



# CrossWay Community Current

an Evangelical Free Church

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Hear ye, hear ye! The annual congregational meeting has been set for Sun., June 1, after our worship service. All are welcome; members will be

asked to sign in to make sure we have a quorum for doing business.

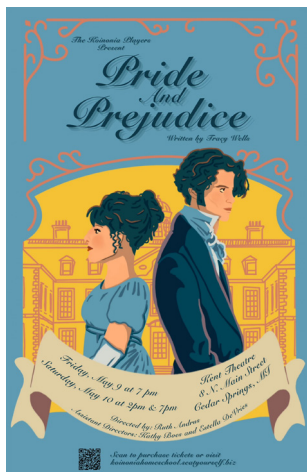
What business? you may ask. We'll be receiving ministry reports from our pastor, our treasurer, our ministry leaders, and our ad hoc nominating and audit committees, as well as admitting new members, approving the church's budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year that begins that day, and electing the elder board.

We'll also open the floor for discussions, including any new business that members might want to bring to the congregation's attention.

Refreshments will be available before the meeting, and child care will be provided.

If you're worshipping at CrossWay regularly, you are encouraged to attend so that you can learn more about the life of our church and listen for the Lord's leading on how He's calling you to participate.

## We're invited...



Enjoy an outing to Cedar Springs and support CrossWay's Caleb Ward as he performs in the Koinonia Players' theatrics, offering Tracy Wells's play *Pride and Prejudice*. It's at the Kent Theatre on Fri., May 9, at 7 p.m. plus two performances on Sat., May 10, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets at [koinonia-homeschool.seatyourself.biz](http://koinonia-homeschool.seatyourself.biz). Should be fun!

## Time for spring cleaning



Our congregation's tradition of an outdoor spring workday at CrossWay is scheduled this year for Sat., May 3, after the breakfasts on 28<sup>th</sup> Street, from around 10 or 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We'll be doing the usual spring cleanup along with a little painting. Please bring general yard tools and your sunny disposition!

## It's recital time . . .

This Spring, CrossWay's sanctuary is the site for a pair of piano recitals by our talented worship leaders.

Jocelyn Ostoich led the way on April 27 with her afternoon offering of classical favorites (pictured here).

Next up is Annie Lash's offering, scheduled for Sat., May 10,



beginning at 12:30 p.m. Even if you missed Jocelyn's, consider joining CrossWay friends for an early afternoon of memorable music, from Annie's heart to ours.

## Coming Up at CrossWay Community

Sundays • 9:30<sup>AM</sup> • Prayer, lobby classroom  
Sundays • 10<sup>AM</sup> • Gather for worship together  
Tuesdays • 1<sup>PM</sup> • Ladies Bible Study  
Thurs., May 1, 15, 29 • 6:30<sup>PM</sup> • Small group @ Le's  
Sat., May 3 • 9<sup>AM</sup> • Men's breakfast @ Bob Evans  
Sat., May 3 • 9<sup>AM</sup> • Women's breakfast @ Russ's  
Sat., May 3 • 10:15<sup>AM</sup> - 1<sup>PM</sup> • Outdoor Workday  
Sun., May 4 • 11:30<sup>AM</sup> • All-church prayer meeting  
Thurs., May 8 • 6<sup>PM</sup> • Elder meeting  
Sat., May 10 • 12:30<sup>PM</sup> • Annie Lash piano recital  
Sun., May 11 • Mothers' Day (no Sunday School)  
Sun., May 18 • 11:30<sup>AM</sup> • Sunday School, all ages  
Sun., June 1 • 11:30<sup>AM</sup> • Annual Congregational Meeting

## A message for you, CrossWay

In early April, our Missions Steering Committee met to decide which organization should receive the dollars we had set aside for this fiscal year to begin our congregation's support of the trending missions model: Indigenous church planting — that is, supporting the evangelistic activity of individuals who best know the language and culture where they are serving for efficient spreading of the Gospel. We chose Mission India during a “match” period that doubled our impact. Here's their response:



### *Easter Match Thank You*

#### **Thank you, Crossway Community Church!**

Your generous gift of \$1,005 to our Easter 2025 Matching Challenge will **DOUBLE** your impact, bringing the Gospel to twice as many children in India through 10-Day Children's Bible Clubs!

For many children in India, summer break means instability as parents work long hours to provide. These Bible Clubs, comparable to a U.S. Vacation Bible School, offer a safe, joyful space where boys and girls experience fun skits, action songs, Scripture memorization, and prayer. Children will hear the life-changing message of Easter, discovering the hope and love of Christ—many for the first time!

The impact goes beyond 10 days. These Bible Clubs often lead to year-long programs, opening the door for entire families to hear the Gospel.

**2,010 Indian boys and girls get to attend a 10-Day Children's Bible Club and hear the Easter message, because of you!**

Here's how God worked through donors like you at 10-Day Children's Bible Clubs last year:

128,426 Leaders Trained      6,868,670 Scripture Materials Placed      6,408,612 Children Reached

~ **MISSION INDIA**



## Taking our mission personally

*“For you created my inmost being;*

*you knit me together in my mother's womb....*

*all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”* from Psalm 139

During April, as I was preparing a proposal for the next year's missions budget as CrossWay's Missions Coordinator, I was struck by a fresh understanding that brought me up short:

All my life, even before I asked Jesus into my heart and became His adopted daughter, my life has been shaped by the God of the universe. He has invested His time, His talent, His wisdom, His love into making me into the person I am today.

What kind of return on investment has He seen from my life? Have I been like the servant in the parable that took the amount his master entrusted to him and invested it for a rich return, or do I more closely match up with the servant who hoarded what was entrusted to him and had nothing to show but the master's own original investment?

Challenging thought, isn't it? How about you? Do you recognize the mission field you enter as you drive onto Burton Street each Sunday? ❤️ *Pam Reed*

## Tell me some stories

At Mission India's 2025 Banquet of Praise, you'll meet others in West Michigan who are passionate about God's work in India, enjoying fellowship over a meal. Then, you'll hear special updates on the latest happenings in India from our leadership, including stories that are sure to inspire you in your own faith!

**You're invited to join the Banquet at the time and location most convenient for you. Dinner at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville on Tuesday, May 6 or gather for lunch or dinner at Frederik Meijer Gardens on Monday, May 12.**



You've already given to this ministry through your support of CrossWay. Now it's time to hear some heartwarming stories of Gospel witness and salvation and an exciting announcement about a breakthrough in an unreached area of India.