

CrossWay Church is a Bible-teaching church intentionally building disciples of Jesus Christ using His model as our example.

Our ministries and activities are intended to promote spiritual growth and opportunities for service.

CrossWay Church is a place where you and your family can grow, love, and connect with others who are on a journey with God.

We want to glorify God together by loving and serving Him and our fellow man.



# Welcome to CrossWay Church

Law

Pastor Gregg Laskow

## Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today as we worship the Lord together again! We pray that you will experience the joy and encouragement which only comes through knowing Jesus Christ personally.

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## General Fund Year to Date: Week 25 of 53

Budget to Date      Weekly Budget  
\$248,280              \$9,931

Offerings Received      Oct. 15, 2023  
\$285,131                  \$10,654

*"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV)

## Worship Order

**9:10 a.m.**

Prelude  
Praise  
Scripture Reading      Romans 2:12-29  
Prayer      Pastor Gregg Laskow  
Pre K-1st graders may be checked into KidSide  
Hymn #112      "Complete in Thee"  
Message      Pastor Gregg Laskow  
Song      "O Great God"

Parents: please pick up your children from childcare

## Break

**10:40 -10:55 a.m.**

Coffee and tea are available in the Connections Café.

## Bible Fellowship

**10:55 -11:30 a.m.**

*Pre K-4th grade may head to KidSide. Middle School meets in the Youth Center. High School students meet in Room 5.*

Q & A with Pastor Gregg

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes by the doors.

*"For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law."*

Romans 2:14 ESV

## Announcements

### June Schuler Memorial

Bob and Jennie Schuler would like to invite you to celebrate the life of June Schuler. Join in on Saturday, November 4th at noon. A light lunch will follow in the Connections Café.

### You Are Invited!

Nils Rickard and Shenyd Umana will be getting married on Saturday, November 11, 2023. They would love to include as many of their CrossWay family as would like to join in for the ceremony at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

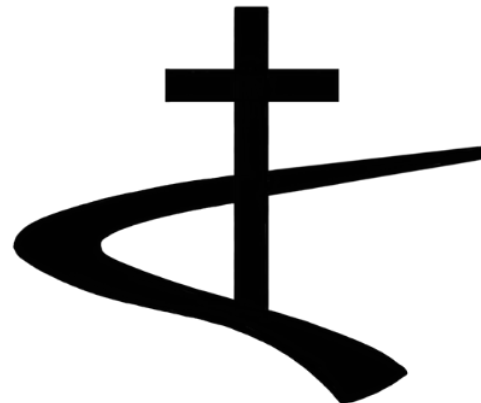
### Christmas Music

If you would like to bless our congregation this Christmas season with your musical talents please see Dane Martin.

### Photo Directory

Our photo directory is a great way to put a face to a name! Currently, the photo directory on the password protected portion of our website has been taken down for updating. Guy Rickard is available to help take an updated photo of your family. You may also email a photo to Angel at [office@crosswayberks.org](mailto:office@crosswayberks.org).

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## CrossWay Ministries

### Christmas Greetings to our Missionaries

We have Christmas cards for our missionaries on the Missions table for you to sign. Please feel free to add a note to our missionaries to let them know we are thinking about them and praying for their ministries.

### CrossWay Mommas

CrossWay Mommas will meet next on November 3rd, 9-11 a.m. Please see Laura Gehris for more information.

### Men's Ministry

Men, save the date! The Men's Retreat will be held at Refreshing Mountain Retreat and Adventure Center, April 19-21, 2024. Watch for more information early next year.

### Missions Ministry

Please keep Jon & Tammie Rissmiller (serving in Costa Rica) in your prayers:

- ❖ Pray for sons Jacob and Jared to walk with Jesus
- ❖ Pray for son Joel as he prepares for a May 2024 wedding
- ❖ Pray that daughter Jessi and her family continues to pursue Jesus
- ❖ Pray for wisdom and strength in their new roles and responsibilities
- ❖ Pray for wisdom as they prepare their 2024 budget
- ❖ Praise for the great group of missionaries currently on campus

## Looking Ahead

TONIGHT - High School Ministry, 6:30-8 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 - Truth for the Heart, 9:30-11 a.m. & 7-8:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 3 - CrossWay Mommas, 9:30 -11 a.m.  
 Nov. 3 - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 7-8:15 p.m.  
 Nov. 6 - Trail Life, 6:30-8 p.m.  
 Nov. 11 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m.

# Law

## 1. The law, law, or Law, has various meanings throughout The Old and New Testaments.

**Greek:** The Greek word for “law” is *nomos*. The English language does not always have the same formal equivalency and can have a variety of meanings depending on its context. *Nomos* occur 155 times in the New Testament.

**Law (nomos) can mean:** (A) a particular or specific command that promises rewards for obedience or punishment for disobedience (Gal. 3:10); (B) a rule, principle, system, or norm (Rom. 3:27; 7:21); (C) a collection of writings, such as the Pentateuch (1 Cor. 9:8, 9; 14:21, 34; Gal. 3:10); or (D) a summary of the Old Testament (Matthew 5:17-21; Jn. 10:34; 12:34; 15:25; Rom. 3:21).

**Hebrew:** The Hebrew word for law is “Torah.” Depending on the context, it is translated as “direction,” “instruction,” or “law” and is used 214 times in the Old Testament. The root word of Torah is *yara*, which means to “throw” or “shoot.”

## 2. The law is viewed positively and negatively in Scripture.

### Positively:

- The “law” is of God (Rom. 7:7, 25; 8:7). It is “given by God” (Rom. 9:4) and “written by God” (1 Cor. 9:9; 14:21, 34). It contains “the will of God” (Rom. 2:17-18), “bears witness to the righteousness of God” (Rom. 3:21), and is “in accord with the promises of God” (Gal. 3:21). The law is “holy, good, and of the Spirit” (Rom. 7:12, 14, 16). Its essence is “love” (Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:14), and its embodiment is “knowledge” and “truth” (Rom. 2:20). God brings knowledge of sin by utilizing the law, which exposes the sinfulness of sin (Rom. 7:7) and is a curse only to those who disobey it (Gal. 3:13).

### Negatively:

- The law brings a curse (Gal. 3:13), wrath (Rom. 4:15), sin (Rom. 7:7), and death (Rom. 1:32; 5:12-21; 6:16, 21, 23; 7:5, 9-11, 13, 24; 2 Cor. 3:6-9; Col. 2:14).
- The law gives sin its “opportunity” and has the effect of multiplying sins (Rom 5:13, 20; 7:7-8). This increase has a quantitative dimension. Quantitatively, the law has increased the number of sins by defining more things that displease God by its very prohibition (Rom. 4:15; 5:13-14). The law gives sin its power (1 Cor. 15:56) and is used as an instrument of deception (Rom. 7:11). The law brings knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:19-20; 7:7-12).
- The law does not make men sinners but transgressors (Rom. 4:15; 5:13).

## 3. The law can have several genres.

### Mosaic Law (covenant):

- Revealed to Moses and published for the nation of Israel on Mount Sinai through their prophet and intercessor, Moses. Initially, the Ten Words (Decalogue/Ten Commandments) were given (Ex. 34), and then subsequent revelation was provided, which Moses recorded afterward. Moses received significant instruction for the forty days and forty nights (Ex. 34:28) he spent on Mount Sinai.
- Only the nation of Israel received this law. As a result, it was only binding on them (Deut. 4:8; 5:1-3), as it was given in the context of slavery and to the inheritance of the land (Ex. 20:2, 12; Lev. 25:2; Deut. 28).
- The Mosaic law is known as the Torah, though not all the Torah is “law.”
- The Mosaic law can be divided into five units: (1) The Ten Words (Ex. 20:1-17); (2) the book of the Covenant (Ex. 21-23), which reflects the customary law that would go into effect at that time; (3) the priestly regulations (Lev. 1-16); (4) the holiness regulations

(Lev. 17-27); and (5) the Deuteronomic regulations (Deut. 12-26). Beyond this, there are also regulations for the tabernacle and an account of its fabrication (Ex. 26-31; 35-40).

- The Mosaic law has 613 commandments. The Jewish tradition has 365 prohibitions (for each day of the year) and 248 commands (one for each body member).
- All the laws regulated their life as a nation, from food, cultic worship, a system of government, Sabbath polity, clothing, and relation to other Gentile nations.
- Dividing the Mosaic Law into a tripartite (moral, ceremonial, and civil) is unwise, confusing, unbiblical, and subjective.
  - Every Jew, including Jesus, viewed the Mosaic law as a unit, indivisible, since it is given within the context of a covenant.

**Positive Law:** commands, rules, and regulations that cannot be perceived by reason alone but only by verbal announcement or written publication. It becomes *binding* not because it reflects the essential character of God but because God, as the Creator, has revealed it.

- The prohibition from eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17), circumcision (Gen. 17:10-14), Baptism (Acts 2:38), the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:25), and various other clothing, food, and holiday observances communicated to the nation of Israel.

### Natural Law:

- Derivative from the character of God and binding on all image-bearers at all times in all settings until sin and death are destroyed, and man will be unable to sin (non-posse peccare).
- Not acquired through tradition or formal instruction but intrinsic to man and not assessed, created, or implemented by popularity or majority vote.
- It is an imperfect guide for sinners because it can only be accessed by reason. Since reason cannot always be trusted because of sin, the DNA of natural law can be nearly obliterated in the unregenerate because the mind and intentions of the heart are perverted, obscured, and tainted by sin (Jer. 17:9-10; Rom. 1:21; 2 Tim. 3:13).
- In its essence, love toward God and love towards man.
- It is only because of sin that iterations of natural law are needed, though God holds man accountable for breaking the natural law.
- God holds *all* mankind accountable to natural law, *not* the Mosaic law.
- Inscribed on the hearts of the Gentiles, though without the Mosaic law (Rom. 1:32; 2:17-19; 3:19), they are still accountable to God for sinning against the law.
  - The pagan nations were removed from the land of Canaan because they violated natural law, not the Mosaic law since it wasn’t published yet.
  - These nations were “unclean” because they practiced sorcery and divination and engaged in sexual perversion, including incest, bestiality, same-sex activity, adultery (Lev. 18:22-26) and sacrificed their children to Molech (Lev. 18:3).
- Adam and Eve, in their Pre-Fall condition, were able to sin (posse peccare) or able not to sin (posse non peccare).
  - There is no indication that God “published or communicated” to or with Adam any law, except one prohibition with a threat pre-Fall (Gen. 2:17).
- The Mosaic law is a publication and iteration of the natural law that is culturally tempered to Israel as a nation, based on its historical-redemptive setting. The Mosaic law (covenant) shares a similar substance to natural law, though different in form. It describes natural law; it does not define it. It shares the same substance but a different form.
- The law is not intended for the righteous, but the unrighteous (1 Tim. 4:9).