

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE/LOSE THE HAIR UPDATE!...WE DID IT!!! Not only have we met our challenge from Pastor Kent by collecting **3359** food items, we **tripled** the previous Food Share record for Christus Victor! The Confirmation & Youth groups also met their challenge, collecting **over 500** additional food items! It is truly amazing what we can do when we partner together with God in our hearts & the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. The food shelf greatly appreciates & relies on the continued support of members of Christus Victor to meet the needs of local families that are struggling. Many heartfelt thanks from the Social Ministries Committee for everyone's efforts in making this such a tremendously successful food drive!

ALLELUIA SOUND HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR & THE GOOD VIBRATION BELL CHOIR...from the First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, IL., will be leading us in music filled worship next Sunday, April 13, 2008 at both services! We are excited to welcome this 30 member musical youth ministry to CV! Thanks to those who are housing the choir members & to those who provided the food & are helping out with the lunch on Sunday!

CAMP WAPO FUNDRAISING!...The campers are offering an evening of babysitting so you can enjoy a break! Babysitting will take place here at CV; Saturday, April 19th, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Please feed your kids before they come, or pack them a “sack supper”. Ages invited: Infant on up. Games, crafts, movies & snacks will be provided. Please sign up at the **“Information Desk”**. There will be a free will offering taken to help offset the cost of camp.

ON BEHALF OF THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE...We're not sure if you are aware, but our committee has been dwindling this past year. We need fresh ideas on how to reach our visitors & encourage growth on our committee. We would like to invite all the people of CV to come to our next committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 PM. We are not asking you to join our committee (but please feel free). We are just asking for some ideas & direction. We thought maybe the first step would be to ask past committee members & joyful servant participants to come & share what were the most influential factors that caused them to become members. Then hopefully we can draw on those successes to formulate a plan to be more effective in recruiting new members. We would greatly appreciate any input you have & hope that you will come April 9th to visit with us. Thank you so much!

SENIOR CONNECTION...meets twice in April. Wednesday, April 16th, gives all the working mature folks at CV an opportunity to join the “really” retired for an evening together. We will meet in the CV parking lot at 6:45 PM to share rides & caravan to Burnsville High School to watch their production of “THE TITANIC”. Watch the Sunday bulletin & look for a sign up sheet at the **“Information Desk” TODAY** to get ticket information. We will also meet Wednesday, April 30th for coffee & goodies in the narthex at 1:45 PM. We will decide what we want to do for the next 3 - 4 months & solve 2 or 3 major problems of the world (as time allows). Then we will motor to Apple Valley High School & enjoy their spring production of the classic “THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST”. It's a Senior preview so it's free. Watch the Sunday bulletin on April 20th & 27th, & sign up at the **“Information Desk”** starting April 20th. Mark your calendars & invite others!

GRAND SLAM...Grades 6th – 8th...Sunday, April 27th...12:30 PM – 4:00 PM...Cost \$12.00...Sign up sheets are due on Sunday, April 13th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!...The kids going to WAPO were able to fundraise \$228.30 from the Sunday Morning Hospitality Fundraiser & \$573.00 from the Maundy Thursday Spaghetti Dinner.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH...vote on the Youth Board for the Bible study topic you would like to study this summer. Choices are: 1) Church Seasons & Worship, 2) Parables of Jesus, 3) Psalms, 4) Book study on Prince Caspian.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE'S NEXT PROJECT...will be MIDWIFE KITS. Requested donation items include: bath towels, receiving blankets, infant hats, 2 1/2 gallon Ziploc bags, & bath size Ivory soap. Please place your items in the cradle located in the Narthex. Volunteers are welcome to come & assemble kits on Saturday, May 10th at 9:00 AM. The sign up sheet is at the **“Information Desk”**.

WOMEN'S BWCA WEEKEND...August 1-5, 2008. Cost is \$180; Sign up & pick up the packet of information at the **“Information Desk”**. Informational meeting **April 20th**, in the Youth Room, following the second service. Call Kathy Wittnebel at 952-890-8286 with questions.

IS IT CRAZY TO START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER ?...Not at all! In fact, the Children & Family Ministries committee is already starting to plan for VBS. Yes that is right! Vacation Bible School will take place July 20-24 (with a special program on Sunday, July 27th). Registration will start in May, but mark your calendars now. Come & have an amazing adventure with music, drama & POPCORN.

WHILE YOU ARE WRITING DOWN THE DATES FOR VBS 2008...we will be in need of grown – ups to help out. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts & uncles...please consider being a part of the lives of our children during this very popular event. Mark your calendars, we will make extra popcorn for you too! Please contact Stacey Klein at 952-431-9124 if you have any questions.

FOOD SHELF ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL ARE...Types of rice, (such as long grain, jasmine, kokuko, sweet & basmati). Let's keep up the great momentum we had during March & continue to provide this most important gift to people in our community!

ALTAR FLOWERS...we are now taking orders for altar flowers for 2008. The following Sundays are available: April 27; May 18; July 20, 27; August 10, 17, 24; September 21, 28; October 5; December 21. The cost of an altar bouquet is \$27.50. If you are interested in ordering flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact Marilyn Kujawa at 952-432-4956.