

# CROSS VIEW CLARION


June 2024

**"Let's make sure that we don't take a vacation from God's Word."  
– Pastor Steve Wheeler**



## A Season of Growth


by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor



Summer is my favorite season of the year! Those of you who know me well may think it's my favorite season of the year because I love to ride my bike, enjoy time at the lake with my family, go fishing with my brother in Alaska, or enjoy other outdoor activities. There's no question that I deeply enjoy all those activities that are connected with summer, but there is something else that I truly love about summer. Summer is a season of growth. It's a time

when the grass grows, the flowers bloom, the trees flourish, and the sun shines in all its fullness. Summer is a season of growth!

Just a few short weeks ago, we celebrated the festival of Pentecost that focuses on the birth of the church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Following Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday (in the three-year lectionary) is the longest season of the church year — the season *after* Pentecost. Starting June 2nd, the altar paraments, the color of our crosses, and other liturgical symbols will be green in color. While some at Cross View subscribe to the conspiracy theory that Pastor Steve has everything green in the church for the majority of the year because of his great love for the Oregon Ducks, I'm here to tell you that that is false! The season after Pentecost is green in the church year because it is a season of growth! St. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:9, "We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual



◀ wisdom and understanding.” We grow as the Spirit works through the Word of God.

Ironically, the beginning of the season of growth in the church year coincides with the season of vacation in the secular world. While there is no question that we are all ready for a break from our labors during the summer months, let’s make sure that we don’t take a vacation from God’s Word. Instead, with joy in our hearts, let’s use the summer months as a time to dive deeply into God’s Word through our daily devotions, our weekly worship, and our special events. In an effort to equip you toward that end, many opportunities are available for you and your family to grow in the months ahead. For young children, vacation Bible school will run from June 17–21. Our youth and junior high will have multiple opportunities, including, but not limited to, regular Sunday evening events, the Rochester Servant Event in June, and the Senior High Retreat in July. Families, people of all ages and of all walks of life are encouraged to participate in the Reverse Giving Tree (June), a Missional Service Opportunity with Global Health Ministries (July 15), a Family Mission Trip to Montreal (August 4–10), and our

TC<sup>2</sup> (Taking Care of the Twin Cities) event (August 18). Adult Sunday school will feature two classes during the summer... “The Lord’s Prayer: A Deeper Dive” and “An Overview of Philippians.” These are but just a few opportunities to grow during the season of summer.

In Psalm 122:1, the Psalmist declares, “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’” Regardless of whether you are in town, up at the lake, or on vacation, look for opportunities to worship at Cross View or elsewhere. While worshiping in person is always preferable (when possible), don’t forget that our worship services can be streamed at [www.crossview.net/worship/media.cfm](http://www.crossview.net/worship/media.cfm). With joy in your heart, allow the Lord’s Day to be a day that you are fed by His Word and enabled by His Spirit to grow.

I pray that you and your loved will have a blessed summer. Summer is a season of growth outside. By God’s grace, and the working of His Spirit, may it also be a season for the people of Cross View to grow in faith and in our walk with the Lord as we take advantage of the many opportunities available for us.

# Financial Update

## Year-to-Date Results

- Year to date income was favorable to plan and 2023 actual.
- Year to date expenses are \$43,190 favorable to budget and higher than 2023. Wages, utilities, and accounting expenses are key under budget areas.
- The primary expense variances were higher missions expense (tied to higher contributions) being offset by lower utility costs and lower wage expenses.
- ECC income and expenses were unfavorable to budget with the major variance being tuition income behind plan.
- ECC \$7,253 Deficit is \$7,675 unfavorable to budget.
- The Restored loan was paid off in March. “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever” (Psalms 107).

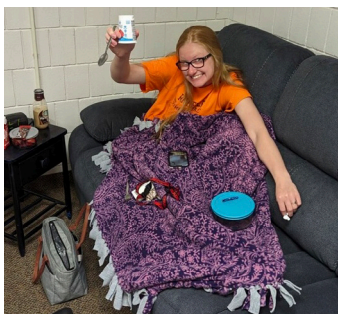
Cross View Lutheran Church			
4/30/24	2024 Actual Year to Date	2024 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$583,967	\$545,483	\$38,484
Total Expenses	(\$475,840)	(\$519,030)	\$43,190
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$108,127	\$26,452	\$81,675
General Fund Ending Balance	\$380,624	\$298,949	



# Early Childhood Center

## SMALL GROUP DONATIONS A HUGE HIT

We would like to thank a small group at Cross View for donating five trikes to the Early Childhood Center. The kids have loved playing on them. This small group also purchased some nice furniture for the staff to be able to use during their breaks. The staff work very hard during the day and to have a nice place to go and relax and now be able to put their feet up is amazing. Thank you so much. Below are a few pictures.



## UPCOMING GRADUATION

In June the Hopper Class will have a Graduation Party. We wish all 18 kids and their families the best as a new adventure is beginning in their lives.

## ECC GRANDPARENTS DAY

In May we brought back our Grandparents Day event. It was a big hit. We had over 120 grandparents. We talked about how special Grandparents are. We danced with our grandparent, did an art project with puzzle pieces, made an outreach bag for the homeless, and had a very special snack. Below are some pictures of the ECC kids dressed like their Grandma or Grandpa.



## ECC PRAISES AND PRAYERS

### Praises:

- For Grandparents
- For all the Preschool kids graduating and heading to kindergarten
- Our high-school seniors who are graduating and heading off the college
- New families that are starting at the center
- SAC program starting: 40 kids returning

### Prayer Requests:

- Cancer – for healing, patience through treatment, and doctors who help our families dealing with loved ones who have cancer
- The beginning of the Call process for a new ECC Director
- For Cross View staff and their aging parents – health concerns, near death, travel

## Christian Education

### THE LORD'S PRAYER: A DEEPER DIVE

**Teaching Leaders:** Pastor Steve Wheeler and Pastor Reed Lessing

**Dates:** Sunday Mornings, June 2–July 14

**Location:** Fellowship Hall (Rooms 209–211)

During our series on the Lord's Prayer, Adult Bible Class digs deeper into topics that include the prayer's context in Matthew's gospel, forgiving people who have hurt us, and what it means to ask for God's kingdom to come. You're invited to go beyond the words of the Lord's Prayer to discover its magnificent meaning.

Cross View supports member families who send their children to LCMS elementary and secondary schools and adults enrolled in professional church worker programs in post-secondary institutions and seminaries. As a congregation, we feel that it is important to commit ourselves to members who seek this kind of educational experience. Therefore, the congregation annually budgets for tuition assistance. Application Timeline and Process: Families and individuals seeking tuition support for elementary and secondary schools and post-secondary institutions and seminaries shall apply annually by

completing a Commitment Form. The application period is June 1–June 30. Forms are available online by [clicking here](#), at the church office, or by emailing Renee Kirchner in the church office at [renee@crossview.net](mailto:renee@crossview.net). The Tuition Assistance Ministry Action Team (MAT) will review membership and attendance records to determine eligibility. Tuition support is determined annually and is based upon funds available and number of applicants. Notification and Payment: Eligible applicants and their learning institutions will be notified of the tuition assistance amount in August of each year.

## Early Childhood Center Director Update

God continues to guide Cross View's Early Childhood Center Director search for a new director. The committee's goal is to have voters extend a Divine Call to the preferred candidate at a mid-July Voter's Meeting. Committee members have identified five key candidate characteristics: A mature Christian faith, a firm understanding of LCMS theology and teaching, previous leadership

experience, a business mindset, as well as a loving and compassionate communicator.

Please continue to pray for guidance and direction as we identify God's plan for the Early Childhood Center program.

Email questions to Scott Douglas at: [sldouglas1@icloud.com](mailto:sldouglas1@icloud.com)

## Music Ministry

### CROSS VIEW WELCOMES TWO TRADITIONAL MUSIC LEADERS

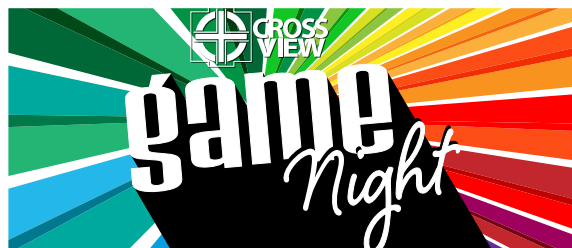
We are pleased to announce Brian De Young will join the Cross View family as a part-time organist. Mr. De Young has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organ Performance, a Graduate Certificate in Church Music, and a Piano Pedagogy Certificate. He works at Augsburg University as a Campus Ministry Musician, Organ Studio Artist, and Collaborative Pianist. Brian brings 20 years of experience in church music, most recently at Mt Calvary Lutheran Church in Eagan. Additional information can be found at: [www.augsburg.edu/faculty/deyoung-brian/](http://www.augsburg.edu/faculty/deyoung-brian/).



Brian joins Dr. David Mennicke, Director of Music and Choir Ministries. Both gentlemen begin work at Cross View on June 3rd. We thank God for bringing two exceptional musicians to Cross View's traditional (8:15 AM) service.

## 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 ([johndaenzer@gmail.com](mailto:johndaenzer@gmail.com)) or Michael Kibat ([mkgibat@centurylink.net](mailto:mkgibat@centurylink.net)). Register for this event on [CV Connect](#) or Event Registration kiosks.





# Youth Ministry

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 9–12: Rochester Servant Event
- June 19: All Youth Fellowship Lunch after VBS (12:00–2:00 PM)

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 2: Youth at CV
- June 9: No Youth; Rochester Servant Event (June 9–12)
- June 16: No Youth; Father's Day
- June 19: All Youth Fellowship Lunch after VBS (12:00–2:00 PM)
- June 23: Youth at CV (time extended – 6:30–8:30 PM)
- June 30: Youth at CV (6:30–8:30 PM)

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 19th, was the last day of Sunday School for the school year. There are no youth Sunday School classes during the summer. Youth are invited to attend the adult class during the education hour this summer.

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5th, six young people were confirmed into the Cross View family. It was a beautiful morning and service to celebrate the reaffirmation of their baptism.

Matthew Barton  
Tabitha Farrell  
Erik Knudson

Ethan Koch  
Liam Thompson  
Katrina Tran



## ROCHESTER SERVANT EVENT

On June 9th, 20 youth and adults leave for Rochester, MN, for the Rochester Servant Event. We ask that you pray for this group as they go and serve in the Rochester community!

Matthew Barton  
Jack Carlson  
Nathaniel Coffin  
Emerson Dorr  
Carmen Erickson  
Austen Harrison  
Chuck Hawkins  
Clare Hawkins  
Ambrie Johnson  
Marissa Kelly

Ethan Koch  
Mitchell Koch  
Finn Langaard  
Xavier Mellema  
Jeanne Rolfs  
Sam Rolfs  
DJ Severson  
Levi Severson  
Emmitt Wilking  
Hannah Zahrt



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 19th, we recognized our high school seniors for their accomplishments and their time in youth ministry! They were blessed by their parents and the congregation as their final faith Stepping Stone was celebrated. Please join us in praying for these youths as they begin their new adventures in the fall!

Elizabeth Barton  
Ryan Collins  
Hannah Frauensuh  
Eva Gundermann  
Jake Heimkes  
Joshua Kelly  
Scarlett Langaard  
Elisabeth McCullough

Paige Meger  
Perryn Northrup  
Samuel Oelschlaeger  
Alexa Ruegemer  
Karis Schmidt  
Jonathan Weber  
Adriana Weigle  
John Wentzien



## 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

## SCRIPTURE SHARE NIGHT

Cross View Kidstute kids had a blast celebrating their last class of Kidstute for this school year by reciting Scripture they had memorized on the big stage in the Great Commission Room.



## CROSS VIEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

An onsite VBS experience for children aged 3 (potty trained) to 5th grade, during the week of June 17–21. Join the experience through stations as we dive into friendship with God.

With your registration, each family will receive a t-shirt, snacks, and supplies for each person's activities for the week. Note: If registering after May 27th, a t-shirt cannot be guaranteed. Register on [CV Connect](#).

If paying by check, please make check out to Cross View Lutheran, with VBS in the memo line.



## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS

Traditional Sunday school will not occur over the summer. However, please plan on meeting at the playground during the usual Sunday school hour (9:30–10:30 AM) to fellowship with other families at Cross View.

## GHANA ART DISPLAY DURING JUNE

Be sure to check out the traveling art display in the sanctuary during the month of June. This initiative was an opportunity for 400 students attending Christian schools and churches in the Twin Cities to create drawings of their most meaningful Bible verses for the purpose of being exchanged with drawings created by 400 hundred students attending the Frauenshuh Preparatory School in Ghana West Africa. Through this experience the 800 participants, teachers, and everyone viewing the exhibit have learned: GlobeServe Ministries was founded on June 9, 1996, at Mafi-Adidome in the Volta Region of Ghana by Reverend Samuel Anthony Kofi Dunya and his wife, Jonhild Freda Dunya. Both missionaries are products of the Bethany College of Missions, Bloomington, Minnesota.

As part of GlobeServe's outreach vision, the Frauenshuh Preparatory School was established in March 2000 at Adidome. The purpose of this school is to provide within walking distance an opportunity for children to grow and study in a well-defined and organized Christian environment.

The school is GlobeServe's way of bringing training with Christian emphasis to the needy in the rural communities. At the present time, there are four hundred students pursuing their studies. The goal is to develop people with faith today who will lead the Church and the nation of Ghana tomorrow. The school runs programs from nursery through junior high (secondary) school levels. The Ministry hopes to start the senior high level in the near future. Learn more about the GlobeServe on their website [www.globeserveministries.org](http://www.globeserveministries.org).

## SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO START IN OCTOBER!

There has been a Cross View MAT hard at work creating a new special needs Sunday school class to be held once a month on every second Sunday at 9:30–10:30 AM starting on October 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the monthly class and there will be a volunteer training on June 9th at 9:30–10:30 AM. We are also looking for students to attend. Please invite any child ages 3 to 12 who has developmental special needs. We also ask you to pray for this start up as it could be a great community outreach in the future, but we want to start slow. Our goal is to have five children to attend to learn about Jesus starting in October. Please contact Barb Coffin at [barb@crossview.net](mailto:barb@crossview.net) or Nicole Krueger at [nclvvo@gmail.com](mailto:nclvvo@gmail.com) with any interests in volunteering or to receive an information packet for any potential student.



**Play outside. . .below are some fun ideas of how to play outside as a family.**

- Take walks or hikes
- Scavenger hunts
- Build and fire a rocket
- Make a mud kitchen

- Plant and tend a garden
- Chase bubbles
- Play a sport
- Have a picnic
- Build a fort
- Chase butterflies with a net
- Paint rocks
- Play hide and seek
- Have a fire pit

## Adult Ministry

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT AT BOARD & BRUSH

Cross View women are invited to an evening of creativity and fun at Board & Brush in Chanhassen, MN. Pick your own project and with the help of staff, create something to take home and enjoy for years to come. Friends of members are welcome, but everyone MUST register in advance. Once you have registered [here on CV Connect](#), you will receive a confirmation email which contains a link to our Board & Brush event where you will select and pay for your project. Text or call Marcia Johnson (812) 454-4129 or Vicki Weber (952)838-5500 with questions.

**Board & Brush**  
creative studio

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, June 17, at 1:00 PM. They will be discussing the book Joy for Beginners by Erica Bauermeister. Please feel free to join them as new members are always welcome.



### ARISE WITH THE GUYS PROVIDED A STRONG MESSAGE

Twenty-four guys, Cross View members and friends, attended the Arise with the Guys event. Many attendees met at Cross View and carpoled to Grace Church in Eden Prairie. Others met us there. Nearly 4,000 attended the event in total. Most of the Cross View group were able to return to Cross View for lunch prepared by Dave Wagner and his staff and for follow-up discussion and fellowship.

Over the course of the two hour-plus event they heard testimonials and faith stories from Paul Allen, Voice of the MN Vikings, CJ Ham, current fullback for the MN Vikings, and David Tyre, receiver for the NY Giants, retired. The morning was topped off with Tony Dungy interviewing Matthew Slater who was recognized by Tony Dungy as this year's Uncommon Man of the Year. Matthew is a retired wide receiver and special team player formerly with the New England Patriots. He is a three-time Super Bowl champion and ten-time Pro Bowl player. All the speakers emphasized their relationship with Jesus Christ as the most important thing in their lives and the importance of the role that men need to play in our homes and communities. Matthew Slater

closed out the morning with a strong Christian message, asking and answering five questions:

1. Who is God? He referred to Romans 1:20 and that God is the Creator of all the exists and all of creation screams out that there is a God. Creation is not an accident.
2. What is God's Character? Paraphrasing Deut. 32:4: God is perfect and just, faithful, and does no wrong, therefore; He cannot associate with humans who are sinful.
3. What is the nature of Man? Romans 3:23: For all have sinned; and all fall short of God's glorious standard.
4. What are the consequences of our sin? Romans 6:23a: For the wages of sin is death.
5. What is the solution? God provides the solution through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. 1 John 5: 11-12. And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this is in his Son. Matthew closed saying: Manhood begins and ends with this Truth: We can't do it on our own, we need Jesus. Future Men's Ministry events are being planned.





## CROSS VIEW'S WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

Thanks to everyone who attended the Women's Ministry annual Renew, Refresh, Rejoice! Gathering.



## WORK DAY AT CAMP OMEGA

Men's Ministry promoted a Work Day at Camp Omega near Waterville, MN, on May 4th. Ten members of Cross View, including Ev and Geri Niebuhr, Maxwell and Nicole Krueger, Brad and Janet Ost, Scott Sabin, Dave Wagner, John Olson, and Dan Battcher, participated. They arrived at the camp about 9:15 AM and were warmly welcomed by the camp's Executive Director, Bob LaCroix. The group was joined by two local camp volunteers, Sue from Mankato and Steve from Medford. We took some time getting acquainted with each other and with the mission and history of the camp which is celebrating its 60th year of operation. Throughout the year, the camp shares the Gospel with over 5,000 kids and adults.

By 10:00 AM we had started the three projects for the day. Nicole, along Sue, worked at completing an inventory of the camp's infirmary. Brad, Dave, and John took on the responsibility of cutting down and cutting up a large dead tree which will be used for campfires over the summer. Their skill dropped the tree exactly where they wanted, avoiding other trees and nearby camp structures. The rest of the group worked on removing old, nailed down, deck boards from an outdoor worship area. The camp has a local contractor and crew scheduled to put on the new deck boards next weekend so getting the old boards off was an important goal for the day.

The camp served everyone lunch and we completed the projects about 3:30 that afternoon. The day began and closed in prayer, thanking God for the work accomplished and our safety throughout the day.



## TNT – COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOME!

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, but events will be on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 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.

We would especially like to invite Cross View's college students as they return home from their time away. We would love to have you join us!

### Summer Schedule

- June 11: Dave and Buster's (Southdale)
- July 16: MOA, the Fair on 4th
- July 23: Dinner and FMSC
- August 13: Lake Day/BBQ



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

On May 16th, Cross View relaunched its Senior Adult Ministry with guest speaker Chip Combs who presented on "Faith at America's Founding". He took a deeper look at the evidence of Christian faith among leaders that shaped our country at the start. Thirty people attended and enjoyed a time of fellowship as well as a discussion about how to shape Senior Adult Ministry for this season. In order to sustain this ministry, we need volunteers! If you are interested in helping with planning and coordination, contact Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) or 952-243-2053.



# Outreach & Missions

## DECORATE THE GIVING TREES – JUNE 9–JUNE 30

Jesus says in John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

We have two trees in the lobby that we use regularly to present giving opportunities to the congregation. For the month of June, we are flipping things around a little! Instead of taking tags OFF the trees, we want you to put tags ONTO the trees. We are encouraging everyone to find an opportunity to serve others during the month of June and then share your story by hanging an ornament on the trees. You can choose to sign your name or remain anonymous as you “bear fruit”. Service opportunities can be found through an organization, care for a neighbor in need, or just a random act of kindness. Let’s fill those trees up and bless those around us with the love of Jesus!

## CAREPORTAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Our CarePortal Team launched 7 months ago, **CarePortal** and we have recently celebrated an exciting milestone: over 100 children in crisis have been served by our congregation (122 to be exact)! You can see more statistics below about the love-in-action that is happening through Cross View’s CarePortal Team.

### CarePortal Statistics

- \$111,095 = economic impact in our community
- 65 = requests Cross View has responded to
- 45 = deliveries made to families

Many of the items purchased were funded by the \$11,491.00 of generous donations made to our CarePortal fund. Others were personally purchased by team members. God has provided language interpreters for 5 deliveries through our congregation including Spanish, French, Russian, and Croatian. One group of volunteers helped to clean a family’s apartment and another Cross View member knit winter hats for the CarePortal families.

It is hard to summarize the responses from the families we are serving and the partnering agencies, but there is an overwhelming sense of gratitude. In a recent meeting with the social workers that enter the requests into CarePortal, they referenced their amazement at the rapid response, the respectful interactions, the person-centered communication, and the warmth that they have seen among our team.

Currently, we have 10 shoppers, 10 delivery team members, 6 collection team members, and 5 interpreters. There is always room for more! Reach out to Pam Olsen at [careportal@crossview.net](mailto:careportal@crossview.net) to find out more or watch for additional training opportunities in the fall.

Special thanks to:

- Pam Olsen who is our Team Lead and coordinator

- All the generous donors of the Cross View CarePortal fund (\$11,491.00)
- The prayer warriors at Cross View
- The caseworkers who allow us to walk with them in supporting these families
- Kristen Broten, our Regional Manager for leading us in the training and for her knowledge & compassion
- To all the partnering churches who worked with us on purchases and deliveries

Thank you for stepping up in a big way to support the children and families in the CarePortal ministry at Cross View. We are truly the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors. THANK YOU!

Caring changes people, both the giver and receiver. Continue to pray for God to transform us to be more like Him.

## MISSIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

**Dates:** Monday, July 15th in the following shifts: 10–Noon, 1–3 PM, and 6–8 PM

We are flooding Global Health Ministries with volunteers for a day of impact! We have three 2-hour shifts to choose from to help sort and pack medical equipment

and supplies. These items are shared with under-resourced countries around the world to improve access to healthcare. Learn more about their ministry at [www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org). Invite a friend, serve together as a family, or coordinate with your small group! Kids are welcome if they come with an adult. Sign up on CV Connect to join us and contact Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) with questions.



## FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO MONTREAL – THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR YOU!

**Dates:** August 4-10, 2024

As we live out our mission to Equip & GO at Cross View, you are invited to prayerfully consider taking a family mission trip to Montreal, Quebec. We will be helping to run an evening language class for adults and a VBS-style program for children. We will also be doing some additional service projects during the week. Winifred and Vincy who lead the Bloom for Jesus Indian Fellowship will be joining us on this mission trip. Their language skills will be a great help as we minister to immigrants primarily from India and Pakistan. This trip is open to anyone 7 years old and up and will include a variety of service opportunities. Family mission trips can be life-changing experiences as you step outside of your comfort zone together and share the love of Jesus. Brochures and applications can be found at the Registration Desk. Contact Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) with questions.



## **(TC)<sup>2</sup> = TAKING CARE OF THE TWIN CITIES**

### **2024 Theme: "Hands and Feet"**

Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

**Date:** August 18, 2024

This is our chance to deploy throughout our community and serve our neighbors. Teams will be sent out after worship and reconvene at the end of the day to celebrate with dinner and closing devotions. All ages and abilities are welcome! After naptime, there will be a park/school clean-up and prayer walk option to fit young families. Indoor service project options are available for those of all abilities.



### **Schedule:**

- 9:30 AM: Worship Service
- 10:30 AM: Event check-in
- 11:00 AM: Welcome, lunch, work group assignments, announcements, group photo
- 12:00 PM: Depart for work sites
- 12:30-5:00 PM: Serve at work sites
- 3:30 PM: Young families start at work sites
- 5:00 PM: All participants return to Cross View
- 5:30 PM: Supper at Cross View
- 6:00 PM: Closing worship, devotion and debrief
- 6:30 PM: Event ends

### **Location:**

- Start & end at Cross View Lutheran Church
- Projects will take place throughout the Twin Cities metro area

### **Age:**

- ALL ages of Cross View congregation members and friends
- Youth entering 7th grade and older may register without an adult

- Children and youth younger than 7th grade must register with an adult

**Meals:** Lunch and dinner are provided

**Registration Fee:** \$25 per participant, \$100 family max (scholarships available)

### **Registration Deadline:**

- July 14 - last day to register to guarantee a t-shirt
- August 11 - last day to register (no t-shirt)
- Sign up on CV Connect and plan to join the fun! Contact Amy Gundermann at [amy@crossview.net](mailto:amy@crossview.net) with questions.

## **MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY**

In times of need and times of joy, we come together as a community to support one another. We are excited to offer our support through our Meal Train ministry. We invite volunteers to lend a helping hand by providing meals for our members in need. Whether it's a home-cooked dish, a takeout meal, or simply your time to deliver a warm smile and a friendly chat, your contribution will make a difference. If you would like to volunteer your time and culinary talents, please contact Megan Jarvis at [meganjarvis.ms@gmail.com](mailto:meganjarvis.ms@gmail.com) to sign up for the distribution list.

If you or someone you know is in need of a meal due to illness, life events, or any other circumstances, please reach out to Megan, and she will gladly help arrange meals to be delivered to your/their house.

## **PUBLIC POLICY – INFORMED AND ENGAGED**

If you would like to stay informed about public policy issues affecting our state and nation from a Lutheran perspective, check out our District's One Voice blog or sign up for the newsletter. Rev. Fred Hinz was a guest presenter at Cross View in May and serves as the Public Policy Advocate for our District. A wide range of topics are addressed that relate to religious liberty and protecting life. As the tension between the dominant culture and Christianity continue to increase, it is important to be engaged. Find more information at [www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy](http://www.mnsdistrict.org/public-policy).

# **Altar Guild & Welcome MAT Volunteer Opportunities**

## **VOLUNTEER WITH THE ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild is looking for additional help. Couples, families, singles — be a part of an important team! Assist with early service or late service, your choice! Please contact Marcia Johnson for more information at 812-454-4129.

## **SUMMER WELCOME MAT ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Summer is upon us, which means people will be vacationing soon! During this time, we often come up short of people to serve in our Welcome MAT spots of Hosts and Welcome Center Attendants on Sunday



mornings. We have a wonderful team of willing servants on this ministry team, but during the summer, we can always use more. The jobs are simple with minimal time requirements. Hosts, formerly known as greeters, are just required to be at the doors 15 minutes prior to the service start time. Welcome Center Attendants, who welcome our guests at the Welcome Desk, are asked to serve at the desk 15 minutes prior to the service and 10–15 minutes after the service. If you might be interested in helping us out for the summer and have questions, please contact Sue Harrison, Welcome MAT Leader, at 713-269-9657 or at [kharrison1111@gmail.com](mailto:kharrison1111@gmail.com).



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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

6:30 PM Programming

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

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thur., 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Fri., 9:00 AM – Noon

## CALENDAR

Our most current calendar is always available at [www.crossview.net/calendar](http://www.crossview.net/calendar)

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