

CROSS VIEW CLARION

November 2021

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Where Does Your Heart Live?

by Sue Quist, Director of Music & Fine Arts

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Think for a moment about the joy of hearing familiar hymns being sung on a Sunday morning — hymns where the words just flow from a lifetime of singing and praising God.

Picture in your mind (or look outside ☺) and visualize crisp leaves scattering about on

your lawn — reminding us that change can be a beautiful thing.

Reflect for a moment on the joy of hearing young children singing a heartfelt rendition of "Jesus Loves Me."

How does this make your heart feel?

Or maybe a better question is where does your heart live?

The bible verse "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" is a daily

◀ reminder to do a checkup on our hearts. It's asking us to ponder where do we spend the most time in our hearts? Are we worrying? Stressing? Rushing around through our daily lives?

Let's pause for a moment. Do you see God in your everyday life? Have you prayed and invited him to walk with you through all of life's ups and downs?

Joy comes from knowing we are never alone. Thanksgiving and joy are the great reminders that we have been blessed no matter what the

outward circumstances may be. A grateful heart is a happy heart.

We have infinite reasons to be thankful. Let us be encouraged to shift our hearts away from the challenges of everyday life, and instead focus on the truths that we are saved, sanctified, sealed, secured, and sustained by Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of the Father. When we focus on Him, no matter what happens, thanksgiving will flow naturally and freely — just like those cute kids singing "Jesus Loves Me."

Thank You Note

Dear Cross View friends and staff,

We are deeply touched by your loving words of gratitude and generous gifts. It was an honor to serve Cross View during 4.0 Building for Generations. Thank you for your constant encouragement and trust. We are thrilled to see numerous new and remodeled spaces already being used to grow His Kingdom.

We share our joy with the entire congregation, staff, and friends of Cross View. You all gave your time, talent, and treasure with cheerful and faithful hearts while enduring numerous delays and changes in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and parking! Our new facility would not have been possible without you volunteering in multiple areas such as: prayer leaders, 4.0 campaign execution, hosting home based meetings, communications, logistics, hospitality, financial and legal analysis, as well as design and construction expertise and pledge collection.

We also extend a heartfelt thanks to God for our dear friend, pastor, and partner, Pastor Steve Wheeler. He walked with us each step of the way, revealing a vision of what Cross View could become. Pastor Wheeler's leadership, endless energy, vision, and commitment united Cross View in a journey to grow our ministry.

As we reflect on 4.0 Building for Generations, we also look forward to fully using what God provided to His church. Let's step forward to further advance the Great Commission by using this gorgeous facility to glorify our Lord through increased stewardship that will support additional expenses associated with facility and ministry expansion as we seek to better serve our community and share God's word.

We are blessed to be part of this loving family.

With deep gratitude,
Scott Douglas and Lynn Pahl

Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- September member contributions were 77% of budget or under budget by \$18,248.
- Year to Date income is \$92,878 behind budget and \$17,434 less than last year.
- Year to Date expenditures are less than budget primarily due to lower wage and benefit expenses with open positions.
- Year to date Net Surplus is deficit but \$10,482 better than budget as expenses are below budgeted amounts.
- ECC tuition and expenses are unfavorable to budget, resulting in a lower than budgeted net surplus YTD.
- Please prayerfully consider your remaining pledge to the Cross View 4.0 campaign. Collection of remaining pledges are needed to pay final construction expenses.

Cross View Lutheran Church			
9/30/21	2021 Actual Year to Date	2021 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Greater (Less)
Total Income	\$805,755	\$898,633	(\$92,878)
Total Expenses	\$895,947	\$999,307	(\$103,360)
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$90,192)	(\$100,674)	\$10,482

Cross View 4.0 Building Campaign	
Balance in Campaign Savings Account:	\$165,916
Plus: Pledges Committed by 12/31/2021:	\$137,569
Less: Remaining Costs to Complete:	(\$15,528)
Less: Bridge (Short Term) Loan to be Repaid:	(\$241,587)
Projected 4.0 Balance at Completion:	\$46,370

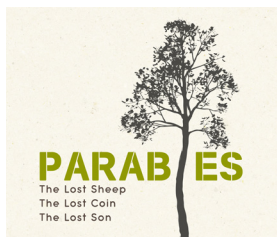
Christian Education

COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP THURSDAY EVENING, 6:30–8:30 PM THROUGH APRIL 28, 2022 (ONSITE, LIVE VIDEO STREAM, OR ARCHIVES)

Community Light School of Discipleship is an incredible offering for our congregation to grow as disciples who make disciples. Let's all take advantage of it! In addition, let's be a light to our community near and far as each of us pass on the details of this opportunity to our networks of friends and churches. Get more information and register for both onsite and online sessions at www.crossview.net/communitylight (onsite space is limited) or via email at CLSD@crossview.net.



LOST PARABLES OF JESUS SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30–10:30 AM NOVEMBER 7–21 (ONSITE IN ROOMS 210-211)



When we read the Gospels, we see the wonderful things Jesus our Savior has done for us. We see His perfect life, His innocent death, and His glorious resurrection. We know that He did all this for us and saved us by His work. We see another facet of Jesus' ministry as well — we see Him as our teacher. One of the common teaching methods He used was the parable. Some of our favorite Bible stories may be parables. Join us

during the first three weeks in November as we study three of those, the Lost parables of Jesus that stress how He searches for us, finds us, and celebrates the new life we have because of Him. Questions? Contact Andrew Johnson at andrew4215@gmail.com. [Register for this onsite class at CV Connect.](#)

BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30–10:30 AM NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 19 (ONSITE IN ROOMS 209-211)

CHRISTMAS...It brings sleigh bells ringing and carolers singing. And sometimes it brings heartache and hurt feelings. If you could use some true Christmas this Christmas, join us as pastor Max Lucado leads us in a study that unpacks the enduring promises of Christmas and discovers a lifetime of hope because of one baby born in Bethlehem. Questions? Contact Pastor Toby at toby@crossview.net.



WALK WITH JESUS — JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPELS SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30–10:30 AM (ONSITE IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE)

Join us this year as we take time to just read through scripture together. Let's read God's Word together and follow Jesus through the Gospels. Let's share what the Holy Spirit is showing and teaching us and then look for ways that we can put it into practice. Pastor Steve will be leading this class. If you have questions email him at steve@crossview.net. [Sign up for this class at CV Connect.](#)



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

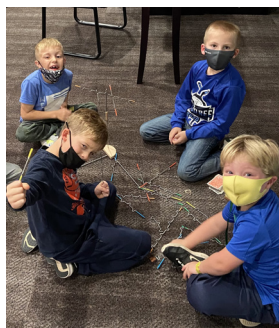
Early Childhood Center

BOARD BOOKS DONATIONS

The Early Childhood Center is in need of some Board Books. If you have any Board Books that you are looking to give away or are not being used, please consider donating them to the ECC. The kids love looking at Board Books and they are harder to destroy for the younger kids.

FUN, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

This year the Early Childhood Center did something new and different. They invited back all the kids who graduated this last June and all the kids who attended the School Age program this past summer for a night of fun, faith, and fellowship. It was a huge hit as we had almost 30 kids attend. They were so excited to see each other that you could probably have heard the screams down the street that Friday evening. They had pizza and cake, went on a scavenger hunt, did an obstacle course, and played outside on our famous playground. I would like to thank Ms. Rebekah, Ms. Esther, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Libby L for helping with this evening. It would not have been the success it was without them. Check out these pictures taken during this fun evening.



Youth Ministries

REALITY CONFERENCE: CHAOS TO CLARITY

The Reality Conference is fast-approaching. On November 12th and 13th, we have an opportunity to attend a conference at Grace Church titled Chaos to Clarity. This conference is put on by a company called Stand to Reason (STR) and discusses a lot of the hot topics and Christian Apologetics out there such as God's Existence, Homosexuality, God and Science, Trustworthiness of Scripture, and many others. Students and adults, [click here to register on CV Connect](#).



CONFERENCE DETAILS

4:00 PM Nov. 12th through 7:00 PM Nov. 13th at Grace Church

Cost: \$75 per person (Adults as well)

Housing: We will stay at Cross View overnight to eliminate drop-offs and pick-ups.

Transportation: We are asking chaperones to drive youth to and from the conference.

2022 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING:

Plans are being made for the 2022 National Youth Gathering next July. If you're a student who is between 8th & 12th grade and are interested in participating, please contact Jonathan to get more information. If you're a parent who is interested in participating, please also contact Jonathan for more details.



LCEF Lutheran Church Extension Fund

What is Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)?

Since 1978, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has served as the financial extension of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, offering funding and solutions in support of the Church. Our investors make it possible for us to provide customized loans and resources to new and growing ministries as well as loans for Rostered Church Workers who dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel. Cross View's building expansion was financed by LCEF. Find out how you can be a part of spreading the ministry.

Why invest with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)?

Our investors are the center of everything we do. When you invest with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), your investment not only grows in numbers, but it also contributes to the growth of the church and ministries. Investing in LCEF is investing in the future of the Church. Currently, new investors can earn 2.125% on a two-year fixed note. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Outreach & Missions

THANKSGIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

Last year, Cross View had Advent in a Box. This year, we have Thanksgiving for Christmas. On **Saturday, November 20, from 9:00–11:00 AM**, we're inviting community, POBLO, ECC preschool, and Cross View families to come out and celebrate with us this holiday season. We are having stations outside, with crafts and devotions to take home and do with the family. We'll have crafts, activities, devotions, and an outreach idea for Thanksgiving, each of the four weeks of Advent and for Christmas. Come and get your picture taken in our life size nativity scene, and pet and get your picture taken with reindeer. Our goal is to help families observe and celebrate from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Participants can choose to do all or just few activities. Our hope is that families will learn about giving thanks and slowing down to enjoy this season of waiting and anticipating, as we celebrate Jesus' first coming (Christmas), and His second coming.

- Families can [register for "Thanksgiving for Christmas" at CV Connect](#) from November 1st through 17th.
- Come and pick up a box on Saturday, November 20 (the Saturday before Thanksgiving.)

TRINITY FIRST THANKSGIVING – TURKEY-TAKEOUT

Trinity First Thanksgiving in a basket! We're still in a COVID world and our youngest are still without vaccines. Trinity First has made use of classroom pods and groupings. Despite COVID, we still want to encourage the staff and families of Trinity First Lutheran School by providing an opportunity to gather safely, eat a healthy meal, and just be together for Thanksgiving.

Along with the Trinity First staff, we'll give each of the 82 families a "Turkey-Takeout" basket. Each basket will contain all the dry and canned fixings for a traditional meal, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, etc. We put the baskets together on Service Sunday (10/31). To finish these baskets, however, we still need help.

Here's how: Help with the turkey and the pie. Would you consider donating \$20 so that we can give a gift card to each family? This gift card would be added to the Turkey-takeout basket and would enable each family to purchase about a 10 lb. turkey and a dessert of their choice at a local grocery store. [Click here](#) to donate.

BLOOMINGTON IFC PICNIC HOSTED BY MT. HOPE

By God's grace, the Mount Hope Lutheran Church launched an annual picnic on September 24th. The strategic event was aimed to revisit with families, especially after the coronavirus pandemic causing many relationships to languish. We're thankful to see several church members who had stopped coming, International Friendship Center (IFC) families, and volunteers. There were approximately 60 people in attendance, excluding those who were planning to attend but illness prevented them from coming. Our Hope is in the Lord

that everyone personally be blessed and come to the saving knowledge of Christ Jesus! Some of those in attendance do not know the Lord. Some were hurt and scared and lonely. We are His hands and feet, aren't we?

Any church can do this. Mt. Hope Lutheran has many demographics and different groups of people surrounding her. The community is diverse, children need our attention, especially the orphans and abused. Seniors at Applewood across the street are a group of people whom we can focus on, care for, and invite to the church. The Bloomington IFC, also, brings in immigrants and internationals who need to belong and the volunteers at the IFC bring Lutheran churches together united instead of autonomous. The preschool families are relatively younger but also part of Mt. Hope. We're hoping that this picnic or other future activity can be intentional and planned with a focused objective — to provide hope for any person getting inside the house of God. Every church is encouraged to do so. We can help!

Thanksgiving is around the corner. So, we have reserved the gym at Mt. Hope as we plan to host a pot-luck Thanksgiving dinner for similar groups that we invited to the picnic, but for all IFC families at least. We need help from volunteers to make this possible. A more detailed flyer will be sent your way soon.

Pot-Luck Thanksgiving Dinner: Friday November 19, 6:00–8:00 PM

Location: Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (in the gym), 3601 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington 55431





Come, ye thankful people,
come,
raise the song of
harvest home!

All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms
begin.

God, our Maker,
doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple,
come.

Raise the song of
harvest home!

Women's Ministries

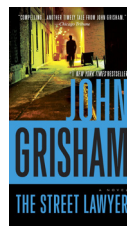
CROSS VIEW WOMEN'S FALL LUNCHEON!

The Cross View Women's Fall Luncheon is on Saturday, November 6, from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM in the Great Commission Room. The theme will be "If the Shoe Fits: Using our Gifts to Serve Others" based on 1 Peter 4:10. We will gather together for food and fellowship as we learn how to use our God given gifts to serve others. Tickets are \$10 and you can still register through November 2 by contacting jana@teampoppe.com. **And don't forget to bring your gently used footwear for Good in the 'Hood: Shoe Away Hunger.** For every one pair of new or gently used footwear received, the Shoe Away Hunger program is able to feed one more person with up to seven days of essential groceries through their Feeding The Future programs. We will have large bins for shoe collection set up in the lobby.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

In November, the women's book club will be reading and discussing John Grisham's *The Street Lawyer*. We will meet at church on Monday, November 15, at 1:00 PM. Please check the bulletin announcements for the room number. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com.



Save the Date

Volunteers needed to decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, November 26th, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We welcome families, teens, and every age to put up Christmas trees all over the building.

Stay for an hour — or for as long as you wish. Your help is appreciated. Hot chocolate and treats for all. Contact Sue to volunteer at Sue@crossview.net.





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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

CALENDAR

Our most current calendar
is always available at
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