

# CROSS VIEW CLARION

February 2024



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## Empowered — Plugged in for Jesus

by Stacey LaMere, ECC Director



This church year Cross View's theme is Empowered. But what does empowered mean? Empowered means: having the knowledge, confidence, means, or ability to do things or make decisions for oneself.

God has empowered each of us. First, he empowers us with confidence that we can be God's witness and share his story with anyone we meet. God also empowers us with knowledge through the Bible so we can read about all the amazing things he has done for us. Jesus' parables are powerful truths that show how generous and faithful God is to us. God empowers his people. He entrusts us with talents and treasures. We need to remember to use these talents and treasures to glorify his name. Finally, God empowers us to make decisions. Sometimes our decisions are good

◀ and sometimes they are bad. But God is always there, and we need to remember to pray and ask him to forgive us. Don't be afraid. As Christians we are filled with the resurrection power.

During this year at the Early Childhood Center, we will be using the wooden cross to show the parents and kids how we can be empowered — plugged into Jesus. As you saw in December, we used it during the Christmas season to plug in lights. This was an example of how we are the lights for Jesus. At the end of January, the 4-year-old class will be receiving Bibles. We will use the cross to show how we can be plugged into God's Word. We plan on using the cross in other events throughout 2025. How we use it remains to be seen. Watch future *Clarion* articles to see how the ECC is empowered by Jesus.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witness, telling people about me everywhere (Acts 1:8).*

# Financial Update

## Year-to-Date Results

- Year to date income is 5.31% favorable to budget.
- Year to date expenses are \$155,748 favorable to budget and 9.2% higher than 2023.
- The primary expense variances were lower utility costs, lower wage expenses, and lower than planned call committee expenses.
- ECC Income was unfavorable to budget. Tuition is at 97% of plan.
- ECC Expenses are favorable primarily due to not filling the Director position as planned.
- ECC Net Deficit is unfavorable to budget by \$3,912.

Cross View Lutheran Church			
12/31/24	2024 Actual Year to Date	2024 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$1,622,090	\$1,540,286	\$81,804
Total Expenses	(\$1,437,738)	(\$1,593,486)	\$155,748
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$184,352	(\$53,200)	\$237,552
General Fund Ending Balance	\$456,849	\$272,497	

## Christian Education

### THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

**Teaching Leader:** Pastor Reed Lessing

**Date:** Sunday mornings, 2/9–2/23

1 Corinthians 13 is the most eloquent and profound passage ever written on the subject of love (agape in the original Greek). Agape is "a caring, self-sacrificing commitment which shows itself in seeking the highest good of the other." In fact, in 1 Corinthians 12:31 Paul calls agape The Most Excellent Way. That's the title of Pastor Reed's sermon series and Adult Bible classes on February 9, 16, and 23.

#### SERMONS

- February 9: "Without Love I am Nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1–3)
- February 16: "Love is Not Easily Angered" (1 Corinthians 13:5a)
- February 23: "Love Keeps no Record of Wrongs" (1 Corinthians 13:5b)

#### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- February 9: What Does Bible Say About Love?
- February 16: Overview of 1 Corinthians 13
- February 23: Love in Action

### CONTAGIOUS FAITH

**Teaching Leader:** Pastor Steve Wheeler

**Date:** Sunday mornings, 2/9–2/23

As followers of Christ, we have a calling to share God's love with others in ways that can impact their lives and redirect their eternities. But few of us are naturally comfortable doing this. How can we communicate with people about Jesus in ways that fit our God-given personalities? Come and find out in this course entitled Contagious Faith by Mark Mittelberg.

## WELCOME TO CROSS VIEW: NEW MEMBER CLASS

Join us at 9:30–10:30 AM on Sundays, March 9–April 13, 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. [Sign up here to join the class!](#) Contact Ann Ryan at [annryan@hotmail.com](mailto:annryan@hotmail.com) or Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) with questions.

## COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP (CLSD)

**Date:** Wednesdays from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The second session of CLSD wraps up the year on February 12.

# "Life Verses" – A Lenten Series & Challenge!

Our theme for the 2024-2025 year in ministry is *"Empowered."* Throughout the year, we have deliberately worked to empower you in your walk of faith and in your witness to others through our programming and our many outreach events. One of the key ways that we are *"Empowered"* is through God's Word. Isaiah reminds us, "The Word of our God stands forever" (Isa. 40:8b). The Psalmist reminds us, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Ps. 119:105). Speaking of His Father's Word, Jesus reminds us, "Your Word is truth" (Jn. 17:17b). Paul exhorts us, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Col. 3:16a).

God's Word is life for us! In an attempt to empower you through God's Word, we want to put God's life-giving Word deep into your heart through a Lenten Series entitled: "Life Verses." The goal is to have the entire congregation internalize/memorize at least one Bible verse every week of Lent. It will be our "Life Verse" for the week. This will require some advanced preparation as we want the verse of the week to be memorized by the time we talk about it in worship. Your challenge? Each day of the week leading up to the Sunday when the "Life Verse" is discussed, the entire congregation agrees to read, meditate and memorize on that verse. My prayer is that the verse will speak to your heart throughout the week, empowering your Christian walk and witness as it dwells richly in you.

In addition, I am seeking to recruit five lectors, who will not only memorize the "Life Verse" for the week, but the entire reading connected with it. They will be asked to recite (from memory) the reading during worship at both services.

Below are the scheduled "Life Verses" and their weeks for their memorization. Also listed are the entire readings. If you are interested in memorizing and presenting one of the entire readings in worship, please email [steve@crossview.net](mailto:steve@crossview.net).

Week for Memorizing:	Life Verse(s):	Entire Reading:
March 3–9	Romans 8:15	Romans 8:15-17
March 10–16	John 3:16	John 3:14-21
March 17–23	John 13:34-35	John 13:31-35
March 24–30	John 18:37	John 18:33-40
March 31–April 6	Mark 8:34	Mark 8:31-38

I pray that this series blesses your heart and helps you to value anew the importance of the internalization of scripture. When the Word of God is dwelling in us richly, it speaks to us as we go about our everyday activities. As these "Life Verses" are stored in your heart, may they empower you in your Christian-walk and witness.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, March 5**

**12:00 PM**  
**with Holy Communion**

**7:00 PM**  
**with Holy Communion**

*Chili dinner served 5:15–6:30 PM*

*7th Grade Confirmation Projects  
following 7:00 PM service*

*No Adult Bible study  
or Confirmation*



## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

**Wednesdays,  
March 12–April 9  
6:30–7:15 PM**

*Lenten Dinners Served  
5:15–6:30 PM*

*Dinners are hosted by  
Cross View youth with proceeds  
from these meals benefiting  
the youth attending  
the LCMS Youth Gathering in July.*



# Children's Ministry

## KIDSTITUTE CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday, December 18, our Kidstutite classes had a fun Christmas party where they played some games of racing marshmallows with using a straw and moving an Oreo cookie into your mouth without using your hands. We also had some cookie decorating and a great Christmas story reading of the candy cane.



## MISSION FESTIVAL

On Sunday, February 2, our Children's Ministry department will put on the third annual Mission Festival 9:30–10:30 AM. Come check out the five booths that will share what Cross View does for missions in the local area as well as internationally and country wide. This event is for all ages. There will be no Bible class on this day.

## MISSION AND SERVICE STEPPING STONE FOR 3RD GRADERS

On Sunday, February 9, our third-grade students with a parent will engage in the Mission and Service Stepping Stone at 9:30–10:30 AM in room 223. This Stepping Stone focuses on teaching children about the importance of mission, serving others and being grateful. Our celebration of this Stepping Stone will be on Sunday, February 16. If you have a current third grader and did not receive an invite from me about this class please email Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net).

## TOGETHER WE WORSHIP STEPPING STONE FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS

On Sunday, February 16, our three-year-olds, along with a parent, will engage in the Together We Worship Stepping Stone at 9:30–10:30 AM in the sanctuary. This Stepping Stone teaching our three year old students the meaning behind all the special aspects of our Lutheran worship. If you have a three year old student and have not received an invite to this class please email Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net).

## SCRIPTURE SHARE NIGHT

Memorizing God's Word is a very important spiritual discipline. Our students have been memorizing Scripture and want to share it with you on stage in the Great Commission Room on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30–7:30 PM. All are welcome to share Scripture they have memorized after the children are done. Please email Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net) by February 12 if you want to participate so your Scripture can be part of the slideshow. There will be a small reception to celebrate the children afterwards.

## KIDSTITUTE PARTY

Everyone aged Kindergarten to 6th grade is welcome to participate in our last day of Kidstutite party on Wednesday, February 26, in room 223 at 6:30–7:30 PM. We will have games, snacks, and fun fellowship for our kids to celebrate a year of Wednesday night learning fun!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES: FEBRUARY

- Sunday, February 2: Mission Festival
- Sunday, February 9: Mission and Service Stepping Stone (Third grade)
- Sunday, February 16: Mission and Service Stepping Stone Celebration (Third grade)
- Sunday, February 16: Class for Together We Worship Stepping Stone (Three year olds)
- Wednesday, February 19, 6:30–7:30 PM: Scripture Sharing Night
- Wednesday, February 26, 7:00–8:30 PM: Feed My Starving Children Service Event (6th grade)
- Wednesday, February 26: Last day of Kidstutite party



### Focus on God's Love for each other at Valentine's Day

1. Love Notes: Make homemade valentines for the widows and widowers in our church. Pray over the cards and on the Sunday before Valentine's Day hand them out. It's a small way for your children to begin caring for those who may be sad or lonely on Valentine's Day.
2. Love Jar: Set a "love jar" on the kitchen counter. When your kids see an act of kindness or God's love demonstrated, they write it down and place it in the jar. At the end of the month, go out for ice cream and take time to read from the pile of slips.
3. Special Delivery: Purchase a small mailbox for Valentine's Day. Each morning in February, place a note and a small treat in it for your children. The notes can include Bible verses and tell your children how much you love him, how much God loves them and how special God made him.
4. Community Cards: A way to encourage others around Valentine's Day is to make craft hearts out of paper. You can write, "Thank you for the love you show your community" on one side and "We appreciate you" on the other. Carry these hearts with you during February and give them to different workers you encounter — cashiers, librarians, custodians and others. It makes your kids more aware of the people in your community.
5. Double Dates: Double date your children. Mom can go out with her son and dad can go out with his daughter. The hope is that your children would learn how to act on a date from your examples and would eventually look for spouses who treated them like you did on these dates.



## Early Childhood Center

### GIVING TREES FOR ECC DONATIONS

The weeks of January 26th, February 2nd, and February 9th, the ECC will be using the giving trees. They are looking for church families to help supply some of the everyday things that the ECC needs. If you would like to help the ECC, please take a tag off the giving tree or feel free to donate funds to the ECC. It takes a lot to run the program every day — a lot of supplies, food, equipment, and staff. Please keep them in your prayers.

### ECC CHEERS FOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Check out these pictures from Monday January 13th when the ECC supported their hometown team. The Vikings did not win that night, but the kids loved showing their support and practicing cheering for the team. SKOL!



### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is fast approaching. If you are a high school student, have turned 16, and love kids, consider working at the ECC. They have flexible hours and it's a great place to share your faith with families and kids. If you are interested or have questions email the ECC office at [ecc@crossview.net](mailto:ecc@crossview.net).

### ECC PRAISES AND PRAYERS

#### Praises:

- For all the Lutheran Schools
- Cross View's Early Childhood Center celebrating 38 years serving the Lord
- For all the Penguins and Hoppers who received their first Bible
- For our substitute teacher company that we use — so grateful

#### Prayer Requests:

- Jackie Nelson — Parent recently diagnosed with a Brain Tumor
- For all the sick — healing
- Pray for all the Penguins kids who received their first Bible; that it will be read in their home and the love of Jesus will spread in their family
- ECC teacher who needs surgery
- ECC teacher who needs to take a leave to spend time with family
- That the ECC can find teachers to fill our openings

### ECC MISSION STATEMENT

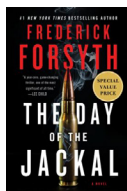
*Growing loving followers of Jesus Christ through early care and education.*



# Adult Ministry

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, February 17, at 1:00 PM. They will be discussing *The Day of the Jackal* by Frederick Forsyth. Please feel free to join them as new members are always welcome.



## TNT – TWENTIES AND THIRTIES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Come and get to know others in the same stage of life at TNT (Twenties & Thirties Young Adult Ministry) through Bible study and time hanging out together! Locations vary and there has been a change in time and days. Bible studies will be held on Mondays and outings on Thursdays; both running from 6:00–7:30 PM. Contact Nicole at [nclvvo@gmail.com](mailto:nclvvo@gmail.com) or Hannah at [hannah@crossview.net](mailto:hannah@crossview.net) with questions or to be added to the TNT GroupMe.

### Winter Sessions:

- February 3: Bible Study at Cross View
- February 20: Good Day Café in Wayzata
- March 3: Winter serving project



## SENIORS VALENTINE LUNCHEON

All seniors (60+) are invited to a special Valentine catered luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:00 to 2:00 PM. There will be special music and other fun activities. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 per person. Please register early either [online on CV Connect](#) or at the registration desk. Please pay when you register online or by check paid to Cross View ("senior luncheon" on memo line). The final registration date is Sunday, Feb. 9. Contact Kathy Fulkerson or Sue Harrison if you have questions.

## FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY!

Cross View Women! Are you tired of our frigid temperatures and starting to dream about Spring flowers? If so, please join us at the annual Minnesota Arboretum Flower Show! Join old and new Cross View friends to wander through the floral wonderland and finish the visit with a tasty lunch at the Minnesota Arboretum Café. You will be greeted at the Arboretum Visitor's Center by Women's Ministry Team members Glenda Kibat and Wendy Finley and then will be free to browse at your own pace through the many wonderful displays. The group will plan to gather in the cafe around noon to have lunch in groups of 5–6. There are not tables large enough to accommodate all of us who will be there.



Cross View  
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Location:** 3675 Arboretum Dr. Chaska, MN 55318

**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

**Cost:** Entry tickets to the Arboretum are free to members and their guests. Entry tickets for non-members are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the gate. Everyone pays for their own lunch. You can get your entry tickets online at the Arboretum website: [arb.umn.edu](http://arb.umn.edu).

**Registration:** In addition to getting your entry ticket, each participant should register [here on CV Connect](#) so they'll know who's planning to come.

## JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

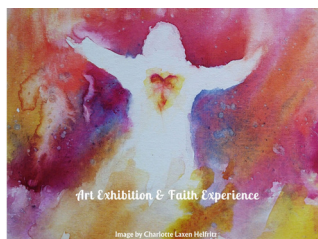
At Cross View, we know being a member of a small group can be transformational. Groups spend time together in God's Word, share life's joys and challenges, pray for one another, and serve others like Jesus did. If you'd like to join a group or become a small group leader, please contact Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) or complete the [interest form on our website](#).

## Winter Warmth Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Winter Warmth Drive in December for the Hats and Mittens organization. We were able to provide 257 items to those in need this winter!

# "Show Us Your Glory" Art Exhibit Coming to Cross View!

Our church will be hosting an art exhibit through Great Commission Artists from February 9–23. Artwork created by multi-generational artists including students from four area high schools will be featured in the exhibit titled "Show Us Your Glory". Artists were invited to create something based



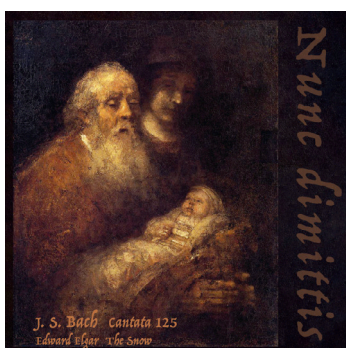
on the theme verse "Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." from Isaiah 60:1. To learn more, check out their website at [greatcommissionartists.com](http://greatcommissionartists.com). Contact Amy Gundermann with questions.

## Music Ministry

### CANTATA VESPERS

On Sunday, February 2, at 4:00 PM, Cross View's Director of Music and Choir Ministries, David Mennicke, is assisting in the preparation of and singing in a sacred cantata vespers service at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis.

Forty days after the birth of Christ, we pray with Simeon "Lord, now let your servant go in peace" as the church celebrates the festival of the Presentation of Our Lord, also known as Candlemas—the tradition of blessing and processing with candles. We gather in a service of evening prayer led by the Elm Ensemble and the Christ Church choir as we sing an ancient liturgy and experience music by Bach (Cantata 125, Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin) and Elgar (The Snow). This event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected and a reception offered for all.



and received international exposure as they performed for President George W Bush when the president delivered the commencement address on Concordia's Mequon campus. Most recently, SWE has received critical acclaim for outstanding musical performance from local print media.

The group is recently-off a highly successful, and sold-out and standing-room-only concert tour of Spain in March of 2024.

Annual tours are a focus of both team ministry and artistry as the group receives invitations from around the continental US to perform at LCMS Lutheran congregations, assisting with worship services, performing music education clinics for school youth, and assisting in local charitable causes.

For more information, please contact David L. Mennicke, Cross View's Director of Music and Choir Ministries at [david@crossview.net](mailto:david@crossview.net).

### OVERNIGHT HOUSING NEEDED FOR WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CHOIR

The 50-voice Touring Choir of Walther Christian Academy will share their music in Cross View's 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday service on March 5. The choir will be joining us for the pre-service dinner. They will need overnight housing (can be in pairs, trios, or more) for that evening. Hosts will return the choir members to Cross View after breakfast the following morning.

Walther is an LCMS high school with a long and strong musical tradition, located in Melrose Park, IL (a Chicago suburb). The group is led by Lori Boyer, a music graduate of Valparaiso University and the Director of Vocal and General Music at Walther.

This appearance is part of the Choir's annual tour with music chosen specifically for Ash Wednesday. Their high-quality repertoire includes a variety of styles.

Please contact David Mennicke at [david@crossview.net](mailto:david@crossview.net) or Hannah Zahrte at [hannah@crossview.net](mailto:hannah@crossview.net) if you are interested in hosting students or chaperones.

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT AT CROSS VIEW MARCH 3

The Concordia University Wisconsin Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) will present a free concert at Cross View Lutheran Church on Monday night, March 3, at 7:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken. The concert is part of the 43-piece award-winning band's annual tour. As the cornerstone of the wind, brass, and percussion division, the ensemble has performed in churches, schools, universities and concert halls in 38 states including Hawaii. The group has also taken 6 European tours.

SWE has released 7 different CD recordings, the most recent featured on iTunes and Spotify in 2024. From such a rich repository of recordings, the group has been featured on local, network live, cable television and radio



# Youth Ministry

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- February 1: Mentor Fellowship at Grand Slam, 2:00–4:00 PM
- February 26: Confirmation Feed My Starving Children Service, 7:00–8:45 PM

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- February 2: Youth at CV
- February 7–8: Buck Hill Tubing and Lock-In at CV
- February 9: No Youth
- February 16: Youth at CV
- February 23: Youth at CV

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING YOUTH HOSTING CAFÉ CROSS VIEW

The youth attending the Gathering will be hosting Café Cross View every second Sunday of the month, running from January to June. There will be a free will donation to help support these youths as they prepare for this big event in July! Thank you for your support!



## JUNIOR HIGH MOVIE NIGHT

The Junior High youth had a movie night on Saturday, January 11, at Cross View. They watched *Moana* and then played some games before calling it a night!



## JUNIOR HIGH MENTOR AT GRAND SLAM

The Junior High youth group and their confirmation mentors are invited to an afternoon out at Grand Slam in Burnsville on Saturday, February 1. This is a great way for youths and their mentors to bond and get to know each other more. Meet at Grand Slam at 1:45 PM for some awesome fun from 2:00-4:00pm! Please sign up via CV Connect by [clicking here](#).

If a youth's mentor isn't able to join, they are still welcome to attend!

## SENIOR HIGH TUBING AND LOCK-IN

Senior High youth are invited to a night out February 7–8. They'll start out by tubing at Buck Hill from 7:30–9:00 PM before returning to Cross View for a lock-in into Saturday morning. It'll be a great evening of fellowship and fun!

Adult help will be needed for the tubing portion of the evening.

Please sign up for the event via CV Connect by [clicking here](#).

## LENTEN MEALS AND EASTER BREAKFAST

Lenten meals hosted by Cross View's youth are starting on Ash Wednesday (March 5). Menus will be available to view at the Welcome Center, and registration will be available on CV Connect.

Easter Breakfast will be hosted on Sunday, April 20.

Proceeds from these meals will benefit the youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in July.

[Click here](#) for Ash Wednesday dinner sign up.

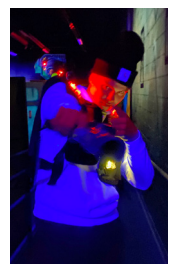
## ROCHESTER SERVANT EVENT (RSE) REGISTRATION

It's that time! The Rochester Servant Event is happening this summer, June 8–11. This event is open to current 6th graders to graduating 12th graders. Cost for the event is \$125. For more details, contact Hannah Zahrte.

Sign up closes February 19. You can sign up on CV Connect by [clicking here](#).

## SENIOR HIGH BOWLING AND LASER TAG AT BOWLERO

Senior High youth went to Bowlero in Eden Prairie for an evening of bowling and laser tag on Sunday, January 12. What a fun night of fellowship and laughter!





# Outreach & Missions

## EVERY MEAL VOLUNTEERS

Cross View has supported Every Meal for many years at Creek Valley Elementary. This program provides meals to families in need. While the need at Creek Valley is lower right now, there is great need in other nearby schools. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at Cedar Ridge Elementary in Eden Prairie or at Valley View Middle School in Bloomington, please contact Amy Collins at [kcollins67@comcast.net](mailto:kcollins67@comcast.net) or text 612-889-3936.

## EASTERFEST SAVE THE DATE

We look forward to inviting the community to celebrate the story of Easter here at Cross View on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 AM–Noon! EasterFest is a family-friendly event with lots of fun activities. Watch for details to come about how to volunteer.

## CAREPORTAL TRAINING

There is a training offered via Zoom for those interested in becoming a member of our CarePortal Response Team. If you'd like to get involved in helping families in crisis, please contact Pam Olsen at [careportal@crossview.net](mailto:careportal@crossview.net).

- Tuesday, February 11, 6:30–8:00 PM
- Friday, February 21, 8:30–10:00 AM

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILEPACK UPDATE

We did it! We are Empowered to Serve! At our Feed my Starving Children MobilePack in late January, all goals were met, and many lives will be changed as a result of this massive effort to put our faith into action. Here is what we achieved:

- ✓ Over 500 volunteers from Cross View, our community, friends, and families
- ✓ 108,864 meals packed
- ✓ 298 children will be fed for one year and nourished with hope
- ✓ Over \$36,000 raised, exceeding the cost of ingredients packed at our event (amount is likely to further increase as corporate matches continue to flow in)
- ✓ A whole lot of fun in hairnets including singing, dancing, laughing, friendly competition, and cheering

Thank you to Cross View members who volunteered and/or donated, and Praise God for yet another amazing opportunity to use our beautiful facility for His glory. The pictures below and on the next page tell a little bit of the story of this blessed 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 Pastor Steve.

***"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."***

-Galatians 6:2



## 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?

Questions? Contact John Daenzer at [johndaenzer@gmail.com](mailto:johndaenzer@gmail.com) or Michael Kibat at [mngkibat@centurylink.net](mailto:mngkibat@centurylink.net).



## Altar Flowers

Help beautify Cross View's worship spaces while commemorating an event or loved one, by donating altar flowers for one or more Sundays during 2025. The church office will contact you approximately one week before your Sunday to find out what commemoration you would like in the bulletin. The office will order the flowers, and they will be delivered to the church. The cost is \$65. You may take home the arrangement following the 10:45 AM service if you wish. Signup for a Sunday on the "Flowers" chart which will be in the lobby on Sunday, Feb 2, and Sunday, Feb 9. After February 9th, the chart will be posted on the inside of the office door. Alternatively, you may sign up on the [Cross View website here](https://www.crossview.net). Questions? Contact Marian in the church office at [marian@crossview.net](mailto:marian@crossview.net).





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## 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 is on 2nd & 4th Sundays.

## SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

## RECHARGE

Wednesdays, Sept. – May

5:00 PM Programming Begins

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

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

## CALENDAR

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