

# CROSSVIEW CLARION

April 2022



**"As we journey through the Holy Week in the month ahead, we too become witnesses to His resurrection." -Steve Wheeler**

## Witnesses to His Resurrection

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. — 1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

In the coming month, we will experience an unforgettable journey filled with "ups" and "downs" with "laughter" and "tears" with "seeming defeat" and "ultimate victory." Our journey will lead us down the Palm Sunday road, waving

our branches and singing, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." It will lead us up to the Upper Room where Jesus will issue new commands. It will lead us down to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus will fervently

pray and ultimately be betrayed and arrested. It will seat us through multiple mistrials, including the greatest application of injustice this world has ever seen. It will make us bystanders of the horrors of crucifixion and eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

The month ahead includes the holiest week of the Christian church — and with good reason! Approximately 2.38 billion Christians worldwide will pause, reflect, and rejoice at our God's most unexpected solution to humanity's sin-problem... the life, death, and resurrection of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. No event in all of human history can come close to comparing to the significance and importance of what happened that first holy week and Easter. God carried out his eternal rescue plan for all of humanity — past, present, and future.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, arguably one of the greatest chapters in all of Scripture on the meaning and significance of the resurrection, Paul succinctly summarizes the facts. Apparently, there were a handful of people in Corinth who were raising doubts about the resurrection of Jesus. Paul made it crystal clear that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was at the heart of the Gospel message that he had first preached to them. It was the foundation upon which their entire faith stood. He clearly articulated that the basic message of the gospel was this: "...that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that **he appeared** to [many]."

Paul not only reminded them and us of the historical facts that transpired that first Holy Week, but he backed them up with witnesses galore! In 1st century Judaism, truth was confirmed by the testimony of 2-3 witnesses.

Here, Paul offers over 512 witnesses! The post-resurrection appearances of Christ were a critical part of establishing the truth of what had really happened. There were hundreds of eyewitnesses to the risen Christ. All that one had to do in the first century was to ask around. Christians were excited and willing to share the good news... "He is risen!"

Why was this such good news? It was good news because the resurrection meant that the sacrifice that Jesus had offered on the cross and at the tomb for the sins of the world had been accepted by the Heavenly Father. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He had defeated the power of sin, death, and hell for every sinful human being who puts their faith in Him. Nothing could keep those eyewitnesses from sharing this good news — not the fear or imprisonment, torture, or even death. They had seen the risen Christ!

As we journey through the Holy Week in the month ahead, we too become witnesses to His resurrection as we read, hear, and ponder the truth passed down through the generations. It is good news for us, and it is good news for our world that sits in darkness. Perhaps never in our lifetimes has our world needed this good news more than now. God has made you witnesses to His resurrection. God has planted you right where he wants you to give that witness. May God grant you courage as He opens your eyes to the opportunities in your home, in your neighborhood, in your community, or wherever He has placed you to share the greatest message on earth — that Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, that he was raised, and that he appeared to many...that Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# Financial Update

## Year-to-Date Results

- February 2022 member contributions were 116% of budget or \$13,573 better than budgeted.
- Year-to-date income is \$20,681 less than that received through February 2021.
- February expenses were \$12,764 more than budgeted with utilities and loan payments higher than planned.
- Year-to-date Net Surplus is \$43,157 less than budgeted and \$62,157 less than the same period for 2021.
- ECC income was unfavorable and expenses favorable to budget, resulting in a net surplus better than budgeted by \$8,788.
- The 4.0 Capital Campaign will require most of the remaining pledges to pay off the short-term bridge loan of \$13,392

2/28/22	2022 Actual Year to Date	2022 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Greater (Less)
Total Income	\$195,269	\$227,739	(\$32,470)
Total Expenses	\$235,556	\$224,869	\$10,687
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$40,287)	\$2,870	(\$43,157)

### Cross View 4.0 Building Campaign

Contributions Received in the Month:	\$3,585
2/28/22	
Balance in Campaign Savings Account:	\$7,657
Plus: Pledges Committed by 12/31/2021:	\$12,466
Less: Remaining Costs to Complete:	(\$3,659)
Less: Bridge (Short Term) Loan to be Repaid:	(\$13,392)
Projected 4.0 Balance at Completion:	\$3,072

## Restored! Campaign — Starting Soon!

As a reminder, in a unanimous decision at the Voters' Assembly meeting last May our congregation approved borrowing \$550,000 to repair or replace several things on the older portion of our building:

- Roof replacement
- HVAC replacement
- Brick and mortar repair

These items needed immediate attention and they were all addressed within two months of the vote, thanks to the

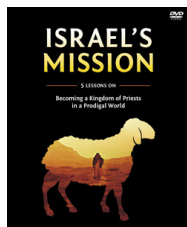
funds made immediately available with the loan! We are grateful to have that much needed work behind us.

As part of the vote, it was stated that a capital campaign would be launched at some future time to repay the \$550,000 loan. That future time is almost here! Look for our Restored! campaign material after Easter and please begin praying and planning for how you can contribute to the now-finished projects. Thank you!

## Christian Education

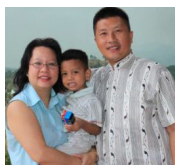
### ISRAEL'S MISSION (A PRIESTHOOD OF PRODIGALS) SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:30–10:30 AM MARCH 20–MAY 1, WITH BREAKS ON 4/17 & 4/24 (ROOMS 210-211 AND ONLINE)

At Mount Sinai, the Israelites joined God on His mission. God's plan was for them to be a kingdom of priests in a prodigal world, a plan Jesus renewed with His own ministry. Join us as we follow Rabbi Jesus (with Ray Vander Laan) and unpack what it means to be a kingdom of priests today. Questions? Contact Greg Lenz ([gregorylenz73@gmail.com](mailto:gregorylenz73@gmail.com)). Register for this hybrid (onsite/online) class at [CV Connect](#).



### VISITING MISSIONARY: REV. DR. FUNG LO SUNDAY, APRIL 24 DURING BOTH SERVICES AND THE EDUCATIONAL HOUR

Be sure to join us on April 24, the Sunday after Easter, for a visit from Missionary, Pastor Fung Lo. He will be preaching on our role as "Ambassadors for Christ" (based on 2 Cor 5:17-21) and giving a presentation on Hmong International Mission (HIM). He'll share all that's been happening during COVID and things we have to look forward to and pray about. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend.



### CV CONNECT CLASS SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30–10:30 AM MAY 8 (ROOM 209)

Many of Cross View members have questions about CV Connect. Do you want to attend Cross View events, but not

quite sure how to register online? Maybe you want to upload a recent picture to your CV Connect profile. Or maybe you want to check your giving. If this is you, come Sunday, May 8, during the discipleship hour (9:30–10:30 AM) to room 209. Questions? Contact Ann Ryan ([annryan@hotmail.com](mailto:annryan@hotmail.com)) or Pastor Toby ([toby@crossview.net](mailto:toby@crossview.net)). Register for this hybrid (onsite/online) class [here on CV Connect](#).



This class is part of the 2022 Spring New Member Class and all members wanting instructions or a refresher of CV Connect are encouraged to attend.

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

CLSD is a free community Bible study for equipping God's people with His resources so that you might "go" and make disciples wherever God has planted you. Questions? Email: [Questions@CLSD@crossview.net](mailto:Questions@CLSD@crossview.net).



### BUILDING YOUR STRENGTHS: WHO AM I IN GOD'S EYES? MONTHLY ON THE FIRST MONDAY (ROOM 218)

In this women's Bible study we are reading and discussing chapters from *Building Your Strengths: Who Am I in God's Eyes?* book and study guide. Questions? Contact **Marcy Nordhus** at [mpnordhus@gmail.com](mailto:mpnordhus@gmail.com). [Register for this onsite class](#) at CV Connect.



## Early Childhood Center

### ECC UPDATE

In March the ECC was closed for a day for a staff workshop. These days when the staff can get together, renew, and refresh are great for the building of relationships and rediscovering our love for what we do.

This year we watched a video titled: What if Today was Their Only Day by Lisa Murphy. It reminded us of the impact we make every day and to remember...what if the child in your class was only there for one day and what would they remember about the classroom. The teachers had a great time talking about the video and we had some great laughs. We also looked through some of Lisa Murphy's books. She writes lots of books with activities you can do in your classroom. One of the books the teachers looked at talked about Science and Sensory table activities. She had listed items needed for a good Science and Sensory Cabinet. I asked teachers what we do not have that she has on her list.

Listed are a few items:

- Magazines
- Plastic tubing
- Corn starch
- CD's
- Jars (plastic)
- Baking pans
- Fly swatters
- Cheese cloth

If you would like to donate any of these items to the center, we would greatly appreciate it. Please drop them off at the ECC office.

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE ECC

Summer is coming and the Preschool/SAC kids usually take field trips. However, with busing and the cost of gas we will not be taking any field trips this summer. But we love to do special activities with the kids. Examples: bring in special guests or have themed days. If you have any connections or an idea that would be fun for the Preschool/SAC kids this summer please email: [stacey@crossview.net](mailto:stacey@crossview.net).



# Children's Ministry

## PRESCHOOL KIDSTITUTE

Attention kids age Kindergarten and younger come to our next Preschool Kidstitute class on Wednesday, April 6, at 5:30–6:25 PM. We will gather in the Great Commission Room for the Lenten meals at 5:15 PM and then class will start at 5:30 PM in room 216-217. A parent is asked to stay while we engage in singing, crafts, Bible stories, and a lot of fun. No RSVP needed this time. Hope to see ya there!

## PARENT CORNER



*Look here monthly for tips and resources to help you be your child's key faith shaper at home!*

### Fun ideas to do as families

- 1. Biggest pinecone walk.** Take a walk around your neighborhood and collect pinecones and leaves. Your bag can fill up quickly, so tell the kids to find the three biggest pinecones or the ones that aren't as cracked/broken. It is fun to put them in a bowl and the kids love pointing out whose is whose.
- 2. Claim the mundane.** Take basic, everyday events and recognize God's presence with our kids. His word is alive and relevant to everyday life. We simply need to recognize His presence and open our eyes to what He is already doing. For example, while talking about how scientists are still discovering what is at the bottom of the sea you can say, "God knows exactly what is down there!"
- 3. Fly a kite.**
- 4. Spread the Good News.** Encourage your kids to write Bible verses on strips of paper and attach them to the treats and put them in neighbor's mailboxes.
- 5. Invite one other family to meet up with your family at the park.** Keep it small to encourage "real life"

conversations which children will overhear and soak in relational conversations. It's often very empty and quiet Saturday mornings. Make sure you put in some treats you usually don't have during the week. It makes it extra fun.

### 6. Pray together as a family.

**7. Have a leaf "boat race" at a nearby creek.** Drive to a nearby creek, walk down to the water, and throw pebbles. Then, each pick a leaf and float them downstream for a fun race. Be sure to pack bring an extra pair of dry socks and shoes.

## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Ten 5th grade children with their families have attended a seven-week course called Welcome to the Lord's Table that started in February. On Maundy Thursday, April 14, they will celebrate their first communion with their families. Please come and celebrate with them at 7:00 PM.

## VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

June 20–24, 2022

9:00 to 11:30 AM



Ages: Three-year-olds who are potty trained through 5th grade. Children who are rising 6th graders can volunteer as a youth leader.

[Click here for registration.](#)

Register by May 29 to guarantee receiving a t-shirt.

Cost is \$15 per child

Contact Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net) with questions

# Music Ministry



**REGISTER TODAY**  
**MUSIC/ART CAMP**  
**JULY 25–29**

For campers who have completed  
1st thru 5th grade.

**AT CROSS VIEW • INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.

The women's chorus and the bell choir shared beautiful music during the Ash Wednesday service.



## Youth Ministries

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth group for grades 9–12 will continue in person on Sunday nights. Youth group starts at 6:30pm!

April 3rd – At Cross View

April 10th – At Cross View

April 17th – No Youth Group (Easter)

April 24th – Curling at Chaska Curling Center

### JUNIOR HIGH TRANSITION EVENT

On April 24th, 6th through 8th graders will engage in a Bible study following the life, trials, and changes in the Apostle Paul's life. This will be an opportunity for young people to engage in discussion, activities, and conversation to create community and ease the transition as students enter a new stage in their education and lives. A pizza lunch will be provided for all who attend. This event will take place from 12:15–3:45 PM on Sunday, April 24th. Registration is open at the Event Registration desk or through [this link](#).

### LENTEN SUPPERS

Lenten suppers have been a tremendous success so far! We're grateful for everyone's support and for all of those who have helped cook and make the meals. April 6th is the final Lenten dinner, and we will be serving a Pasta Salad Bar. April 17th is our annual Easter breakfast. Look for more details on that in the coming weeks.



## CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 1

10:45 AM Worship Service

*Both services that Sunday will be traditional worship.*

### ROCHESTER SERVANT EVENT

#### 1 PETER 4:8-11

Rochester Servant Event (RSE)! Rochester Servant Event is a 4-day and 3-night intergenerational, missional ministry for 6th–8th graders that seeks to disciple, serve, and foster relationships with everyone we meet. R.S.E. is not the end but a means to spread the love of Jesus in our community and beyond. **Registration and payment for this event is due April 24!** The cost is \$60 per participant. We hope you'll join us! Register here: [RSE Youth & Adult Registration](#). You may also check out [www.rochesterservantevent.com](http://www.rochesterservantevent.com) regarding this event.



## 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."*

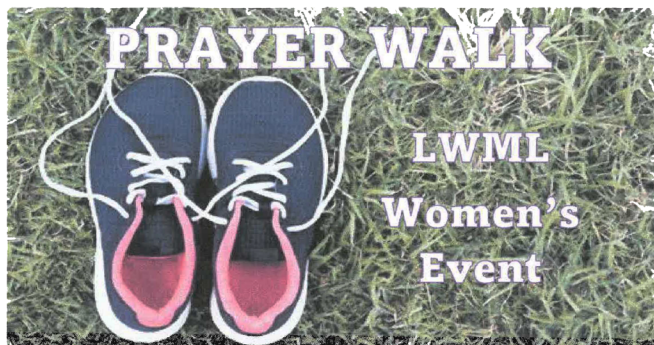
–Galatians 6:2



# Women's Ministries

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book club will be reading and discussing *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner at our April meeting. We will meet at church on Monday, April 18, at 1:00 PM in room 120. Please contact Marcy ([mpnordhus@gmail.com](mailto:mpnordhus@gmail.com)) if you have questions or are interested in joining.



**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12**

Join us as we travel to three stations on our indoor prayer walk!  
We'll visit the:

Hope Station: Is there a difference between being Happy and being Joyful?

Affliction Station: Can Good come from Affliction? Speaker Shari Schluzer  
International Friendship Center-POBLO MN

Service Station: Serving Him at IAFR Jonathan House-Speaker SJ Holsteen  
Create notes of encouragement.

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Come  
at 9:30 for  
Registration & Coffee  
Begins @ 9:45-12:30**

**St. Michael's Lutheran  
Church  
9201 Normandale Blvd  
Bloomington**

**\$10 a Ticket, Includes Lunch**

Deadline: Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Get Your Ticket From:

Jennifer Adamek, SW Sub Zone Pres, 952-451-5860

### Gifts of the Heart

Bring donations for the New Freedom  
Store & Halfway House in St. Paul.

\$25 Target Gift Cards

Bring a Welcome Home Kit: 24x36 laundry bag,  
set of twin sheets and pillowcase, wash cloth,  
bath towel, and pillow.

### Mites

Bring donations for Mission Grants  
collected in Mite Boxes.

### Offerings

Offering collected for LWML District.



## WOMEN'S FEBRUARY GATHERING

About 20 women from Cross View had a lovely get-together at Ambrosia Cafe on Saturday, February 26th. Delicious coffee, savory food, and wonderful conversation were had by all. Another women's gathering will be happening the last week of April. Stay tuned for details. Women of ALL AGES are welcome to attend.





# Outreach & Missions

## EASTERFEST IS COMING!

On **Saturday, April 9, from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon**, we'll welcome Cross

View and community families to enjoy an Easter experience with Bible story time, Easter activity stations, an egg hunt, a petting zoo, crafts, refreshments, and more. This Easter event is geared towards families with children ages 2 to second grade. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers! We are also need your help and prayers to have a successful event.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS SERVE! Sign up online at Cross View Connect or click the link: [EasterFest Volunteer Sign Up](#). Check any, and all, areas where you can help. These simple ways to serve will help make the event go smoothly.

Thank you in advance for being willing to be a part of this exciting way to spread the Good News of Easter! Any questions can be answered by Pastor Toby ([toby@crossview.net](mailto:toby@crossview.net)) or Barb Coffin ([barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net)).



## BURNSVILLE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER UPDATE

At the Burnsville IFC, we celebrated the Citizenship of Yeni (beige shirt), a Mexican student. From now on, she will attend ESL classes to improve her English for better employment. Christina, on Yeni's right (with mask), is a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran in Bloomington. She dedicated the month of February to ensure Yeni's success. We're very thankful for Pastor Joel (in red), Shari with purple hat (new coordinator), and Brother Mike, the tallest (new treasurer of POBLO Twin Cities), for their contributions. This is how ministry should be conducted and community people be blessed in Jesus' name.

However, we have an immediate need for help! The Burnsville IFC needs ESL teachers, as well as childcare for one hour, three times a week. The ESL classes are in the evenings of Monday and Wednesday, with matching childcare need. The third childcare needed is on Friday morning during a Bible study, 10 AM-12:00 PM. The Burnsville IFC is hosted by Lutheran Church of the Ascension at 1801 Cliff Rd E in Burnsville.

If you can attend one hour a week that will be great! Contact POBLO's coordinator Shari Schulze at [shari@poblo.org](mailto:shari@poblo.org) or (612) 552-3878.



## A LETTER FROM POBLO TWIN CITIES COORDINATOR

Hello, Cross View Lutheran Church,

I wanted to touch base on a few things.

We are setting up our POBLO IFC Twin Cities office at Mt Hope Lutheran in Bloomington. We need a few items to complete our set up. We are looking for a working computer and printer. Please let me know if you have any of these items for us to use.

The IFC Twin Cities needs your help! We are desperately looking for more evening ESL teachers in Burnsville, childcare helpers on Fridays from 10-12p, ESL books for our students (we're running out and have many new students in need of a book.)

Please contact me (Shari) at [shari@poblo.org](mailto:shari@poblo.org) if you would like to donate books or volunteer to teach! Thank you for supporting your mission to internationals and immigrants in the Twin Cities!

I would love to visit with you at any time. I'm the new International Friendship Center (IFC) coordinator. Call me! It would just be 5 minutes or less, and I would love to explain the IFCs and share how volunteering isn't that scary!

Thank you, Cross View! We appreciate all you are doing! As COVID restrictions decrease and the weather warms up, the IFC's (Mt. Hope, Bloomington and Ascension, Burnsville) are growing, we are doing wonderful things for others!!

Blessings,  
Shari Schulze  
POBLO Twin Cities Coordinator  
612-552-3878





## HIM: HMONG INTERNATIONAL MISSION WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

During the month of February, the Lord continued to bless His work through our family and the Hmong pastors and evangelists in Southeast Asia. However, the devil also worked hard to sabotage the Lord's work by bringing divisions and disunity to many of our Hmong congregations in Southeast Asia. Being members and I, an ordained pastor of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and my family truly believe that we are teaching the truth in the Gospel through the proper distinction of Law and Gospel, the means of grace, Word, and Sacraments. Furthermore, as Lutherans, we live our Christian lives free from dietary laws and are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Preaching that Christ crucified on the cross for the sins of the world is enough and sufficient for our redemption. Therefore, we trained our Hmong pastors and evangelists these truths in the Word of God. However, these truths were not well received by many Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia. When they heard of our Lutheran doctrines and confessions, they accused us of being cultic and heresy. This led to many of our Hmong Lutheran brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia having to always defend themselves against the reform theologies of glory, prosperity, and decision making. Currently, one of our congregations in Southeast Asia is being sued by a reform church group for teaching and practicing false doctrine of infant baptism and the real presence of Jesus' body and blood in the bread and wine of the sacrament of the altar. We are not sure yet how the local authorities will pass judgement on this little congregation. We need your prayers for them to stay strong in the Lord while they are being persecuted.



This photo is a good illustration of how most of the Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia understand the Word of God. Their confessions of Christ as their Savior gave them salvation, but they don't see and understand clearly how to live their Christian lives in Christ. For them to keep their salvation secure, they believe they must watch what they do and don't do. Meaning they must continue to practice strict dietary and moral laws. For many of these Hmong Christians, Jesus alone is not sufficient for their salvation. They must perform good works to prove that they are worthy to be Children of God. Therefore, LCMS missionaries like our family must work hard to get to the Hmong people,

so that they will know that "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17) Please continue to keep the Hmong International Mission in your prayers and continue to support our family by sending us back to Southeast Asia to engage the Hmong in the Gospel's truth and impact them for eternity.



Baptizing in Vietnam



Baptizing in Laos



Baptizing in the U.S.

### Baptisms

Working with our Hmong pastors and evangelists, and with your prayers and financial support, in February alone, 1,103 individuals heard the Gospel, 36 individuals accepted Christ as their Savior, 29 baptisms, and two new ministries. We give thanks to the Lord for His love and mercy for these growths in His mission work among the Hmong in Southeast Asia.

### Semiannual Report

Our family sent out over 600 semiannual reports to our supporters. If you have not received a copy of our semiannual report, please let us know and we will mail you a copy. In short, from July 2021 to December 2021, 2,644 individuals heard the Gospel, 493 individuals received Christ as their savior, 272 individuals were baptized, five new ministries were started, and two new church buildings were constructed. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

### Special Need Request

We need your prayers for our Hmong brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia to stay strong as Lutheran Christians. We also need your prayers for more churches for us to visit in June and July. Our schedule is now fully booked for March, April, and May. Pray that the Lord will lead us to raise enough financial support to return to Southeast this August. Your financial contributions can be sent to Mission of Christ Network and earmark it to: Lo family. Address: Mission of Christ Network, PO Box 533, Concordia, MO 64020. Or donate online: [missionofchrist.org/lo/](https://missionofchrist.org/lo/). For more information email [Lolegacy@gmail.com](mailto:Lolegacy@gmail.com).

## Invest in LCEF

Cross View members, invest some funds in LCEF, Lutheran Church Extension Fund, and earn a good rate of return on your investment. Similar to a bank, LCEF takes invested funds and provides loans to congregations

for new church buildings, additions and remodeling projects. LCEF has \$2 billion in assets and is Cross View's lender for our new building addition. Currently, for new investments, you can earn 1.625% on a 2-year term note,

or 2.125% on a 4-year term note. To learn more, go to [lcef.org](https://lcef.org). If you have questions, contact Cross View member Brad Starr.



**Lutheran Church Extension Fund**  
where investments build ministry

# Church Council Seeks Nominations

Are you interested in helping to create Cross View's strategy to fulfill our Mission? Join the church Council! Council is seeking nominations for two new members to replace members at the end of their term. In particular, Council requires a President and a

Vice President. For the President position we are looking for someone with some previous experience, for the Vice President position, no specialized experience required.

Please contact Julie Sherman ([Julie.sherman@thrivent.com](mailto:Julie.sherman@thrivent.com)) or Pat

Kullmann ([pckullmann@gmail.com](mailto:pckullmann@gmail.com)) by April 6, 2022, if you are interested in a council position, would like to nominate someone, or if you would like additional information about serving on Council.

## Creating For God's Glory! 2022 Christian Arts Festival

Cross View Church is excited to announce our 38th Christian Arts Festival, *Creating for God's Glory*, May 8 to June 3, 2022, after a two-year break due to a building addition and the pandemic. As we celebrate the return of our festival this year, we are reaching out to churches throughout the Twin Cities seeking Christian artists interested in sharing a work of their art for display at the Cross View Festival Art Exhibit.

THREE ART EXHIBITS will be on display for the festival:

- Cross View's Festival Art Exhibit featuring regional artists
- Eden to Eternity Exhibit on loan from the Sandra Bowden Collection
- Culture and Faith – Art from West Africa Exhibit by Togo artist Fabrice Eteka

### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 15: Deadline to submit Art Submission Form, photo of your art and your Faith Statement
- April 29–30: Artwork delivered to Cross View

- May 8: Opening Reception, 9:15 AM–12:45 PM  
Fabrice painting live during 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM worship
- May 8–June 3: Exhibits open to the public  
Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM; Sun, 7:00 AM–Noon
- May 22: Nationally known artist William Butler presentation, 9:30 AM  
<https://thomaslift.com/william-butler/>



## CHRISTIAN ART FESTIVAL

A Ministry of **CROSS VIEW** Edina 



From "Eden to Eternity"



Art by Fabrice Eteka

## Small Group Ministry

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### RE:grouping

On Saturday, May 21, from 9-11am we will have a brunch for individuals involved in or interested in small groups to celebrate, commit to, and launch new small groups.

## Welcome Ministry

### WELCOME MAT UPDATE

The Welcome MAT has been up and running for eight months now! We have had some successes, but we are still fine-tuning things as we go along. We are so very thankful for all the volunteers who have stepped up to share their hospitality as Hosts and Welcome Center Attendants, especially as we had many additional Lenten and Holy Week services to plug people into! Cross View is definitely blessed to have so many willing servants!

That being said, we still need more volunteers to serve. As we approach spring and summer, and with COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, people will start traveling, enjoying the freedom and warmer weather. This means we will be scrambling to find subs and replacements for both hosts and Welcome Center attendants. Neither of these positions are difficult. They require 15 minutes prior to service time, and for Welcome Center Attendants, 10 minutes after the service. Our goal is to have enough Welcome MAT volunteers to enable us to schedule people once a month or less. This ministry of welcoming visitors is a simple one, but very vital in helping to grow the Kingdom of God at Cross View. If you have the gift of hospitality in your heart, please consider joining us. If you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact Sue Harrison (kharrison1111@gmail.com) or Tonya Bushey (tonyabushey@gmail.com), current co-leaders of the Welcome MAT. We would love to have you join us!

In addition, we are also looking for members who would be willing to work at our new Event Registration desk after services. This is the area outside of the church office where Portals of Prayer and other special materials are available for members, and where members can register for any events that may be going on or coming up. If anyone is interested to host the new Event Registration desk, please let us know.

Thanks in advance from the Welcome MAT team for your prayerful consideration of joining our team in any of the referenced capacities in this vital ministry. To God be the glory!

## LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday Evening

April 6 (final service)

6:30-7:15 PM

## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday: April 10

8:15 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship with Communion

12:15-12:45 PM Drive-Through Communion

### Maundy Thursday, April 14

2:00 PM Traditional Worship with Communion

3:30-4:00 PM Drive-Through Communion

7:00 PM Traditional Worship with Communion

### Good Friday, April 15

2:00 PM Traditional Worship

4:30 PM Child Friendly (approx. ages 2 - 2nd grade)

7:00 PM Traditional Worship

### Easter Sunday, April 17

8:15 AM Traditional Worship with Communion

9:15 AM Easter Breakfast in Great Commission Room

10:45 AM Blended Worship with Communion

*Both worship services will be held in the sanctuary*

*No Sunday Morning Bible Study*

12:15-12:45 PM Drive-Through Communion

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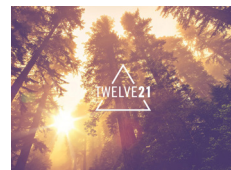
Twelve21, Cross View's 20 something group, is hosting three Spring events and continuing to participate in Bible Studies and services together. They are excited to be able to meet in person for social events and bible study fellowship. All friends (including adult children of members who are attending other congregations) are welcome. Babysitting can be arranged.

#### Next planned social event:

- Wednesday, April 20th — Fun & Games at Borough in Victoria

#### Bible study:

- Every Thursday they meet as a small group in the Community Light (School of Discipleship) Bible study. Please contact [Michael](#) for more information.







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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  
[www.crossview.net/calendar](http://www.crossview.net/calendar)

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