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"Soul food is food that not only comforts your head and your heart, but feeds your soul." -Toby Schmdit



by Toby Schmidt, Associate Pastor

September is the beginning of many things. School begins, football and soccer begin, and the weather begins to change. Beginnings are exciting. They can be excitingly good and they can be excitingly scary, depending on the situation or perspective.

I find that when something is exciting, food is usually involved. Surprise birthday parties are exciting, especially when there's ice cream cake. State Fair rides are exciting (and scary) and are usually followed up by State Fair food (like cheese curds). Scary movies are

better with popcorn.

Hard days are made a little easier and better with a taste of whatever treat comforts your head and heart. Often there's some kind of special treat that brings you back to a time of comfort, to a moment when you felt safe and secure. For me, it's Dilly Bars, homemade oatmeal, and "Schmidt bologna." These foods bring me back to my childhood and spending special time with my family, especially my parents and grandparents. Some people call comfort food soul food. The term

"soul food" actually became popular in the 1960s and 70s when the term "soul" was often used to describe African American Culture. <sup>1</sup> But soul food goes back even further. Traditional soul food cooking was one of the ways Africans slaves passed traditions on to their descendants once they were brought to the US. <sup>2</sup>

Later on, as African Americans migrated to cities in the north and left familiarity and family behind, they gathered around soul food served as a way for people to connect and support each other. As Sarah Bracy Penn says in her thesis on soul food, "Food is much more than just something we eat. It is an incredible avenue to share intimate stories and personal histories." <sup>3</sup> Soul food is food that not only comforts your head and your heart, but feeds your soul.

Our ministry theme for 2019-2020 is "Soul Food." But we're hoping to do more than just whet your appetite for a daily helping of soul food and southern cooking. Our goal for the year ahead is to encourage and equip each other to spend time feasting on God's Word daily. As God tells us in Deuteronomy 8:3b, "People do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

This September, our sermon series will focus on how God's "Soul Food" not only feeds us, but grows us, makes a difference in our lives, and breathes life into us. We're excited this year to Connect, Grow, and Serve together as we gather to encourage and equip each other to feast daily on God's Word, real food for our souls.

Join us Sunday, September 8, for Fall Kickoff and some of God's "Soul Food" that literally feeds our souls.

 $^1$  Poe, Tracy N. (1999). "The Origins of Soul Food in Black Urban Identity: Chicago, 1915-1947." American Studies International. XXXVII No. 1 (February): 4–17.

<sup>2</sup> Opie, Frederick D. (2010). "Hog & Hominy: Soul Food from Africa to America." Columbia University Press; New York. Jun 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Penn, Sarah B. (2015) "Soul Food: An Interpretation Of The History, Significance And Southern Roots Of The American Cuisine." Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, University of Mississippi, Honors Thesis: Apr. 2015, http://thesis.honors.olemiss.edu/405/1/SoulFoodThesis.FINAL.SBP.pdf.

## CV 4.0 - Building for Generations Update



Our Cross View 4.0 Building For Future Generations build continues. Interior remodel work is on schedule. Substantial rains have placed exterior work slightly behind schedule. Thanks to Cross View members who hosted an appreciation noon

potluck for contractors and Church staff. It's a blessing to see God's work through the hands and feet of so many people.

### **Early Childhood Center**

The Early Childhood Center renovation, including a waddler room, toddler room, bathroom, diaper changing





area, as well as an expanded classroom for Sunday School and ECC program expansion, is scheduled to be complete by August 30th. We will begin using these remodeled areas after Labor Day.

#### **New Addition**

Exterior pre-cast walls for the upper multi-purpose room and lower level youth rooms are in place. Placement of the multi-purpose room concrete floor and steel roof rafters will enclose the multi-purpose room "box" during September. Take a moment to appreciate the exterior pre-cast brick



walls. The engineering and technology used to match existing brick, created at a plant in Albany, and assembled on site is amazing.

Heavy rains continue to hinder pouring footings at the former upper entrance (door #1) and former lower entrance (door #2). Soils seemed to dry to an acceptable level only to get soaked by another downpour, delaying the pouring of concrete footings Wall construction in these two areas will begin as soon as soil moisture levels allow foundations to be poured.

#### **Sunday School Reception Area**

A new Sunday School reception area will be available this fall. The former library has been remodeled. This area will serve as a centralized registration and gathering area for students and their parents.

#### **Asbestos**

The majority of the asbestos mitigation is complete. The only area remaining is the carpet between the temporary narthex wall and the church office - kitchen. Removal will be done at a later time.





#### Sanctuary

As reported in the weekly Cross View Connects, member feedback and acoustical experts concluded the organ was built to perform underneath a gypsum and wood ceiling. The gypsum (sheetrock) only ceiling presented at the July Town Hall Meeting would negatively impact organ performance. Acoustic panels placed on the ceiling would not provide an adequate acoustic design. Some Cross View members continue to express a desire for a wood ceiling over a sheetrock only ceiling. Members also expect the new ceiling to replicate or improve current organ performance. Ceiling plans are being finalized.

The sanctuary fire sprinkling installation is complete. Next steps include:

- Electrical, low voltage, and audio-visual above ceiling infrastructure installation. This allows installation of future equipment as funds become available.
- Sheetrock installation.
- Ceiling wood selection.

## **Financial Update**

- July income was 64%, or \$37K less than budget, eroding our favorable year-to-date income variance to about \$2K less than budget. Budget includes a 9% year-over-year increase.
- The net surplus is \$55K favorable to budget due to lower expenses than planned and capital campaign contributions resulting in no debt incurred to date.
- Your generous contributions to both the operating and capital campaign remain critical in 2019.

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July 31, 2019	2019	2019	Actual Better/(Worse)
_	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	vs.Budget
Total Income	\$655,547	\$657,379	(\$1,832)
Total Expense	\$652,554	\$709,660	\$57,106
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,993	(\$52,281)	\$55,274

## Shuttle Bus or Van Needed

With our 4.0 Building for Generations in full swing, we've all been impacted by a temporary reduction in parking spaces. This is one of several challenges that we are facing together, knowing that a bright future awaits us in a few short months. We are very thankful for the volunteers who have stepped up on our parking MAT (Ministry Action Team). They have done an excellent job maximizing parking availability, keeping people safe, welcoming people, and directing people to the proper entrances. Many thanks!

That being said, our parking limitations are real and will become more of a challenge as we head into fall and winter weather. Because we are in the summer months, attendance has been down (as it typically is). This has made it possible to fit everyone into the lower lot. As attendance ramps up in the fall and as the snow begins to fly, there is real concern that we will not have enough available spaces. We have lost 80 spaces due to the construction site fence. When services have attendance of 150-180 people our lot is at capacity. As the snow piles up, we will have even less spaces.

As a proactive step, we have sought and gained permission from Creek Valley Elementary School to park in their lot on Sunday mornings. The challenge facing us is how we can safely shuttle people from that lot to the church. The plan is to ask for a number of Cross View families to commit to parking at Creek Valley. They would drop the people in their car off at church and then the driver would park at Creek Valley and be shuttled back to Cross View. Our goal is that our elderly and visitors would always have a place to park in our lot and not have to be shuttled.

This leads us to an immediate need facing us. We have a very real need for a 12-passenger van or a small bus (like those used by Metro Mobility) that can be used for these shuttling purposes. We need to get this transportation in place as soon as possible, especially before inclement weather strikes. If you know someone who has a van or bus and would be willing to loan, donate, or lease one to our congregation, please email <a href="mailto:renee@crossview.net">renee@crossview.net</a>.

In the short-term, this vehicle will be used for shuttling people on Sundays. If the vehicle is donated or purchased for the congregation, we intend to use it on a long-term basis for our many ministries (ECC, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Seniors Ministry, etc.). Thank you for any help that you can extend to meet this current challenge. We want everyone who comes to Cross View in the coming months to be welcomed and to have a place to park.

## **YAMS Picnic**

On August 10th the YAMS had a picnic at Rosland Park in Edina. Once it stopped raining, we had an awesome time of fellowship and play with all of the little ones running around. The next event will be the Vikings vs. Packers watch party. Please watch for more information!

## Twelve21

Twelve21 is a bi-monthly meeting of college and young adults. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month as an opportunity to meet with people who are in a similar stage of life and to talk about how faith and life converge. We are currently working through Cold Case Christianity on RightNow Media. If you have any questions, or anyone you would like invited to these get togethers, please talk to Lauren Kimball, Lauren Carter, Brooke Stauffer, or Jonathan Zellar.



## **Senior Ministries**

## **SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP EVENT**Fall Senior Fellowship Gathering

Date: Sunday, September 22

**Time:** 5:00-7:00 PM

**Location:** Cross View Fellowship Hall

Calling all Cross View Seniors! Please join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Catch up with old friends and meet new friends. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll present our plans for spiritual growth, service and fun for Fall 2019 through Spring 2020. Sign up at the Connection Center.

## OCTOBER SENIOR SERVICE EVENT

**Where:** Global Health Ministries (<u>www.ghm.org</u>) **When:** Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

We will meet at Cross View to carpool to Fridley, Minnesota. Please take this opportunity to support a Christian ministry whose focus is "ensuring access to quality healthcare for the world's most vulnerable people."















## Celebrating the Music Ministry of Jason Paulson

In 2011, the decision was made by Cross View's voters to launch a dedicated contemporary worship service that would be offered each Sunday. The service would be offered during the late service timeslot. The goal of this new worship service was to broaden the target of people that we might reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish this goal, we interviewed candidates in the summer of 2011, prayerfully asking our Lord to bring the right person on board. Our Lord brought us the right person...Jason Paulson!

Jason was and continues to be an accomplished musician. In his secular career, he has played professionally for over 23 years! He has written countless songs. He has released almost a dozen CDs. He has toured locally, nationally, and internationally. He has received numerous awards for his original works, including "Best Band in Minnesota." Most recently, his band was voted the Midwest Country Music Association's "Americana Artist of the Year." I share this because you've probably never heard it from Jason.

In fact, if you've had to honor of getting to know Jason over the years, you know that he's a pretty soft-spoken and humble guy. He's never been the type of person to seek "praise" for himself. However, he has been the type of person to lead praise to the glory of God. That is precisely what Jason has done among us! For the past eight years, Jason has used

the gifts and abilities entrusted to him for the glory of God as he has led our congregation in worship and in praise. What a journey it has been! By God's grace, Jason has helped our congregation to move to a dedicated contemporary service that reaches new people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Over the years, he has also done an amazing job leading our team, caring for our team, writing songs for worship, and encouraging and equipping our young people to develop their talents to the glory of God.

Recently, Jason accepted a position as the new praise team leader at Zion Lutheran in Mayer, MN. This new position will allow Jason and his family (who live in Waconia) to worship together every Sunday and to plug into a local church. While we rejoice for the people of Zion, we will deeply miss this dear brother in the faith who has been such a blessing to our ministry. We wish Jason, Jess, Max, Jozey, and Aydin the very best as they make the transition to their new church and ministry.

Jason's last Sunday will be September 8 (Fall Kickoff). There will be a reception at Café Cross View, celebrating Jason's ministry. Please bring a card and make sure to personally thank him for his loving service among us. We love you Jason and will deeply miss you. May our Lord richly bless you and your family as you enter this new chapter ministry!

## Cards and Games Begins New Season

Date: Friday, September 13

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Cross View, Room 218 (enter at Door 4, take stairs or elevator to room behind the Library) **RSVP to Hosts:** Kathy & Dave

Fulkerson (952) 401-4358 or Addy

Menzel (952) 920-9848

Cross View Cards and Games begins a new season which runs the 2nd Friday of each month



from September through May. 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!

## **Youth Ministry**

#### CONFIRMATION

As the school year starts up so does our Wednesday night programming. September 11th is the informational meeting for our 2019-2020 confirmation year. Please have at least one parent attend with your 7th or 8th grade student so that we can get the appropriate information to and from you. Also, please note that the confirmation retreat is September 27-28 at Camp Omega and we are still looking for adult chaperones to help with this trip.

Also please note: Confirmation for the fall will be from 7:00-8:00 PM following our new service in the Fellowship Hall. All students need to be at the church by 6:45 PM so we can start as soon as the service is over.

#### **MINI GOLF**

In July the Senior high youth went on their annual mini golf and ice cream outing to Grand Slam in Burnsville and Cone Brothers Ice Cream in Richfield. It was an awesome opportunity (even with the rain) to have fellowship and some competitive fun!

#### **FOOT GOLF**

In July the junior high youth went on their annual foot golf and ice cream outing to the Hyland Greens Foot Golf Course in Bloomington and Scoops Ice Cream. It was an awesome opportunity to have fellowship and some competitive fun!

## **Christian Education**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL - SOUL FOOD!!**

Registration for our new Sunday School program year will take place on Fall Kickoff, September 8, with regular classes beginning the following week, September 15.

As we talk about our "soul food" being God's Word, this year our curriculum will include an overview of the Bible. Different students will walk through the Bible with an age appropriate curriculum. A mailing was sent out to families with children with registration information. If you did not receive the mailing, or have questions, please contact Christine Eid at christine@crossview.net.

#### **KIDSTITUTE - WEDNESDAYS, 7-8 PM**

Kidstitute is Cross View's midweek program for students age 3 through entering 6th grade, starting Wednesday, September 11, from 7:00-8:00 PM. The hour will have opportunity for students to be in Jubilate (children's choir), and other activities including a scripture lesson and art/games.

This fall's curriculum will focus on the 10 commandments. Registration will take place on Fall kickoff, September 8, or the first week a student attends. Questions? Please contact Christine Eid at <a href="mailto:christine@crossview.net">christine@crossview.net</a>.

#### THIRD GRADE INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

During the first four weeks of regular classes, third grade students with an adult, will participate in a class that will introduce aspects of using their new Bibles. We look at where we got the Bible from, how to look up passages, and using the tools (concordance, maps, dictionary) to enhance

our study of God's Word. A Bible dedication will take place on Sunday, October 6, at the 10:45 AM service following the completion of the class. All 3rd grade students are welcome!

## SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER – ADULT EDUCATION

We'll be learning about Soul Food. As learn more about our annual theme (taken



from Deuteronomy 8:3b), we'll be digging into God's food for our souls. Join us as we learn about how God's soul food for us feeds us, grows us, makes a difference, and breathes life into us. Join us Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in room 218, just across from the restrooms and behind the library. Any questions, just ask Pastor Toby at toby@crossview.net.

## REGISTER TODAY FOR THE "WORK AS WORSHIP" MINI-RETREAT

Come to this FREE event to be inspired in new ways to better incorporate your Christian faith in your daily professional work. Hear dynamic speakers like pastor and church planter Francis Chan, Christian media mogul Jeffrey Wright, entrepreneur and fashion innovator Liz Bohannon, and best-selling author and comedian Jon Acuff. Join us Saturday, October 12, from 8:30 AM until Noon at Cross View. A light breakfast will be served. All men, women, and their guests are welcome. Please register at <a href="mailto:crossview.net/connect">crossview.net/connect</a> and click on "Events" or send an email with names of attendees to <a href="mailto:johndaenzer@gmail.com">johndaenzer@gmail.com</a>.

## Women's Ministries



## WOMEN'S DINNER AT BARRIO SEPTEMBER 26

The September Women's Dinner will be at Cocina del Barrio in Edina (5036 France Ave S) on Thursday, September 26th at 6:45 PM. Please sign up in the Connection Center and let Quynn Iske know if you have any questions or need to order ahead. You can reach Quynn at qunika@msn.com or 612-816-3657.

#### **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

JoAnn Ridgway will host book club next month and we will meet in her home on Monday, September 16 at 1:00 PM. We will read and discuss The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. New members are always welcome. Feel free to contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

## CROSS VIEW MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Please join us Saturday, September 14th, from 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the home of Chen Mellema (13430 Essex Ct, Eden Prairie) for our monthly Moms group meeting. Come for hot coffee, great conversations, and free childcare. Contact info: Tami Riter at tami.riter@gmail.com or Alex Wheeler at alexandra.koch@gmail.com.



## **Early Childhood Center**

#### **ECC ENJOYS NEW PLAYGROUND GAMES**

We want to thank an anonymous donor from Cross View who gave funds for us to purchase equipment for the playground. We really appreciate it and are enjoying the basketball hoop, balance beam, frisbees, balls, scoop game set, parachute, stilts, and an easy catch Velcro set.









#### **ECC VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

We always welcome volunteers to...

- rock babies
- prep art projects for the classrooms
- read to the children
- create homemade projects for the children to play with in the classroom or on the playground
- donate books and toys
- have one on one time with a child

If you feel you have a God given gift to work with or around children and also have time to volunteer, please email us at <a href="mailto:ecc@crossview.net">ecc@crossview.net</a> or call us at 952-941-0009.

## **Cross View Quilting**

The Cross View Quilters normally meet in Room 218 on the first, third, (and fifth) Wednesday of the month from September through May. Each year we make dozens of quilts which we give to a variety of charities. Our first meeting this year is September 4th at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome. If you're a newcomer, we'll teach you what to do. Call Patricia Rostal, 952-941-2425, with questions.

## Welcome Ben Henschel, Interim Choir Director

Ben Henschel directs the 9-12th grade choirs at the Blake Upper School in Minneapolis. He received a Bachelor of Music from St. Olaf College and a Master of Arts in music education from the University of St. Thomas. Previously he has held positions at Blaine High School and Wayzata East Middle School. Ben also served as the cathedral choir director of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Victoria. Ben is active in MMEA and ACDA



where he has most recently served as the co-chair of the 4-5-6th grade honor choir, the managing editor of the Star of the North, and received the 2019 award for Outstanding Young Choral Director. Ben sang in the adult choir at Cross View for the last year and a half and is excited to be leading the group as interim director.

## **Outreach & Missions**

## CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CROSS VIEW MOMS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The Mom's group is looking for youth volunteers to watch the children during our monthly meetings that occur the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. A signup sheet can be found in the Fireside room. Your time spent counts towards volunteer hours for confirmation or national merit scholarships.

Contact info: Tami Riter at tami.riter@gmail.com

#### **LOOKING AHEAD - SERVICE SUNDAY IN OCTOBER**

This fall we continue with special service Sundays. Different this year, the service Sunday will be on a week where it fits well between classes offered. Our first Service Sunday will be October 27. This Sunday, we will not have regular education classes, and instead will have a variety of projects available for families to work on together. These include, but are not limited to:

- Making "no sew" hats for the homeless
- Crocheting plastic mats for the homeless
- Making table decorations for Trinity First Thanksgiving
- College Care Packages
- Separating school supplies for Trinity First Thanksgiving
- Decorating bags for Trinity First

Mark your calendar to join us on October 27 for an opportunity to serve members of Cross View, as well as the community around us. Do you have an idea for a project? Contact Christine Eid at <a href="mailto:christine@crossview.net">christine@crossview.net</a> with your thoughts! We would love to hear from you!

#### Minnesota's Half Marathon with Team World Vision

Looking back at this years' training schedule for the Minnesota Half Marathon ("Race for the Kids), I knew the race was earlier in the year, but I wasn't expecting the training to ramp up as quick as it did. After a long snowy winter that never seemed to end, we finally began our training as we jumped right into Summer. The shorter training schedule also meant we needed to jump-start our fundraising for Team World Vision, too.





We began our fundraising by taking advantage of Red's Savoy Pizza and their "Chow for Charity" donation event. We managed to raise over \$300 this year through their generous donation. That means 6 more people get fresh, clean water just from this one event. We also partnered up with New City Covenant Church for the Global 6K for life event on May 4th. (6K is significant as it is the average distance people need to travel each day to collect enough water to survive. Think about walking over 3.5 miles just to get fresh water!)

Recently I watched a documentary about the Romans building the aqueduct system and thought how similar it is to the mission of Team World Vision (TWV). Careful planning, construction, and infrastructure are all keys to bring fresh water to any community. The Romans were way ahead of their time, but knew by building the conduits, tunnels, and bridges to last, it would serve the people of Rome for generations. TWV does the same by building the pipelines, drilling the wells, and putting the infrastructure needed not just for the people of today, but for generations to come. The World Health Organization now estimates 59 million people have gained access to clean water since 2018. TWV is more than just a water organization, it's a life changing organization.

In Africa, there is a saying: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Join us and let's go farther together! It's not too late to donate to this years' cause. Just select this link: <a href="https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=11474">https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=11474</a>. Together we can help provide not only clean, life-changing water, but Jesus the Water of Life.



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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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