

CROSS SEVIEW CLARION

January 2023



**Born to
Change the World.
Ready for the
New Year?**

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Born to Change the World...Ready for the New Year?

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

I pray that you enjoyed our advent and Christmas series entitled Born to Change the World. The birth of Jesus changes everything in our world and everything in our lives. This baby, who was truly human and truly God, was born for a purpose. He came to redeem and to restore sinful humanity in their relationship with God and with one another. He changed the world by meeting human need, by blessing the poor, by offering the greatest of sacrifices, and by standing against evil. His life, death, and resurrection not only change our eternal future, but they give meaning and purpose to our present lives.

What happens when the love and grace of the Jesus take hold of human hearts? Simply stated... it changes the world! Spend a few moments right now, looking back, reflecting, and giving praise to God for all that He did among us and through us here at Cross View in 2022. God's Word had its way with people of all ages through worship, Bible study, small groups, and various classes. God fed hungry souls through our Early Childhood Center, youth and children's ministries, Community Light School of Discipleship, and more. God fed hungry mouths through Thanksgiving meals that we packed for the inner city and through a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack where we packed 101,088 meals (enough food to feed 277 children for a year!). God used the love and the generosity of this congregation to quench thirsty lips through a completed water system for the people of Los Vásquez Guatemala. God used friendships and

partnerships to impact immigrants all around us through the ministry of POBLO and through the church plant of Bloom for Jesus Indian fellowship. God used coats and quilts that were freely shared in our community to bless the poor. Rest assured, there were many other ways that God worked among us and through us to change the world.

In 2022, God used Cross View...God used you...to change the world as you pointed to Jesus by sharing the truth of His Word, the depth of His love and the riches of His generosity with each other and with the world around you. Looking back at the year behind us fills us with joy and anticipation for the New Year before us. I can only imagine what we will celebrate a year from now. God has great things in store for us in the year ahead. God has great things in store for the world in the year ahead as His love is unleashed. Are you ready for all that God will surely do among us and through us in 2023? Are you Ready to give witness to the hope within? I can hardly wait! Please take a moment to pray the New Year's prayer below:

Gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus who was born to change the world! Thank You for changing everything in my life through the cross and the empty tomb. Change the world in 2023 as You pour out Your Holy Spirit on the mission, the ministry, and the people of Cross View. With each new day, teach us to reflect Jesus and to walk in His servant-way. Make us ready to share the hope within. Amen.

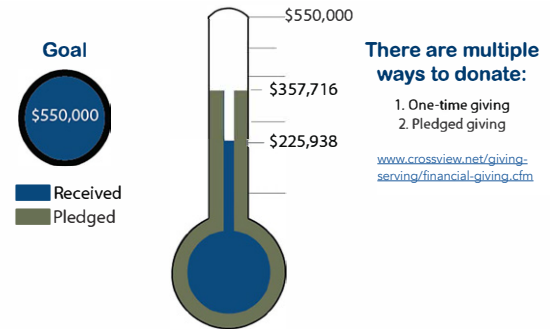
Financial Update

Year-to-Date Results

- November 2022 member contributions were 87% of budget or \$13,590 less than budgeted. November expenses were \$30,012 less than budgeted.
- Year-to-date income is 8.97% below budget or \$108,208 less than budgeted.
- Year-to-date expenditures are \$96,412 less than budgeted primarily in lower wage expense due to open positions
- Year-to-date General Fund Deficit of \$75,857 is \$11,796 unfavorable to plan. We pray for December contributions to make up this deficit to finish 2022 in the black.
- ECC income is \$9,979 less than plan and expenses are \$40,037 unfavorable to budget, resulting in a deficit of \$13,814.
- Each Restored! contribution reduces the loan balance and Cross View's interest cost — enabling those funds to support ministry programs.



Please prayerfully consider donating!



Cross View Lutheran Church			
11/30/22	2022 Actual Year to Date	2022 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$1,097,555	\$1,205,763	(\$108,208)
Total Expenses	(\$1,173,412)	(\$1,269,824)	\$96,412
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$75,857)	(\$64,061)	(\$11,796)

Cross View 4.0 Building Campaign	
Contributions Received in November:	\$16,042
Total Pledges Made to Restored!	\$357,716
Total Contributions Collected:	\$225,938
Balance in Restored! Fund:	\$9,573
Loan Balance Outstanding:	\$334,000
Additional Pledges Needed to Repay Loan:	\$144,954

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 (johnndaenzer@gmail.com) or Michael Kibat (mgkibat@centurylink.net). You can register for this event on [CV Connect](#) or the Event Registration kiosks.



Early Childhood Center

ECC UPDATE

This month we will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week January 22nd through January 28th.

More than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary, and high schools will be celebrating that we can share the love of Jesus everyday with amazing kids and their families. "Making Disciples for Life" is the theme for the 2023 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Matthew 28:18-20 which says:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We will be doing special events each day and in next month's Clarion we will have pictures to show you some of the exciting things that we did.

As stated above, we love to share God's love with as many kids and families as we can. At this current time, we are looking to hire an Infant Teacher. If you know of someone that would be a great addition to our center, and loves the Lord and infants, please have them email us at ecc@crossview.net or call 952-941-0009.



Associate Pastor Call Update

God's plan for Cross View's Associate Pastor vacancy presents an opportunity to grow our ministry in a customized, cost-effective manner. The initial Committee meeting has been delayed pending Cross View member's approval of Council's reorganization proposal. (See related article)

Cross View will begin the vacancy Call process after our January 29th Voters' meeting. Call Committee members will either pursue calling an Associate Pastor (Seminary graduate or from the working field) or begin a Call process as presented at the Sunday, January 8th, Town Hall Meeting should the reorganization proposal be approved

by the congregation at the January 29th voter's meeting. Both options would be ready for immediate action.

As Cross View examines our current staffing structure and explores alternate opportunities to fulfill God's ministry plan, we thank members who volunteered for the Associate Pastor Call Committee:

Janiece Aldinger	Alison Swiggum
Eric Barton	Pastor Wheeler
Marc Johnson	Scott Douglas, Chair
Michael Martin	Renee Kircher, Ex Officio
Megan Rooney	

DCE For Youth and Young Adult Ministry Call Update

The Church Council approved the Call Committee for The Director of Christian Education for Youth and Young Adults at their December meeting. Required paperwork has been submitted the LCMS Minnesota South District Office. Their work to fill this full-time vacancy starts in January.

A big thank you to the many members who volunteered to help Call a new youth worker. Your interest was amazing.

Below members who will be on to Call Committee:

Evie Carlson, Student	Mark Weber
Vicki Barton	Lynn Pahl
Grace Swiggum, Student	Barb Coffin
Eric Kelly	Pastor Wheeler
Chen Mellema	Brad Harrison, Chair
John Porisch	Renee Kirchner, Ex Officio

Town Hall Meeting Announcement

Plan to attend a Town Hall Meeting at noon on Sunday, January 8th, in the Great Commission Room.

Topic: Reorganizing the Associate Pastor vacancy into two (2) positions:

- Director of Outreach and Adult Ministry and Praise Band Leader

- Part-time Associate Pastor emphasizing Preaching and Teaching

Format: Present Council's proposal with time for questions and answers

Goal: Prepare members to vote on Council's reorganization proposal at the January 29th Voters' Meeting

Restructuring The Associate Pastor Position

Organizations, businesses, and schools continually reinvent themselves to meet the ever-changing landscape they are created to serve. This fall, Cross View examined God's plan for how Cross View can best meet current and future membership needs and mission field opportunities. Cross View's goal continues to be *"Developing fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ along life's journey."*

After discussion and prayer, Church Council and Personnel Committee members propose reorganizing staffing structure to incorporate current skill sets God has provided our church community to provide new ministry opportunities as we build His Kingdom. Your lay leadership believes God's plan for ministry expansion lies right in front of us.

Cross View's current leadership skill set mix presents opportunities to think differently about the Associate Pastor position.

- Amy Gundermann is currently contracted as full-time Interim Director of Outreach and Adult Ministry as well as the Praise Band Leader. She is currently exceeding expectations and is a LCMS certified Director of Christian outreach. Amy is Call eligible specializing in outreach and adult ministry and would continue as

Praise Band Leader.

- The Reverend Doctor Reed Lessing was a Community Light School of Discipleship presenter the last two years. He is currently a professor at Concordia University St. Paul and serving as a part-time interim Pastor at a local LCMS congregation. Church Council recommends we contract for Rev. Dr. Lessing services by the start of Lent and begin the process of extending a part-time Associate Pastor Call.

This reorganization proposal positions Cross View to meet current ministry needs, grow future ministry opportunities, and fulfill congregation expectations while creating budget efficiencies.

Church Council invites you to attend a Town Hall Meeting at noon Sunday, January 8th in the Great Commission Room. A detailed presentation, including considerations driving this reorganization proposal, will be presented. A motion will be presented to the Cross View voters at the January 29th voters' meeting to approve this plan.

Please contact any Church Council member or Scott Douglas, Personnel Committee Chair, at sldouglas1@Cloud.com with questions or concerns.

Children's Ministry

PARENT CORNER

Helping develop faith at home



Ideas for Family Discipleship Time

1. Have a family meal where you pick a Scripture to discuss while you eat.
2. Create a new bedtime routine like night prayers, check-ins of the day, reading a Bible story, or read a Bible verse over your child as a blessing before bed.
3. As you are driving your kids around ask them how God is working or teaching them in their lives and what they are going to do about it.
4. Start a new tradition of weekly movie nights with pizza. After the movie you can discuss how you saw God working through the characters. Bonus, no cooking this night!
5. Bring out your family's favorite games and snacks for a family game night.
6. Make it a point to discuss together what you learned from Pastor Steve's sermon after worship. You'll be surprised what you can learn from your kid's perspective.
7. Create some time to have one-on-one time with each of your children. Have special daddy and daughter or mommy and son date nights. Do a favorite activity of your child or just go out for hot coco.
8. Find a way to serve together as a family like at a homeless shelter, helping a neighbor, or serving at church.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES!

Mission Sunday is January 22 during the Sunday School hour (9:30–10:30 AM) in the Fellowship Hall. We are focusing on mission education in January where we will talk with our kids about the importance of sharing faith with others in the community and around the world. We will also talk about being thankful and showing our gratitude to God. On Sunday, January 22, we will have a mission carnival with games, treats, and booths to teach kids about the mission work our church is doing.

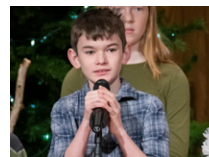
Friday, January 27, at 5:30 PM we are having a fellowship event in the Great Commission Room. We are going to show a kid friendly movie and have popcorn and pizza. All families are welcome.



Children's Christmas Celebration

The Sunday School Children joyfully told of Jesus birth at the Dec 4th Children's Christmas Celebration service.



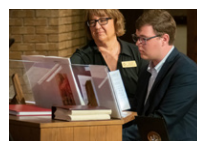
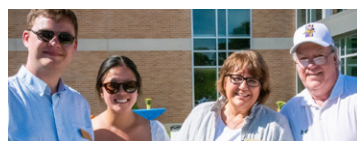


Music Ministry

CELEBRATING THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF HARRISON LAWRENCE

Cross View has been blessed by the organ playing of Harrison for the past three and a half years. His strong, warm playing has helped us sing praises to our Lord on a weekly basis. Harrison served Cross View throughout the building addition and throughout COVID-19. With a sense of humor and smile on his face — he praised God by sharing his music.

Harrison, we thank you and wish you all the best in your next chapter of life.



CHOIR UPDATES

WOMEN'S CHORUS:

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 4th, 7:15–8:00 PM in the sanctuary. All women are welcome to join this group

FULL CHOIR: Rehearsals will resume late January — contact Sue Quist for more information sue@crossview.net

Christian Education

GUESTS FROM LINC (LUTHERAN INTER-CITY NETWORK COALITION)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)

Come and hear encouraging updates from LINC, a national ministry with a local presence here in the Twin Cities. LINC is dedicated to the work of empowering local ministry leaders so that their influence will grow, their communities will thrive, and more people will be introduced to the good news about Jesus. Guest speakers will include Executive Director Ben Griffin, City Director Sena Dagaga, and Associate City Director Kevin Saunders. Don't miss this special opportunity! Register for this onsite class [here on CV Connect](#).



WATER FOR LOS VÁSQUEZ — PROJECT UPDATE

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 15

9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)

Tom and Laurie Koch represented Cross View Lutheran Church at the celebration in Los Vásquez, Guatemala, upon the completion of the water project. Through this partnership, the storage and delivery of clean water is now possible! Come hear more about their visit, the celebration, and the next steps for this mission partnership. Register for this onsite class [here on CV Connect](#).

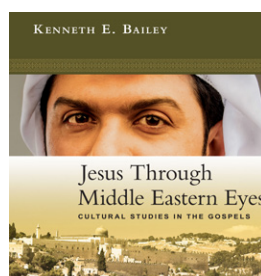


THE PARABLES OF JESUS

SUNDAYS MORNINGS, JAN 22–FEB 12

9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211*)

Starting January 22, Pastor Wheeler will teach a course entitled *The Parables of Jesus* based on Dr. Kenneth Bailey's book *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*. This four-week course will explore 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](#).

* Note: On Jan 22, class is held in the sanctuary due to a Sunday school mission event.

COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

We're excited to report that 90 Cross View members are attending Community Light School of Discipleship (CLSD) on Wednesday and Thursday nights in-person and online. Each week, 20 people are downloading the archived videos and materials to lead studies in their churches around the country, as well. We are eager to join Dr. Dean Nadasdy as the winter session which runs through February 9th! "Stories for Witness" will help participants discover the witness value of stories. They will review the great sacred story arcing over every disciple's life and find themselves in the stories Jesus tells in the gospels. They will also consider their own stories for witness. The point of witness is just where the Christ story, the story of another, and my own story intersect. To emphasize the visual nature of Jesus' stories, art will be used extensively.

Presenter: Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President Emeritus, MN South District, LCMS

Winter session: December 1–February 9



BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP 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.

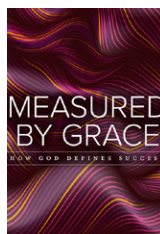
Interested in joining this BSF class? Please email the Class Administrator, Ros Wright, at bsf.edina@gmail.com and she'll be happy to get you and your preschool children registered for this class.



MEASURED BY GRACE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

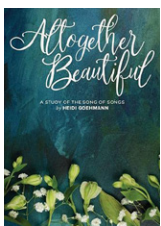
9:30 AM (ROOM 218)

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. 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). This class is sponsored by Women's Ministry.

New Year's Day Sunday, January 1

9:30 AM Traditional Service
(No Bible classes)

Sunday, January 8 (Regular Schedule Resumes)

8:15 AM Traditional Service
(with communion)

9:30 AM Education Hour

10:45 AM Contemporary Service
(with communion)

Services available both onsite
and via live stream.

What Goes Up Must Come Down

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 8th, following services to volunteer your time to take down the beautifully decorated Christmas trees placed throughout our church. Contact Sue Quist to volunteer at sue@crossview.net.



Many trees and other decorations were scattered throughout Cross View throughout the Advent and Christmas season. Thank you to the many volunteers for setting up Christmas trees this holiday season.

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEAL TRAIN

Beginning in 2023, Women's Ministry would like to facilitate those in need of "Meal Train" support. Interested in helping? Please contact Marcia Johnson at 812-454-4129 or Vicki Weber at 952-838-5500.



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 BOOK CLUB

Women's Book club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, January 16, at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing the book *The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin. Contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to join.



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

Youth Ministry

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 4th, the Cross View 7th through 12th graders enjoyed a joint Christmas party with St. Michael's Lutheran Church and Power of Gospel Church. This was the second year for this party hosted at St. Michael's. After the youth played a variety of Christmas and winter themed games and searched the church to find items for a scavenger hunt, trophies were awarded to the top 3 teams. The white elephant gift exchange was a favorite again, as was the potluck meal at the end of the evening. Everyone had a great time as we kicked off the Christmas season together!



were instructed to cover another student in toilet paper. The toilet paper fell off as students then walked across the room, illustrating that we can't cover our sin and hide it from God. Just as David did, when we sin, we are to confess, repent, and turn back to God. Only by God's grace are we saved from the eternal consequences of sin through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to be our Savior!



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are planning to send care packages to our Cross View college students early in the new year. If you would like your student to receive one, please fill out the following form (one for each student) so we have all the information needed. It should only take a couple minutes. (Be sure to have the school addresses ready.) You will find the form at <https://forms.gle/qrNct3hJi1ZwFdbw6>.

If you would like to help with the care packages in any way, please contact Vicki Barton at youth@crossview.net. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION

Led by Pastor Wheeler, Brad Ost, and Connie Landreville, confirmation students continue to work their way through the Bible during confirmation class this year. They often do a fun activity to emphasize one of the key points of the lesson. At parent night in December, students

YOUTH GROUP

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

- Jan 1: No Youth
- Jan 8: Youth at CV
- Jan 15: Youth at CV
- Jan 22: Youth at CV
- Jan 29: Sky Zone in Edina

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Jan 1: Recap of Fall Lessons
- Jan 8: Spiritual Gifts 1
- Jan 15: Spiritual Gifts 2
- Jan 22: Spiritual Gifts 3
- Jan 29: Spiritual Gifts 4

Pie Fest

Pie and fellowship were enjoyed following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service. This event was a thankful celebration of the conclusion of our "Consecrated Stewards" stewardship program.



Outreach & Missions

WELCOME MAT UPDATE

The Welcome MAT has now completed its first full year of ministry, and we are thrilled with the successes we have had in adding new members to Cross View! That said, we are always in need of more volunteers for both Hosts and Welcome Center Attendants. We would love to have enough volunteers in order to not have to schedule anyone two months in a row and to have a list of subs to pull from if needed.

Neither role requires a specific skill, but just a little time on Sunday mornings. We need two Hosts for each service, one for the lower door and one for the upper door, with arrival being 15 minutes prior to the service. We also need a Welcome Center Attendant for each service, serving 15 minutes prior to the service and about 10 minutes after the service to catch any visitors that might have missed the desk prior to the service.

If you think you might be interested in this simple ministry and would like a little more information, please contact Sue Harrison at kharrison1111@gmail.com or 713-269-9657.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS

People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) is an international ministry that meets the needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees by sharing the love of

Jesus in practical and culturally relevant ways. During the month of November, our congregation continued its tradition of collecting coins to support the ministry of POBLO. Our total donation through Coins for Thanksgiving was \$367.65!

If you are interested in getting more involved with POBLO, there is a need for additional volunteers at their International Friendship Center in Bloomington to help with ESL, Citizenship, and Computer Classes as well as childcare. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator Shari Schulze at shari@poblo.org or 612-552-3878 for more information or visit their website at poblotwincities.org to make a donation. Please pray that people would encounter the love of Jesus and come to know Him through the ministry of POBLO.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Thank you for helping to bless Trinity First staff and school families with a "Turkey-Takeout" Thanksgiving in a basket! With an outstanding team of Cross View volunteers, the youth helped to assemble the baskets which included food, a family game to play, and a gift card to purchase a turkey. Your generosity made a difference in the homes of 85 families!

Born to Change the World MobilePack™

We did it! All goals were met and many lives will be changed as a result of this massive effort to put our faith into action. Thank you to Cross View members who volunteered and/or donated. Here is what we achieved:

- ✓ Over 500 volunteers (60% Cross View members, 40% from the community and many new to our facility)

- ✓ 101,088 meals packed
- ✓ 277 children will be fed for 1 year
- ✓ \$28,360 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!





A YOUNGER FAMILY

Growing congregations need young families to accomplish their mission.

In the past eight years, I have observed the Andrew Johnson family as they worshiped and participated in the life of Cross View. As this handsome, young family matures, they witness to our Lord's presence among us at church and away from us in their community. Andrew generously responded to my questions in the following interview.

Q. How did you become connected to Cross View?

A. Andrew's grandparents, Jean and Dale Johnson, were founding members of Cross View. Although baptized at the hospital instead of in church, he grew up at Cross View. During college, we would attend together (Rachael as a visitor) to spend time with Andrew's grandparents. After we were married in 2009, we chose to continue attending because we knew it would make his Grandpa Dale so happy to have us in church with him. We're so glad we did. The special bond Grandpa Dale had with our son, Lucas, when he was so little is a memory we will always cherish and it would never have happened had we attended anywhere else.

Q. What keeps you so vitally involved at Cross View?

A. The warm Cross View family is so inviting and there are countless opportunities to be involved with the church. Everyone at the church is connected by the same faith and we truly feel at home when we're at Cross View. All the



friendships and connection points we've made over the years keep us involved and wanting to stay a part of the church family.

Rachael notes: one particular Sunday morning, when we had to arrive earlier for volunteer work, I was grumping to myself that I wasn't a church worker, why did I have to have so much to do that morning...when I realized that yes, though not a paid position within the church, we are *all* indeed church workers. It was a humbling thought that instantly dissipated my grouchy mood.

Q. What activities at Cross View particularly nurture you in the faith?

A. Together and separately, we have participated in the bell choir and played clarinet in service. We've had the chance to teach Sunday school and partake in regular small group fellowship throughout the year. Andrew has taught adult education class as well as youth Bible study, and Rachael has been the VBS co-director for the past few years and usually gets roped into helping with the Christmas programs, too. Most recently our whole family participated in the FMSC mobile pack in December.

Q. Are there some aspects of congregational life you would like to see a greater emphasis?

A. Overall Cross View does such a wonderful job with outreach and organizing numerous events throughout the year. A favorite of ours was the church-wide family picnic — fellowship and "chat time" in a larger setting is so important! (Rachael still misses good old-fashioned potlucks.)

Q. What are some of your hopes and aspirations for our congregation?

A. We hope that our congregation continues to grow and always stand as a welcoming body for any and all walks of life while holding firm to the truth in the Word. Every outreach event that goes beyond the walls of our church is an opportunity to bring others in and serve those in need.

Q. What other people have been an inspiration and model for being a Christian?

A. Jean and Dale Johnson were highly devoted followers of Jesus. They demonstrated such a selfless love and gratitude toward others and to the church, always giving of their time and talents. Rachael's mother, Sharon Paul, also modeled strong involvement in the church. Admittedly, this was not appreciated by her until she reached adulthood.



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



Developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ along life's journey

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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
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