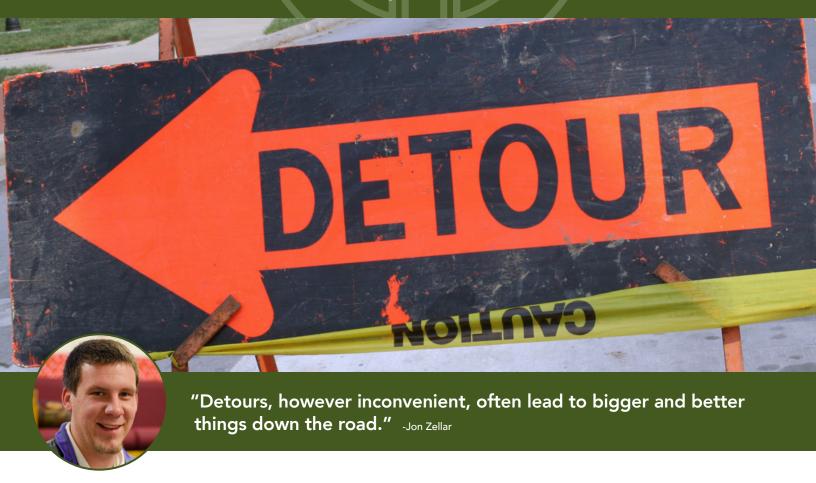
CROSS VIEW May 2019



Detours Lead to Blessings!

by Jon Zellar, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

It has been said that in Minnesota we have two seasons: winter and road construction. Now that winter is over... hopefully... if you look around the Twin Cities area you are bound to see those orange and white reflective cones or drums. You will see construction crews building or rebuilding roads and bridges that, in the long run, will be helpful for traffic flow and to more easily get people from one place to another.

With construction comes the many detours that are involved in the road construction process. In order for something new and better to get built, it often causes a disruption to the current processes. Commutes take longer. Drivers get more irritated. We try to find alternate routes to the alternate routes, only to realize that 5,000 of your commuter friends found the same route, which in turn makes it take even longer.

But what happens when someone is there to give you guidance and direction? What happens when you have someone who is "giving you the green light" and showing you which path to take in order to get you where you need to go most efficiently? It generally works out well. There isn't a lot of extra commotion, and people tend to be more patient with one another.

Like the two seasons mentioned above, I think there are two lessons that can be gleaned from this illustration. Lesson 1: Detours, however inconvenient, often lead to bigger and better things down the road. When we look to scripture there are all sorts of examples of people taking detours in their faith journeys. Abraham took a detour to a different land, Moses took two 40 year detours, Peter took a denial detour, and Jonah took a big fish detour. In all of those stories the detours led to greater things. Abraham was father to all the nations and was given a covenant with God. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and to the promised land. Peter was reconciled to Christ and told he would be the rock on which the church would be built. Jonah went to Nineveh "And the people of Nineveh believed God" (Jonah 3:5).

Can you relate? Have you ever had a detour that was frustrating or irritating but, in the end, worked out for the better? Before my Call to Cross View I finished my Director of Christian Education (D.C.E.) internship and was married, jobless, and living with my parents for 4.5 months. While that is no forty years, it sure felt like it. 4.5 months of job hunting and waiting on God's timing was just the detour I needed in order to see how God was at work preparing me to come to Cross View. Looking back, it is a welcomed detour.

Lesson 2: Cross View's build and the construction process will not go without guidance and direction. First from God, then from the Parking Ministry Action Team. We as a staff continue to be in prayer, asking for God's guidance and direction throughout the build process as we have been doing since we embarked upon this journey. We trust that He will guide us through any and all detours that may come and that they will ultimately be used to further His kingdom when this build is complete.

One of the ways the construction process will go more smoothly will be the addition of a Parking Ministry Action Team. This team is currently being formed and will be in charge of giving guidance and direction to the volunteers who are helping to facilitate a smooth parking experience throughout the build. They will help guide and maximize the parking process from McCauley Trail into our parking lot and out again before, during, and after services. This will truly be a team effort to help navigate one of the "detours" of the build. Watch for more information and how you can be a part of helping this team!

Welcome & Parking Teams Training!

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 AM (right after groundbreaking)

Ushers, Greeters, & Connection Center

Join Rebecca Waller in Room 218 to see how your position will be affected by new entrances to the church during our upcoming build.

Questions? Contact rebecca@crossview.net.

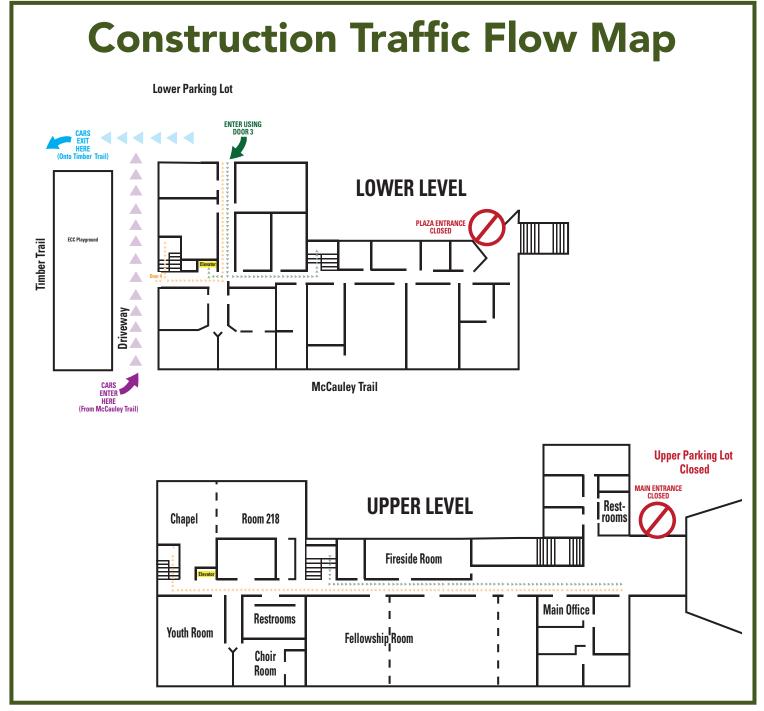
Parking Teams

Join Jonathan Zellar in the Youth Room to learn how Parking Teams will provide helpful parking directions during the build. Many volunteers (age 16+) are needed! Questions? Contact jonathan@crossview.net.

Parking Volunteers Needed!

Early or Late Service Times Contact renee@crossview.net.





Project Update

We invite you to Cross View's 4.0 - Building for Generations groundbreaking ceremony at 9:30 AM Sunday, May 5. Members will gather to ask for God's blessings, safety for the workers, and His guidance as we expand our ability to "develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ along life's journey."

God continues to pour out His blessings on Cross View. Our summer and fall will be filled with disruptions, disturbances, and dust. We will witness God's presence through flexible and creative worship opportunities. Your prayers, activity engagement, and regular Sunday worship ensures Cross View's continued growth during construction.

Below are some of Cross View's 4.0 Building for Generations project outcomes:

- Improved Early Childhood Center security and classroom space.
- New Sunday school registration area and more classroom space.
- New Junior and Senior High multi-purpose education/activity space.
- New and expanded fellowship areas.
- Easy weekday access for classes and social activities.
- New nursery and mother's room.
- New multi-purpose room and catering kitchen.

Anticipated May activities:

- Machinery and supplies arrive in upper and lower parking lots.
- The upper parking lot becomes a fenced off staging area.
- The road connecting the upper and lower parking lot is removed.
- All parking moves to the lower lot.
- The main upper church entrance (door #1) will close. Once the upper entrance (door #1) is inaccessible, members will park in the lower lot and enter through the south ECC door (door #3) Sunday morning and Wednesday night. The east ECC door (door #4 facing the playground) will serve as the main church entry from 7:00 AM 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Upon entry, people will either buzz into the ECC or immediately take the elevator or go up the stairs.
- The lower church entrance (door #2) will close.
 Closing door #2 means the Sunday and Wednesday lower parking lot church entrance will be the Early Childhood Center south door (door #3). This door faces the parking lot. A sign will designate Sunday and Wednesday night and weekday entry.

Please contact Scott Douglas, Building Chair at sldouglas1@icloud.com with questions.

Financial Update

- Year-to-Date (YTD) receipts through Mar 31, 2019 were 3%, or \$8K behind budget
- The 2019 budget includes a 9% increase over 2018 results
- Expenses were lower than budgeted, allowing for a \$45K surplus, largely due to the \$2 million of campaign pledges received and construction not beginning until May. As a result, no debt has been incurred to date.
- Commitment to ongoing operating fund pledges is essential to avoid programming cuts. 4.0 Building for Generations campaign pledges remain equally critical as construction begins this month.

Cross View						
	2019 Actual YTD		Actual 2019 Better/(Worse Budget YTD vs.Budget		tter/(Worse)	
Total Income	\$	277,031	\$	285,439	\$	(8,408)
Total Expense	\$	265,813	\$	319,566	\$	(53,753)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$	11,218	\$	(34,127)	\$	45,345

Holy Week at Cross View





















Christian Education

VBS NEWS

We are in the planning stages of VBS! Registration is open, and we are excited about everyone that has already signed up to participate or volunteer. Spread the word! Invite someone to join you! It's going to be a great week as we are reminded that while life is wild, God is good!

VBS is open to children age 3 (potty-trained) through entering 4th grade. The cost is just \$12 for a great week! Please register at www.crossview.net by May 16 to guarantee a t-shirt.



VBS DONATIONS NEEDED!

To make the week of VBS a great success, we rely on people to assist in donating items. A full listing of items needed is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up for the items you would like to donate, and bring them back by the date listed on the tab you take home. In advance, thank you for your support!

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL - MAY 19

The last week of our program year's Sunday School will be May 19. Please mark your calendar to say thanks to our wonderful staff that Sunday. There will be no education classes on May 26 (Memorial Day weekend). Summer Sunday School will begin June 2 as we study Ephesians & Philippians! Watch for more information on this next month!

Small Group for You

Blue skies and green grass. Friends Leaves and flowers. and family. There are words that just naturally go together, don't they? What about death and resurrection? For Christians, these words belong together, too. But for those who don't know about life in Jesus Christ, resurrection is not naturally in their vocabulary. In recent months, the BASIC MAT and small group leaders have been considering how our small groups could reach out to friends and family who still need come to know and trust in Jesus; to believe His promises of new life and eternal life for all who believe in Him. How could your participation in a small group help you connect, grow, and serve so that others could meet the living Christ through your outreach to them? Maybe over the summer or in the fall your skies could be bluer and the grass could be greener as you get connected and serve in a small group. Interested? Let Pastor Toby or the Small Group MAT know what you are looking for, and we will work together to help.

Early Childhood Center

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Cross View Early Childhood Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

APRIL ECC CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the Week of the Young Child in April. Activities included Wonder Weaver Storytellers, face painting, sharing favorite books, and pajama day. The children enjoyed all the events throughout the week.

The children learned about Holy Week in preparation for our Easter celebration, which took place on Wednesday, April 24. The classrooms learned about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Morning. Some teachers taught the children the Easter story with flannel boards and props. All of the children learned the message of Easter: that God loves each of us and sent His Son to be the Savior of us all.

Cross View Early Childhood Center is looking for donations of new or slightly used of the following items:

- Puzzles- toddler to school age (up to 100 piece puzzles)
- Chapter Books for our School Age program in the summer
- Legos for our school age program in the summer
- Balls and play lawnmowers for the playground
- Board Games for School Age students
- Etch-a-Sketch
- Books with Tape/CD
- Science Items

EASTERFEST CELEBRATION WELCOMES 360+ VISITORS

Even with the rain on Saturday, April 6, we welcomed over 360 visitors from our community to EasterFest. Families and kids walked through four scenes from Holy Week acted by costumed characters, along with crafts, story time, refreshments, a petting zoo and an Easter egg hunt. We also raised awareness for Sheridan's Story, a ministry with which we partner to help alleviate food insecurity for kids at local schools (we helped collect 117# of food). The pictures tell how fun the morning was! Thanks to all volunteers who helped in countless ways.























MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

If you want join Cross View's World Vision Team for the August 3 Twin Cities Half Marathon, there's still time. Just reach out to Matt Holland (mrholland@live.com) or Pastor Toby (toby@crossview.net).

Here are two other options to help out:

- Just run 6km. Join us on Saturday, May 4, to run 6km(3.73 miles) at New City Covenant church (just down 62 off of Tracy Avenue). This family friendly run/walk event starts at 9 AM. Be sure to register online at www.teamworldvision.org/team/newcity or the day of the race (the registration fee provides lifechanging water to a child for life).
- Chow for Charity. On Monday, May 6, 11AM-9PM, eat lunch or dinner at Red Savoy (4960 W. 77th St. in Edina). Mention Cross View Lutheran and 20% of sales go toward our Team World Vision to provide lasting clean water to children and communities for life.



POBLO UPDATE

By Nadar Alaraj

Jesus said, "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." (Matthew 10) What if it is more than water, what reward would be more satisfying than to stay in the presence of Jesus forever? We do not have to go to heaven alone either. Why not befriend those who, right now as you read this, do not have their names written in the Lamb's book of life? Pastor David B. and wife Lorri, Lil S. and other Cross View members have stepped forward with love, trusting God to bless immigrants and internationals by handing out donations of food and household items.

It may be easier for Georgette and me to hand out donations to those of a similar culture or background. It is a stronger testimony when American Christians go along and visit with those in need at their residences. This Christian love reflects the consistency emanating from the heart of the Father towards His children-to-be. So, on another occasion, clothes were donated personally by members from Cross View Lutheran Church. At her small apartment, one immigrant from Bahrain was thankful for the love and donations, especially after her own community abandoned her. We told her that we love her because we are commanded to love our neighbors, joyfully. We feel she is beginning to understand the difference.

We certainly appreciate the donations and efforts. As a family dedicated to helping those in the community with all the different needs, we ask you to pray for wisdom and protection. We would like to be able to reach out to as many needy people as possible. Not just with physical needs but with the love of God. To do so, we need to eat, reside, drive and be physically available on behalf of the LCMS. So kindly, consider supporting us financially and with the other needs in the box on the right. Many blessings on you and yours!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE WITH POBLO

- ESL teachers Wed & Fri: 10-11 AM Bloomington IFC
- Drivers who can transport students in Bloomington/
- A coordinator who manages IFC schedules and student pickups
- Individual donors who can support us financially
- Gas cards; Gift cards: Walmart, Target, Office for needy families

MISSION OF CHRIST NETWORK: A CROSS VIEW-**SPONSORED MISSION**

By Fungchatou, Thailand

During our last theological training session, one of the Hmong pastors in the group shared with us that he attended many theological training programs from many teachers in his country. One of the things that he learned was church history, which included Luther and the reformation. Xiong wanted to know why there are no Lutheran Christians or churches in his country. For two years he asked the Christians in his country about the Lutherans, but no one knew of them. One day a salesman came to Xiong's village selling medicines. Xiong found out that the salesman was a Christian and a member of a Lutheran group. He was one of the students in our theological training program in Thailand. Xiong asked the salesman if he could join him in Thailand to learn directly from the Lutheran pastors. Months later, the salesman called me and permission was granted for

Xiong and his wife to attend the theological training with us. Whatever they learned, they taught and practiced it with the members in their village even though the name of their church is not Lutheran.

This is a good example of what John H.C. Fritz says in his book Pastoral Theology, "If, for instance, a minister of the Roman or the Reformed Church would come to a knowledge of the truth, he would not have to demand that his congregation at once adopt the Lutheran name, but should at first be satisfied if such a congregation will consent to hear and believe the true doctrine and to receive the Sacraments as the Lord has instituted them (p. 49, 2000). Fritz also wrote that "the name Lutheran is a distinguishing mark of orthodoxy, and therefore we ought not to be ashamed of it...".

Being missionaries in Southeast Asia to the Hmong people, we are serving the Lord along with many other non-Lutheran missionaries. What sets us apart are our Lutheran doctrines, confessions and teachings of the Word of God with clear distinction of Law and Gospel. These important teachings of ours sometimes led other non-Lutheran Christians to accuse me of being a false teacher. If being a Lutheran pastor means he is a false teacher, then I gladly accept the title, because I am not ashamed of being a Lutheran pastor and a teacher of the Gospel. Joining Marquis of Brandenburg, we also confess that, "I am, and shall to my dying hour, remain a Lutheran" (Fritz, 2000, p. 49). Many Christian leaders and pastors in Southeast Asia had been influenced by decision-making, prosperity-preaching, and healing theologies. These led them to believe that they are saved by faith and the good works they have done. This is why Christian pastors and leaders like Xiong, once learned about our Lutheran teachings, doctrines and confessions, would be like they are walking out of darkness into His marvelous light. Please keep our theological training in your prayers.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MAY 12 PRESENTATION

Que Dios nuestro Padre y el Senor Jesucristo derramen su gracia y su paz sobre ustedes.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the words from our Guatemalan sisters and brothers in Christ to the members of Cross View Lutheran Church.

On April 24, 2019, Pastor Steve Wheeler and Tom Koch, began on a one-week, exploratory mission trip to Guatemala. The purpose of this trip was to find ministry opportunities that would allow members of Cross View, led by the Holy Spirit, to sow Gospel seeds in Guatemala. This trip was led by Pastor Jacob Gillard, the executive director of Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS). CALMS has a presence in all seven of the Central American

countries: Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica, and Panama.

Steve and Tom visited three different potential sites for ministry. The first site was at the Santa Cruz (Holy Cross) mission, which is in the impoverished El Salitre neighborhood of Amatitlan. Amatitlan is a city an hour drive southwest of Guatemala City. Dr. Elry and Liz Orozco are the missionaries working at Santa Cruz mission. Dr. Elry is both a medical doctor and a pastor in the Lutheran Church of Guatemala. Santa Cruz mission does have an established medical clinic at this site. Ministry opportunities include: children's ministry, tutoring, Bible study, teaching English as a second language (TESL), and a focus on medical care. In addition to opportunities at Santa Cruz mission, there are also opportunities for relief work near Volcano Fuego, which destroyed entire villages during an eruption in 2018. Santa Cruz already has a number of mission partners from the United States.

The second site area Pastor Steve and Tom visited was La Union, in the State of Zacapa. La Union is located in the mountains of Guatemala, and is five hours east of Guatemala City. While Pastor Steve and Tom were visiting La Union, the town was celebrating its annual fiesta, a true cross-cultural experience. La Union is the county seat and there are 54 villages nearby, where there are many mission opportunities. Two of the villages that were visited were; Los Sanchez and Capucalito. Neither of these two villages have current mission partners from the United States. Mission opportunities include: construction projects, improving water systems, TESL, improving school facilities, youth work and providing medical care.

The third site visited was in Gualan. This city is about a five hour drive east from Guatemala City. On Sunday, Pastor Steve and Tom joined the saints in worship at La Resurrection Lutheran Church, in Gualan. Pastor Luis Jacinto is the pastor at Resurrection Lutheran, and also leads a school. Pastor Luis has a preaching station at Los Limones, a "suburb" of Gualan. Ministry opportunities include: children's ministry, TESL, construction projects (CALMS has built 80 homes in this area) and working with the school. Gualan has had multiple missionary partners over the years.

On Sunday, May 12, at Cross View, during the 9:30 AM education hour, Pastor Steve and Tom will present a pictorial and oral summary of their visit to potential mission sites in Guatemala. We look forward to all members of Cross View to join us for this program. There are multiple opportunities for all members of Cross View, young and old, to share their gifts in ministry. We look forward to your feedback and look forward to making recommendations for mission opportunities in Guatemala.

Finally, we ask for your prayers, that we may be led by the Holy Spirit, to find a ministry partner in Guatemala, where we can be known as servants of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Enjoy the pictures of a busy morning of service to others! Projects included:

- Filled Easter eggs for EasterFest
- Packed 200 gift bags for National Youth Gathering volunteers
- Made 60 bookmarks
- Tied quilts
- Cleaned Cross View facility
- Made 1000 sandwiches and 250 protein packs for the homeless

118 people helped do all of these projects!

















Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The May meeting for Women's Book Club will be hosted by Claire Oie. We will be discussing *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult. We will meet at church on Monday, May 20, at 1:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Feel free to contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S DINNER OUT

Thursday, May 1, 6:45 PM BLVD Kitchen& Bar 11544 Wayzata Blvd.

Sign up at the Connection Center or contact Quynn Iske (qunika@msn.com or 612-816-3657) for any questions or for any preorders.

RENEW, RESTORE, REFRESH

This year's women's retreat at Good Earth Village, March 29-31, welcomed 16 women to study different passages focusing on how we can take time to renew our spirit in Christ. We also had some good time of fellowship and work on personal projects. Through it all we were reminded that while there may be difficult times and struggles in our lives, Christ is with us and will help us through so that we can be content in all circumstances and strong in our faith. Consider joining us next year for a great weekend!







Potluck/ Game Night

Cross View Cards and Games Friday, May 10, 6:30 PM

Come celebrate the conclusion of the 2018/2019 season in the Card Room at Trillium Woods, Plymouth, where Judy & Milt Grimm reside. After the meal, you will have the opportunity to connect with Cross View members and friends (adults of all ages) for several hours of fun and fellowship by playing cards and games of your choice. participants are welcome! Sign up at the Connection Center, and pick up directions to Trillium Woods. Attendees may wish to meet at Cross View at 5:45 PM and car pool from there. Questions? Contact: Judy or Milt Grimm 763-208-0252

Spring Voters' Meeting May 19, 9:30 AM

Please join us for our spring Voters' meeting on May 19 at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. Meeting agenda includes the following topics:

- 2018 Final Financial Statements
- 2019 Financials YTD (operating budget and capital campaign)
- Election to Approve Council Slate
- Building Update
- Music Ministry Update

Dear Cross View Family,

As has been announced, I will retire from Cross View Lutheran Church effective May 31, 2019. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to have served at Cross View for 34 years. It has been a place of personal and professional growth, while supported by dear friends on staff and in the congregation. In addition, it has been a warm and loving faith community in which to raise our children. Craig and I have been blessed by these invaluable friendships through many of life's experiences.

I feel I am leaving Cross View with a strong music and arts program, a place ready for future growth and creativity. I personally have been blessed to collaborate with many other talented musicians throughout the years, and I thank Cross View for supporting excellence in the areas of music and arts.

I wish God's richest blessings on Cross View's future, and pray for its continued and valued presence in the community. Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone be the glory!

In His Service, Rebecca Waller Director, Music & Fine Arts Ministries

Twelve21

Twelve21 is a social and service group of 18-30~ year olds who get together for fellowship and faith discussions. If you are interested in joining the group or need to be added to the Facebook group or email chain, please let Jonathan know. This group meets for bible/book study the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Hope to see you all there!

Thank You!

The Lenten Suppers and Easter Breakfast were a tremendous success! Over the course of 6 Lenten suppers and Easter breakfast, Cross View youth and supporting groups served over 700 people, had amazing fellowship, and raised over \$3,000 for the youth and adults who are attending the National Youth Gathering this summer in Minneapolis.

Rebecca's Retirement Celebration!



Luncheon and Program Sunday, May 19, 12 Noon

RSVP at the Connection Center or through <u>CV Connect</u> (<u>click here</u>)



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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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