely wraps this project and our ministry in prayer in the coming months. We can expect that as we seek to expand our ability to impact the plentiful harvest through this build, there will be pushback from the kingdom of darkness. Let us pray for God's protection, blessing, and guidance throughout the process.

We stand on the precipice of a new and exciting era of mission and ministry at Cross View. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds to continue His mission with joy and with boldness like those before us. It's going to be amazing to see all that God will do in and through this mission station in the years to come. May we, like Jesus, truly have a Heart for the Harvest!

A Joyous Celebration



Cross View's 50th Anniversary

Cross View celebrated the culmination of 50 years as a congregation on February 10 during two celebratory services in the morning, and a dinner and program in the evening. And what a joyous celebration it was!

The Sunday morning services included special music by the adult choir, brass quintet and our contemporary praise team. Wayne Hellbusch, a charter member of Cross View, shared his memories from the past and his hope for the future of our church. Thank you to Connie Landreville for delivering a children's message on how our church family helps each other...it was truly a message for the entire congregation. And, Pastor Wheeler's message shared why we celebrate our past history with joy and are inspired to continue His mission for generations to come.

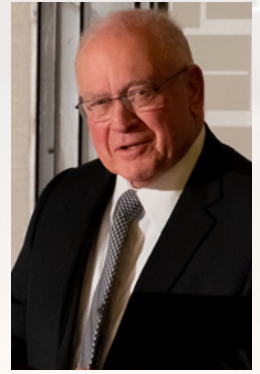
The evening dinner and program brought 350 current and past members, charter members and their families, friends and former staff. Prior to the dinner, Rev. Dr. Ray Halm, our third pastor, greeted us via video to congratulate us on our 50 years and to share his love for Cross View. Following dinner, Wayne Hellbusch's opening remarks were "interrupted" by our church staff's performance of a humorous rendition of Cross View's history. Cal Kuhlman recognized charter members, and

Rebecca Waller thanked former staff for their contributions to Cross View. The family of charter members Dale and Jean Johnson shared a video honoring the early work of church members and giving thanks for the blessings of their family's four generations of faithful membership at Cross View. A highlight of the evening, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy addressed attendees with a heartfelt message to recognize the impact Cross View has had, and continues to have, on our church family and the church at large.

Of course, recognition of the past 50 years began many months ago. Thank you to all members of the 50th Anniversary Committee, your contributions to the theme, hours of meetings and hands-on work, and your prayers for meaningful celebrations. Also, each month between October and February, Cross View members and friends have enjoyed reading a summary of a decade in our church's history in the Clarion. A special thank you to Greg McCullough who poured over many pages of history to bring these stories to life for us all. Thanks to everyone who helped "Celebrate Our Past + Continue His Mission".

Barb Hammer
50th Anniversary Committee Chair





Project Update

The Cross View building project continues to move forward. An early April groundbreaking will be dependent on frost out date and general weather conditions.

Over 400 sub-contractors had access to Cross View construction drawings. Anderson Companies, our General Contractor, prioritized bid submissions and reviewed major subcontractor recommendations with the Building Steering Committee. Committee members and a recently appointed Owner Representative reviewed major sub-contractors. They looked at technical/qualitative information, cost as well as site superintendent characteristics.

The Building Steering Committee welcomed Sonya Kraft to our team. Sonya will be on the construction site during the project. She is an experienced architect and owner representative from the Frauenschuh Businesses. Sonya will oversee construction, verify work performance, assist with payment verification, and advise Scott Douglas, Building Chair. This donated position is another set of eyes representing Cross View during the entire construction process.

Building Steering Committee members aligned building scope to approved budget guidelines. Design and material modifications, placing some components on hold, and executing budget reallocations aligned the project with Church Council and Voter guidelines. Thanks to Jon LaCasse, Pope Architects, Nathan Neimann, Anderson Companies, and Scott Douglas, Building Chair, for developing modification suggestions for the Committee. They were able to choose modifications that ensured continued alignment to Cross View's mission of "Developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ along life's journey".

Anticipated March activities:

- Finalize Edina City permitting modifications.
- Receive construction schedule staff feedback.
- Work to continue programming during the 2019 construction project.
- Develop creative solutions that motivate members to attend Sunday worship as well as summer and fall programing opportunities during construction.



YAMS Game Night

Saturday, March 2
4-6 PM, Fellowship Hall.
Pizza and babysitters provided.
Bring your favorite game!

Youth Ministry

The junior high youth had a tubing event at Buck Hill in Burnsville on February. It was a great event for our youth to fellowship together and have some fun in the new snow!



The senior high youth had an event at Skyzone in Edina on February 15. It was a fun night filled with ninja skills, dodgeball, flips, and some flops. It was a great time to grow together as a youth group!



Financial Update

- Year-to-Date (YTD) receipts through Jan 31, 2019 were 16%, or nearly \$17K behind budget.
- The 2019 budget includes a 9% increase over 2018 results.
- Expenses were lower than budgeted, allowing for the small surplus.
- Commitment to ongoing operating fund pledges is as essential as 4.0 building for Generations campaign pledges.

Cross View				
	2019 Actual YTD	2019 Budget YTD	Actual Better/(Worse) vs.Budget	
Total Income	\$ 104,660	\$ 121,633	\$	(16,973)
Total Expense	\$ 82,266	\$ 100,024	\$	(17,758)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 22,394	\$ 21,609	\$	785

On February 17 many of the youth and adults who are attending the upcoming National Youth Gathering (NYG) got together to start growing and building our Cross View Team bond. We learned a lot about the Psalms, their musical background, and the way the church has used them as prayers throughout history. We also participated in the first (potentially annual) Ice Cream Cone Marshmallow toss. Abby Berkley and Danny Pahl came out victorious and earned themselves a bag of Marshmallows and Ice Cream cones to split! What a blast, or should I say, "toss"!

Christian Education

THE INFLUENCE OF LEADERSHIP: ADULT BIBLE STUDY IN LENT

Join us for Sundays in Lent as we delve into the wise and foolish decisions of the leaders of Israel in 1 Kings. We'll study the universal challenges and temptations experienced by the kings of Israel, and how they relate to our culture, situations and experiences of today. Questions? Contact Pastor Toby (toby@crossview.net).

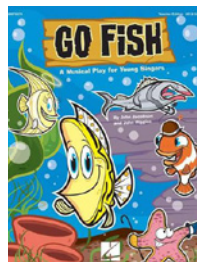


VBS IS COMING!

Life is wild, but God is good! Each day during this summer's VBS, Roar!, we will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. Life is wild – full of ups and downs and twists and turns. It can often feel chaotic and out of control. This week we will experience the solid foundation of God's goodness which empowers us to boldly face life's challenges. Join us June 17-21, 9:00-11:30 AM for a great week! 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 through the week). To guarantee a t-shirt, please register by Monday, May 20. Registration for both participants and volunteers is now open by going to www.crossview.net.



SUMMER MUSIC CAMP



Go Fish is this year's music camp musical! It is a great opportunity for kids entering grades 2-5 (please note age change) to learn and perform a musical. We hope you will join us July 22-26; 9 AM to 12 noon for a wonderful week! Under the direction of Sarah Fincham, students learn music and choreography, and create costumes and sets to present their show on Friday morning at 11:15 AM. The cost is \$45 for the week. Registration is now open for Summer Music Camp online at www.crossview.net. Sign up today! Space is limited to 25 students and fills up fast!

5TH GRADE – WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

5th graders and a parent/adult, began a special class, "Welcome to the Lord's Table" on Sunday, February 24 during the education hour. This seven week class will introduce students to the Lord's Supper, and prepare them for their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18. Families are still invited to be a part of this class. If you are interested, please contact Christine Eid or Pastor Steve.

CROSS VIEW
CARDS AND GAMES
Friday, March 8 at 7:00 PM
Location: Cross View, Fellowship A
RSVP to Hosts:
Don & Vickie Langewisch 952-888-2652 or
Bob & Julie Paschke 612-721-4664

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.

New participants are welcome!

Twelve21

Twelve21 began a new study in January on the book Joining Jesus by Greg Finke. 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. Our next March meetings are March 12 and 26. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GATHERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Registration is now open for local volunteers to serve at the 2019 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, July 11-15.
Go to www.lcmsgathering.org for details and to volunteer!

Final RightNow Media Reminder

This is the last RightNow Media launch reminder. RightNow Media gives you access to thousands of bible study resources for all ages. If you didn't receive an email from us, here are the ways you can gain access and setup your account:

BY TEXT

Text CROSSVIEWWC to 41411 from your smart phone. Moments later, you should receive a link that you can follow to set up your account!

ONLINE

You can use one of the following links:

www.crossview.net/rightnow or
www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CROSSVIEWWC

These links will allow you to set up your account and jump right into the content.

QR CODE

You can also scan this QR code with your mobile device to request access.



Questions? Email Jonathan Zellar (jonathan@crossview.net).

Outreach and Missions

VEAP FOOD DRIVE

For more than 30 years MN FoodShare, an initiative of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, has coordinated a state-wide March food and fund drive to restock more than 300 food shelves across the state. Cross View will be joining this MN FoodShare initiative with a food drive that runs from March 3-31. The proceeds of our food drive will benefit our mission partner VEAP.

This is VEAP's largest food drive of the year. Their goal is to receive 75,000 pounds of food and \$150,000. For more information on how best to participate (recommended items to purchase, plus cash donations) see the poster in the Narthex.

POBLO HOSTS CONCERT

WORLD-FAMOUS OUD PLAYER, RAMY ADLY SAT., MARCH 9, 3 PM

Ramy Adly is one of the best oud players in the world. What is an oud? It is the oldest stringed instrument. Ramy is a virtuoso of this eleven stringed instrument and has played for thousands at the Kennedy Center, festivals, cathedrals, and performance halls.

King David was an oud player and may have used it to compose many of the Psalms. Come and be truly inspired by Ramy's music as he raises the awareness for the need to support International Friendships Centers. A free will offering will be collected to assist internationals at the International Friendship Centers. A reception follows the performance on Saturday, March 9, 3:00 PM, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 9201 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN.

POBLO International
Friendship Center
presents

Epic Oud

Where sounds of epic music
hit rock beats

Live performance with
Ramy Adly

St. Michael's Lutheran Church
9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55437
Saturday, March 9th 3 pm



A world-class musician and expert on ancient music.

A Free Will Offering To Be Taken To Support POBLO Twin Cities
Refreshments Will Be Served After the Concert

POBLO International



CHANGE LIVES

In Africa they say, "Water is Life." About 668 million people in the world lack access to safe drinking water. Children and women often walk five to ten miles a day to gather water that isn't even safe to drink; water that can make them sick. Join our Cross View Team and World Vision as we work together to change the lives. Connect with other runners while you share the motivation behind your journey to finish a marathon; Grow in both physical and spiritual fitness; and Serve families across Africa through Team World Vision (teamworldvision.org)! Need more information? Want to learn more about this awesome opportunity? Want to change the lives of others while changing your own life? Contact Matt Holland, Gregg Poppe, Chuck Hawkins, or Pastor Toby for more information.

EASTERFEST: SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 10 AM – 12 NOON

We will welcome Cross View and community families to enjoy our annual EasterFest celebration. We'll need your help! Sign-ups coming soon at the Connection Center.

FREE EVENT! OPEN TO ALL!
Petting Zoo
Easter Story Stations | Crafts
Egg Hunt | Refreshments



FOOD COLLECTION
Please bring food items for The Sheridan Story (i.e. cans of tuna or chicken or cans of fruit or vegetables).
For details, visit crossview.net/easterfest.

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Remix: Interpretations of Paradise

37th Annual Christian Art Festival

March 10 – April 21, 2019

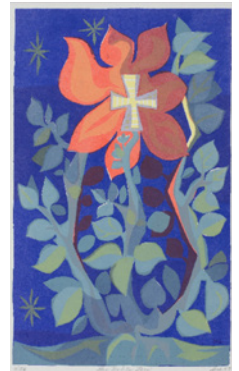
Cross View featured exhibit presents a remix of works which explores artists' interpretations of paradise throughout the centuries, including the work of contemporary artists. Visualizing "Paradise" in the broadest of terms, the exhibit begins "In the Beginning..." and includes the Garden of Eden, earthly glory, and culminates in heaven. Works range from realism to abstract, historic to contemporary. The exhibit displays an overall aura of the joy, peace and glory of abiding with God as depicted by artists throughout the centuries.

The exhibit will be comprised of works on loan from the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library of St. John's University, Collegeville, MN, and the Westminster Gallery of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis. It will also include works of award-winning artists from Cross View's recent juried exhibits. There is also a juried portion of the exhibit, featuring works selected from entries by regional Christian artists. The entries will be received Friday & Saturday, March 1 and 2. The festival

opens to the public on Sunday, March 10, with an opening reception that afternoon, 1:00-4:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!



St. John the Evangelist on Patmos, 1716
Engraving on paper
Silvestro Manaio (Italian, 1670-1734) and Andrea Zucchi (Italian, 1679-1740.) after Titian (Italian, c. 1485-1576)



The Noble Tree, 1957
Serigraph on paper
Delbert Lederle (American)

On Being a Christian Artist

Adult Ed Hour: March 10

On opening day of the Christian Art Festival, Sunday, March 10, we welcome Anna Leigh Biedenbender during the Adult Education hour, 9:30-10:30 AM, in the Fellowship Hall. Anna Leigh will speak to exploring characteristics and techniques Christian artists can, and should, embrace and practice to maneuver in and navigate through the contemporary (art) world.



Anna Leigh is a visual artist, classically trained soprano, and ministry coordinator based in the Twin Cities. Her multi-faceted, creative life involves painting in her studio in NE Minneapolis; singing with the Twin Cities' Magnum Chorum, her church's worship team, and, of course, in the studio as she paints; as well as working at Mount Olive, St. Paul in designing, implementing, and coordinating communications, worship, and music. She earned an

MFA in visual art, with an emphasis in painting and drawing, from the Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MCAD, '16), and now enjoys her busy but flexible schedule where any free time is dedicated to playing volleyball and softball, meeting with her Small Group, and watching copious amounts of Netflix. You can find more at annaighbiedenbender.com.



Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT: "RENEW, RESTORE, REFRESH"

Ephesians 4:23 reads, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." As the basis for this year's annual women's spring crafting retreat, our Bible study and devotions will take us into God's Word and how through it we can be renewed.

Join us for our annual women's spring crafting retreat at Good Earth Village Retreat Center (south of Rochester), March 29-31, with Bible study and devotions focused on this theme. The cost for Friday and Saturday overnight is \$150 (includes sleeping rooms, crafting space, program fees, and dinner on Friday and Saturday nights). Participants sign up to help with brunch on Saturday and Sunday, and snacks. The cost for those coming on Thursday is an extra \$45. Registration is now open for the retreat through CV Connect, the link at www.crossview.net, or sign up at the Connection Center. Questions? Contact Linda Baule or Christine Eid.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Hostess Marcy Nordhus has chosen *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch for the group to read and discuss. We will meet at church on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Please contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com with any questions. New members are always welcome!

WOMEN'S DINNER OUT

Thurs., March 28, 6:45 PM
Golden Nugget Restaurant (14401 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka)
<http://www.goldnuggettavernandgrille.com>



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

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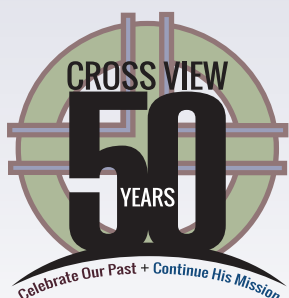
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GROW WITH CROSS VIEW

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

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