

# CROSSVIEW CLARION

February 2023

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## God's Love Letter

by Stacey LaMere, ECC Director

During February, we celebrate a special holiday called Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is a time when everyone stops what they are doing in their busy and hurried lives, and they tell the people who are important to them that they love them.

Most people do more than just TELL those special people that they love them – they DO something to show their love for them. They might give them a fun gift, or a special Valentine's card, or maybe prepare a special meal. Some people even write love letters to their sweethearts.

God has written a love letter to each one of us. The Bible is God's love letter to us. The Bible tells us that God created each of us and that He loves all of us! It does not matter how many mistakes we make or what kinds of bad choices we make; God

will still love us.

God loves us SO much that he sent his son Jesus to live and walk here on the Earth. During Jesus years of ministry, he taught about love. Still today, Jesus teaches us that it is not only important to love others, but it is also important to show our love for others.

"A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."  
John 13:34

It is amazing that we have this love letter, the Bible, to remind us that God loves us and to show us how to love others. Hopefully in this month of February you can find ways to love others as Jesus has loved us.

But most important, remember that God has sent YOU a love letter, and in that letter, God promises that he will love you – NO MATTER WHAT!

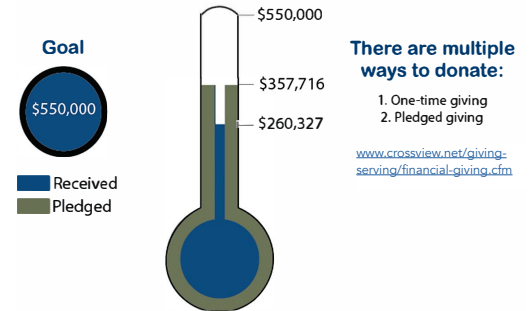
# Financial Update

## Year-to-Date Results

- December member contributions were 117% of budget or \$32,372 more than budgeted. December expenses were \$1,066 less than budgeted.
- 2022 income was 5.48% below budget or \$76,763 less than budgeted.
- 2022 expenditures were \$97,477 less than budgeted primarily in lower wage expense due to open positions.
- A General Fund Surplus of \$20,714 was realized as contributions exceeded expenses for the year.
- ECC income was \$3,817 less than plan and expenses \$35,850 unfavorable to budget, resulting in a deficit of \$39,349 for the year.
- The ECC raised tuition rates in December to help offset rising costs.



Please prayerfully consider donating!



### Cross View Lutheran Church

12/31/22	2022 Actual Year to Date	2022 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$1,323,994	\$1,400,757	(\$76,763)
Total Expenses	(\$1,303,280)	(\$1,400,757)	\$97,477
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$20,714	\$0	\$20,714

### Cross View Restored! Building Campaign

Contributions Received in December:	\$34,389
Total Pledges Made to Restored!	\$357,716
Total Contributions Collected:	\$260,327
Balance in Restored! Fund:	\$28,979
Loan Balance Outstanding:	\$319,000
Additional Pledges Needed to Repay Loan:	\$135,287

## Offering Envelope Update

You may be aware of delays in the Church Budget envelope offering mailings over the past couple months. Supply chain and staffing issues have created a slowdown in production and shipping. We were recently informed that both of those issues have been resolved. However, to achieve timely future deliveries, they have suspended production of the remaining supply of January envelopes. New envelopes will be delivered by the first Sunday in March. In the meantime, please feel free to use any envelopes you have. If you are designating checks for the Restored! Capital campaign, please include that information on the memo line of your check. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## Julia Montgomery Resignation

Julia Montgomery, Cross View's Administrative Assistant, resigned her position effective January 16, 2023. We thank Julia for her exceptional attention to detail while working at the front desk. Volunteers are currently assisting with office coverage and cler-

ical duties as the Personnel Committee investigates options to cover job responsibilities while capturing 2023 budget efficiencies. More information will be available after the January 29th Voters' Assembly.

## Call Committee Looking for DCE Candidates

Do you know a Director of Christian Education for Youth and Young Adult Ministry worker?

If you know a LCMS trained and Call-eligible Director of Christian Education candidate, please complete a nomination form at the registration desk outside the office and return it to the wire basket in the Church

Office. Or [click here](#) to find the nomination form on the Cross View website. Committee members will contact your suggestion and inquire about their interest in Cross View's open position. Brad Harrison, Committee Chair, requests nominations be turned into the Church Office no later than Tuesday, February 28th.

# Traditional Worship Services Return to Communion at the Rail

Do you remember June of 2019? It was in that month that worship services were temporarily moved into the fellowship hall while construction work was completed on our sanctuary. With that move, our distribution of communion had to be adjusted to a continuous flow process. The goal was to resume communion at the rail, following the completion of the build.

As you know, in 2020, a worldwide pandemic emerged. With state-mandated social distancing requirements and heightened concerns about the spread of germs, we continued to use continuous flow communion. In addition, we switched to trays with disposable cups.

It was always our goal to eventually get back to the communion rail. On February 12, 2023, we will resume our beloved practice of communing at the rail for tradition worship services! In response to requests from our altar guild, and in an effort to provide safe distribution, we will continue to use trays with disposable cups. Because it has been a while since we have used this distribution practice, below are some reminders.

As you are dismissed by ushers and approach the rail from the center aisle you will approach the communion cabinet.

- Gluten free wafers and grape juice will be available on the cabinet

- Kneel at the first available space nearest the center aisle
- If you have a gluten free wafer or grape juice, wait for the communion assistant to say, "The body of Christ..." or "The blood of Christ..." before consuming them. If you are receiving the regular wafer or wine, you may consume them once you have received them and the communion assistant has spoken.
- After communion (and prayer, if you choose), return to your pew by an outside aisle. These walkways are located on the front walls of either side of the sanctuary. On the organ side of the sanctuary, this means using the walkway that goes behind and around the organ. On the side of the sanctuary with the larger screen, it means using the walkway directly beneath the screen.
- If you would like to commune, but are unable to come forward, please inform an usher.

We rejoice that after several years away from our communion rail, that we can once again commune together around our altar. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a staff member or a member of our usher team. See you at the altar!

## 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? Please contact either John Daenzer ([johndaenzer@gmail.com](mailto:johndaenzer@gmail.com)) or Michael Kibat ([mgkibat@centurylink.net](mailto:mgkibat@centurylink.net)). You can register for this event on [CV Connect](#) or the Event Registration kiosks.



## AmazonSmile to Discontinue

Thanks to all of you that ordered Amazon products through AmazonSmile with charity funds going to Cross View Church. The funds raised over the years was greatly appreciated. Amazon is discontinuing this effort on February 20. Amazon will continue to support charities in other ways.

### Sincere Thank You

*My sincere thank you for  
your prayers and  
thoughtfulness during  
my recent loss.  
Your comfort and care  
have been a blessing.  
– Addy Menzel*

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

**2:00 PM with Holy Communion**

**7:00 PM with Holy Communion**

*No Adult Bible study or Confirmation*

**The following Wednesday evenings,  
Lenten services run from 6:30–7:15 PM.**

## WED. EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

**March 1 - 29  
6:30–7:15 PM.**



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, April 1  
10 AM - 12 Noon**

Mark your calendar for a family-friendly celebration of the Easter story through activity stations, an egg hunt, a petting zoo, and more! Please pray that the EasterFest event will be an opportunity for those in our community to hear about Jesus. Watch for more information to come including how you can help make this event a success.

## Lenten Suppers

**Wednesdays, February 22nd–March 29th  
5:15–6:30 PM**

Are Wednesdays a busy night for your family? Are you running around and trying to get kids from place to place and event to event? Do you usually have time for supper?

This Lenten season, the Cross View Youth are once again hosting Lenten Suppers every Wednesday before our Lenten Services to support the upcoming mission trip to Colorado Springs this summer.

**COST?** The cost for every meal is \$5 per person or \$20 for families of 5 or larger. We ask that you pay online or bring cash or check with you the night of the meals for payment. If you would like, you may pay for all the dinners on Ash Wednesday. There is no charge for children under the age of 2 and we serve coffee, lemonade, and water with each meal.

**WHERE DO YOU SIGN UP?** To make sure that there is enough food for everyone who is planning on attending our Lenten suppers, we are asking that you sign up the Sunday before the meal in one of these ways:

- You can go to our [www.crossview.net/lent](http://www.crossview.net/lent) and fill out the registration near the bottom of the page.
- You can sign up on our CV Connect database under Events.

### LENTEN SUPPER MENU PLAN

[February 22 \(Ash Wednesday\): Chili](#)

[March 1: Pizza](#)

[March 8: Pulled Pork with Mac](#)

[March 15: Walking Tacos](#)

[March 22: Soup](#)

[March 29: Pasta Salad Bar](#)



## 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



# Children's Ministry



## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We are celebrating First Communion with our 5th graders on Maundy Thursday, April 6. They will attend a seven-week class during the Sunday school hour 9:30–10:30 AM that begins February 19 that will teach them the importance and theology behind Communion. If you have a 5th grader in your home or know of one who is interested in this class please email Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net).

## KIDSTITUTE FEBRUARY DATES

Preschool Kidstutite: February 1, 5:30–6:30 PM  
School-aged Kidstutite: February 1, 6:30–7:30 PM  
School-aged Kidstutite: February 8, 6:30–7:30 PM  
School-aged Kidstutite: February 15, 6:30–7:30 PM  
School-aged Kidstutite: February 22, canceled due to Ash Wednesday Service

## MISSION FESTIVAL

On January 22, our Sunday School hour was devoted to exploring the importance of sharing faith with others in our community and around the world. These photos show some of the fun and activity that was a part of this Mission Festival.



## PARENT CORNER



Print out the next two pages to reference each week of the yearlong Bible reading plan. ▶



# ONE YEAR IN THE BIBLE:

## A Reading Plan for Families

Congratulations on embarking on this super-fun, super-interesting Bible reading plan. Together your family will read about key events and people in the Bible. You'll get an overview of what happened...and why it matters so much!

Here's how it works.

1. Post this reading plan somewhere the entire family will see it, like on your refrigerator.
2. Find the week's passage in the Bible. Read it together or on your own. (We suggest reading longer passages together over a few days.)
3. Once each family member has read the passage, discuss the following questions.
  - What surprised you about this passage?
  - What do you think this passage shows us about God?
  - What did you learn about the people in this passage?
  - How do you think this passage relates to your life today?
4. Pray together, asking God to strengthen your understanding of his Word. Then check off the week's reading.

It's as easy as that! Happy reading—our prayer is that you and your family grow closer to each other and to God as you embark on your journey through the Bible.

FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MAGAZINE

# OLD TESTAMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 2</b><br><b>The Snake</b><br><i>Genesis 3</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 12</b><br><b>Caleb's Story</b><br><i>Numbers 13</i>            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 3</b><br><b>Noah's Story</b><br><i>Genesis 6:9-9:17</i>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 13</b><br><b>Balaam's Story</b><br><i>Numbers 22:21-41</i>     |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 7</b><br><b>Joseph's Story</b><br><i>Genesis 37; 39-42;<br/>44-45</i>                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Week 17</b><br><b>Gideon's Story</b><br><i>Judges 6-7</i>           |
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# NEW TESTAMENT

☐ **Week 22**  
**Abigail's Story**  
*1 Samuel 25:2-38*

☐ **Week 23**  
**Solomon's Story**  
*1 Kings 3; Proverbs 1:1-7; 2:1-22*

☐ **Week 24**  
**Elijah's Story**  
*1 Kings 18:1-40*

☐ **Week 25**  
**Elisha's Story**  
*2 Kings 4:1-7*

☐ **Week 26**  
**Josiah's Story**  
*2 Kings 22:1-23:25*

☐ **Week 27**  
**The Temple of God**  
*Ezra 3:1-13; 7:1-10; 9:6-10:17*

☐ **Week 28**  
**Nehemiah's Story**  
*Nehemiah 3-4; 6*

☐ **Week 29**  
**Esther's Story**  
*Esther 5:1-8; 8:1-17*

☐ **Week 30**  
**Job's Story**  
*Job 1-2; 13; 40; 42*

☐ **Week 31**  
**King David Speaks**  
*Psalms 23*

☐ **Week 32**  
**Jeremiah's Story**  
*Jeremiah 1:3-19*

☐ **Week 33**  
**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's Story**  
*Daniel 3*

☐ **Week 34**  
**Daniel's Story**  
*Daniel 6*

☐ **Week 35**  
**Jonah's Story**  
*Jonah 1-4*

☐ **Week 36**  
**The Shepherds' Story**  
*Luke 2:1-20*

☐ **Week 37**  
**Mary's Story**  
*Matthew 2:13-23*

☐ **Week 38**  
**John the Baptist's Story**  
*John 1:19-34*

☐ **Week 39**  
**Nicodemus' Story**  
*John 3:1-21*

☐ **Week 40**  
**The Apostles**  
*Matthew 10*

☐ **Week 41**  
**The Rich Man's Story**  
*Matthew 19:16-30*

☐ **Week 42**  
**The Pharisees**  
*Matthew 22:34-40; 23:1-36*

☐ **Week 43**  
**Mary and Martha's Story**  
*John 12:1-8*

☐ **Week 44**  
**Jesus' Great Sacrifice**  
*Matthew 27:27-28:10*

☐ **Week 45**  
**Thomas' Story**  
*John 20:24-30*

☐ **Week 46**  
**The Early Christians**  
*Acts 2*

☐ **Week 47**  
**Peter's Story**  
*Acts 3*

☐ **Week 48**  
**Stephen's Story**  
*Acts 7*

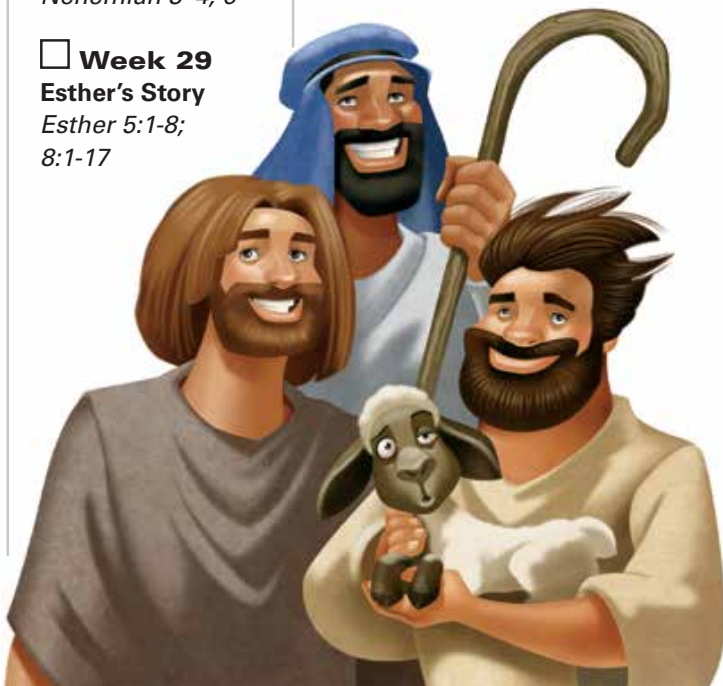
☐ **Week 49**  
**Philip's Story**  
*Acts 8:26-40*

☐ **Week 50**  
**Saul's Story**  
*Acts 9:1-19*

☐ **Week 51**  
**Silas' Story**  
*Acts 16:16-40*

☐ **Week 52**  
**Timothy's Story**  
*Acts 16:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 6:11-21; 2 Timothy 1:3-14*

☐ **Bonus Week**  
**John Sees the Future**  
*Revelation 21-22*



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## Early Childhood Center

### CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION IN THE ECC

Something special which the Early Childhood Center did this last month, during National Lutheran Schools Week, was present the Penguin class (4-year-olds) with their own Children's Bible during chapel. Parents make a special bookmark

for their child that they will find in their Bible at the presentation. This Children's Bible is the same one they use in their classrooms so what they teach at school, the parents can be teaching at home. Just look at the pictures below. You can tell how much the kids love their Bibles!



## Outreach & Missions

### A STORY OF APPRECIATION AND PRAISE!

Since 2019, Cross View has partnered with a small village in the western highlands of Guatemala. The name of this village is Los Vásquez. There are roughly ninety families living in Los Vásquez, and they are primarily coffee farmers. When we first visited with the leadership of Los Vásquez, they told our mission team their number one need was water.

During multiple mission trips, our mission team closely studied the water system in Los Vásquez. We found significant leaks in the system and a lack of storage capacity. Cross View hired a Guatemalan engineering company to develop a plan to replace the water system.

In December of 2021, the members of Cross View generously donated to: A Redeeming Christmas II. This fund-raising effort was to completely

replace the water system. Because of Cross View's generosity, we were able to fund a transformative project, providing a totally new water system for the entire village of Los Vásquez, Guatemala. As of the end of July 2022, this project has been successfully completed!

This project was a partnership with the people of Los Vásquez, the mayor of the local province, Cross View Lutheran Church, and CALMS (Central



American Lutheran Mission Society.) The people of Los Vásquez provided a substantial portion of the labor, the mayor provided heavy equipment for the digging of the main holding tank and Cross View provided the funds for the design of this project, the skilled labor and all the materials needed to complete this project. CALMS helped coordinate the project. The good news is that this project came in exactly on budget!

The collection site is located about two miles above the village of Los Vásquez. Rural Guatemalans do not dig wells but rely on streams coming down the mountain side. Water is collected and then distributed to the communities.

Virtually every able-bodied man living in Los Vásquez, was out with a shovel and pickax digging trenches for the new pipes. The men of Los Vásquez dug a trench about one foot deep and over two miles long, from the collection site to the main holding tank. This was down the mountain side and the soil is hard and rocky.

The newly constructed main holding tank now holds about 25,000 gallons of water. A three-inch pipe carries the water from the collection site

structure to the holding tank. There is a chlorinator for the system, providing a cleansing process for the water. In addition to the main holding tank, there are three distribution tanks located strategically around the village. Each of these distribution tanks hold about 10,000 gallons. There is now about 55,000 gallons of holding capacity. This is an increase of about 50,000 gallons in holding capacity as compared to the original system.

The men of Los Vásquez dug an additional three miles of trenches to connect each of the distribution tanks, to the individual home. Now, each and every home in Los Vásquez has a new water spigot.

When we visited Los Vásquez in July and November, we heard many thank yous for the new system and saw tears of joy.

Laurie and Tom Koch were present in November for the celebration and dedication of the new water system. The whole village turned out for a church service of praise, village wide meal, and dedication of the new system. Outside of their church, they built a fountain, celebrating the new water system. Cross View's name is prominently displayed on a plaque,

giving thanks for our contribution. They specifically told me they wanted a cross on top of the fountain, so they are reminded of the contribution Cross View provided to replace the water system.

The priest for the district celebrated the new water system during the church service. Following the church service, Cross View hosted a community wide meal, feeding about 600 people.

Plaques of appreciation were presented to the mayor of the municipality of La Union, Cross View, Helio Ramirez, the general contractor, and CALMS. During worship service on Sunday, January 15th, members of Cross View's Guatemala Mission Action Team, RoseAnn Meier, Laurie Koch, and Vicki Barton, presented these plaques to Julie Marquardt, Cross View president.

Thank you, Cross View, for making this Redeeming Christmas project a great success. This water system holds about 55,000 gallons of water for 90 families. Thank you for providing the families in Los Vásquez with clean, drinkable water.

You have made a tremendous difference for our brothers and sisters in Christ, living in Los Vásquez.

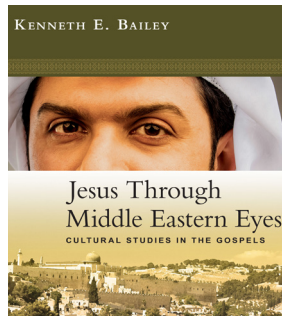


# Christian Education

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS

**SUNDAYS MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 5, FEBRUARY 12  
9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)**

The Parables of Jesus continues Sunday mornings, February 5 & February 12. Pastor Wheeler will finish the course entitled The Parables of Jesus based on Dr. Kenneth Bailey's book *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*. This four-week course explores select parables of Jesus. Drawing upon Dr. Kenneth Bailey's Middle Eastern experience and expertise, our goal is to unlock the parables by hearing, understanding, and applying them in our day in light of their original historical and cultural settings. Register for this onsite and online class [here on CV Connect](#).



**MINOR PROPHETS HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH  
SUNDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 19, FEBRUARY 26,  
MARCH 5  
9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)**

Have you ever studied a "minor" prophet? While minor in size, they can be major in their message and impact on our lives. Come and learn about the messages that God has for us on repentance, renewal, and hope thru the prophets Haggai and Zechariah in this three-week study during Lent. Register for this class led by Brad Ost [here on CV Connect](#).

## COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP SPRING SESSION "THE STORY IN OUR COMMUNITIES"

Dr. Dean Nadasdy's session, Stories for Witness, will conclude on February 9th. Community Light will begin again on February 23rd with The Story in Our Communities, with presenters Dr. William Utech and Dr. Phillip Johnson.



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)



**NEW MEMBER CLASS  
SUNDAY MORNINGS  
STARTING FEBRUARY 26  
9:30–10:30 AM (FIRESIDE ROOM)**

Join us onsite at 9:30–10:30 AM on Sundays this spring for our Welcome to Cross View series. This is a series of classes for anyone interested in becoming a member and for those who have been members and want a refresher. You'll get an overview of the Cross View family, learn the heart of the Cross View family, and learn how our heart works itself out in our Cross View Family.

- February 26–March 12: Joining the CV Family Go a little deeper and learn the heart of the Cross View family. In this class, you'll learn about our Lutheran faith and beliefs.
- March 19–April 2: Going All In With the CV Family Go all in and learn how to get involved with your gifts, talents, and how God created us to Connect, Grow, and Serve.
- April 2: New Member Sunday Formally become a member of the CV faith family during the 10:45 AM worship service.

[To register, click here.](#) If you have questions or need info, contact Ann Ryan at [annryan@hotmail.com](mailto:annryan@hotmail.com) or the church office at 952-941-1094.

**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.

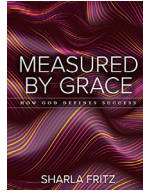
Interested in joining this BSF class? Please email the Class Administrator, Ros Wright, at [bsf.edina@gmail.com](mailto:bsf.edina@gmail.com) and she'll be happy to get you and your preschool children registered for this class.





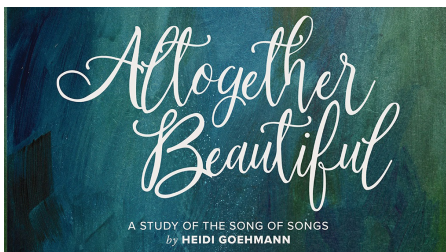
## MEASURED BY GRACE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH 9:30 AM (ROOM 218)

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](mailto:mpnordhus@gmail.com). Register for this [onsite class](#) here on CV Connect.



## ALTOGETHER BEAUTIFUL: A STUDY OF SONG OF SONGS TUESDAY NIGHTS 7:00–8:30 PM (ONLINE)

We are all beautiful because of who we are in Christ! In this 8-week study, we will dig into Song of Songs with Heidi Goehmann following her study book and videos. The study book can be found online at [Amazon](#) or [Concordia Publishing House](#). [Register here](#) on CV Connect. Questions? Contact Emily Hawkins (612-618-3903 or [ehawk4@gmail.com](mailto:ehawk4@gmail.com)). This class is sponsored by Women's Ministry.



## Music Ministry

### FLUTE DUET DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

On January 15, traditional service attendees enjoyed the flute duet of Becky James and Brenda Keske.



## Small Group Ministry

### SMALL GROUP LEADERS ROUNDTABLE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 9:30–11:00 AM (ROOM 218)

Small groups provide opportunities to cultivate close relationships with God and with other people as we navigate the ups and downs of life. If you are currently leading a small group at Cross View or are interested in becoming a leader, join us for the Leaders Roundtable. We will cover topics that will help equip you in your role and spend time sharing ideas about the joys and challenges of leading a group. Contact Jan Schrader ([jschrader1010@gmail.com](mailto:jschrader1010@gmail.com)) or Amy Gundermann ([amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net)) with questions.

## Women's Ministry

### WOMEN' MINISTRY OUTING TO THE SPRING FLOWER SHOW

On Saturday, February 25th, from 10:30 AM–1:00 PM, plan to attend the Spring Flower Show at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. Get a jump on the 2023 gardening season with a wealth of inspiring ideas at the show. Cross View women and guests will tour the flower show and then have lunch in the Arboretum Cafe. Attendees purchase their own lunches. Arboretum members can tour the flower show for free and may register guests. A \$15.00 entrance fee for all non-members. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY THE ARBORETUM for members and visitors. Plan to arrive prior to 10:30 AM.

Registration for this event is a 2-step process.

1. Register on [here on CV Connect](#) so Women's Ministry knows you are attending.
2. Make a timed reservation and purchase tickets at [arb.umn.edu](http://arb.umn.edu).



### SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

In April, as we say goodbye to winter and await spring, Cross View Women's Ministry is planning a day of fun, fellowship, and faith for women of all ages — Renew, Refresh, Rejoice! Please plan to join the celebration!



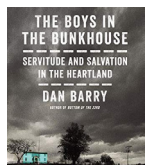
### WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEAL TRAIN

Cross View Women's Ministry will assist those in need of "Meal Train" support which allows volunteers to sign up to provide meals to an individual or family in need. Requests for Meal Train assistance should be submitted to the church office and will be passed on to the new Meal Train coordinators, Megan Jarvis and Emma Volbrecht.



### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, February 20, at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing the book *The Boys in the Bunkhouse* by Dan Barry. Contact Marcy at [mpnordhus@gmail.com](mailto:mpnordhus@gmail.com) if you have any questions or wish to join.





# Youth Ministry

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

**7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PROJECTS:** On February 22nd following the 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service, the 7th grade youth will present their service projects in the Fellowship Hall with a small reception. Please be sure to stop by and hear about all the different ways our youth have been involved in serving the community!

**8TH GRADE TESTIMONIES:** Our 8th graders will soon be presenting their personal faith testimonies in front of the congregation. These students have 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.

## YOUTH MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Cross View summer youth mission trip registration is upon us!

- Junior and Senior high students (current 6th through 12th graders) are invited to attend the Rochester Servant Event from June 11–14.
- Senior High (current 8th through 12th graders) will also be serving in Colorado Springs in July. Trip dates are July 14–23.

Registrations for both trips are due February 15th. Rochester full payment of \$75 is also due at that time. For Colorado Springs, the \$100 non-refundable deposit is due on that date. They're looking forward to serving together this summer!

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth group on Sunday nights starts at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted!

- Feb 5: Youth at CV
- Feb 12: No Youth Group
- Feb 19: Youth at CV
- Feb 26: Tubing at Buck Hill Burnsville

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

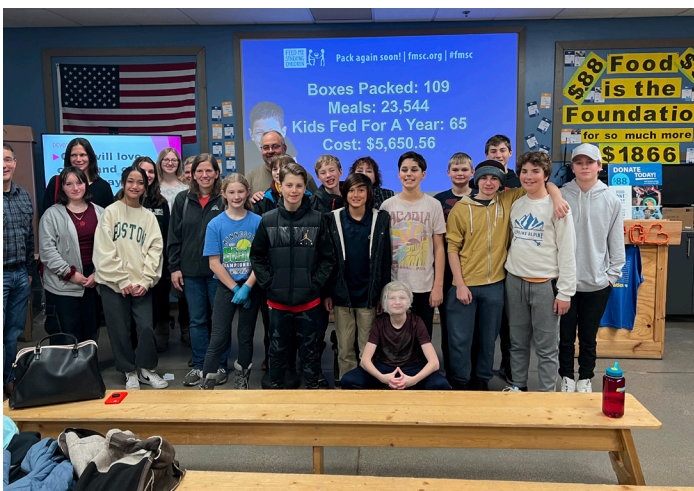
- Feb 5: Habitudes of Leaders 2
- Feb 12: Habitudes of Leaders 3
- Feb 19: Habitudes of Leaders 4
- Feb 26: Habitudes of Leaders 5

## CONFIRMATION STUDENT UPDATES

Confirmation and 6th grade Kidstute students served together at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen on January 11th. They had a great time packing meals together. Along with the other groups there, they packed 23,544 meals that night, feeding 65 children for a year!

A new date has been selected for the confirmation retreat originally scheduled last fall. Confirmation students will enjoy a weekend away at Camp Omega on February

10th and 11th. Please join us in praying for a wonderful and safe weekend of faith growth, relationship building and fun!







### CHURCH GRANDPARENTS

Thriving congregations are built upon the foundation of “grandparents”; long-term members in the same church for two or more generations. Not only do these veteran members provide good role models for younger members, but they provide the leadership of wisdom that comes only with time and experience. They have observed the growth process over many years, even beyond pastors who come and go in the history of a particular congregation. I interviewed Tom and Laurie Koch who are prime examples of Cross View’s many wonderful grandparents.

#### *Q. How did you become connected to Cross View?*

A. After moving to Edina, we wanted to join a church close to our home. We visited Cross View once and found it very welcoming church that preached and practiced the Word. We have never looked back. In fact, after Tom’s dad passed away, Tom’s mother joined Cross View and we soon had 4 generations of Koch’s at Cross View, all sitting in the front pews. Our 3 children were confirmed at Cross View. Two of our children and their families belong to Cross View. All 5 of our grandchildren have been baptized at Cross View. Although our youngest grandchild lives in Chicago, her parents wanted her baptized at Cross View. Our oldest grandson was confirmed at Cross View two years ago and his younger brother is currently in confirmation. To say that Cross View has a place deep in our hearts would be an understatement.

#### *Q. How has Cross View helped you grow as a disciple of Christ?*

A. When we joined Cross View, there was an expectation that church was not just for Sunday mornings, but a church where it was important to be active and alive in Christ. This included both participation in Bible study and volunteering on church boards and wherever an extra pair of hands might be needed. We have always felt fulfilled by the in-depth Bible studies at Cross View. Our faith walk has been strengthened through these studies and through the word preached each Sunday. Over the past 35+ years, our faith has grown greatly thanks to the Christ-centered focus of Cross View.

Our walk has also been strengthened by our volunteer work at Cross View. Laurie taught Little Lambs for a number of years, served on the education board, on the Board of Spiritual Care as a deaconess, vice president and president of the congregation, and is currently a Stephen Minister. Tom served on the Board of Stewardship, Board of Worship and Spiritual Care, served as an elder, and president of the congregation. Both of us have been on long-range planning committees and call committees for various church positions.

Now that we are retired, our work for Christ has

extended to serving Cross View by serving the people of Los Vásquez, Guatemala. The Guatemala mission project brings together much of what we learned through our years at Cross View and through both of our professional lives. We are truly honored to work with the people of Los Vásquez.



#### *Q. How has our congregation helped you represent Jesus in your professional lives?*

A. We participated in a number of Bible studies that helped us reflect on making ethical and moral decisions, both in our personal lives and in our professional lives. Listening to other members in the congregation talk about how they were able to navigate difficulties and use a Christian approach to solving problems strongly influenced our own professional lives. Jesus provides us with many examples of how to work with other people. We are so thankful to the congregation for their willingness to share their own stories of frustrations and successes. Each of these stories provided tools for us in our own work.

#### *Q. What are your hopes and aspirations for Cross View in the coming years?*

A. Cross View has changed greatly in the past 35 years, and not just the physical structure. When we joined, Cross View was quite small and needed only one service on Sunday mornings. Everyone knew everyone else. We have always been a church strong in the word, with hearts for others, and a joy in the fellowship of other Christians. We have seen how Cross View has changed its focus from looking inward to helping its members grow in faith by reaching out to our local communities (PABLO and Trinity First) and to the world (Tenwek and Guatemala). It appears the world has become smaller, and we hope that our collective hearts as Cross View grow bigger to continue to share the love of Jesus around the world. We also want to continue to support the mission of teaching, preaching, and fellowship of Cross View members. We hope that our doors will be open to receive others into our church body so they too can experience the many joys and blessings we have received in our church home.



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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  
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