

CROSSVIEW CLARION

April 2023

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Creation Cries Out

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

Have you ever had a "God-moment" when you got caught up and captivated by the beauty and wonder of God's creation? I know I've had many such moments. When I was growing up in Oregon, every year our family would spend a week at Pine Meadows Campground located on the shores of Cottage Grove Reservoir. While most people slept in tents and campers, I loved sleeping on a reclining lawn chair under the open sky (when it wasn't raining?). The deep darkness of the night sky yielded the most glorious view of the stars above. The sheer beauty, unfathomable vastness, and unparalleled orderliness of it all took my breath away. It was a great way to fall asleep!

Creation cries out, doesn't it? Creation cries out to the creativity, beauty, grace, and redemption of our God. From the lilies of the field to the birds

of the air to the stars in their courses to the cells in your body...creation cries out! Throughout the forty days of Lent, we have pondered this truth. We have seen how creation cried out through a serpent in the garden, who reminded us of sin's curse and how God took that curse away. The wind reminded us of our new birth. Water cried out to our source of spiritual life. In addition, we saw how creation cried out through eyes, bones, and even Palms reminding us of our sin, our Savior, and our salvation.

With the dawning of a long-awaited Minnesota spring, creation will cry out everywhere we look. As the daffodils, tiger lilies, and hostas pop through the winter soil, they will cry out as living reminders to us of resurrection life that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord. From the baby bunnies to the budding trees, creation will cry out with new life. ►

◀ This shouldn't come as a surprise. In Romans 1:20, Paul writes, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." Everywhere we look, creation cries out, reminding us of God's presence, God's power, and God's plan for our lives and for His world that He so loved.

That plan for our salvation reached its penultimate victory at a Garden tomb three days after Jesus' brutal death by crucifixion. There, among the beauty of the garden, creation cried out through a stone that had been rolled away from the tomb. The stone was meant to seal death into its forever tomb. The stone was meant to mark an ending to life. The stone was a hard, cold reminder of the two tablets of stone that reminded every sinner of the curse of death.

Matthew tells us that an angel rolled the stone away in such a way that it was thrown flat on the ground for the angel to sit upon. The stone was

out of the track in which it rolled. The tomb was broken! Creation cried out through a stone! The stone revealed an empty tomb. The stone cried out that death was defeated. The stone revealed that Jesus was no longer in the tomb. The angel illuminated what the "rolled-away stone" had made visible. "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come see the place where he lay..."

The "rolled-away stone" reminds us that Christ has defeated death. The "rolled-away stone" reminds us that Christ's sacrifice for our sin was accepted. The "rolled-away stone" reminds us that the tomb cannot hold us either. Resurrection life is ours! It's a free gift. This is the best news on earth! It is news that Jesus instructed the woman to: "Go and tell..." This news is so amazing and so incredible that we can't contain it either. If we keep our voices silent, even the very rocks will cry out! Let us join with the saints of old and with all of creation that cries out, declaring to each other and to the world: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- February member contributions were 118% of budget or \$16,608 more than budgeted. February expenses were \$5,476 less than budgeted.
- Year to Date, Total Income is \$3,479 or 1.64% favorable to budget. YTD Expenses are \$31,172 favorable.
- ECC Income is \$15,199 below plan due to openings in two rooms and state assistance payments are behind.
- ECC expenses are favorable to plan by \$27,982.
- The Restored! campaign is currently \$137,615 short in pledges to fully repay the loan by the May 2024 maturity date.

RESTORED!
Please prayerfully consider donating!



Cross View Lutheran Church			
2/28/23	2023 Actual Year to Date	2023 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$215,268	\$211,789	\$3,479
Total Expenses	(\$192,527)	(\$223,699)	\$31,172
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$22,741	(\$11,910)	\$34,651

Cross View Restored! Building Campaign	
Contributions Received in January:	\$7,579
Total Pledges Made to Restored!	\$357,716
Total Contributions Collected:	\$276,355
Balance in Restored! Fund:	\$9,059
Loan Balance Outstanding:	\$283,000
Additional Pledges Needed to Repay Loan:	\$137,615

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 6

7:00 PM in the sanctuary (traditional)

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 7

2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in the sanctuary (traditional)

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 9

8:15 AM traditional in the sanctuary, 10:45 AM contemporary in the GCR

Easter Breakfast: 9:15–11:15 AM in Rooms 209, 210, 211

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Call Committee Update

The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Call Committee has been meeting on a regular basis. Members completed a national search for Lutheran Church Missouri Synod trained Director of Christian Education (DCE) candidates. The Committee thanks the congregation for their referrals and input early in the process.

The Call Committee is currently conducting the first round of virtual interviews and hope to narrow the field and schedule a second round of interviews for mid to late April. Brad Harrison, Committee Chair, is available to answer questions regarding the DCE search process.

Part-time Associate Pastor Call Update

God's plan to fill Cross View's part-time Associate Pastor vacancy continues to evolve. After receiving unanimous endorsements from the Church Council and at the January Annual Voters' Assembly, Pastor Reed Lessing started work at Cross View on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd.

Pastor Lessing joins our Christian family as a "contracted" employee with the understanding Cross View will extend a formal "Call" to serve as our part-time Associate Pastor with an emphasis on preaching and teaching. The Call Committee timeline is:

- Thursday April 13th: Call Committee meets with Pastor Lessing
- Sunday, April 16th: Congregation "Meet and Greet" in the Fellowship Room with Pastor Lessing and Amy Gundermann from 9:30–10:30 AM
- Sunday, April 30: Voters' Assembly meeting at 12:00 Noon to vote on extending Pastor Lessing a Call

God's guidance during Cross View's Call process has been amazing! We pray for God's continued blessings as we move forward with His plan for our next Associate Pastor.

Cross View Game Night

Do you love games? Join us for fun and fellowship every second Sunday of the month from 6:30–8:30 PM in Rooms 209/210. Cross View Game Night is open to all teens and adults, including church members and their guests. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her own board or card games. If you bring a game, be prepared to show others how to play. Questions? Contact John Daenzer (johndaenzer@gmail.com) or Michael Kibat (mgkibat@centurylink.net). Register for Cross View Game Night on [CV Connect](#) or the Event Registration kiosks.



Early Childhood Center

ECC UPDATE

We would like to thank this month the volunteers who help keep Cross View Early Childhood Center run smoothly. We thank members on the property team who help fix all our repairs — Denny and Pete. We also thank members of our Advisory committee who help with decision making and a great sounding board for ideas — Jackie, Angela, Alison, Tracy, Emily, and Claire. Finally, we thank Darlene and Cal for their dedication in getting paper for us to cut and use as diaper paper. Again, THANK YOU to all the volunteers in the church and ECC.

Summer is coming and the Preschool/SAC kids will be taking field trips and bringing in special guests. If you have any connections or an idea that would be fun for the Preschool/SAC kids this summer, please email: stacey@crossview.net. We are always looking to support or own community when planning these events.



Outreach & Missions

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AT TRINITY FIRST

You are invited to make a difference! Our Trinity First MAT is coordinating an opportunity for our congregation to help with a week of summer programming for the students at Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis. The Thanksgiving meal that Cross View has traditionally provided at Trinity First has come to an end and the Summer Bridge to Success is an impactful way that we can continue to bless the families there in new ways. During the Summer Bridge to Success, volunteers are needed to help support teachers in the classrooms, serve lunches, and chaperone field trips. This is a daytime VBS and summer school blend designed to help children succeed academically by bridging the summer gap. High school age youth and adults are invited to volunteer for the areas listed below. Donations will be collected at Cross View to provide meals for the students during the week. Our Women's Ministry MAT is also coordinating an opportunity for our congregation to bless Trinity First with support for their newly designed Sensory Room. Volunteers and donations will be used to help create this new space and equip it for use by the students starting next fall.

Please mark your calendar for Summer Bridge to Success June 5–8 and watch CV Connect and the church bulletin for more details to come regarding the Sensory Room project. Be in prayer for these efforts and for the families at Trinity First.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Bridge to Success:

- Classroom Volunteers, June 5, 6, & 8 from 8:30 AM–1:00 PM
- Field Trip Volunteers, June 7 from 8:00 AM–3:00 PM (need to be mobile, able to sit on the ground)
- Tiger Club Volunteers (childcare outside of classroom time), June 5, 6, 7, & 8 from 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
- Lunch Volunteers (prep and serve lunch), June 5, 6, & 8 from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM



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 Pastor Steve.

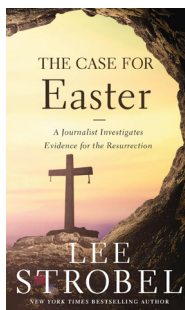
“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

–Galatians 6:2

Christian Education

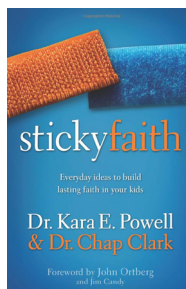
THE CASE FOR EASTER **SUNDAY MORNINGS, CONCLUDES APRIL 2** **9:30–10:30 AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL/209–211)** **TEACHING LEADER: PASTOR REED LESSING**

Using this Lee Strobel 4-week series, we will examine how we can know the biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection are accurate by objectively looking at the evidence surrounding Jesus' death, the evidence of the empty tomb, and the evidence of the many witnesses who saw him alive after his crucifixion. [Click here to register on CV Connect.](#)



STICKY FAITH **SUNDAY MORNINGS, APRIL 16–MAY 14** **9:30–10:30 AM (SMALL CHAPEL/218)** **TEACHING LEADER: BARB COFFIN**

Barb Coffin will be leading a small group discussion on the book *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Dr. Kara Powell and Dr. Chap Clark. This book teaches adults how to develop robust and long-term faith in kids of all ages. Some topics we will discuss are connecting and relating to your teenager, tough faith conversations, how to build faith in downtime or on vacation, handling mistakes and offering forgiveness, becoming a family of service, and much more. [Click here to register on CV Connect.](#) If you have any questions, please contact Barb Coffin at barb@crossview.net.



INTRO TO SMALL GROUPS **SUNDAY MORNINGS, APRIL 16–MAY 7** **9:30–10:30 AM (FIRESIDE ROOM/213)** **TEACHING LEADER: JAN SCHRADER**

Are you interested in joining or helping to lead a new small group? You are invited to a four-week introduction to small groups using the Circle Up approach by Andy Stanley. We will get to know the core principles through a short-term small group experience with the opportunity to create on-going groups at the conclusion. [Click here to register on CV Connect.](#) Contact Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net for more information.

EZEKIEL – ALL THINGS NEW! **SUNDAY MORNINGS, APRIL 23–JUNE 4** **9:30–10:30 AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL/209–211)** **TEACHING LEADER: PASTOR REED LESSING**

The prophet Ezekiel's extensive use of symbolic actions, angelic intermediaries, numerology, and vivid

visions make him one of Israel's greatest spokesmen. Through it all, Ezekiel describes the death of one world and the rise of a new one. God will make all things new! [Click here to register on CV Connect.](#)

COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP **SPRING SESSION** **"THE STORY IN OUR COMMUNITIES"** **THURSDAY EVENINGS, CONCLUDES APRIL 27**

Jeremiah 29:7 says, "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."



Throughout God's Word, churches and communities are linked. One important key to connecting with your community is growing partnerships. Our leaders for this session are excited to share insights from scripture and will bring ministry leaders from our area to help congregations create and strengthen partnerships that lead to community engagement all for the sake of the Gospel.

Presenters: Dr. William Utech, Mission Developer, and Dr. Phillip Johnson, Assistant to the President, Mission Formation, MN South District, LCMS

Spring Session: February 23–April 27 (No class on April 6)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **MEASURED BY GRACE** **1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, THROUGH MAY 1** **9:30 AM (ROOM 218)**

The new study book is entitled *Measured by Grace* by Sharla Fritz. The focus of this study is how God measures our worth: by His Grace and not as the world does. Questions? Contact Marcy Nordhus at mpnordhus@gmail.com. Register for this [onsite class here](#) on CV Connect.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY **WHAT LOVE IS: THE LETTERS OF 1, 2 & 3 JOHN** **TUESDAY EVENINGS, APR 11–MAY 23** **6:30–8:00 PM (AT CROSS VIEW)**

The letters of 1, 2 and 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the Truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and

the meaning of true fellowship rather than shallowness.

This 7-session study, in DVD format led by Bible teacher Kelly Minter, reveals the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus. Meets Tuesday evenings, 6:30–8:00 PM at Cross View. Purchase the study workbook, *What Love Is* on Amazon for \$19.50 and [register to join](#) on Cross View Connect. This class runs Tuesdays, April 11 through May 23. We'd love to have you join us as we connect with one another, grow in our faith, and encourage each other in the Truth of God's overwhelming love! Call Vicki Weber with questions at 952-838-5500.



life, Jeremiah stood alone declaring God's messages of doom. He preached about all that contributed to Judah's destruction. God's message through Jeremiah is one of judgment, and also of hope. Contact Chuck Daenzer at 952-200-0802 for information.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF) FOR WOMEN & PRESCHOOL CHILDREN TUESDAYS, 12:30–2:00 PM

Cross View is delighted to host a Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) class for women and preschool-children. This year, BSF will be studying *People of the Promise: Kingdom Divided*. This study will unpack a fascinating period in Israel's history across 15 books, from its split into two nations, through dozens of kings and prophets and ultimately to the heartbreaking exile into Babylon.

Interested in joining this BSF class? Please email the Class Administrator, Ros Wright, at bsf.edina@gmail.com and she'll be happy to get you and your preschool children registered for this class.

JEREMIAH THURSDAY MORNINGS AT CROSS VIEW 9:30–11:00 AM (ONSITE AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM)

Jeremiah served as a prophet in the most turbulent times of Israel's history. The last remnant of 12 tribes of David and Solomon's Kingdom perished. Throughout his

Women's Ministry

"RENEW, REFRESH, REJOICE" SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 9:30 AM–3:00 PM CROSS VIEW'S GREAT COMMISSION ROOM

Cross View Women of all ages! You're invited to a day of fun and fellowship. Sign up on CV Connect for one or more of sessions being offered for your enjoyment as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection and the coming of Spring and Summer. [Register here on CV Connect](#). Childcare is provided.



Coffee and Conversation 9:00–11:00 AM

We will gather at Cross View's Great Commission Room for coffee, goodies, and a presentation by Cross View's own Meggin Carlson about simplifying and thus enriching our lives.

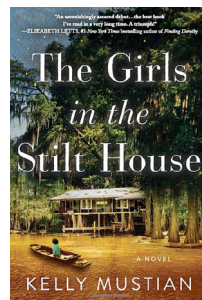
Lunch Out! 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

We'll break into small groups to have lunch at a variety of restaurants in the Cross View neighborhood. Just let us know that you're interested, and we'll put you in a group to enjoy food and fellowship with other Cross View women.

Make and Take Spring Project 1:30–3:00 PM

We'll return to Cross View's Great Commission Room to create a "Make and Take" project. You can sign up to create a prayer journal with Jana Poppe and/or create a beautiful Spring planter with Sue Hanson. Supplies will be provided.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB



Women's Book Club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, April 17, at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing the book *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. Contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to join.



Cross View
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry

RESOURCE WALL FOR FAMILIES

Come check out all the resources available downstairs along the wall by the youth room. The resources cover all ages of your child's development and are meant for you to keep and read on your own. They give several practical tips for faith development in the home.



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, at both of the 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM services, children are processing into worship waving palm branches during the first song of both services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, APRIL 16 9:30-10:30 AM

Parents, come to your child's classroom and check out what your kids are learning in Sunday school. You can have Scripture challenge practice for the share night and be able to offer me or the teachers any feedback on how to improve your child's Sunday school experience.

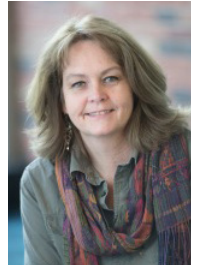
SCRIPTURE SHARE NIGHT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 6:30-7:30PM

We are meeting in the Great Commission Room for the kids to recite the Scripture they have memorized on the stage and there will be a light reception afterwards. Please let me know the Scripture your child will recite (or read if they aren't comfortable or able to memorize) by 4/16.

The purpose of this event is to get our kids deeper into God's Word by memorizing it in their hearts.

CREATING HEALTHY SOCIAL MEDIA HABITS

Guest speaker Dr. Peggy Kendall from Bethel University is coming to Cross View to talk to our families on in the Great Commission Room from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, April 30. Children in 6th grade and older are invited to attend the workshop as well. There will be parent and child breakout sessions where the speaker will address how to approach social media with a godly perspective.



PARENT CORNER



Doing family devotions is easy at home...just follow the below simple steps.

5 Minutes a Day

1. **Highs and lows**
Share your highs and lows for the day. Highs are required but lows are not.
2. **Share a Bible verse**
Pick any verse and once you have shared it every day for a week you will likely memorize it.
3. **Ask what is God telling me?**
Talk about what God is teaching you in the verse.
4. **What am I going to do about it?**
What are you going to do about what God is teaching you or calling you to in the verse?
5. **Bless one another**
You can make the sign of the cross on your child's forehead.



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 7

10:45 AM Worship Service

Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

SENIOR HIGH SNOW TUBING

Youth Group enjoyed an evening of snow tubing at Buck Hill at the end of February. The scheduled night coincided with Buck Hill's Northern Lights Tubing weekend, so the tubing experience was enhanced by the choreographed laser light music show. It was a beautiful night for this fun tubing event!



SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Senior high youth continue to stay connected by gathering each week for fun, games, and fellowship. Youth Group nights in March included bring a friend night and an evening of service, including filling eggs

for EasterFest, and translating into Spanish letters our children's Sunday school classes wrote to the children in Los Vásquez.



PERSONAL FAITH TESTIMONIES

The 8th grade students have finished presenting their personal faith testimonies in front of the congregation. These students worked hard to articulate what their confirmation verse means to them and how they see God at work in and through it in their lives.

JUNIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

Junior High students participated in a fun fellowship event at church on March 5th. Students enjoyed an afternoon of food, games, devotion, and time together. The next Junior High fellowship event will be at Sky Zone on April 15th.



CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS

On Wednesday, March 1st following the Lenten service, 7th grade students presented their confirmation service projects with a reception in the lobby. It was a nice celebration of the many different ways our youth served in the community over the past several months.



LENTEN SUPPERS AND EASTER BREAKFAST FUNDRAISERS

Lenten suppers were a tremendous success this year! Praise God that we are able to gather together for meals and fellowship again! The youth would like to thank everyone for their support and all of those who helped cook and make the meals.



April 9th is the annual Easter breakfast. Youth will be serving breakfast from 9:15–11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the final fundraiser to support the youth attending the Colorado Springs mission trip this summer. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH GROUP APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 2: Youth Group at Cross View
- April 9: No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)
- April 16: Youth Group at Cross View
- April 23: Curling at Chaska Curling Center
- April 30: Creating Healthy Social Media Habits (Family Workshop)

JR/SR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 2: Habitudes of Leaders (Personal Laptop)
- April 9: No Youth Group (Easter Sunday)
- April 16: Habitudes of Leaders (Pop Quiz)
- April 23: Habitudes of Leaders (Emotional Fuel)
- April 30: Habitudes of Leaders (Opportunity Statue)

Church Council Seeks Nominations

Are you interested in helping to create Cross View's strategy to fulfill its mission? Join the church council! The council is seeking nominations for three new members to replace current members when their terms

expire in May 2023. In particular, the council is seeking a new secretary and two new at-large members. No specialized experience is required for these positions. Please contact Matthew Salzwedel at [mrsalzwedel@](mailto:mrsalzwedel@comcast.net)

[comcast.net](mailto:mrsalzwedel@comcast.net) by April 1, 2023, if you are interested in a council position, would like to nominate someone else for a position, or if you would like additional information about serving on the council.

Cross View's Endowment Fund Presentation

Sunday, April 30, 9:30 AM

With Kurt Fuhr

Kurt Fuhr is Cross View's local rep for the LCMS Foundation, manager of Cross View's Endowment Fund. Kurt joined the LCMS Foundation as a Gift Planning Counselor in September 2023. Kurt has +25 years of experience serving the church, currently with the LCMS Foundation, in addition to 24 years with the LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund), 18 years as a District Vice President serving the Minnesota

South District, and six years serving in regional and national roles.

Kurt enjoys serving and building relationships with LCMS congregations, their members, and church workers. He works to inform and help guide people interested in estate and gift planning in ways that will provide for both their families and ministries after the Lord calls them home. In addition, Kurt also works with congregations

to help establish, promote, and strengthen endowment funds as well as other longer-term objectives. His passion is to help facilitate a God pleasing and donor-driven process for gift planning work.

Kurt is married to his wife Liz for +40 years and resides in Eden Prairie. He has two adult daughters, each married to wonderful guys, and is blessed with three grandchildren.



Focus on the Family of Cross View by Paul Emmel

UNIQUE GIFTS OF CROSS VIEW'S PRAISE TEAM LEADER

The role of Praise Team Leader requires unique gifts because our worship must convey in the clearest manner both the Word of the Gospel and our corporate response. Far from either performance or religious entertainment, the team of musicians focuses not on themselves but on the glorious Lord whom we worship. In effect, the praise team becomes a "clear channel" between the hearts and voices of the people and the heart of the Holy Spirit.



Amy Gundermann strikes me as a person who embodies our worship of Christ. Since April 2022, Cross View is blessed to have at the heart of its contemporary music this humble servant leading our team of talented musicians. Let us recognize with thankful hearts the unique gifts she brings to our contemporary worship.

Q. How did you become involved in a music ministry? What motivated you?

A. My mother was the church organist, and my father was the director of the choirs when I was growing up so our whole family was integrated into music ministry from the start. I married a musician and we have raised our family the same way, passing the torch of worship leading to the next generation! We love using our gifts to glorify God and lead others in worshipping Jesus.

Q. What is there about contemporary Christian worship and "praise music" that builds up the family of Jesus at Cross View?

A. There are many styles of music that resonate with people differently across cultures and generations. Music changes and varies but any genre can be used to worship the Lord. Offering options in worship styles allows us to reach more segments of our surrounding community with the Gospel. I pray that we faithfully offer worship experiences that allow people to hear the truth about Jesus without creating unnecessary stumbling blocks.

Q. What are your hopes and dreams for Cross View?

A. I hope that Cross View continues to hold up God's Word without compromise. I hope that the Lord uses our congregation to reach the lost so that more people can be brought to faith and know His eternal promises. May each member eagerly tell others like Andrew did in John 1:41, "we have found the Messiah!"

Q. What is the greatest challenge you face in your walk with the Lord?

A. One of my biggest challenges is recognizing God's goodness and mercy in uncertain moments. Jesus clearly tells us not to worry and I struggle to obey that command.

Q. To whom at Cross View would you write a letter of gratitude and what would it say?

A. I have been longing to use my gifts in a ministry setting for a while and I'd like to thank the leadership at Cross View for the opportunity to do just that. I am amazed at how God has blessed me with a place to use my gifts in both outreach and music. I can't express how grateful I am!



Paul Emmel is a retired pastor in the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and a member of Cross View Lutheran Church.



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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

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