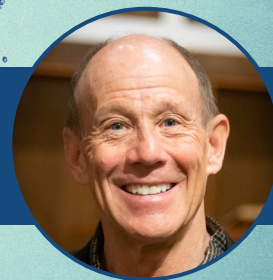


CROSSVIEW CLARION

October 2023

"Luther argued that neither ordination nor religious orders make a person spiritual. It is instead *baptism*." – Reed Lessing



Reformation 2023: The Baptized Life

by Reed Lessing, Associate Pastor

In his letter to Titus, Paul repeatedly urges good works. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works." (Titus 2:7) "To purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." (Titus 2:14) "That those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works." (Titus 3:8) "And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works." (Titus 3:14)

How does God motivate us to become devoted to good works? The answer? Holy Baptism. Paul also writes in Titus, "He saved us, not be-

cause of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:5–7)

With his focus on baptism and good works, Paul promotes the *baptized life*—with equal emphasis on God's gifts delivered in Holy Baptism and the good works that flow from them. "What God has joined together, let no one

separate.” Baptized goes with life and life goes with baptized. Teaching and preaching the baptized life follows Paul. It also follows Martin Luther.

Perhaps the most far-reaching impact of the Reformation was its redefinition of the Christian life. Luther argued that neither ordination nor religious orders make a person spiritual. It is instead *baptism*. It is the baptized life. The Reformer writes, “In *baptism*, therefore, every Christian has enough to study and practice all his or her *life*.” (Large Catechism, 41). Luther frequently connects being baptized with the life of faith. It is the “present tense” of baptism. “Thus, we must regard baptism and put it to use in such a way that we may say, ‘I am baptized!’” (Large Catechism, 44)

The Reformer employs the baptismal images of regeneration, washing, cleansing, rebirth, and death and resurrection to define baptism as the divine work of God. The power, effect, benefit, fruit, and purpose of baptism is that it saves. Baptism saves. Baptism also creates a new life. *The baptized life!*

Holy Baptism gives Gospel power for a life of good works. Luther models this in a sermon on February 2, 1534:

Here it is apparent how the devil obstructs us at every turn so that, while Baptism is not treated incorrectly, it nevertheless remains without fruit among us. Although it was without our works and good life that we found grace to obtain Baptism correctly, we are still to devote ourselves to

honoring and adorning it with words and works and our whole life from now on. (Luther’s Works, 57:186–89)

We must never remove baptized from life. When we do our message becomes “deadly Be’s.” “Be Like” Bible studies stress that we must strive to “be like” a particular biblical personality. “Be Like” sermons assume believers can secure their relationship with God by adopting right behavior. They urge Christians to improve their relationship with God by trying harder. All such messages are deadly because they promote good works without Gospel power. *They bypass baptism.*

In his 1535 Galatians lectures, Luther comments on Galatians 5:14. Here Paul writes, “The whole law is fulfilled in one word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” Luther observes.

Therefore, it is as necessary that faithful preachers urge good works as that they urge the doctrine of faith. For Satan is enraged by both and bitterly resists them. Nevertheless, faith must be implanted first; for without it one cannot understand what a good work is and what is pleasing to God. (Luther’s Works, 27:53)

The Reformer describes the baptized life.

Baptized, we think godly thoughts. Baptized, we choose godly priorities. Baptized, we make godly choices with our time, our money, and our lives. Through baptism, God recreates us for good works.

What a joy it is to announce, “Through baptism God has made all things new — even and especially you!”

Hannah Zahrte To Join Cross View Staff

Hannah Zahrte is honored to accept God's Call to serve Cross View as a DCE — Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Her acceptance letter expressed a "thank you for the prayers, kind words, and warm welcome" during her onsite visit. She said she "can't wait to see what God has in store for me with

all of you."

Hannah's Cross View start date is scheduled for Monday, October 9th. The date of her installation will be announced in the bulletin. Please pray for Hannah's Cross View transition and assimilation into our Church family.



Financial Update Year-to-Date Results

- Year to Date Total Income is \$56,269 or 6.88% favorable to budget.
- Year to Date Expenses are \$79,688 favorable to budget primarily due to open staff positions and less call committee expenses.
- ECC Income is \$6,051 favorable to budget. ECC expenses are nearly at plan, resulting in a favorable Net Surplus.
- Additional pledges of \$42,900 were received in August, closing the gap for Restored! Thank You!
- The Restored! campaign is currently \$117,291 short in pledges to fully repay the loan by the May 2024 maturity date.

RESTORED!

Please prayerfully consider donating!



Cross View Lutheran Church

8/31/23	2023 Actual Year to Date	2023 Budget Year to Date	Actual vs. Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Total Income	\$874,256	\$817,987	\$56,269
Total Expenses	(\$795,745)	(\$875,433)	\$79,688
General Fund Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$78,511	(\$57,446)	\$135,957
General Fund Ending Balance	\$247,228	\$111,271	

Cross View Restored! Building Campaign

Contributions Received in August:	\$17,816
Total Pledges Made to Restored!	\$401,238
Total Contributions Collected:	\$365,167
Balance in Restored! Fund:	\$12,759
Loan Balance Outstanding:	\$219,000
Additional Gifts Needed to Repay Loan:	\$117,291

Early Childhood Center

ECC UPDATE

Thank you to all our volunteers who help us in the Early Childhood Center. We would especially like to thank the following: Denny Scheppmann who helps keep the children safe by taking care of outside repairs, hanging the tarp that keeps the sandbox in the shade, and fixing any item that breaks. Dick Rostal and Pete Niemira who do general repairs and maintenance. Darlene and Cal Senechal who donate medical paper that we use for our diapering areas

every day. We would also like to thank all who donate toys, school supplies, and books.

PIZZA PARTY

On September 22nd the ECC had their annual Pizza Party. It is a fellowship time for our families to have a night where they don't have to worry about cooking and enjoy time getting to know other parents in the center.

VEAP FOOD DRIVE

The center also joined with the

church to collect canned food items for VEAP. Below you will find a picture of our kids donating their items from home.



Christian Education

UNLOCKING PROPHECY: ARE WE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS?

Dates: September 17–October 29, 9:30–10:30 AM

Location: Sanctuary

Teaching Leader: Pastor Reed Lessing

Have you ever wondered about the rapture? The seven-year tribulation? The thousand-year reign of Christ? God's plan for Israel? This study looks at the book of Revelation from a different perspective — one called premillennial dispensationalism. All your questions will be answered!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Dates: September 17–October 22, 9:30–10:30 AM

Location: Rooms 210–211

Teaching Leader: Pastor Steve Wheeler

Come and learn more about God's design for Biblical marriage and how to honor Him through our relationships.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

DATES: September 17–October 22, 9:30–10:30 AM

Join us Sunday mornings this fall 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.

- **September 17–October 1: 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.
- **October 8–October 22: 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.
- **October 22: New Member Sunday** Formally become a member of the CV faith family during the 10:45 AM worship service.

[To register, click here.](#) Questions or need info, contact Ann Ryan (annryan@hotmail.com) or the church office at 952-941-1094.

COMMUNITY LIGHT SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM

(No Class on October 18)

Location: Great Commission Room

Pastor Reed will present "Hope Revealed – Revelation Part 1 (Chapters 1-10)" during this fall session of Community Light. Lectures will be followed by Q & A and then



discussion in small groups. Sessions are available live online and on-demand at www.communitylight.net. Please contact Amy Gundermann (amy@crossview.net) with questions or [register on CV Connect](#).

PROMISED REST WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM (No Class on October 18)

Location: Room 119

If you're in need of rest for your soul from the anxieties and worries in the world, join your sisters in Christ for "Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God's Presence" by Michelle Diercks. This book study will focus on the different names and characteristics of God. We'll see how He keeps His promises to give us rest by offering us His name to cling to. Order your book from www.CPH.org or on Amazon. Call Vicki Weber at 952-838-5500 with questions.

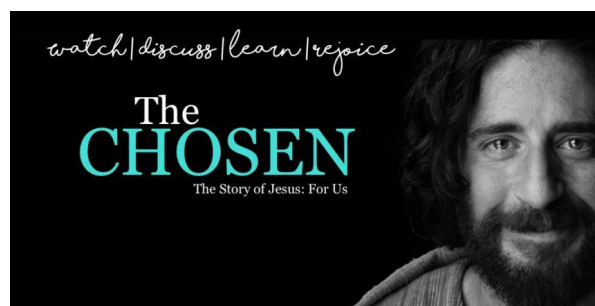


THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY (YOUTH & ADULTS)

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM (No Class on October 18)

Location: Sr. High Youth Room

Using the video series "The Chosen", we will explore what it means to be chosen by God while revisiting the Biblical stories of Jesus' life on earth. Each week, we will watch an episode together and then discuss the themes. Amy Gundermann will lead this class for senior high youth and adults. Bring your Bible!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RECHARGE

Dates: Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM (No Class on October 18)

Kidstitute Location: (4 rooms) 216, 217, 218, & 223

The children will be learning about different attributes of God's character this year as the focus on the heart of God and how to reflect it in everyday life.

Childcare: Nursery Room (for 0–3-year-olds)

Children's Ministry

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Are you trained in Special Education? Are you passionate about helping individuals with special needs? Do you have a child with special needs? I would like to know if there is any interest in a special needs ministry for children at Cross View. However, I would need professional special needs educators to help me start such a ministry. Reach out to Barb Coffin (barb@crossview.net) if you have any feedback or thoughts about this.

OCTOBER STEPPING STONE CLASSES AND CELEBRATIONS

- Sunday, October 1: Celebration of First Bible Stepping Stone (Two year olds)
- Sunday, October 1, 8, & 15: Adventure Bible Stepping Stone classes (Second grade)
- Sunday, October 15: Celebration of Adventure Bible Stepping Stone (Second grade)
- Sunday, October 22 & 29: Journey Stepping Stone classes (Sixth grade)

STELLAR CHRISTMAS

Can you believe it is already that time to start thinking about our children's Christmas program? The date for the big event is Sunday, December 10, at 10:45 AM. The theme this year is Stellar Christmas which is a follow up to our VBS program this year. I think the kids will have a great time with it. All the practices will happen during the Sunday

school hour. We have eight speaking parts that include five stars and three readers. These speaking parts do not need to be memorized. We also have six non-speaking parts. We are also looking for any kiddos who would be interested in being on the stage crew to direct kids or assist in other ways. Please ask your kiddos and see if they would be willing to participate and let Barb Coffin know.

PARENT CORNER



October is a great month to celebrate kindness. Below are some ways you can encourage acts of kindness with your children.

- Lend a helping hand: Encourage children to look for ways to assist their classmates, whether it be with classwork or helping someone pick up spilled items.
- Share a good book: Reading can be a shared experience that cultivates friendships. Or read a book about kindness.
- Share kindness with a neighbor: Suggest that they help with small tasks or simply greet them with a smile.
- Help clean up: It can be at home or at a park.
- Surprise gifts: Create bookmarks with encouraging words together and have them leave them at the library or school in fun spots.

Youth Ministry

RAKE AND RUN FUNDRAISER

The Junior and Senior High youth will do their annual Rake and Run fundraiser on October 28th.

If you are interested in having the youth rake your lawn for a donation towards their mission trips and activities, please register on [CV Connect](https://www.crossview.net/cv-connect) or contact Vicki Barton at youth@crossview.net. Vicki will contact you the week of Oct 23rd to give you a rough estimate of what time we will be to your house. The youth ask for a donation of \$7 per bag raked, however, that is not mandatory. We are happy to rake your lawn regardless!

If youth and adults are planning to help rake and drive, please sign up via the [CV Connect registration](https://www.crossview.net/cv-connect-registration) as well.

CONFIRMATION

The 2023–2024 confirmation classes are underway! Classes started on the first night of Recharge on September 13th with 16 seventh and eighth grade students and their parents in the junior high youth room. How fun to have such a full room! Students will be studying the catechism this year. Everyone is excited to have Brad Ost and Connie Landreville returning this year as confirmation teachers!

REALITY CONFERENCE: "MAN OR MAKER: WHO SAYS WHO YOU ARE?"

November 10th and 11th, Cross View youth, along with leaders and chaperones, have an opportunity to attend a conference at Grace Church titled "Man or Maker: Who Says Who You Are?" This conference is put on by a company called Stand to Reason (STR) and discusses a lot of hot topics and Christian Apologetics such as defending the faith, identity, sexuality, social media, and many others.

CONFERENCE DETAILS

- 4:30 PM November 10th through 8:00 PM November 11th
- Drop off and pick up at Cross View
- Cost: \$75 per person (Adults as well)
- Housing: We will be staying at Cross View overnight to eliminate drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Transportation: We are asking our chaperones to drive youth to and from the conference.



JUNIOR HIGH EVENTS

Junior high youth enjoyed fun fellowship time to end the summer with games of kickball and hide and seek, not to mention all the snacks! We are looking forward to many fun events this school year too, including the confirmation retreat at Camp Omega and a mentor game night in the early fall. If you are a mentor to a confirmation student, please mark your calendar for October 7th from 7:00–9:00 PM. We're looking forward to a fun night of board and card games with mentors. And what would a youth event be without some snacks and treats too!

YOUTH MINISTRY WISH LIST

As Junior and Senior High youth are settling into their new spaces downstairs, we have identified a few things that we would like to do to make the space more youth friendly. If you are able to help in one of the following ways, please contact Vicki Barton at youth@crssview.net. Thank you for your support of our youth!

- Pool table in good condition: If you have or know of a pool table either to donate or for low cost, we would love to see if it's a good fit for the Senior High Youth room.
- Do you have a knack for decorating? We have a few ideas for decorating the youth spaces but need people to help finalize and execute the plans.
- Current board or card games: If you have fun for youth board or card games that you don't play anymore, perhaps we can add them to our collection?

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- Oct 7: 7:00–9:00 PM, Mentor Game Night at CV
- Oct 28: Rake & Run Fundraiser

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- Oct 1: Top Golf
- Oct 8: Sr Youth at CV
- Oct 15: Sr Youth at CV; Bring a Friend Night
- Oct 22: Sr Youth at CV
- Oct 28: Rake & Run Fundraiser
- Oct 29: Sr Youth at CV

SENIOR HIGH EVENTS

Senior high youth enjoyed fun activities at the end of the summer youth group events, including the annual mini golf and ice cream outing. This year's mini golf was at Wheel Fun in Richfield, followed by ice cream at Cone Brothers. The last night of summer youth group was a fun boys versus girls water fight. By the end of the night, both teams were winners, and everyone was wet! Senior high youth are looking forward to many fun events in the upcoming school year, starting with Top Golf in October.



Adult Ministry

JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

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

TNT EVENTS

Come and get to know others at TNT (Twenties & Thirties Young Adult Ministry) in the same life stage through Bible study and time to hang out together! Meeting locations vary, but all events will be on Tuesdays from 6:30–8:00 PM. Contact Nicole (nclvvo@gmail.com) or Michael (michaelmunl2018@gmail.com) with questions or to be added to the GroupMe for TNT.



- October 10: Nicole and Maxwell's Home
- October 24: Dinner together and serve at FMSC
- November 7: Sr. High Youth Room at Church
- November 10: Friendsgiving Potluck

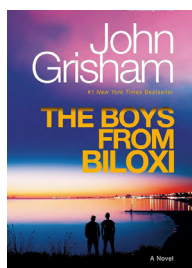
MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Don't miss the Men's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, October 14th from 8:00-10:00 AM with guest speaker Mike Max! This will be a great opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged to live out their calling as Christians. Invite a friend or neighbor to come! [Registration is due on CV Connect](#) by October 12th and the cost is \$20. Contact Dave Wagner (dave@ambrosiacoffeemn.com) or Dan Battcher (dtbattcher@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out with the event.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet at church in room 120 on Monday, October 16, at 1:00 PM. They will be discussing the book *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham. Please feel free to join them as new members are always welcome.



YOU'RE INVITED! Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon

Saturday, Nov. 4, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM



Speaker: Jane Horn

SPEAKING ON:
"POSITIONAL GRATITUDE"

Caterer: Lunch Thyme
Cost: \$15.00 per person

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Sign up at any of the following locations:
Event Registration Kiosk in CV's upper lobby
Crossview.net
Cross View's Facebook page

Questions? Contact:
Marcia Johnson @ 812-454-4129
Vicki Weber @ 952-995-0774



The entire congregation is invited to contribute to the 2023 Women's Ministry Fall Luncheon Charitable Outreach.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boys	Either	Girls
Yo-yo	Nail clipper, file	Yo-yo
Toy car	Fun adhesive bandages	Slinky
Ball	Reusable eating utensils	Etch A Sketch
Frisbee	Harmonica, kazoo, etc.	Stuffed animal
Puzzle	Jump rope	Drawing pad
Small Lego kit	Socks/undergarments	Jewelry kit
Sun glasses	Pencil case	Sewing kit
Flip flops (sz 5–9)	Notebook	Flip flops
Activity books	Flashlight	Hair accessories
	Index cards	Sunglasses
	Small adhesive tape	

The Women's Ministry will be collecting any of the above items for the annual **Operation Christmas Child** effort sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Collection boxes will be placed in Cross View's upper lobby starting Sunday, October 22, and remain through Saturday, November 4, at the "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" Fall Luncheon. Gift items are targeted toward middle and high school-aged kids.

Questions? Contact:
Glenda Kibat @ 612-418-2718
Barb Schaus @ 320-260-0383



Cross View
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Outreach & Missions

TRINITY FIRST SENSORY ROOM THANK YOU

Cross View members contributed to a new Sensory Room for special needs students. Sarah Wippich, principal of Trinity First, thanks everyone for their contributions.

Dear Members of Cross View,

THANK YOU so, so much for your generosity in helping us achieve our goal of creating a Sensory Room with therapeutic equipment for our special needs students. We had many delays and a few setbacks, but we are so thrilled to offer this to our students. We also added a mural to the area! It is a beautiful and functional space. THANK YOU!

Principal Sarah Wippich, Trinity First Lutheran School



TRINITY FIRST — THANKSGIVING FAMILY NIGHT

After some listening sessions with our partners at Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis, Cross View is excited to provide a Thanksgiving Family Night at their school on November 21st from 5:00–6:30 PM. Rather than the full-blown meal that we have done in the past, there will be desserts, games, and crafts for families to do together. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Amy Gundermann at amy@crossview.net or Tom Pahl at tpahl@foleymansfield.com. Other volunteer opportunities this fall include helping in their after-school Tiger Club and serving lunch to the students on Fridays. Keep Trinity First in your prayers as they continue to minister to children and families in the city with the love of Jesus!

VOLUNTEER WITH POBLO

POBLO is in need of additional volunteers to help English language learners. Contact volunteer coordinator Shari Schulze at 612-552-3878 or shari@poblo.org.

CAREPORTAL – RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

Cross View is launching a response team this fall with CarePortal, a network that helps to meet the needs of children and families in crisis within our community. If you are interested in joining Cross View's response team or just want to learn more, register on CV Connect for ONE of the training sessions coming up in October. There is no minimum requirement so volunteers can determine their own level of involvement. Pam Olsen has been trained as our team lead at Cross View and you can reach her at careportal@crossview.net with questions. Visit www.careportal.org to learn more.

[Sign up for training on October 1st from 6:30–8:00 PM](#)

[Sign up for training on October 5th from 6:30–8:00 PM](#)



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

Join the Journey Kickoff Sunday

The journey into the 2023-2024 ministry year kicked off Sunday, September 10. The morning was filled with energy and excitement. The morning began with a traditional worship service, followed by time to learn about the many education opportunities offered at Cross View. Fellowship, coffee, and donuts were enjoyed by attendees. The morning concluded with the contemporary service.



Cross View Churchwide Picnic

Over 100 Cross View members enjoyed hanging out together on Sunday, September 10th, at Riley Lake Park. It was a wonderful fall day with church family and friends. Many participated in yard games, played on the

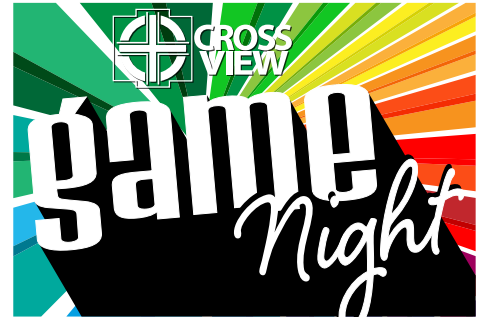
playground, ate dinner together, and caught up with each other after the summer. It was nice seeing all the ages of church members from the youngest to the oldest fellowshiping together!



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



Recharge on Wednesday Nights

Our new Wednesday night Recharge got off to a great start on September 13. The crowd enjoyed this mid-week gathering that allowed them share a meal, dig into

God's Word, and connect with one another. Get more details about this new night of programming at www.crossview.net/recharge.





ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH

Pastors appreciate feedback to know if their message is getting through to the people they serve. My interview with Brad and Janet Ost would assure any pastor that the Gospel has been planted deep in their hearts. Their steady involvement in the life of Cross View is another evidence of their sincere and humble walk with Jesus. We thank the Lord for the Ost's faithful fellowship among us.

Q. What have you learned about following Jesus throughout your years?

Following Jesus means we strive to be more Christ like. To do that requires us to focus on the Bible to see his examples and recognize it is not about us but being more like Him. We must act, not just "say". Our attempts to follow him are at best imperfect and only made possible by the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Q. What has been your most challenging/rewarding experience about being Christian parents?

Planting the seed of the Holy Spirit through baptism and exposure to the Bible is the "easy" part. The challenging part comes into existence as you let your children take their own faith walk and try to stay active as a participant in that walk as they mature. The reward comes when you see God thru their actions of caring, sharing, kindness, patience, etc. to others.

Q. Where in the Scriptures do you find strength and faith for the day?

The words of 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God..." have certainly been true in our lives. While we have our favorite passages, what is giving us strength and faith changes over time based on life circumstances. Ultimately it comes down to the broad message of the Bible: God loves us always, Christ came to earth, suffered, died, and rose to save us from our sin and make us right with God the Father. The Holy Spirit works faith in us and empowers us to live joyfully knowing that our ultimate home is in heaven.

Q. What persons have inspired you the most to be faithful disciples?

Certainly, our parents were key in our faith development and their daily examples impact(ed) our on-going faith walk but also important has been the fellowship of believers (the Church). The people we have met at our childhood home churches and at Cross View have been a real blessing and seeing their faith lived out through their life challenges has inspired us!



Q. What is your favorite way of sharing the Gospel with others?
Reading and discussing the Bible while together. Praying together (it brings intimacy and God's answers to the prayers show his power and love).

Q. What is your greatest concern for Cross View?

That we continue to focus on God's Word and sharing it with the world and realize this calling is not about buildings, media, music styles, etc., but about people and relationships and connecting them to God's Word, whatever that takes.

Q. What did the recent COVID pandemic teach you about the importance of meeting together?

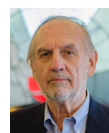
While God's Word can work thru any media, we feel an enhanced presence of the Holy Spirit when we are together in person with fellow Christians.

Q. What do you most look forward to in your life with the Lord?

Seeing God face to face and being in that Glory for eternity!

Q. What aspects of leadership are most critical in the life of our congregation?

Keeping our eyes on Christ and continually preaching, studying, learning, and living out Scripture (i.e., Becoming fully devoted followers of Christ, along life's journey and through connecting, growing, and serving together.)



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



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM Contemporary Worship in the Great Commission Room

Sunday services are also [live streamed](#).

Communion is on 2nd & 4th Sundays.

SUNDAY EDUCATION

9:30 AM Onsite & Online

RECHARGE

Wednesdays, Sept. – May

5:15 PM Meal

6:30 PM Programming

www.crossview.net/recharge

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

CALENDAR

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