

CROSSVIEW CLARION

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Peace in the Storm

by Steve Wheeler, Senior Pastor

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.

But take heart! I have overcome the world"

-John 16:33

Jesus spoke these words to his disciples the night that he was betrayed and arrested. He knew that in the course of a few short hours, their lives were going to change...their world was going to change...everything was going to change! Life as they had known it before would never be quite the same. Because Jesus knew that in this world his disciples would have trouble, he used his final hours with them to speak tender words of peace and promise.

Exactly what "things" did he tell them so that they could have peace? For the full answer, you would have to read John, chapters 14-17. In brief summary, the "peaceful" words he spoke were full

of comfort and promise. He assured his disciples that his coming death and resurrection would make possible the preparation of their eternal mansions. He encouraged them with the promise that they would be empowered to carry out great mission and ministry. He reminded them that as they prayed, in his name, that the Father would provide for them. He promised them the coming of the Holy Spirit. He reminded them of their fruitful connection to him, their vine. He guaranteed them that his presence would be among them in a very real way, even in the face of hardship and persecution. He comforted them with the promise of the Holy Spirit's upcoming work among them. He promised them that a day was coming when their grief would turn to joy.

Jesus' word of peace to his disciples then remains a word of peace to his disciples now. In this world, we are having trouble. Almost overnight ►

our world has changed...our lives have changed... everything has changed! Almost overnight we are experiencing loss on multiple levels. The magnitude and diversity of our loss is more than most of us have ever experienced at any given point in our lifetimes. Every home everywhere has its own unique story of loss, grief, and pain. We are experiencing loss of connections with people, loss of community, loss of jobs, loss of health, loss of school, loss of graduations, loss of summer internships, loss of sleep, loss of investments, loss of stability, loss of routine...and for some in our midst, even loss of life—with a strange inability to mourn and celebrate with the Christian community those loved ones who have departed in the faith. All this loss leads us to grieve and to mourn.

In the midst of the current storm in which we find ourselves, the voice of Jesus says to every frightened, hurting, and grieving heart, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take

heart! I have overcome the world” This is what we celebrate this Easter and every day of the year. Christ has overcome the world!

As you endure pain and loss in your life, hear the words of Jesus tenderly speaking to you. “Take heart. I have overcome the world.” Everything that could possibly rob you of peace, Jesus has overcome. He has overcome sin’s power. He has overcome Satan’s claim on your soul. He has overcome the power of death itself. His life, his death, and his resurrection make a way for you to find peace in the storm. He bids you to find refuge in him and in the many beautiful and comforting promises of his Word.

In the midst of so much uncertainty all around you, be reminded that you have the only thing that can truly bring peace and hope in the midst of the storm. It is the risen Christ and comforting promises of his Word. Look to his Word. Read his Word. Cling to the promises of his Word—for in it, you will find peace...even in the midst of the storm.

Cross View Podcast Starts in May

WE. MISS. YOU. We hope that you’ve been tuning in to our online services and our digital Sunday and Wednesday educational opportunities but, let’s admit it, that doesn’t feel the same as meeting together in person. We realize that it is hard to feel like you are staying connected to Cross View and everyone at church when we can’t physically meet together. So, we’d like to offer you an opportunity to carry Cross View around with you in your pocket.

Introducing Cross View Voices or (CVV for short), a new podcast that will debut in May. Our goal with CVV is to create a connection point that you can take with you wherever you go. A connection point that is beyond our online opportunities that gives you a look into what is going on within our congregation. Our hope is to:

- Share uplifting stories from CV members and around the world.

- Celebrate members like our graduating seniors, recently confirmed youth, new members, or long-time members.

- Share resources like books, movies, music, blogs, and other podcasts to equip you and your family.
- Get updates from our ministry partners to hear how God is working through what they are doing.
- Give you another way to listen to sermons from Pastor Steve and Pastor Toby.
- Stay connected while we are apart.

We also want to hear from you! If you have any ideas of more ways that we can connect or have stories to share, please email us at cvvoices@crossview.net.

You’ll be able to find CVV on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Stitcher, and Overcast. We hope to be listed on all podcasting apps as soon as possible.



CV 4.0 – Building for Generations Update



Pope Architects sent Cross View an email expressing “Such a shame the Church build gets finished up and you can’t hold services!!” While COVID-19 closed our worship doors, it opened our hearts and minds to grow the love of Jesus online. Our 4.0 Building for Generations project improved online worship, Bible study, and Christian fellowship capabilities to expand His Kingdom. Our joy of worshiping in the Sanctuary and Great Commission Room will return once the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

The installation of a new phone system with direct individual numbers will improve employee efficiency and customer service. Church and ECC employees will be assigned an individual phone number. The Church Office will provide a directory once numbers are finalized.

Early Childhood Center offices will move into their new area during May. This will change the ECC drop off and pick up to the new lower east entrance.

Cross View members expressed concern regarding the lack of a physical barrier on two main stairway landings. Pope Architects recommended appropriately sized planters for a safety barrier. However, the Design Committee prefers a glass barrier similar to the bridge area above the lower east entrance. A decision on what to do will be delayed until we complete spring building projects and establish fund availability. The final decision rests with the Church Council.

We anticipate complete project completion by the middle of June. Here is an update:

Great Commission Room:

- A new sound system including speakers, Praise Band equipment, streaming equipment, and theatre lights are in and working.
- A carpeted portable platform (stage) improves sight lines.
- Tech booth equipment including light controls, mixing boards, streaming equipment, and confidence monitors are in place.
- Two LED panels will be installed upon arrival.

Sanctuary:

- Pews are back in place and organ is ready to go. Jose, our full-time custodian, is busy waxing the floor.
- COVID 19 continues to delay sanctuary equipment reinstallation.
- Outstanding Sanctuary items:
 - Install a new audio mixer.
 - Connect streaming technology to the Broadcast Studio.
 - Re-hang existing video projectors.
 - Re-balance existing speaker system.
 - Reinstall existing cameras for streaming.

Spring items:

- Sewer installation is scheduled to begin May 4th.
- A new light pole will be placed in lower parking lot.
- A second asphalt layer in construction areas in mid-May.
- Parking lot construction area striping.
- Spreading black dirt and landscaping.
- Irrigation system installation.

Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- March year-to-date income was 14%, or \$48K less than budget year-to-date.
- Expenses continue to be managed tightly, especially at this time when the building is closed to worship and programs. As a result, expenses were also less than budget, resulting in a year-to-date deficit of \$8K.
- Most of our costs are not variable and will continue while the building is closed. Church staff continues working every day on recording worship content for the week, virtual adult and youth bible studies and programming for the future.

Cross View			
March 31, 2020	2020	2020	Actual
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Better/(Worse) vs. Budget
Total Income	\$286,778	\$334,747	(\$47,969)
Total Expense	\$282,080	\$321,770	\$39,690
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,698	\$12,977	(\$8,279)

AmazonSmile Donates to Cross View

During this time of self-isolation are you using Amazon to order more things? Did you know that if you order from the AmazonSmile website (<https://smile.amazon.com/>) that .5% of your purchases go to a charity? You can choose Cross View as your charity. Everything is exactly the same as the regular Amazon website. Thank you for using AmazonSmile.



Financial Update

Federal CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program

- On April 7th an email was sent to all Cross View members advising them that the Council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the submission of a loan application under the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). A PPP loan totaling \$372,214 was approved and issued by Bremer Bank to Cross View. Thanks be to God! Heartfelt thanks also go to two of our members who are Bremer Bank executives and were instrumental in securing the loan.
- In accordance with loan requirements, proceeds will be used to cover payroll and benefits, interest on our loan, and utilities, for an 8-week period which is the maximum loan period. If the borrowed funds are used as directed, the loan will be forgiven. Any amount not forgiven has a 1% interest rate and must be repaid within two years.
- We are grateful that due to the loan, all Cross View and

ECC employees will receive full payroll and benefits earned, at this time. ECC remains open but with a significant reduction in children, and in revenue from tuition. Our members continue to give generously in support of our worship and educational opportunities and for that we praise our Lord. However, given the continued uncertainty regarding when we can worship in person as well as the economic toll of the virus, Council believes that applying for and accepting the PPP loan was a prudent action to maintain all of our ministries.

- Council will continue to update the congregation regarding our financial situation.
- If you have any questions about the PPP loan/grant or other Council actions, feel free to connect with Lynn at LynnMPahl@gmail.com.

Early Childhood Center

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Cross View Early Childhood Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

ECC APRIL UPDATE

April was an unusual month for all of us. Around the Early Childhood Center, April is usually a month of conferences the celebration of the Week of the Young Child, as well as the annual Grandparent's Party. Those activities and events didn't happen this year because of the social distancing requirements.

We are thankful to remain open for essential worker families. Some of our ECC families work in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes or are military families, where a parent has been deployed to the front lines of the pandemic in

other parts of the country. We hope that each of you in the Cross View family are safe and healthy. Please pray for our ECC families and staff during the pandemic.

We celebrated Easter by teaching about Jesus' death and resurrection. We also had an Easter egg hunt. We want to thank all those who packed the Easter eggs during Service Sunday for EasterFest which ended up being cancelled. The church donated the eggs to the center and the children were thrilled to find tons of eggs filled with surprises.



Christian Education

BIBLE STORY OUTPOST BEGINS MAY 31

This summer, Sunday School will be our Bible Story Outpost. Whether meeting on site at Cross View, or opportunities to grow as a family at home, each week's lesson will help us grow to be an "outpost" to our neighbors and friends. With an overall theme of CAMP OUT, outpost stories each week will incorporate a different aspect of camping. It's going to be so much fun! Hope you'll join us!!

TWELVE21

The quarantine has been a blessing for our Twelve21 group. We were meeting weekly in person for the Red Letter Challenge and have transitioned to meeting every Tuesday night via Zoom. Currently we are going through a RightNow Media study on the book of James. If you are interested in joining the group or need to be added to the Facebook group, email list, or Group Me please let Jonathan know. We hope to see you all on Tuesday!

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES: WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED, GROW, AND BE IN GOD'S WORD

Lots of exciting classes are happening this April and May. On Sundays, we'll have two Bible studies happening simultaneously, plus one on Wednesday morning. They all start at 10:00 AM and you can register for them in CV Connect. We'll be sending out links to these online classes in Zoom via our CV weekly communication.

Death...Then What?

Sundays at 10:00 AM, 4-weeks long, starting on 4/26

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Softening death with euphemisms or denying its approach with cosmetic surgery, exercise, or whatever, doesn't change the fact it's there—waiting for us all.



Humans have formulated complex religions, philosophies and ideologies to attempt a glimpse behind the final curtain. However, they offer no solace against the perfect judgment of an omniscient and righteous God. Join us as we dig into the relief that is available only through Jesus' redemptive work on the cross. In this fact, neither our clever wordplay nor our comedic explanations will do us any good, but only faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Joining Jesus, Show Me How

Sundays at 10:00 AM, 10-weeks long, starting on 4/26

[REGISTER HERE](#)

If you loved the Red Letter Challenge and are looking for that "what's next," this is the opportunity for you. In "Joining

Jesus Show Me How" we're going to learn how Jesus trains us to disciple our family and friends to do the same... "Follow Jesus" His way.

And the way Jesus discipled people is simple and results in ordinary followers participating in the mission of the Father and discipling others to do the same. We'll learn together: 1) how does Jesus disciple His followers in the gospels, and 2) how can we use those insights to craft a plan for discipling our family and friends. Together we'll learn how to follow Jesus and join Him on His mission to the world around us.



Regrets, Reality, Restoration

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, 4-weeks long, starting on 4/29

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The simple truth is life is full of regrets. Imprinted on our psyches, some resist all attempts at erasure. What do we do when the condemning memory of past offense(s) won't be silenced? Is there a way out beyond our backstory? Regrets, Reality, Restoration shows there is, by sharing the life stories of those who have found resolution and victory over the heartache of their pasts.



Join us for this 4-week class as we see how, even in these individuals' most tormented moments, it was God's love in Christ Jesus that brought hope to despair and light to crack the darkness.

ALL ABOARD ROCKY RAILWAY!

A NEW VIRTUAL LOOK FOR VBS, STILL A GREAT WEEK!

Mid-April, the VBS team and Cross View staff made the decision that we will be changing the format of Vacation Bible School this summer to be a virtual Vacation Bible School that families can do at home. Our decision was due to the uncertainty of the spread of COVID-19 and wanting to keep our participants and volunteers safe.

This year, instead of VBS meeting at Cross View, links will be on the Cross View website for the different stations and activities. Families that sign up will receive a packet that will include materials, so you have a great experience at home. It will be different, but still a great time of learning and fun!

The alternate format will also allow flexibility for you. You can do the entire program in the morning as you would onsite or spread the activities over more of the day. And, while the resources will be made available the week of June 22, when we would normally have VBS, many of them will continue to be available, so you can use them at a different time that fits better into your schedule. AND, VBS usually goes through

students going into 4th grade, but this year, if you have older kids that still want to be a part of the program they can! Just sign up!

If you have already registered for VBS, you will be contacted regarding the program. If you haven't signed up yet, registration is open! We hope that you'll join us by signing up today! And, sign up for a friend to join you at home. Large groups may not be able to come together, but a small neighborhood sharing of God's love is possible!

If your son/daughter is a part of the ECC/school age program, we will be working with the ECC staff on what their program will look like during the week that is scheduled for VBS.

So, climb aboard Rocky Railway! Where Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!! The cost is just \$12/student which will include supplies and a music CD for your family. (Scholarships are available for families requesting. Please contact Christine Eid at christine@crossview.net)

SPONSOR A VBS STUDENT

To make the week of VBS a great success, we usually rely on people to assist in donating items. This year consider sponsoring a student to help families that can't afford VBS this summer. Contact Christine Eid at christine@crossview.net if you are interested. In advance, thank you for your support!

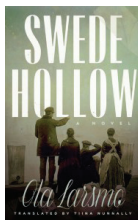
SUMMER MUSIC CAMP – JULY 20–24

At this time, summer music camp is still accepting registrations for July 20–24; 9 AM to 12 NOON. Music camp is open to students entering 1st to 5th grades. It's a fun week, where participants learn a musical, create costumes and props, and then perform the musical to family and friends on Friday morning. The cost is \$45 for the week. Sign up today at www.crossview.net!

Women's Ministries

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet on-line using Zoom on Monday, May 18th at 1:00 PM. We have chosen *Swede Hollow* by Ola Larsmo to read and discuss. Contact Marcy at mpnordhus@gmail.com if you have any questions or wish to join.



WOMEN'S RETREAT: PEACE IN GOD'S PRESENCE

As with so many things, this spring's women's retreat had a new look; meeting virtually. On the weekend of April 24, women of Cross View met for some Bible study and reflections on how even in the midst of a crazy and different time, we can find peace in God's presence. Participants were encouraged to still take time for themselves and 'retreat' at home; and we shared projects that people worked on. It wasn't the same but coming together in the name of our God is still a good time! We look forward to coming together next spring at Good Earth Village. Consider joining us next year for a great weekend!

Youth Ministries

SENIOR HIGH

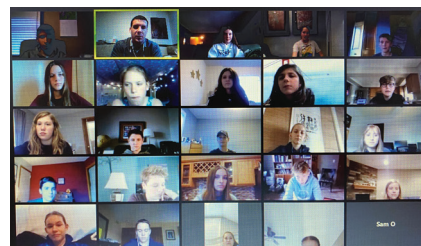
What an adventure this has been! The senior high youth have been real troopers as we have started to navigate what a digital youth group looks like. It has been an experience to say the least. We have found that virtual Bingo works really well! Ryan F., Lauren M., Martha K., and Luke D. all were the winners! We also found that home scavenger hunts are a lot of fun! They are given a list of things to go find within their house (or garage) and have to bring it back to the screen within 20-30 seconds! Our first round of winners were Luke D., Martha K., and Lauren M.

We've also noticed how lonely the new youth room is without any kids. :(



JUNIOR HIGH

Starting March 18th, we shifted to at home confirmation. Families were given a full lesson (video, activity, worksheet, scripture readings, and discussion questions) to go through at home together. It all culminated in the at home final test on April 22nd and the virtual class party on April 29th! We look forward to celebrating the 8th graders who are completing their confirmation journey.



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

On May 31st at 2:00 PM at Cross View we will be having a church wide celebration for our 8th graders who are completing their confirmation experience. It will be a drive through celebration with the confirmands and their families decorating the trunks of their cars to celebrate! Like trunk or treat except for confirmation! We will be asking the entire congregation to come out and celebrate with us, so be watching for more information!

RED LETTER CHALLENGE...NOW WHAT?

by Pastor Toby Schmidt

This past Holy Week we finished the “Red Letter Challenge” (RLC). You did it! We did it! Together, over 135 people in small groups and 115 individuals through a 40-day life-changing discipleship experience. It has been amazing to hear the impact the RLC has had on so many people. In fact, I’m still hearing fantastic stories about how lives have changed, habits have changed, people have grown spiritually, and how you have taken Christ’s literal words and challenged yourselves to live them out practically in your everyday lives.

Before we even began this challenge, my prayer for you and me, and all of Cross View, has been that we would: 1) Have a **deeper relationship with Jesus**. 2) **Live in God’s forgiveness** in our lives and give grace to others. 3) Have a **greater heart of serving God as we serve our neighbors**. 4) **Become more generous** as our Heavenly Father is generous. 5) **Grow in confidence to speak about Jesus** and what He has done in our lives.

God has not stopped answering that prayer. What follows are just some of the responses that I got permission to share from people:

“Marilyn and I really enjoyed working through the “Red Letter Challenge.” We went through each day at it came and found it more challenging as we went. I did start reading the book of John in the Bible when I came to one of the devotions that suggested to read John. I started reading and found it so interesting that I found it difficult to put down. So, I continued to read each book up to

1 John then I went back to read Matthew, Mark and Luke during Holy Week, as suggested by pastor. What a great

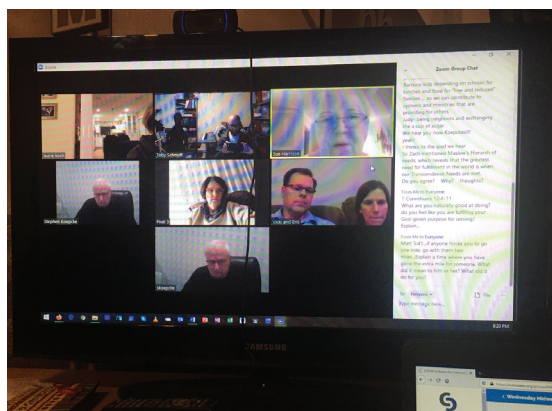
experience to compare all those miraculous parables and confrontations that Jesus had with religious leaders and even his disciples. I finished 1 John and Revelation, and now I am starting in Genesis.

This time of seclusion imposed by the Corona-Virus has made it possible to develop some new habits, which I hope to keep. We are looking forward to the time when we can meet again.” -Steve Koepcke

“Dave and I looked forward each day to the Red Letter Challenge. We started isolating on March 14. The Red Letter Challenge helped us to establish a focus for each day. We liked how it challenged us to have more discussions on witnessing and reaching out to others. It motivated us to give a donation to a food shelf and donate from our closets after everything opened back up.

We discussed how it was rather impossible to reach out in a personal way to others during this time of quarantine. We have also felt a need for nurturing ourselves during this most difficult time in our lives.

We have done that by watching many church services, listening to music, and going for walks. We are fulfilled by personal messages of God’s love for us which is followed by



◀ our overwhelming love for others.

Dave wrote a personal testimony of "Why I Am a Christian" and I plan to write about how being a Christian my whole life has been the major influence in my life. -Kathy and Dave Fulkerson

"The way the RLC was flexible for use and was exhaustive in the ways to participate affectively; where everyone could get the message by listening, reading, explaining, reviewing, meditating, reflecting, and thought-with prayer. The effect is the invitation of The Spirit who helps put it all together and grow me.

The pandemic threw the last two or three weeks into a home/ spouse /family activity. For Mary and me the spouse mode we used was meaningful. We didn't go beyond the RLC book and yet had a set-aside hour that was filled most times. I like the idea of a short verse as the focal topic for a day rather than lengthy verses, chapters or parables that carry a message. In RLC the major weekly "faith-habitor" of Being for example, is supported each day of the week by the short verse. I believe the focus brings better understanding and reflection. Personally, I think getting the home group/family spouse was made more possible because of the Pandemic; but I think it is most important for "faith-habitor" growth. Stay in and With The Word!" -Chuck Daenzer

One member shared how great the RLC was at reminding him of what his mom told him many years ago, "The Gospel is so simple a child can understand and explain it. It's so deep that the greatest minds in history have written volumes on it. The Gospel is still relevant in powerful ways today."

Another member shared, "This whole series gives great reflection, I needed this. Really helps set the priority of God first, which we all know, but can get swept away in life without having that focus. Really appreciate getting back to more 'Being' as I've missed intentionally

carving out dedicated daily time for that. I'm going back through the RLC, as I feel all the themes are very helpful in growing my relationship with God.

"God has really taught me how forgiving, non-judging, merciful are His ways towards me and I now realize how much of my day can be done with that in

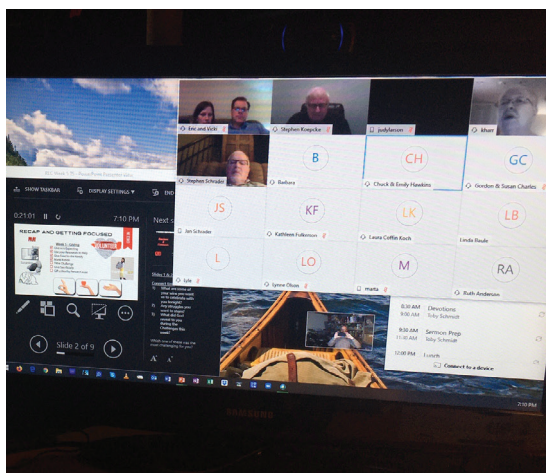
mind. I have to say that I've been interested in getting to know people, but not with the lens of how God is working in me to lead them to Him. To look at each relationship in that way is so awesome. Gives great purpose. As that's been happening, taking time to pause and intentionally connect, God has had people witnessing TO me. Besides humbling, it's God leading me and is almost overwhelming at times seeing His hand at work."

"I want to continue to work on the areas that are the challenges for me and reaching out more to family, friends and neighbors. I'm excited to go back through the RLC and I'm excited to learn more with this OBC (Online Being Challenge), as I think there is great growth opportunity for me in 'being' more."

So Now What? My prayer and challenge to you and myself is to continue in those 5 themes and the "faith-habitors" that we've learned. My prayer and challenge to you is to stay connected to each other, spur one another on and encourage each other (Hebrews 10:23-25), even (and especially) in this time of quarantine and separation. Don't stop Being the follower of Jesus that He has called, created, and enabled you to be. Live in His

Forgiveness as you Give to and Serve God and others and Go share Jesus and what He has done to and for you.

If you're looking for something, I highly recommend our next sermon and Bible study series, "Joining Jesus, Show Me How". It's based on the book by the same name by Greg Finke.



Outreach & Missions

A CRY FOR HELP! GUATEMALA IN CRISIS.

We are not walking alone with the COVID-19 crisis. Guatemala is also affected by this pandemic of epic proportion. Unfortunately, they do not have the testing, promise of medication, or medical care that we are blessed with in Minnesota. The Guatemalan government has closed businesses and placed a 4:00 PM curfew on their citizens.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ, living in Los Vasquez, are suffering from this pandemic. There are multiple families with breadwinners who are out of work due to the coronavirus and they have no food for their families. These families average eight people, including, in almost every case, an elderly member who is at greater risk of health-related outcomes including COVID-19.

Our brother, Helio Ramirez, works for the government in La Union and his work includes the village of Los Vasquez. Helio has been working with our Cross View mission team from the first day we walked into the village of Los Vasquez. Helio now also works as the coordinator for village relief and is working with local volunteers, to prepare food and deliver it to these needy families.

Our Cross View, Guatemala mission team was notified of this great need and was quickly able to raise \$1,730.00. This allows the 40 at-risk families in Los Vasquez, to each receive: 100 pounds of corn, 15 pounds of beans, 10 pounds of rice, and a two-liter bottle of cooking oil. This amount of food will provide two-weeks of food for a family of eight.

When Helio delivers the food, he will pray with each family, take a picture of the food being distributed, send photos, provide a list of all the families receiving food, and a letter of thanks to Cross View from the mayor of La Union.

We all know this crisis will not end in the near future. The need for food and clean water will remain in the coming months, if not years in Los Vasquez. If you are willing to help, any donation for the people of Los Vasquez would be deeply appreciated. Please contact Tom Koch, tjkoch47@gmail.com or at 612-386-3901, or Pastor Steve for more details.

Jesus said: ... "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

CROSS VIEW CONNECTION CARE TEAMS

Christ is the Servant King. As we just reviewed on Maundy Thursday, Jesus shared a meal and washed the feet of others. During this time of uncertainty and fear, we ARE the Church, we ARE the hands and feet of Jesus. It is a time to remember to lean on each other in any way we can. With this in mind, Cross View has started Cross View Connection Care Teams. This new ministry's goal is to identify those who need help and identify those who can help. The care team is communicating with each family during this crisis

to find out their needs and concerns, and also if they have gifts they can share with others. We really want you to lean on us—being able to help others fills our hearts with love. Receiving and giving help builds relationships and helps all of us.

A few things that are being done so far:

- People are sewing masks for different hospitals. Over 340 were delivered to Methodist Hospital last week, and more masks are being sewn for another health-care system.
- A member with a commercial kitchen has volunteered to make soup to distribute to people in need.
- People have offered gifts of money to those in need
- People are offering their time to shop and deliver groceries for those who can't go to the store themselves
- People are donating blood as blood drives are down, and the supplies are diminishing.
- People are preparing and delivering meals to those who are shut-in and can't cook for themselves right now.



All this makes my heart rejoice! The fellowship this shows is a light in dark times.

If you need help or want to volunteer, please contact your Cross View Connection Care Teams member or me directly at Connie.landreville@gmail.com.

Hallelujah! He has Risen!
-Connie Landreville

CROSS VIEW CARES

In 2008, shortly after the financial fallout, many people at Cross View lost their jobs due to a failing economy. At that time, a new ministry was started to help Cross View members who found themselves in transition or under financial duress. It was named "Cross View Cares." This ministry, to our congregation, provides grocery and gas cards to those who are financially stressed. It also can help to pay some small bills in emergency situations. Cross View Cares is completely confidential. The only people aware of

its distributions are the financial office and the pastors.

With the current health and financial situation in which we find ourselves due to Covid-19, please be reminded of this ministry to our congregation. If you or someone you know in our congregation could benefit from this ministry, please contact one of the pastors or Renee Kirchner in the church office. This benevolent ministry exists for such a time as this. It is funded solely by the gifts of God's people who wish to love and care for their brothers and sisters in need.

Tuition Support For Lutheran Schools

Cross View offers tuition support for children and young adults who are attending Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) grade schools, high schools and post-secondary institutions. If you have a child who will be attending an LCMS school in the fall or if you are enrolled in an LCMS post-secondary institution, your completed Commitment form

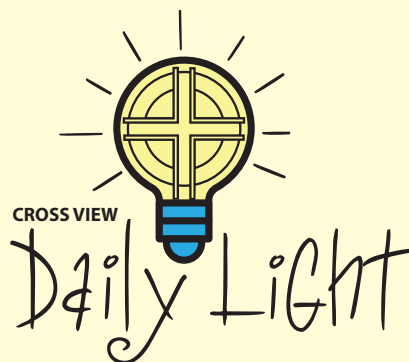
must be returned to the church office by June 15, 2020, in order to receive tuition support during the coming year. Online forms are available by [clicking here](#) or request one via email to Renee Kirchner at renee@crossview.net. Renee can also answer your questions via email or (952) 941-1094.

Meet José Portillo...

José Portillo joined us as Cross View's full-time custodian on April 1, 2020. He has been extremely busy preparing the building for re-opening.

José lives in Bloomington with his wife, Patricia, and their daughter, Jennifer. In his spare time, José likes to grill, walk in the park and go tool shopping at Menards and Home Depot.

José and Patricia enjoy playing with their 6-year-old grandson, Julian. They also have a son, José, and two grandsons in Mexico.



Short daily devotionals by Pastor Steve

5 days a week

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY
CORNER**

This is getting old, isn't it? This staying at home in isolation. Going for walks and purposely avoiding people to ensure a safe distance, while smiling and waving hello awkwardly. Having to wear masks when entering public places, shopping, etc. But worst of all, for many of us, is being unable to gather as the body of Christ and truly worship as one community. As fine a job as our Cross View Pastors and Staff have done to create virtual content (and it has been wonderfully and amazingly well done!), it is still no substitute for gathering in person. We crave meaningful human contact and feel sad without it.

But let us not despair. Let us instead continue to worship God in our homes and seek Him daily in His Word and in prayer. Let us lift up one another in prayer. Let us not sow seeds of fear and doubt but let us sow seeds of faith and hope. Let us know that there will be an end to this season of confusion and pain. Let us prepare ourselves for the harvest that is coming and do all we can to support one another, and sharpen our tools of discernment, discipleship, and trust. Let us rejoice in the transformation brought as a free gift from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, knowing that this too shall pass.

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." (Psalm 46:10-11)

-21 TIPS-

FOR THRIVING THROUGH CORONAVIRUS

1

PRAY OFTEN:



It provides perspective and power.

2

GET OUTSIDE:



Improve moods with fresh air.

3

READ YOUR BIBLE:



Get encouraged by God.

4

PLAY A GAME:



Releasing anxiety for the win!

5

STAY INFORMED:



Follow recommended guidelines.

6

PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN:



Avoid info-overload.

7

STAY CONNECTED:



Answer calls from family.

8

HELP SOMEONE:



It will make you feel great.

9

READ A STORY:



Exercise your imagination.

10

READ A NON-FICTION BOOK



Expand your intellect.

11

EXERCISE:



Reduce stress and unwanted fat.

12

PLAN YOUR MEALS:



Save money and be healthy.

13

START SAVING:



Develop a long-term saving habit.

14

STUDY HISTORY:



Learn from those before you.

15

MAKE SOMETHING:



Flex your creative muscles.

16

DO THAT THING:



Tackle procrastinated projects.

17

WALK WITH YOUR FAMILY:



Reconnect your family ties.

18

TAKE A BIKE RIDE:



The most fun social distancing activity.

19

BUY IT FOR A FRIEND:



Boost the economy while meeting a need.

20

TALK ABOUT MEANINGFUL THINGS:



Focus on what's important.

21

TRUST THE LORD:



He works out ALL things for good.



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