

# CROSS VIEW CLARION

March 2021



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## Cross View Early Childhood Center Receives National Lutheran Schools Accreditation

by Julie Pos, Preschool Teacher/ECC Office Assistant

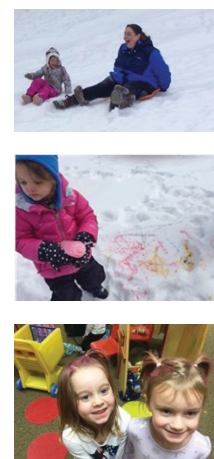
We are very excited to continue to be accredited as a National Lutheran School. We are a part of almost 2000 LCMS schools across the nation, that have the opportunity to proclaim the love of Jesus while preparing the young children with early academic skills. We received the accreditation in 2019, but because of the build and COVID-19, we never received the certificate. Last month, Sean Martins from the South District was able to present us with the certificate.

We are thankful that even though the past year was met with many challenges and unexpected adjustments, the Lord provided and led us through those difficult times. Our teachers were faithful to serve and came up with creative ways to teach in person as well as sending videos to families who were tackling the challenges of working from home with young children. We were also able to help a handful of elementary students back in the spring when their schools

shut down and went to distant learning. We held our annual Preschool Graduation in a very unique way while remaining socially distant outside. The classrooms have been able to function with normal activities and the teachers have made adjustments as needed to ensure a safe learning environment. Our enrollment has remained steady and we keep growing every month with new children and families.

The 2021 NLSW theme is “Sent to Serve” based on Matthew 20:28: “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Here at Cross View, we will live out that theme in 2021 and serve

the Lord to the fullest. We have many ideas of how to integrate plans to make 2021 a fun, safe, and fruitful year for Cross View despite the continued pandemic.



## Financial Update – Year-to-Date Results

- Member contributions exceeded budget and the prior year, getting Cross View off to a nice start in 2021.
- Expenses were below budget primarily due to lower wage expense with the open positions.
- ECC tuition was below budget with openings in some rooms. Additional students are expected in the next few months.

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January 31, 2021	2021 Actual Year to Date	2021 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Greater (Less)
<b>Total Income</b>	\$135,445	\$113,367	\$22,078
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$99,773	\$113,882	(\$14,109)
<b>General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	\$35,672	(\$515)	\$36,187

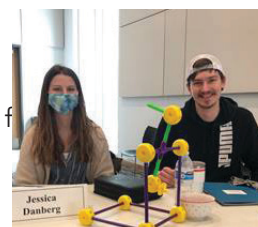
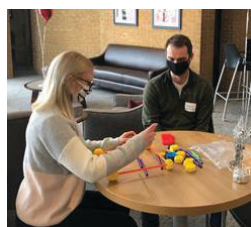
## Traveling Student Art Exhibit Coming in May

During May, Cross View will host a traveling student art exhibit titled: God Our Refuge, a Safe Place in Time of Trouble. The exhibit scripture is Psalm 46:1 and Romans 8:28.

The exhibit includes 13 works of art from students at area Christian high schools, each with an artist statement. The exhibit also includes a video of the students’ artwork and interviews with the students and teachers, serving as a virtual experience for those unable to view the exhibit in person.

## Pre-Marriage Weekend Retreat

On February 12–13, four couples met at Cross View to participate in a two-day pre-marriage training retreat. The retreat utilized the Prepare Inventory produced by Life Innovations — Prepare/Enrich. Couples explored their relationships as they learned tools for communication, problem discussion, and conflict resolution. As couples celebrated their strengths and identified areas where they would like to grow, they also discussed topics like family of origin, financial management,



and others. In addition, couples had some time to “tinker-around” and have some fun as they learned about communication.

If you are thinking about getting married at Cross View, please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Toby. While it’s true that pre-marriage training is required for all couples who will

be married at Cross View, it’s also true that it’s a lot of fun! you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Toby.



## Lenten Dinners Canceled

There will be no pre-service Lenten Dinners this year. Stay tuned for a replacement fundraiser!

## Cross In The Narthex Will Transform

Sticks—they are not easy to work with. They are unyielding, stubborn, and rigid. Let the sticks in the cross located in the Cross View narthex serve as a metaphor for our Lenten journey – the sticks become symbols for our shortcomings and sin. Let us bring all that burdens us to the cross this Lenten season and rejoice in our Lord who forgives and transforms us. Watch as our cross transforms on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, as a symbol of God's love for us.



# Lenten Services

**"Will You Betray Me?" (Luke 22:48)**

**Each Wednesday evening**

**February 24 through March 24, 6:30–7:15 PM**

**Join us for this Lenten drama series each Wednesday in Lent from 6:30–7:15 PM.** Jesus asked this question to Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night He was arrested. But as Jesus' disciples, it's a question that could be asked of each of us as well. Each week we'll learn from various biblical characters how they (knowingly or unknowingly) contributed to the betrayal and death of Jesus. Join us each Wednesday in Lent as we contemplate how we may (knowingly or unknowingly) betray Jesus, too. Register for onsite worship at CV Connect.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday: March 28**

8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

### **Maundy Thursday, April 1**

2:00 PM Traditional Worship  
3:30–4:15 PM Drive-Through Communion  
7:00 PM Traditional Worship

### **Good Friday, April 2**

2:00 PM Traditional Worship  
4:30 PM Family Friendly Worship  
7:00 PM Traditional Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship  
12:15–1:00 PM Drive-Through Communion  
*No Sunday morning Bible study*

## EasterFest is Happening in 2021!

We are fervently working on an online EasterFest. We'll have crafts, activities, and snacks ideas for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We'll also have video introductions for each day, along with a video "how-to" for the crafts.

EasterFest will go live on Palm Sunday, with a new "station" appearing on the website

on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We pray that this "Easter in Your House" will be a blessing to your family.

Please watch for further details in upcoming weekly updates, and we look forward to sharing the Easter story with you all! If you have any questions, please email Rachael Johnson at [rae\\_1478@yahoo.com](mailto:rae_1478@yahoo.com).



# Christian Education

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS TO IN-PERSON

Sunday school classes are returning to in-person lessons on Sunday, March 7th, during the Education Hour. This is an exciting time to be bringing so many people back in the building! To help provide a safe environment, our COVID-19 Policy has been updated with these procedures regarding Onsite/In-Person Sunday School:

- Masks must be worn by Sunday School teachers at all times.
- Masks must be worn by any children/youth age 3 or older attending Sunday School while in the classrooms. Note: Cross View's mask policy states anyone age 5 or older must wear a mask at all times when inside the building. That general rule will remain in effect for worship or other times that children are in the building, but to provide the safest Sunday School classroom experience, the mask requirement applies to age 3 or older.
- Children in the Little Lambs class are not required to wear masks.
- Drop-off and pick-up will happen at the classrooms.
- Children younger than Junior High will not be allowed to leave until a parent comes to pick them up.
- Junior & Senior High youth can leave once they are dismissed.
- All Sunday School participants will use hand sanitizer on the way into and out of class.
- All supplies necessary for class will be in each classroom and ready for use.
- Disinfecting wipes will be supplied in each classroom to clean any nonperishable craft supplies after their use.

We are doing our best to keep all of Cross View's membership safe and healthy. Please adhere to the guidelines above as you make your return to Sunday School.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: HE CHOSE THE NAILS

Join us on Sundays in Lent as Pastor Max Lucado takes us through the last moments leading up to Jesus' death. Together we'll learn about how God chose to: be one of us, forgive us, invite us into His presence, love us forever, and give us the victory. Join us for this hybrid class (onsite and online) led remotely by John Daenzer. Register on CV Connect by clicking [here for onsite class](#) or [here for online class](#).

If you have questions or need information, email Pastor Toby at [toby@crossview.net](mailto:toby@crossview.net).

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS

On Wednesday, March 3, we'll be studying the book of Hebrews. Join us as we learn how Jesus is more and greater than all the types and shadows that were in the Old Testament. Join us as learn together that the New Testament is built on better promises than those of the

Old Testament and are forever written on our hearts. This hybrid class (onsite and online) will be led by Phil Johnson.

[Register here on CV Connect.](#)

If you have questions or need information, email Pastor Toby at [toby@crossview.net](mailto:toby@crossview.net).

## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM

Membership classes have started, but you can still jump in. These classes are designed to help you learn more about our Cross View (CV) family, whether your new or have been here for a while and want a refresher? If you're interested, [register](#) for any of the following classes on [CV Connect](#) or contact Ann Ryan.

- **Sundays, March 7–28, Join the CV Family.** In these four sessions you'll learn about the core of our faith family. Get to know the heart of Cross View as you join our CV family.
- **Sundays, April 11–May 4, Go All In.** In these four sessions you'll learn how to get involved, get connected, grow, and serve with other Cross View members using your gifts and talents to serve Christ and His Kingdom.
- **Sunday, May 9, New Member Sunday.** You can formally become a member of the CV family.

If you have questions or need information, email Ann Ryan at [annryan@hotmail.com](mailto:annryan@hotmail.com).

## NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "FEAR AND FAITH"

Failure, rejection, sickness, losing a loved one, being alone — the fears we women carry are many and heavy. Fear can be a tyrant, a bully we can't hide from. It can paralyze our spirit, damage our relationships and hinder our faith. When we're struck with fear, where do we turn? Can God really be trusted?



In this Bible study from RightNow Media, speaker/author Trillia Newbell invites women to explore their fears and how those fears impact their relationships, self-esteem, peace of mind, and walk with God. Each week's session features real-life stories of women who are wrestling with fear due to tragic events, difficult circumstances, or deep anxiety. Trillia will walk through God's Word that shows His great love and strength when we're afraid and His abiding faithfulness in times of trouble. Whatever your fear, know you're not alone or without hope in Christ! Be encouraged by the One who can calm your fears, grow your faith and give the peace your heart craves!

This new spring study begins on Tuesday, March 9, and runs through April 13. The women meet, via Zoom, on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:45 PM. [Register here at CV Connect.](#)

Contact Vicki Weber at 952-838-5500 with questions. Join your Cross View sisters on this Bible study journey!

## Christian Education

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# EASTER

J. D. GREAR



### EASTER — A NEW RIGHTNOW MEDIA BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study would be a great small group or family Bible study. In this study pastor J.D. Grear takes a deeper look at the resurrection, the most important moment in history, and reveals the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story.

This Lent, you are invited to take your small group through this five-week study, take your family through the family guide, or go through the personal five-day devotional on your own. You can find this study and its free study guides [here](#).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK

#### SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21-25.

Registrations for Vacation Bible School and Volunteer Help will go live soon. Keep your eyes on [this page](#) to [register](#) starting the first week of March.

Onsite VBS is fully dependent upon the volunteer base that is necessary to pull off such an event. So, you are needed! The sooner that volunteers register to help with the onsite VBS, the sooner an official decision can be made whether we are able to offer our onsite option. A definite decision will be made by April at the latest to allow for everyone to get it on their calendars.



## MUSIC CAMP DATES HAVE CHANGED!

**JULY 26-30**

Show: A re-imagined Interplanetary Jammin'  
Director: Sarah Fincham  
More information to come



## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

A Stephen Minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need.

If you need a Stephen Minister or are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of Cross View's pastors.

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

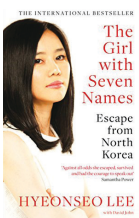
-Galatians 6:2



# Women's Ministries

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

This month the book club selected *The Girl With Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee to read and discuss in March. We will meet via Zoom at 1:00 PM on Monday, March 15. If you are interested in joining, please contact Marcy at [mpnordhus@gmail.com](mailto:mpnordhus@gmail.com).



to more groups. Right now, plans are being set for a retreat the weekend of April 22–25 but it will ultimately depend on whether or not Good Earth Village will be open for the Cross View group. If unable to meet there, something will be planned for a virtual event that weekend.

COVID-19 health and safety measures will be in place and everyone will be asked to bring their own breakfasts and snacks. Dinners Friday and Saturday nights will be plated and served by the Good Earth staff. Space will be limited to around 15 people. If you are interested in attending, please email [jana@teampoppe.com](mailto:jana@teampoppe.com). Also please let Jana know if you have family members or a “COVID bubble” that you could room with, as some people may need to share rooms.

## POTENTIAL WOMEN'S RETREAT AT GOOD EARTH VILLAGE

Women's Ministry is cautiously optimistic that they can hold the Women's Retreat at Good Earth Village this year. Currently, Good Earth Village is only open for family groups, but they hope in the next month or two, as the governor loosens restrictions, that they will be able to open

# Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

In two Ash Wednesday services on February 17, Cross View began to observe Lent. Although COVID-19 safety protocols meant that things looked a bit different this

year, Holy Communion, special music, and the imposition of ashes were still a part of these traditional services.



## Youth Ministries

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group for grades 7–12 will continue in the hybrid format until Easter at the earliest. Youth group starts at 6:30 PM on Sunday nights. Reference the schedule below for locations.

- March 7th – At Cross View
- March 14th – On Zoom
- March 21st – At Cross View
- March 28th – On Zoom

## (T.C.)<sup>2</sup> RETURNS!

## TAKING CARE OF THE TWIN CITIES

**JULY 25-29, 2021**

Last year's (TC)<sup>2</sup> was a huge success and plans are already in progress for Cross View's 2nd annual (TC)<sup>2</sup> youth and family service project.



**Need a reminder of what this is about?** (TC)<sup>2</sup> is serving our church family and greater community by doing outdoor projects to help and support them. Projects such as painting a garage, washing windows, cleaning up a yard and cleaning up city parks were all ways the youth and families served last year. While still focusing on our Jr and Sr high youth, all CV families are invited to participate this year. (TC)<sup>2</sup> is also

looking for senior saints to work alongside our youth. If you have a skill or experience to share, we need you! Come join with our youth and be a part of the Body of Christ at work.

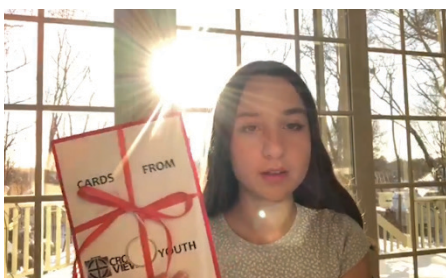
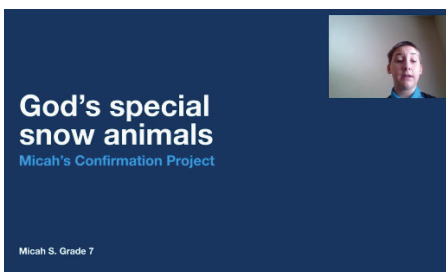
**What's (TC)<sup>2</sup> look like again?** The mornings will start at Cross View with devotion and music before heading out in small teams/family groups into the community to serve. Bring your own bagged lunch (and stay socially distanced), but work side by side to grow, connect, and help one another. At the end of each afternoon, everyone will meet back at the church to share a meal and close the day with devotions, music, and fellowship.

Contact Jon Zellar with project ideas and look for registration to open soon!

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

## CONFIRMATION PROJECTS — LIVE!

This year's 7th graders have put together video presentations about their service projects. They tell you who they are, what they did, and how they have been impacted by their project. These videos are found on the Cross View website; look for the link toward the bottom of the homepage or simply [click here](#). The students have put in many hours and worked hard to accomplish these projects. Cross View members can show their support by going to the website and watching them all.







# CROSS VIEW

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

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## GROW WITH CROSS VIEW

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary  
Worship in the Great  
Commission Room

**Both services are also  
available via [live stream](#).**

### SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CALENDAR

Cross View's most current  
calendar is always available  
on our website at  
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