

# CROSSVIEW GLARION

March 2023

**"Knowing that God gathers up the broken and offers redemption gives us hope. Are you ready to share that hope?" - Amy Gundermann**



## Longing for God's Mercy

**by Amy Gundermann, Interim Director of Outreach & Adult Ministries, Contemporary Worship Team Leader**

What do you long for? Sometimes we long for a relationship to improve, a loved one's health to take a turn for the better, or relief from a challenge at work. Longing implies we want something to change. Often our longings are so personal, we hesitate to share them with others. During the season of Lent, we are given the opportunity to experience longing for God's mercy. We intentionally set aside this time before Easter to solemnly consider our need for Jesus and His redeeming work on the cross for us. I encourage you to lean into Lent and use this time as "spring cleaning" of the heart. Look closely and honestly at the evidence of brokenness in your life and take time to long for our Savior.

The phrase "you break it, you buy it" is used as

a reminder that responsibility is placed on the one who is at fault for a broken item. If it is broken, the item is considered worthless to the shop owner. As you reflect on your own brokenness this Lenten season, remember that God's approach is different. Instead of finding the broken to be worthless, He has declared the broken to be priceless. Psalm 51:16-17 states, "You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise."

Jesus came to purchase and redeem this fallen world. He is not holding out for the flawless or perfect. He is looking for the broken. He takes delight in you in the midst of your brokenness!



Our theme at Cross View this year is "Ready" and our theme verse 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Knowing that God gathers up the broken and offers redemption gives us hope. Are you ready to share that hope with those around you? Is there someone God has placed in your life who needs to

hear this good news? Are they longing to know that Jesus has purchased the broken-hearted? Pray for an opportunity to "give the reason for the hope that you have." Invite them to join us for EasterFest or for worship this Easter at Cross View.

May you find comfort in the open arms of Jesus this Lenten season and be ready to share the hope that we have in His redeeming love.

**WED. EVENING  
LENTEN SERVICES**  
**March 1 - 29 6:30-7:15 PM**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM in the sanctuary (traditional)**  
**Good Friday: 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM in the sanctuary (traditional)**  
**Easter (traditional): 8:15 AM in the sanctuary**  
**Easter (contemporary): 10:45 AM in the GCR**  
**Easter Breakfast: 9:15-11:15 AM in Rooms 209, 210, 211**



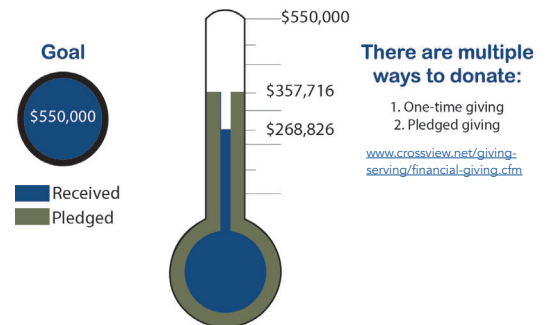
**Saturday, April 1  
10 AM - 12 Noon**

Mark your calendar for a family-friendly celebration of the Easter story through activity stations, an egg hunt, a petting zoo, and more! Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us and pray that the EasterFest event will be an opportunity for those in our community to hear about Jesus. [Register on CV Connect](#) to help make the day a success as a volunteer or to donate treats.

## Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- January member contributions were 88% of budget or \$13,960 less than budgeted. January expenses were \$35,666 less than budgeted.
- Key drivers to lower expenses: Voter approved wage increase not processed in January and Xcel Energy billing delayed. These will be paid in February.
- ECC income was \$9,704 less than plan due to openings in two rooms and state assistance payments are behind.
- ECC expenses are below plan due to Voter's approved wage increases not processed in January.
- Each contribution to the Restored! fund reduces the outstanding loan thereby reducing interest costs.
- The Restored! campaign is currently \$138,228 short in pledges to fully repay the loan by the May 2024 maturity date.

**RESTORED!**  
Please prayerfully consider donating!



Cross View Lutheran Church			
1/31/23	2023 Actual Year to Date	2023 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$104,385	\$118,345	(\$13,960)
Total Expenses	(\$82,451)	(\$108,146)	\$25,695
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$21,934	\$10,199	\$11,735

Cross View Restored! Building Campaign	
Contributions Received in January:	\$8,449
Total Pledges Made to Restored!	\$357,716
Total Contributions Collected:	\$268,826
Balance in Restored! Fund:	\$13,462
Loan Balance Outstanding:	\$295,000
Additional Pledges Needed to Repay Loan:	\$138,228

# Lenten Suppers

## Wednesdays, March 1-29, 5:15–6:30 PM

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

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

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

with each meal.

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

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

### LENTEN SUPPER MENU PLAN

[March 1: Pizza](#)

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

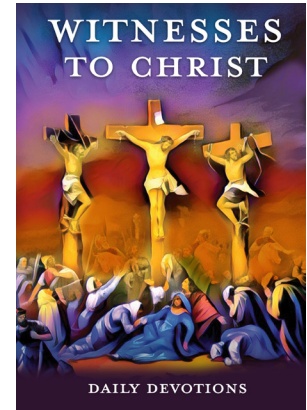
[March 15: Walking Tacos](#)

[March 22: Soup](#)

[March 29: Pasta Salad Bar](#)

# Lenten Daily Devotion Books

Please stop by the Event Registration desk to pick up a Lenten devotion book to use at home (one per family). The books follow the same “Witnesses to Christ” theme we are using in worship during Lent. May this tool be a blessing in your household as you spend time each day with Jesus!



# Lenten Series: Witnesses to Christ

John tells us why he wrote his gospel. “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:30–31) Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life — abundant life, forgiven life and eternal life.

This Lent our new life in Christ will be strengthened as we journey to the cross with people from John’s gospel. Plan to meet ruthless villains — like Barabbas and Pontius Pilate — as well as notorious sinners such as Peter (who denied Jesus three times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by seven demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver).

Historically, the fourth gospel is likened to an eagle — an image that suggests John soars to heights of glory and grandeur. That’s because the evangelist paints a stunning portrait of Jesus who is the Bread of Life, the Resurrection and the Life, and the Way, the Truth and the Life. Life in Jesus. That’s God’s gift to you! Watch for take-home devotion materials based on this series which will be available at the Welcome Center.

Please join us for worship as we meet these people in John’s gospel:

- Ash Wednesday: John the Baptist, John 1:29–34
- Lent 2: Mary, The Sister of Lazarus and Martha, John 12:1–11
- Lent 3: Malchus, John 18:1–11
- Lent 4: Peter, John 18:12–27
- Lent 5: Barabbas, John 18:33–40
- Lent 6: Pontius Pilate, John 19:1–16
- Palm Sunday: The Disciples, John 12:12–19
- Maundy Thursday: Judas Iscariot, John 13:21–30
- Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37
- Easter Vigil: Nicodemus, John 19:38–42
- The Resurrection of Our Lord: Mary Magdalene, John 20:1–18





# Cross View Welcomes Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing

On February 22, Ash Wednesday, Cross View welcomed the Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing as he officially began his ministry among us as a part-time associate pastor. That said, Dr. Lessing is no stranger to Cross View. In fall of 2021, Dr. Lessing led the inaugural session of Community Light School of Discipleship (CLSD) at Cross View, focusing on "Discipleship and Missions in the Old Testament." In the fall of 2022, he led the fall session of CLSD, focusing on "This is My Story, This is My Song: Insights from Exodus." Dr. Lessing's work among us begins as he leads our Wednesday evening Lenten services with a series he published entitled *Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion*.

Dr. Lessing's position was established as a part of the restructuring of Cross View's associate pastor position. Generally speaking, Dr. Lessing will cover the preaching and teaching components of the former associate pastor position while Amy Gundermann covers the outreach and Christian education components of the position. The associate pastor call committee in partnership with the church council are currently moving forward with necessary steps toward recommending that the congregation extend a call to Dr. Lessing as Cross View's associate pastor.

Dr. Lessing is a Professor of Theology and Ministry at Concordia University in Saint Paul and the Director of the Center for Biblical Studies. He served for over twenty years in parish ministry. He also served fourteen years as a professor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is the author of five commentaries in the Concordia Commentary Series — Isaiah 40–55, Isaiah 56–66, Amos, Jonah, and Zechariah. He has written three additional books on the Old Testament, including *Deliver Us: God's Rescue Story in Exodus*



(Concordia Publishing House, 2022) and *Overcoming Life's Sorrows: Studies in the Book of Jeremiah* (Concordia Publishing House, 2021). Reed has also written sermon series, Bible Studies, and devotional booklets for Concordia Publishing House, Concordia Seminary, and Creative Communications for the Parish. We will be using his devotional booklet entitled *Witnesses to Christ* during the season of Lent. Copies are available at the Event Registration desk (one per family).

Dr. Lessing is a loving father and a proud grandfather! In addition to visiting his children and grandchildren, he loves to ride his bicycle. He is an avid cyclist! You might see him "flying" down the streets of Saint Paul. He also loves to run and even regularly attends a Yoga class! But more than anything, Dr. Lessing loves the Lord and loves to spend time in God's Word, sharing that Word with others. You won't want to miss his sermons and Bible studies!

We are extremely blessed to welcome Dr. Lessing to the Cross View family and as a part of our ministry staff. Please make sure to give him a warm Cross View welcome as he begins his ministry among us!



## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one-to-one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

A Stephen Minister is...

- A child of God who walks beside someone who is hurting.
- A congregation member who is carefully selected to serve in this role because of his or her caregiving gifts.
- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing high-quality, distinctively Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets faithfully each week with his or her care receiver for as long as there's a need.

If you need a Stephen Minister or are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Steve.

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

—Galatians 6:2



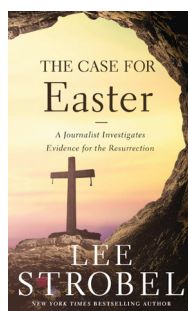
# Christian Education

## MINOR PROPHETS HAGGAI & ZECHARIAH SUNDAY MORNINGS, CONCLUDES MARCH 5 9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)

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

## THE CASE FOR EASTER SUNDAY MORNINGS, MARCH 12–APRIL 2 9:30–10:30 AM (ROOMS 209/210/211)

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



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

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



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

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

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



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


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

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

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



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

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

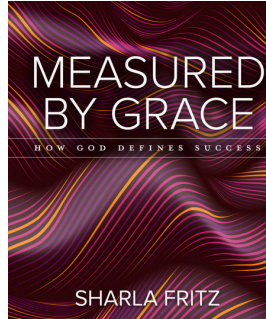
Interested in joining this BSF class? Please email the Class Administrator, Ros Wright, at [bsf.edina@gmail.com](mailto:bsf.edina@gmail.com) and she’ll be happy to get you and your preschool children registered for this class.

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

Jeremiah served as a prophet in the most turbulent times of Israel’s history. The last remnant of 12 tribes of David and Solomon’s Kingdom perished. Throughout his life, Jeremiah stood alone declaring God’s messages of doom. He preached about all that contributed to Judah’s destruction. God’s message through Jeremiah is one of judgment, and also of hope. This class is led by Chuck Daenzer. Contact him at 952-200-0802 for information.

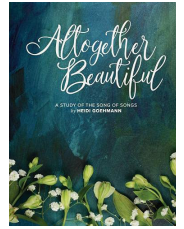
**MEASURED BY GRACE**  
**1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**9:30 AM (ROOM 218)**

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



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

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



## Early Childhood Center

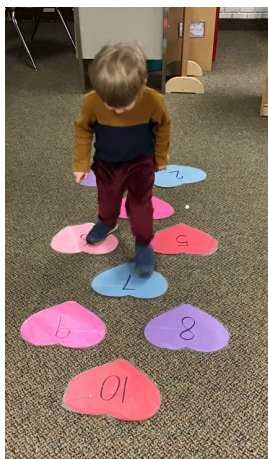
### ECC LOOKING TO HIRE

The Early Childhood Center is still looking to hire summer employees. If you know anyone interested, please have them reach out to the ECC office at 952-941-0009.

### VALENTINES DAY AT THE ECC

During the month of February, the Early Childhood Center

Center focused on the word LOVE. Classroom projects were based around the shape of a heart, they used the colors red and pink, they sang Jesus Love Me, and they had their annual Valentine's Day parties. The children loved Valentine's Day as they got to decorate their own box and bring in Valentine's for their friends. Below you will find pictures from the special day.





# Children's Ministry

## MOVIE NIGHT FUN

On Friday, January 27, the Cross View Children's Ministry hosted a fellowship event in the Great Commission Room. They showed a kid-friendly movie and had popcorn and pizza. So much fun!



## SCRIPTURE SHARE NIGHT

Save the date and prepare for the upcoming Scripture Share Night Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30–7:30 PM in the Great Commission Room. Our Sunday school kids and Kid-stitute kids are memorizing Scripture so they can recite it in front of their family and friends on Wednesday, April 26. Children of all ages are welcome, and adults are welcome to recite too. Please pick your own verse or choose from the suggestions below. See Barb Coffin with any questions.

Hebrews 11:1  
Romans 8:28  
Philippians 4:13  
John 14:6  
Romans 6:23  
Proverbs 3:5-6  
Hebrews 13:8  
Galatians 2:20  
Matthew 28:20

1 Thessalonians 5:18  
Philippians 4:6-7  
Romans 12:12  
Psalm 119:105  
Ephesians 4:32  
Psalm 46:10  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Proverbs 27:17





***Ever wanted to see how Jesus completes the Biblical story and ties all the books together? Here is a brief overview of the Bible to help us understand the whole picture.***

### Bible Summary

The Bible is simply God's inspired story of him and his people. It relates how he took the non-ordered creation and ordered every visible thing and every physical law of the earth and the cosmos (Genesis 1,2). God took up residence within that creation and dwelt with Adam and Eve in a palatial sinless garden. He made humanity in his image to be his representation to that creation (also Genesis 1,2). When humanity failed and sinned against God and lost that intimacy with God (Genesis 3), God had a plan in place to reorder creation and bring everything to rights again. God chose Abraham and his descendants through Isaac to start the long arduous journey to bring healing to the world once more (rest of Genesis). Through the means of the Exodus from Egypt, the temple and giving of the law, followed by the wandering through the wilderness (Exodus to Deuteronomy) with the leadership of an initial recalcitrant Moses followed by his successor (Joshua) along with the imperfect patriarchs (Genesis), judges (Judges), kings (Ruth through 2 Chronicles), and prophets (Isaiah through Malachi), God wielded history (and provided wisdom with Psalms through Song of Solomon) employing imperfect people to bring about the perfect circumstances into which God would send his Son to be the one who would bring all of God's plan from the start to its climax. Jesus arrived and became the very locus of God's presence with humanity. Jesus showed us the Father and what it looked like to live a truly human life and run the world as it should be run (Matthew through John). Wherever Jesus went he made earth as it is in heaven. When Jesus offered his life as the sacrifice for sin, he opened the door once more to God's intimate presence for all who would believe. Jesus taught the apostles and disciples how to conduct ministry and lived the life

God wanted in front of them so they in turn could educate us (Acts through Jude). His resurrection began the new creation into which we also will join when he returns in glory to this earth to make this home of ours the New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation). Just before he ascended into heaven to be seated with the Father as the true ruler of this world, he tasked each disciple then and all those disciples to come with the responsibility of being his redeemed image to this broken world. It is our blessing to bring God's good news of healing and redemption to a dark world in supreme need of his light.

### PRESCHOOL KIDSTITUTE

During the February preschool Kidstitute class the kids learned about service. Vicki Barton talked to the children about the care packages Cross View youth send to the college students. Our preschoolers made personal cards to go inside them.



## Music Ministry

### HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbell choir will continue to lead us in worship music. New members are welcome. Questions? Contact Susan Charles ([susan@crossview.net](mailto:susan@crossview.net)).

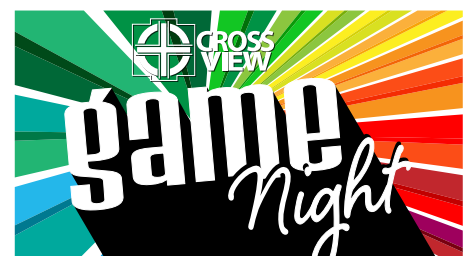
### ADULT CHOIRS

Please come join the Adult and Women's Choirs! New members are welcome! If you prefer a short-term commitment, join us to sing for Holy Week and Easter. Questions? Contact Susan Charles ([susan@crossview.net](mailto:susan@crossview.net)).

## Cross View Game Night

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

Michael Kibat ([mkgibat@centurylink.net](mailto:mkgibat@centurylink.net)). Register for Cross View Game Night on [CV Connect](#) or the Event Registration kiosks.



# Women's Ministry

## SAVE THE DATE!

### "RENEW, REFRESH, REJOICE"

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22, AT CROSS VIEW**

Gather with your sisters in Christ for a day of fun and fellowship. Attend one or ALL of the following activities:

- Morning Session (9:00–11:00 AM): Coffee & Conversation. Enjoy Meggin Carlson's presentation "Spring Cleaning: It's More Than Just Decluttering Your Home"
- Midday session (11:30 AM–1:00 PM) "Lunch Out with Friends" (multiple venues)
- Afternoon session (1:30–3:00 PM) "Spring Make & Take"

Childcare will be provided. Registration opens April 1 on CV Connect.



## MEAL TRAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We'd like to compile a list of people who would be willing to cook meals for the Meal Train Ministry when the need arises. Those willing should email Megan Jarvis at [meganjarvis.ms@gmail.com](mailto:meganjarvis.ms@gmail.com).



## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet at Cross View in room 120 on Monday, March 20, at 1:00 PM. We will be discussing the book *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Contact Marcy at [mpnor-dhus@gmail.com](mailto:mpnor-dhus@gmail.com) if you have any questions or wish to join.



# Outreach & Missions

## THANK YOU FROM FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Siblings Aleksander and Anna\* live in a village not far from Odesa, Ukraine - a region shell-shocked by Russian attacks. Food supply has dropped dramatically as conflict drives instability. Since early 2022, the children have lived under near-constant threat of invasion. Despite the challenges, FMSC partner Mission Eurasia provides reliable MannaPack® meals to Aleksander and Anna — and so many other families just like theirs.

\*Names changed to protect privacy



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ  
Thank you so much for your continued faithfulness to feeding God's starving children. Your gifts in 2022 provided 39,072 meals! That is enough to provide 107 individuals a daily meal for 2023 and the promise of a bright future.  
Hope is Greater because of You!  
As you have been a blessing to so many in 2022, may you be richly blessed in 2023.  
Until all are Fed  
Tracey Peterson



Reverend Wheeler,

We are so grateful for your support of VEAP in 2022.

As you know, VEAP's mission is to create pathways to stronger, more hopeful communities through access to healthy food, housing stability, and supportive services. This mission remained as essential as ever in 2022 as we continued to experience unprecedented times. It was generous community members like you who made it possible to provide support and care to our neighbors when they were struggling to make ends meet.

Throughout 2022, our donors enabled us to help those in financial crisis and spread hope to so many individuals and families. Having basic needs fulfilled makes a world of difference to so many of our neighbors. None of this work would be possible without you — thank you for your support last year!

Sincerely,

Kari Thompson  
Chief Executive Officer



**TRINITY FIRST**  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Cross View,

Thank you for your donation of many items from our wish list! We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for this new year! Knowing that He goes before us brings us comfort and confidence to face whatever challenges lay ahead. Scripture tells us how intimately and how thoroughly He knows us.

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

"You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways." Psalm 139:3

We are beginning the year with assessing the progress of our students. Keeping track of each student's gains and challenges is critical so that we can make sure we are giving them our best. When serving the Lord, it is important that we give our very best effort as we are also serving His children.

We are deeply thankful for your participation in this special ministry. May God be glorified in all we do together!

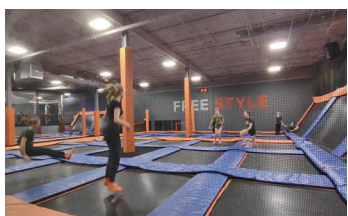
Serving the Master Teacher,  
Sarah JS Wippich, Principal  
Erika Roland, Development Director



# Youth Ministry

## YOUTH GROUP AT SKY ZONE

Youth Group was offsite at Sky Zone in Edina on January 26th. Twelve youth enjoyed 2 hours of fun while jumping, playing basketball, and simply spending time with each other. It was a great way to exhaust their winter energy!



## SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

More than 30 Cross View youth and chaperones will be participating in youth mission trips this summer.

14 senior high youth (current 8th through 12th graders) will be traveling to Colorado Springs for the youth mission trip in July.

17 junior and senior high youth (current 6th through 12th graders) will be involved in the Rochester Servant Event (RSE) in June. This will be the 5th year Cross View has participated in RSE.

Please keep these youth and chaperones in your prayers as they prepare for the trips and allow God to work through them when they serve the communities in Colorado Springs and Rochester.

## YOUTH GROUP MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 5: Youth Group at Cross View – Bring a Friend Night

- March 12: Youth Group at Cross View – Service Opportunity – We will begin our time together by stuffing eggs for EasterFest.
- March 19: Youth Group at Cross View
- March 26: Youth Group at Cross View

## JR/SR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 5: Habitudes of Leaders – Golden Buddha
- March 12: Habitudes of Leaders – Thermostat and Thermometer
- March 19: Habitudes of Leaders – The Fun House Mirror
- March 26: Habitudes of Leaders – The Oversized Gift

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

In early February, care packages were sent to 25 Cross View college students on behalf of the congregation. Senior high students assembled the packages at Youth Group one Sunday night. Packages were stuffed with lots of yummy snacks, newly designed Thrivent shirts, mini notebooks, a Lenten devotion book, and encouraging cards made by the Preschool and school age Kidstitute students as well as youth. Several of the college students relayed their appreciation for the fun box of treats. They were a great encouragement and reminder of God's love from their church family.

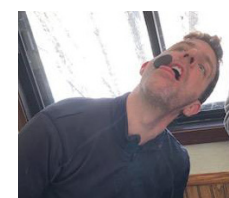




## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Delayed from last fall, the 7th and 8th grade confirmation retreat finally happened the weekend of February 10–11. The winter retreat included a movie and popcorn event (Yikes! The floor was covered with popcorn!), games including testing their engineering skills with duct

tape, and time outside tubing on a big hill. But we didn't just have fun, we dug into stories in the Bible, shared deep thoughts, and got to know one another better. It was a great weekend loving one another and the Lord. God is not dead!







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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  
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*Communion 2nd & 4th  
Sundays*

### SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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