

TIDINGS Newsletter

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CROSSVIEW COVENANT CHURCH

Honoring God by reaching out and building a community of disciples for Jesus Christ.

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Prayers for Crossview

by Pastor Kevin Melin

It is with mixed emotion that I pen my last Tidings article. As I leave, I hope that I have contributed to building on the foundation of faith that has long preceded me, and will continue in my absence.

There are two things that we as Americans struggle with that other cultures seem to grasp much better: First, that somehow everything is all about ME. We are so individualistic, which does battle against the corporate and community mind set meant for Christ's body. Second, it is all about NOW. Both of these misconceptions are giving me much to ponder in these days of transition.

My hope and prayer is that the days that God has given me in your midst have had significance for YOU and for HIM. If not, I have truly failed! I pray that YOU have been lifted up and encouraged in faith in these days. I pray that YOU have been strengthened in your inner man. I pray that YOU have taken the next steps of faith's journey in the days that we have walked together. That what has been accomplished is more than mortar and brick, but belief, purpose and principle taking root in YOU. In addition, I pray that HE will get all glory. That HIS name has been praised and that HIS Kingdom has been furthered! There is nothing I've wanted more than YOU experiencing HIM!

I also pray that I've been able to contribute to the great foundations laid by our forefathers... the pastors, leaders and parishioners who have come before us. I pray that the spiritual "bricks" we have laid onto a spiritual foundation will be another layer placed skillfully and with deep appreciation to what lies beneath it. Knowing all the while that these past seven years will serve as a foundation for the faith of those who are yet to believe or yet to attend, I pray that the tools we have created and the forms put in place will serve to be instrumentation placed in the master's hand for bringing forth the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not about NOW, but about that which MIGHT BE.

To that end, I have great hope for Crossview's future. I am only passing through and so are you. But the sovereign Creator, Sustainer of the universe and the One who has master planned a great salvation fills this place and this people. And HE will do much in it and through it! This then becomes as it should be and always has been and always will be... Christ's Church. And that makes me glad, satisfied and blessed to be a very small part of something so significant!

In His Grip, Pastor Kevin Melin

GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT (7/1/2011 - 11/30/2011)

Budgeted Income	\$546,891	Account Balances	
Actual Income	\$497,414	as of 11/30/2011	
Budgeted Expenses	\$531,955	General Fund:	\$78,166
Actual Expenses	\$477,776	Designated Fund:	\$170,480
Actual Shortage/Excess	\$ 19,638	-----	

Amount needed weekly to meet the budget: \$24,551
Average giving per week through 11/30/2011: \$22,609

MEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

by Matt "Lou" Letourneau

Excitedly the men of The Ox are welcoming the New Year. We eagerly await all the great things that God is going to do within the body of believers and in men.

Stop by and pick up The Ox 2012 Bookmarks with the new monthly schedule at the Welcome Desk. New to the Ox schedule will be the introduction of the men's Saturday morning breakfast. Starting with the February meeting (and occurring every other month thereafter) The Ox will be hosting Saturday morning men's breakfasts for some of our monthly meetings. Just like the evening monthly meetings, this will be a time of food, fellowship, and corporate man-style studying and exploration of the Word. Additionally, following the vision to develop an identity that exists outside of a building, The Ox will be offering quarterly outreach and service projects through 2012.



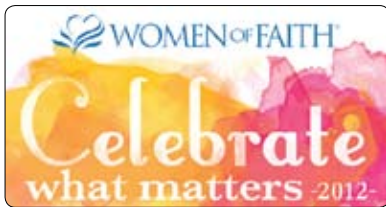
Sunday, February 5th is the "Big Game." Excitedly, the Ox will be hosting its first annual Big Game Drop-In. This event is open to everyone (and an excellent outreach opportunity for inviting others) to come and enjoy food, door prizes, and the big game on four large HD television! Mark it on your calendars and stay tuned for further details in the next couple weeks.

Like always, information will be available in the lobby and via the Tidings, but the best way to stay current with The Ox activities is to check out www.oxkato.blogspot.com and to get signed-up for the The Ox email newsletters. Email us at crossviewmen@gmail.com for more info.

The beginning of the year brings the promise of great things, and we can't wait to see and be a part of all God is going to do.

Ministries for Women at Crossview

Women of Faith 2012 Conference



Ladies of Crossview: Invite your friends, moms, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, aunts, neighbors & co-workers to a Friday evening and Saturday that will inspire and encourage each person in a unique and special way! Come and experience the kind of bonding that

occurs when women laugh, cry, and spend time together learning about God and each other at **Women of Faith CELEBRATE 2012 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul (Oct. 19 & 20, 2012).**

Register by contacting DeAnna (507-469-4217) or Carrie (507-351-6842). We already have 20 women registered, so only 30 tickets are still available! Registration forms are available at: www.crossviewcovenant.org/women

Cost: Conference registration	\$89
Transportation	\$35
Hotel (single*)	\$110

*Save \$\$ by sharing a room! 2 per room: \$55 each; 3 per room: \$36 each

Payment Schedule: (\$20 Deposit due upon registration)

Payment 1 (3/1/12):	\$30 per ticket
Payment 2 (4/15/12):	\$39 per ticket
Payment 3 (6/5/12):	remaining balance + hotel/transportation

New Beth Moore Bible Studies...

JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS

The Book of James resembles the Book of Proverbs more closely than any other New Testament book. Join us for a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You'll never be the same again. (8 sessions) Book: \$20

Mondays (6pm - 8pm)
Beginning January 16th

or

Friday (9:15am - 10:45am)
Beginning January 27th

Call the church office or visit crossviewcovenant.org/women to register.

More Ministries for Women at Crossview!

AVA Workshop: January 18, 2012

AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse) is a ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church's Women Ministries. AVA's goal is to make the church a safe sanctuary for victims, provide help for victims, and to educate the church on domestic violence and abuse. AVA wants to break the silence in churches, bringing the darkness of this sin in the light so there can be repentance, healing and restoration.

Learn more about how Crossview can promote peace in our homes and community by attending a workshop in Coon Rapids on January 18th. For more details, contact Amy Deike by January 10th at 507-382-2873. Please also contact Amy if you cannot attend but are interested in supporting a ministry for victims of abuse at Crossview.

Woman to Woman Mentoring

Orientation Coffee (#15)
Sunday, Jan. 29 (2 - 4:30pm)
(Location TBA)

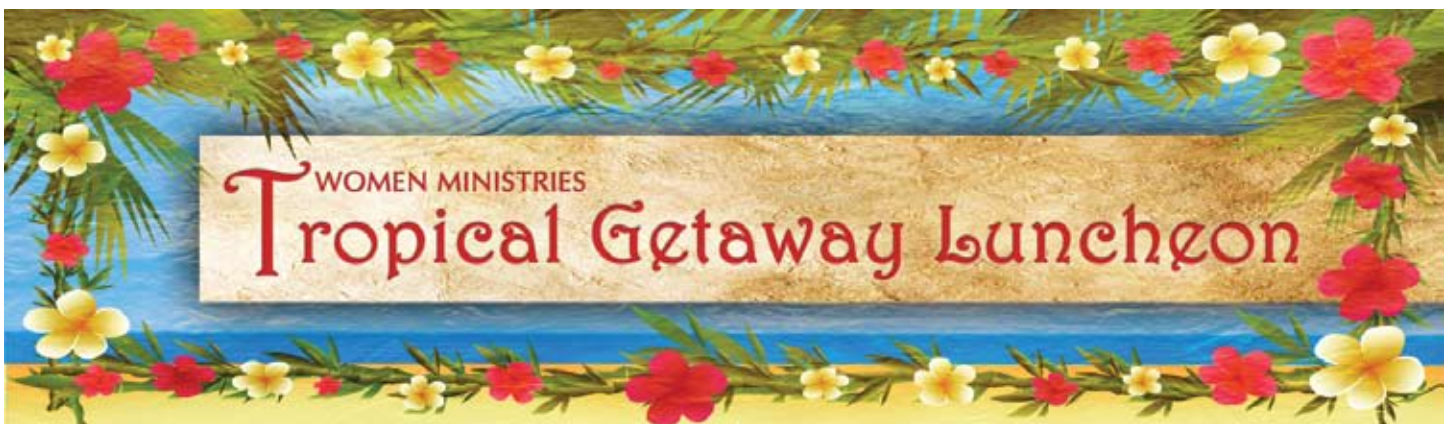
Kick-Off Night
Tuesday, Feb. 7th



All women are invited to come to the Orientation Coffee and learn how to experience the joys & blessings of encouraging each other in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. At the Coffee, you can choose to be a mentor or mentee, and our Prayer Day team will match you with another woman.

The Kickoff Night offers training for mentors and mentees, and the opportunity to meet one another. Each match has a Prayer Warrior, who faithfully prays for the relationship throughout the mentoring period.

Sign-ups begin on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at the Welcome Desk.



For Women Who Need a Break from Winter...You're Invited to a Tropical Getaway!! Saturday, February 4th, 2012 (10:30am - 12:30pm)



Crossview's Women Ministries Team is planning a refreshing morning to make us forget the snow and cold (if only for a few hours) and bask in a tropical scene of inspirational talk and food. We are privileged to host a national speaker and author who comes from our own area. Claudia Fletcher is a woman with many titles, including Adoption Matching Specialist, Clergy Spouse, Mom to 12 adopted children acquired in 11 years, Grandma, and former "Single & Carefree" College Administrator. Claudia presents with humor, wit, Biblical insight, and encouragement. She speaks on adoption, parenting, and how God's grace leads to more grace. Claudia is also an author, with her last co-authored book entitled, "Okay, Now Which One of You Took My Sanity?" To be sure, we are in for a fun morning! Following her talk, we will enjoy a delicious luncheon and time of fellowship.

Tickets will be available Sunday, January 15th through Wednesday, February 1st for \$7.00 each in the Lobby between services and may be reserved on the church website or by calling the church office at 387-5606. Tickets must be reserved ahead of time. We hope to see you at the Tropical Getaway!!! Don't forget to wear your Hawaiian or tropical clothes! Since ALL women are invited, this is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

Children's Ministries at Crossview

Generosity Abounds at Flipside Sunday School

Our Kindergarten through 6th Grade students in Flipside Sunday School have been actively showing their love for Jesus by giving to those who are less fortunate (Matthew 25:40 - "...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.").

Since September, they have donated 200 lbs of food for the food shelf, 60 gifts for Toys for Tots, and more than \$200 for Compassion Sunday. They filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child while continuing to provide financial support for our Compassion International Child, Reni. Great job, kids!! By the way... if you see one of our Flipside Leaders in a strange costume on a Sunday morning, it most likely means that the students have met another giving goal.



A Night In Bethlehem - December 9, 2011

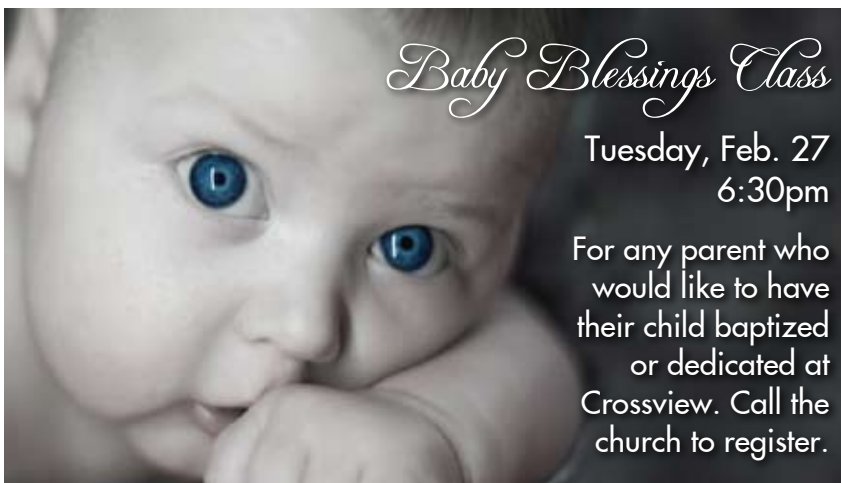
Thanks to our many volunteers who served as bakers, toy makers, crafters, jewelers, soldiers, tax collectors, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, and more! You helped this event to be a great success!



Nursery Volunteer Training

Thursday, February 2nd (6:30pm)

Join our team of caregivers and minister to the young families of our church! We welcome new families nearly every week and are honored to have the privilege of helping these children know the love of Christ. If you have a heart for the littlest ones in our church family, contact Michelle Moosey at 386-1889 for more information on how to get involved in "God's Little Garden."



Baby Blessings Class
Tuesday, Feb. 27
6:30pm
For any parent who would like to have their child baptized or dedicated at Crossview. Call the church to register.



"New" Moms & Muffins
Monday, Jan. 23rd - 9:15am
in the Crossview Covenant
Baby Nursery

All "new" moms, with a baby, or new to Crossview with a nursery-aged child, are invited to join us for coffee, muffins and play time! This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to the nursery environment and for you to get to know other Crossview moms! {"New" means roughly in the last year.}

Please RSVP to Michelle at 386-1889 if you plan to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ CROSSVIEW

For more details on these and other events, please visit <http://www.crossviewcovenant.org/calendar/>

JANUARY

- 5 Carol Court Moving Day
- 8 Missions Heartbeat
- 10 POP In Book Club
- 12 Project Days
- 13 Fantastic Fridays
- 14 Piecemaker Quilters
- 14 Baby Shower (Amanda Kraus)
- 20 CHAOS
- 20 Friendship Builders Potluck & Movie
- 22 Farewell Pizza Party for Melins
- 23 Moms & Muffins
- 26 The Ox Men's Ministry
- 28 Bridal Shower (Sarah Roos)
- 29 Woman to Woman Mentoring
Orientation Coffee #15
- 31 Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 4 Tropical Getaway Luncheon
- 5 Men's Ministry "The Big Game"
- 12 Chili Cook-Off & Silent Auction

FAREWELL PIZZA PARTY For Pastor Kevin & Family

Sunday, January 22nd
Following the Second Service

Please visit
www.crossviewcovenant.org/farewell
to RSVP for the Pizza Party and submit
a personal farewell message for the
Melins! We will assemble the messages
into a scrapbook for the Melin family.
Scrapbook pages are also available
at the Welcome Desk.

Missions Heartbeat: Sunday, Jan. 8 (6:30pm)

Pastor Chris Pappenfus will share pictures and memories from his October trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo, as part of a Covenant World Missions Vision Team. Laura Melin will share from her summer mission trip to Kenya, where she did medical work while experiencing, and learning to love, the culture and people of the area.



POP (Pals of Print) In Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 10 (7pm @ Crossview)

"POP" in & enjoy great fellowship
and discussion! Open to all.

January Discussion Book:
"The Pastor" by Eugene Peterson

CHILI COOK-OFF & SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, February 12th - 4:30pm

Food & fun for the whole family! Come enjoy a delicious meal, see whose chili takes home the grand prize, and bid on some great silent auction items! The Chili Cook-Off is FREE (there will be a free-will offering collected at each table). All proceeds will go to support the Student Ministries 2012 summer trips.

Think you've got a winning recipe? Enter YOUR chili in the Cook-Off! You can also support our youth ministries by donating items for the Silent Auction! "Theme" baskets, gift certificates (car detailing, photography, etc), and high quality items are popular!! Visit <http://www.crossviewstudents.org/chili> for more details.



The "Big Game"

Watch the game at Crossview
Hosted by The Ox // Family Friendly
(No childcare or drop-off)

Sunday, Feb. 5
Doors Open @ 5p
Kickoff @ 530p

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Football

Food

Fellowship

Flat-screens

Fun