



CROSSPOINT LUTHERAN CHURCH

2022 Annual Report



Join us Sunday Morning
9:00 & 10:30



Welcome to Crosspoint



2022 was an amazing year at Crosspoint. The pandemic's decline led in increased involvement and excitement within our church community. More importantly, Crosspoint chartered as its own congregation, a dream over 15 years in the making.

We believe that life is best connected with God, I invite you to take a look back at this past year and see how Crosspointers were living out the Crosspoint Way by inviting, connecting, growing, and serving.

This is just the beginning for Crosspoint. As I said at our charter celebration this past summer, "Everything we do today and from here on out is for the people who aren't here yet." Being a part of the CP Family is a true blessing and I can't wait for what's next.

JOHN SCOTT
SENIOR PASTOR

FOR WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE. HE HAS CREATED US ANEW
IN CHRIST JESUS, SO WE CAN DO THE GOOD THINGS HE
PLANNED FOR US LONG AGO.

Ephesians 2:10

Tyler Coyne begins pastoral training

Tyler is not new to Crosspoint, but he is stepping into a new role as he studies to become a pastor. For many years Tyler had been encouraged by friends and mentors to pursue full-time ministry. This eventually led to to 2021, when he heard God call him to pastoral ministry. In February 2022, Tyler was installed as Crosspoint's vicar. He will be completing the Specific Ministry Pastor program through Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. During his 4 year program, Tyler will be taking online classes and applying what he is learning directly to the ministries of Crosspoint. Pastor John will mentor him throughout his training. Tyler will be ordained in 2024 and graduate in 2026.



DECIDING TO GO TO SEMINARY WAS A BIG AND FAITH-FILLED STEP IN MY LIFE. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS ALLOWED ME TO GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR GREAT GOD, AND SHARE THESE THINGS WITH THE CONGREGATION HERE AT CROSSPOINT. BEING ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PASTOR JOHN HAS SHOWN ME THAT BEING A PASTOR IS SO MUCH MORE THAN PREACHING. I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCE OF PEACE AND CROSSPOINT HAS GIVEN ME AS I BEGIN TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE IN THIS TIME OF MY LIFE.

Tyler Coyne, Vicar

A New Chapter for Crosspoint

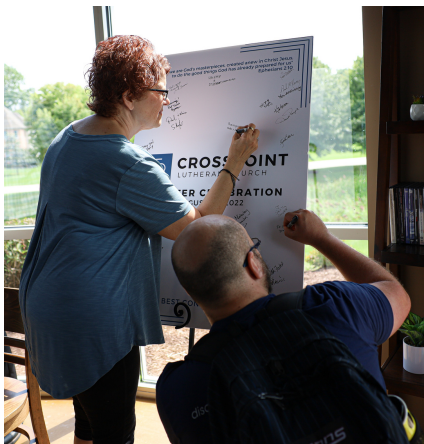
CROSSPOINT CHARTERS AS AN INDEPENDENT CHURCH

Crosspoint began as a dream of members at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Palatine in 2009. Their mission was to help people who are disconnected connect with Jesus in a new way. After deciding to plant a church in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, Prince of Peace and the 6 families of Crosspoint's Launch Team began planning and working towards that dream becoming a reality. On May 8, 2011, Crosspoint opened its doors for its first service.

11 years later, Crosspoint chartered as its own congregation. On August 28, 2022, over 200 people including members of Crosspoint, Prince of Peace, and many family and friends gathered to sign the official charter and celebrate Crosspoint.



CROSSPOINT'S LAUNCH TEAM - 2011 & 2022





Invite

DISCOVER JESUS BY INCREASING AWARENESS OF CROSSPOINT WITHIN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

After two full years of the pandemic, in-person attendance began to bounce back in 2022. We ended 2022 with an average Sunday morning attendance of 112 people and 125 first time guests. We piloted a brand new online worship experience titled the Studio Service for 6 months. This 25 minute service included music, an abbreviated message, and prayer, followed by a Bible study. Crosspointers had the chance to invite people to 6 community events throughout the year, including the annual Easter Egg Hunt, CP's first Trunk or Treat, and a Gingerbread House Competition.

*125 first time
guests at worship*

*6 community events
hosted*





OUR PRAYER FOR CROSSPOINT IS THAT OUR CHURCH WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SEE OUR CROSSPOINT FAMILY EVERY SUNDAY. IT'S BEEN SO NICE TO SEE EVERYONE THE PAST FEW MONTHS. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF OUR FRIENDS AS THEY CONTINUE TO COME BACK.

Karah Veldhoff, BOD Member

Connect

EXPERIENCE JESUS BY CONNECTING MORE DEEPLY WITHIN THE CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY

Being connected is the heart of Crosspoint, and it's more than just meeting a friendly face. We want our members to do three things: come to church, grow into you, and make a difference. We want our CP family to participate in church regularly, continue to grow spiritually, and serve in the community. 2022 ended with 20 new members, 198 official members, and 207 active Crosspointers.

One of the things that makes us different than other churches is the number of adults who have connected with Jesus and church. Over the last 12 years, we have baptized and confirmed four times as many adults as the average Lutheran church. LCMS churches average 1 adult baptism or confirmation per 100 members. We have averaged 136 members from 2011-2022 (from 70 to 198). With 136 average members, it's expected that we should have welcomed 16 adults through confirmation or baptism. Instead, we have welcomed 63 (10 through baptism and 53 through adult confirmation). What a blessing that Crosspoint can be a place where people from all stages of life can take a vital step in their faith journey.

198 Members

20 New Members

207 Crosspointers





I LOVE WHAT OUR CHURCH DOES-CONNECTS PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT CHURCH WASN'T FOR THEM TO A LOVING, ACCEPTING CONGREGATION. OUR CHURCH IS UNIQUE IN THAT 50 PERCENT OF OUR CROSSPOINTERS HAVE NEVER HAD A CHURCH HOME BEFORE OR ARE BRAND NEW TO CHRISTIANITY.

Pastor John



Grow

EQUIP PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JESUS AND GROW DEEPER IN THEIR FAITH

STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones are the way we guide children to grow in their faith through their formative years. We've marked out 5 steps at which we pause, teach a little, and celebrate what God is doing in that child's life. Baptism, Crosspoint Kids, New Bible Readers, First Communion, and Confirmation of Faith.

8 Baptisms

BAPTISM

Baptism is more than just sprinkling water on someone's head. It's about what God is doing and a sign of God's love and adoption into his kingdom. In 2022 we celebrated 8 baptisms.

2 New Bible Readers

NEW BIBLE READERS

Two kids completed their New Bible Readers stepping stone this year. Intended for 3rd grade and older, kids are introduced to how to use their first 'real Bible', the main themes of the Biblical story, and learn to build reading habits.



BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

Crosspointers understand that spiritual growth takes more than just showing up on Sunday morning. By the end of 2022, group participation increased by 71% and 84 individuals were a members of a small group or Bible study.

84 individuals in Bible Studies & Small Groups

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

In July 2022, our high school students travelled with Fellowship of Faith (McHenry) to Houston, Texas for the LCMS Youth Gathering. 18,000 students and adults gathered together for worship, breakout sessions, and the chance to connect with peers from around the United States and the world who share the same faith.



THIS PAST YEAR'S NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING WAS ANOTHER AMAZING WEEK. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS IN ALL THINGS, AND THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT GOD TRULY IS IN ALL THINGS! I LOVED BEING ABLE TO SEE OUR STUDENTS SEE AND WORSHIP WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHER STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. THEY WERE ABLE TO LEARN IN SMALL BREAKOUTS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS FROM SPIRITUAL GROWTH TO MENTAL HEALTH. THE GROWTH THAT I SAW FROM THE STUDENTS DURING THE TRIP WAS INSPIRING AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THEY CONTINUE TO GROW THROUGH THE REST OF HIGH SCHOOL.

Geoff Theisse, Youth Leader & Chaperone

Serve

MAKE A TANGIBLE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD THROUGH THE LOVE OF JESUS

Service and outreach are deeply embedded in Crosspoint's DNA. Most churches operate on the 80-20 rule: 20% of people do 80% of the work. We are actually the opposite. In 2022, 72% of attenders served in some capacity, with 112% increase in worship volunteers. Whether it's teaching kids on Sunday mornings, assisting with tech by operating livestream cameras or running sound, playing an instrument on the worship team, or brewing coffee before and after services, there are endless opportunities to serve at Crosspoint.



72% of attenders serving

112% increase in worship volunteers



2022 WAS SUCH A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR FAMILY! CROSSPOINT WELCOMED OUR OLIVER WITH SO MUCH LOVE. EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY, HE IS TAKEN CARE OF AND REMINDED HOW LOVED HE IS BY HIS GOD AND HIS CHURCH FAMILY. THEY TRULY TAKE THE PHRASE "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" SERIOUSLY. WHAT A BLESSING!

Audrey Coyne,
Worship Arts Director

WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our heart for serving is not limited to 4 walls of our building. One long-time partner of ours is West Elementary School (Crystal Lake). In May 2022, we collected and donated \$1000 to 10 different families. This provided them the resources for fun, family activities in the summer. We also hosted our annual giving tree right before Christmas; this year 106 gifts were collected and donated.

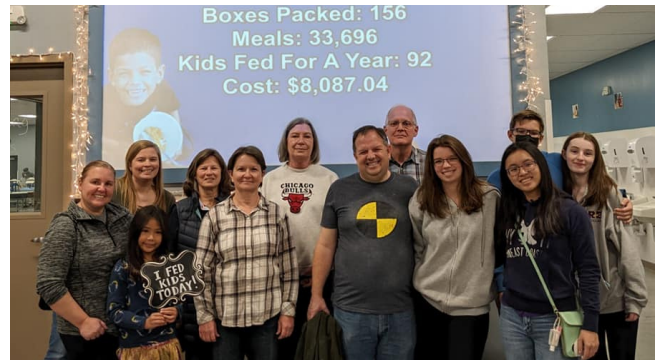
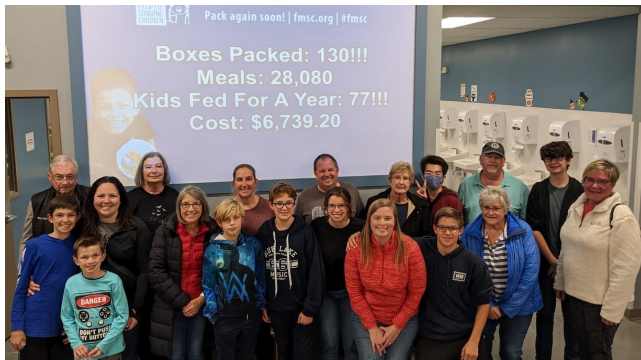


\$1000 raised for West Elementary

106 Christmas gifts donated

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

In the fall, two groups headed into Schaumburg to pack food for Feed My Starving Children. 286 total boxes were packed that will provide 61,776 meals to 169 kids.



A Message from the Board of Directors

2022 was an amazing year for Crosspoint with the biggest highlight being the Chartering Celebration. As I greeted guests, members, old and new friends that day, I could not help but reminisce about the journey. The idea of Crosspoint started with a meeting of 6 core families on January 17th, 2010. Back then, we discussed what kind of church we wanted for the community. These families wanted Crosspoint to be a blessing to any who walked through the door. It's been a long journey filled with successes, failures, and unexpected outcomes. The journey has been so long that my now senior in high school was a mere preschooler when we started. From helping as a member of the Leadership Team to being Chair of the Board of Directors, it is truly humbling to see how God has blessed Crosspoint.

As we look to 2023, I'm excited to see how Crosspoint rises to meet the challenges of being on our own. I and the members of the Board are ready to continue the adventure that is Crosspoint. We anticipate a great year filled with amazing events, spiritual growth, and community bonding. Thank you so much for joining us on this amazing journey and may God bless you and those you love.

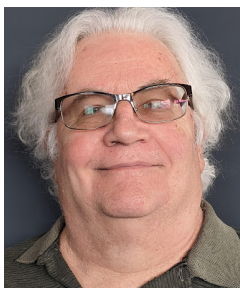
Eddie Brown



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Chairperson

Rick Marvel
Vice Chairperson

Elisabeth Falkenthal
Secretary



Stan Pakulla
Member at Large

Karah Veldhoff
Member at Large

Donna Younger
Member at Large

Generosity

From our regular offerings and the generosity of Prince of Peace, all expenses were met through August 31, 2022. Prior to chartering as an independent church, \$119,000 was raised for the "Launch Fund." This fund was intended to help us start strong financially. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of the 108 families that donated to Crosspoint this year.

Actual 2022 (4 months)	
9/1/22 Gen. Fund Balance	\$0
Offerings	\$118,629
Launch Fund	\$119,280
Building Use	\$640
Expenses	-\$103,040
12/31/22 General Fund Balance	\$135,509
Budgeted 2023 (12 months)	
1/1/23 General Fund Balance	\$135,509
Offerings	\$235,000
Launch Fund	\$0
Building Use	\$0
Expenses	-\$343,647
12/31/23 General Fund Balance	\$26,862

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Looking Ahead

For the first time in a while, 2023 will begin with no pandemic-related restrictions. As such, we're excited to welcome everyone back to in-person worship and overjoyed to begin offering more opportunities for building a stronger community. With the Lord's help, here is how we are aiming to grow at CP by the end of 2023. First, coming to church: we want to make it a priority to be a church regularly on Sunday mornings and invite our community to join us. Second, growing into you: there are opportunities at Crosspoint for spiritual growth for all ages. Our goal is to triple the number of active small groups. Finally, making a difference by showing up and participating. We want to host more community and fellowship events and continue to engage with our community in Lakewood. Through all of these opportunities, we pray that everyone who calls CP their church home will be able to become more meaningfully connected to God and to one another in 2023.

LIFE IS BEST CONNECTED WITH GOD



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