



# Voice of Victory

**Christus Victor Lutheran Church**  
**7510 Palomino Drive • Apple Valley, MN 55124**  
**P: 952-454-6927 • F: 952-454-0300 • [www.christusvictor.org](http://www.christusvictor.org)**

VOLUME 10 ISSUE 10

OCTOBER 2007

## Inside This Issue

- 1 Message from the Pastor
- 2 Adult Education
- 3 The Pony Express Returns!
- 4 Confirmation News
- 5 Letters from Bible Camp
- 6-7 Activity Announcements
- 8-9 Middle/High School News
- 10 Munchkin Minute
- 11.12 Ideas for Parents
- 13 Calendar



**Sunday Worship  
Services**  
**8:30 & 11:00 am**  
**Education Hour 9:45 am**  
**Fellowship Hour 9:45am**

## YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!

### Welcoming our New Associate Pastor!

*<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.*  
1 Corinthians 12: 27-28

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Christus Victor,

I am excited to invite you all to worship on **Sunday, October 21**, for the Installation of our new Associate Pastor, Laura Duffee! It has been a nine month journey of faith, prayer, and discernment. And now is the time for celebration and welcoming of our new pastor and partner in ministry! I hope you all can come to meet and welcome Pastor Laura to the Christus Victor family, and will seek opportunities to get to know her in the weeks and months ahead.

Pastor Laura will be sharing in the preaching and leading of our worship services, providing pastoral care and visitation, administering the Sacraments, leading and supporting the Children and Family Ministries, as well as helping with the Adult Education and Discipleship ministries of the church. She will be joining this Body of Christ as a Pastor of Word and Sacrament Ministry, to "**equip the saints for the work of ministry to build up the Body of Christ**" (Ephesians 4: 12). She is coming to work with us, not do the work of ministry for us.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are all called by God to use our gifts, talents, and treasures to build up and make possible the many ministries of Christus Victor that help people of all ages grow in faith and serve the Lord! At the congregational meeting in January 2007, we approved moving ahead with the Call Process and committed ourselves to growing in our giving by 11% to support this important step in growing and strengthening the ministries of Christus Victor. Each one of us needs to take a step forward in our giving and increase our support of the growth of our church staff and our church ministries to Children, Families, and Adults (a 11% giving increase for 2008!).

*Continued on page 2*

*Continued from page 1*

For the 37 households who give but don't pledge, I ask you to take the step to make a pledge/weekly commitment and have a plan for their giving (how about starting at \$10 per week?). For the 59 households who pledge but didn't grow in their giving last year, I ask you to take a step forward in giving this year (if you give 2% grow to 3%, etc.). If you are one of the 107 households who took a step forward in your giving, I ask you to take one more step this year (if you give 5% grow to 6%, etc.).

Together, with Pastor Laura joining us, we will work in concert to help people of all ages to grow in faith, to live as committed disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve all people with Faith, Love, and Open Arms! I continue to be amazed and excited by what God is doing in our midst! I hope you are too!

Your Fellow Servant In Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



## Meet the New Minister

### Installation Service for Pastor Laura Duffee – Sunday, October 21

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 21 as we install and welcome Pastor Laura Duffee as our new Associate Pastor. Come and show Pastor Laura a warm Christus Victor welcome!

## Sunday Morning Adult Education This Fall!

**“Is This The Time: interpreting the Mystery of Revelation”**

It is not too late to join us for a seven week journey into the book of Revelation with Professor Craig Koester (on DVD). Please sign up at the information desk so we know how many study guides to prepare.

If you would like to purchase and read the book that this series is based on, check out [www.lutherproductions.com](http://www.lutherproductions.com), and search for Revelation and the End of All Things, by Craig Koester.



## Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

What does the book of 1 Kings have to do with our lives and faith today? Are we half-hearted for God or whole hearted for God? Can our political leaders save us, or lead us into disaster? If we can't trust our political leaders, whom will God send to speak to us and lead us into faithfulness and righteousness? These questions and many others will be addressed in our Thursday morning study.

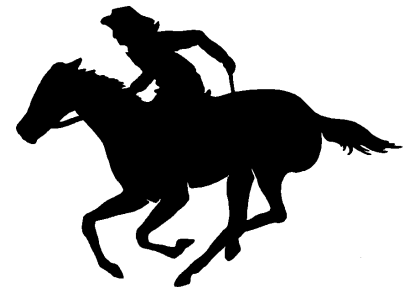
Join us at 10:00am in the Art Room. Coffee provided.



## The Pony Express Rides Again! October 28, Stewardship 2007!



"Rollin', rollin', rollin, though the streams are swollen.  
Keep those Pledges rollin', rawhide!  
Rain and wind and weather  
Heaven-sent with fake leather  
Knowin' that Jesus is by my side.  
All the things I'm wishin',  
To fulfill our Lord's mission,  
Through our givin' in His heart we will abide!



Move 'em on, head 'em up  
Head 'em up, move 'em on  
Move 'em on, head 'em up  
Rawhide!  
Count 'em out, ride 'em in,  
Ride 'em in, count 'em out,  
Count 'em out, ride 'em in  
Rawhide!"

### Ten Guides for Giving

From Rev. Harris Lee  
The Apostle Paul's guidance from 2 Corinthians.

1. **Give yourself (2 Cor. 8:5)** If giving doesn't always begin with the dedication of ourselves, it does always include such a dedication.
2. **Excel in your giving (2 Cor. 8:7)** Paul urged the Christians at Corinth to excel in three things: faith, love, and giving.
3. **Let Christ be your example (2 Cor. 8:9)** Jesus was the supreme giver. We are his followers, trying to be like Christ.
4. **Put your faith to work (2 Cor. 8:11)** Don't just talk about what you'd like to do. Do it! Act on your faith!
5. **Give proportionately – a percentage of your income (2 Cor. 8:12)** We are to give according to our resources – "As the Lord has blessed us." Money is a trust; we are trustees.
6. **Give what is honorable in God's sight (2 Cor. 8:21)** Another reminder that we live our lives in the presence and sight of God, and that he is to be honored in all things.
7. **Give what is honorable in the sight of others (2 Cor. 8:21)** Our giving is an expression of our faith. It is a witness to others, and others are encouraged and strengthened by what we do.
8. **Give as a proof of your love (2 Cor. 9:6)** Talk is easy and often cheap! Paul asks us to let our giving (not our talking) prove our love.
9. **Giving leads to blessings (2 Cor. 9:6)** While this appeals not to the highest of motives, it nevertheless is a promise of God and is the experience of countless Christians across time.
10. **Give cheerfully (2 Cor. 9:7)** Even when money is given begrudgingly, the church makes good use of it and Christ's mission is served. But when we give cheerfully we are blessed ourselves.

# Confirmation News

## 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Worship - Oct. 28, 2007 at 2:00pm!

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands and parents, put this date on your calendars and get the word out to your family and friends, Confirmation Sunday is coming on October 28, 2007 at 2:00pm! We will be confirming both classes during the worship service, but in their separate groups.

## 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures

Saturday, October 27, 9:00am-10:30am - Confirmation Picture and Rehearsal. Parents are needed to help with the Robes, flowers, and pictures. Please talk to Pastor Kent.

## Confirmation Large Group and Small Group Schedule for October

The week of Oct. 3 - **Small Group Fellowship Events** (talk to your Small Group Leaders!)

Oct. 10 - Large Group - **Apostle's Creed 2**

Oct. 17 - MEA - No Confirmation - Guide/SWAT Team Huddle

Oct. 24 - Large Group - **Apostle's Creed 3** - *Parent Group in the CV Cinema!*

The week of Oct. 31 - **Small Group Service Events** (talk to your Small Group Leaders!)

Nov. 7 - Parent and Youth Potluck and Hot Topic!

## Confirmation Parent Group

Join with other parents of middle school youth for a meeting once a month in the CV Cinema. We will discuss issues facing parents, families, and middle school youth, and how we can support and help each other in the challenging job of raising kids in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 24, after the Confirmation Large Group Gathering!

### E-Devotionals

We have a daily e-devotional and announcements for the members and friends of CV. Everyday over 200 members and friends of CV receive email devotion, prayer, and short, special announcements. If you would like to get these daily email devotions which have been so positively received, please email Pastor Kent at [youthrev@pro-ns.net](mailto:youthrev@pro-ns.net). If you do not want to get this daily email, please let Pastor Kent know and he will take you off the list. This is a great way to start your day in God's Word and with prayer! Many people have been greatly blessed by this daily devotion. You can too!



## LETTERS FROM BIBLE CAMP

### DID YOU KNOW?

- 4331 campers visited our camps: Luther Dell, Ox Lake, Wapo and Wilderness Canoe Base during the summer of 2007.
- 186 staff were hired to care for campers: counselors, guides, program, support, maintenance and kitchen staff.

### WAPO CHRISTMAS

In our 19th season, this year's production will feature The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Barbara Robinson's wonderful story of the year the horrible Herdmans took over the church's Christmas Pageant. Join us for a great evening of food, drama and music in celebration of the birth of Jesus! **Nov. 29, 30, Dec 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9.** **Reservations open on October 9.** Please call 715.268.8434 or email: [campwapo@campwapo.org](mailto:campwapo@campwapo.org) for more info.

### SUMMER'S OVER — RETREAT SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

Since the summer season came to a close, **retreating has taken over!** Luther Dell and Wapo hosted weeks of training sessions for Youth Encounter and The National Evangelization Teams of the Catholic Church. At the same time Wilderness and Ox Lake have been hosting their own groups. Retreats will continue at Wapo throughout the school year. Come January and February, Wilderness Canoe Base will be welcoming hale and hearty groups of retreaters again!

**Opportunities are still available** for groups: confirmation, youth groups, women's and men's retreats, quilters, stampers, business groups, banquets and more. Contact our man Tyler McCarty for more information and to check on available dates: 715.268.8434. Or [tylerm@campwapo.org](mailto:tylerm@campwapo.org)

### SUMMER'S COMING!

It's true! Summer 2007 has just ended but we are starting to dream about Summer 2008. The summer theme will be "Blessed" with Bible Studies examining the beatitudes. It's pretty exciting!

We wanted to get the word out early to **parents of this school year's 2nd and 3rd graders about the SEEDS program.** This action-packed weekend for our youngest campers begins with Friday registration at 7pm and concludes with worship at 1pm on Sunday. Counselors, music, Bible study, campfires and recreation weave together to create a warm atmosphere where children meet Jesus and his people, and experience independence in a caring environment. Talk to your church staff about 2008 Seeds dates.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!!

October 28, Luther Dell's 50<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary at Bethesda LC, Inver Grove Heights

# Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

This fall Christus Victor is venturing into familiar and yet uncharted territory for our popular Thanksgiving basket community outreach project. We are joining forces again with Thrivent Financial for this project, however our partner church of the past several years, South Metro Vineyard Church, has decided to pursue a different project and thus will not be part of our efforts.

What does this mean for Christus Victor? It means we have a terrific opportunity for everyone at Christus Victor to step up and become involved in this wonderful event. With your enthusiastic participation we hope to provide Thanksgiving meals to 150 of our local community's families!

How can you become part of this ministry? We have a variety of ways: Sign up to participate in the event on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>; this is a great volunteer opportunity for Confirmation groups, families, and individuals to enjoy fellowship in serving God and our community. We will need help unloading the truck, folding boxes, filling the boxes, and with clean-up. Speaking of trucks, in the past South Metro Vineyard had provided the truck. We are in need of a 15 cubic foot truck with a ramp and gate, as well as a driver to pick up the food around 8 am at the grocery store and then deliver it to Christus Victor.

We are also providing an opportunity this year for you to "Adopt-a-Family". It costs approximately \$25 to provide the contents of one Thanksgiving basket for each family we serve with this project. In order to reach our goal of 150 baskets we will need your prayerful consideration of "adopting" one or more families with monetary donations.

During the month of October the sign-up sheet for the event on November 17<sup>th</sup> will be located at the Information desk, as well as information on how you can participate by adopting a family (or two, or three...). If you have questions or are able to provide a truck and driver please contact Peggy Sunwall at sunwall@charter.net or (952) 432-9173. Please help Social Ministries make this first year on our own a successful event for Christus Victor and our community!



## Community Action Council Benefit Event

Come for an evening of fun that also benefits Community Action Council as comedian **Susan Vass** takes a look back in this hilarious retrospective from a "child of the 60s" who recently turned 60. Susan touches all the issues from senior class pictures to senior moments - and everything in between! Enjoy a wonderful look at the humorous journey of aging with family-friendly content. Proceeds from this event support Community Action Council, a nonprofit organization helping families in our community provide safe, stable homes, achieve school success for their children and find long-term financial independence. October 25th at 7:30 at the Lakeville Area Art Center. Tickets are available for \$25 Individual/\$45 Couples and can be purchased by calling **952-985-4640**

## SENIOR CONNECTION

The "real seniors" (mature adults around 60 years of age--give or take 20) at Christus Victor had their first fall meeting on September 20. The group was small (only 13 of us) but we sure ate good!! Our tummies were stuffed with a variety of foods and our brains were crammed with more numbers than a bank examiner encounters when he does an annual audit. All of the numbers were related to factoids and trivia about our ELCA (how many members it has, how many clergy, what year the oldest congregation in ELCA was organized, etc). All was designed to make us much smarter than we look as we meet our new associate pastor.

We have put together a meeting plan for the rest of the year as follows:

**October 24 (Wednesday):** We will gather at CV around the narthex tables, chit chat, sip beverage at 2:00. Then we will share rides to Rosemount H.S. to enjoy the senior preview of "Done to Death", Admission is free.

**November 13 (Tuesday)** we will meet for breakfast at a place to be announced between 8 and 8:15. Our new Associate Pastor, Laura Duffee, will be on staff by that time and has agreed to join us for breakfast. Following our meal we will go to the IMAX theatre for the 10 a.m. showing of ADVENTURES IN WILD CALIFORNIA.--show cost is \$6.

**December 5 (Wednesday)** we will connect at CV, snuggle around the hall tables at 2:30, sip some hot apple cider (which will taste good by that time). We will leave around 3 for Eastview High School to see the senior preview of "Fiddler on the Roof". Admission is free.

Let's build the group this year. Pass the word. Invite a friend to join you. Remember, we never check ID cards. Watch the worship bulletin for more details.

## Attention Women of CV

*Fire – Fellowship – Friends – Food*

Come and enjoy the warmth of a **fire**, as we gather for **fellowship** while having time together with good **friends**, and don't forget the **food**. The women's retreat will be **November 16-18**. We will be heading up to WAPO on Friday and then enjoying a weekend of crafting, relaxing and socializing. There is a sign up at the welcome desk. More details will soon follow. For questions please contact Stacey Klein (952-431-9124) or Barb Damlo (952-432-1859).

## Cando

*An epidemic has struck the neighborhoods surrounding CV!!!*

Hundreds of pop cans are orphaned each day- left to fend for themselves in various undesirable can situations. Lonely, half squashed and sticky-sided, these cans never did anything to deserve such detrimental treatment. You may think there is nothing you can do for these seemingly hopeless can orphans, but indeed- you CAN DO! Scour your car floors, search within the innermost bowels of your garage; don't stop until every last can is collected! Next to the CV bus, a Redemption Center has been erected for orphaned pop cans to be given a second chance. They can be dropped off anytime during the day. Not one can will be uncared for. Proceeds from Cando will go to support Feed My Starving Children and our Youth Ministries. Together we CAN make a difference in the lives of cans. We CAN DO!

# Youth

## Middle School Page

---

### *Birthdays*

Matthew Johnson                      October 24<sup>th</sup>

### Confirmation Schedule

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Small Group Service Projects  
October 10<sup>th</sup> - Class, Apostle's Creed 2  
October 17<sup>th</sup> - No Confirmation  
October 24<sup>th</sup> - Class, Apostle's Creed 3  
October 31<sup>st</sup> - Small Group Fellowship Events

### *Up Coming Events*

**Final Surviving Adolescence FSS - Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**WAPO Service Retreat - Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mini Golf - Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

### DeKaf Schedule

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Class with Dawn & Warren  
October 14<sup>th</sup> - Class with Corey  
October 21<sup>st</sup> - Class with Dawn & Warren  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - Field Trip

## News

### **WAPO Service Project**

A time honored tradition returns with the WAPO service project. We'll be heading up to WAPO for a night of fun on Friday, and a morning of work on Saturday. Please bring clothes to work in and money for an A&W stop Friday night. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday. We'll meet at CV at 7:03 pm on Friday night, October 12<sup>th</sup> and will return by 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Calendars**

The new calendars should have arrived by mail. The calendar runs from September 2007 till August 2008 and has all the youth events listed on them. You're important colors on the calendar are Green (Confirmation), Blue (DeKaf), and Black (outside events). The calendar will also be posted on the youth board.

### **Sunday Mornings - DeKaf** (Devoted to Educating Kids and having Fun)

Back to the Foundation is always good and DeKaf does this well. Dawn & Warren (your DeKaf Leaders) along with the SWAT Team have spiced up Sunday Mornings to help you get in touch with biblical foundations that every kid should know. At DeKaf, you'll experience creative bible lessons, memory work, and a bit of fun. Corey will be stopping by every once and a while to connect and teach. Finally there will be classic Arby's stops and an occasional field trip. Be sure to bring your bibles! DeKaf meets at 9:45 am in the Youth Room.

### **Youth Release Forms**

Besure to hand in your Green Release Forms to the Office. These forms need to be completed and returned in order for students to participate in the Youth Ministry programs offered at Christus Victor.

# Ministry

High School Page

## *Up Coming Events*

**Lock-In: November 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

with Rock Climbing

**First Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - Nov 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Feed My Starving Children - Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday Mornings - 9:45 am, Bible Study in  
Corey's Office**

**Wednesday Nights - 8:00 pm, Fun & Games**

## *Birthdays*

Kelsey Baubie	October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Robby Holmquist	October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Katie Gotelaere	October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah Gotelaere	October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Alaina Johnson	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Adam Jacobson	October 17 <sup>th</sup>
Kyle Christensen	October 29 <sup>th</sup>

## News

### **Lock-In**

Get ready to climb vertical walls and take over the church. The night begins with an adventure to Vertical Endeavors. Test you climbing ability and be prepared to be challenged scaling walls of different angles and hand grips. Once complete, we'll head back to church for a devotional, food, and games. Cost is \$25 for food and climbing. Sign up forms will be mailed out soon.

### **New Calendars**

The new calendars should have arrived by mail. The calendar runs from September 2007 till August 2008 and has all the youth events listed on them. You're important colors on the calendar are Red (High School stuff) and Orange (SWAT Team). The calendar will also be posted on the youth board.

### **Wilderness Canoe Base Service Trip - Update**

The adventure that Laura Colin, Jillian Pearson, Haylie Fercho, and Corey Betchwars took up to Wilderness Canoe Base was an eye opening and humbling experience. The damage was random with black burnt tree trunks mixed in with lush green forest. Upon arrival, 200 pieces of cinder block were waiting for our attention, So we played Sherpa for the rest of the day and hauled cinder block up to the top of the island. The following day, was sledge hammer duty involving the destruction of two concrete floors. The work was hard, but the experience was rewarding!

### **Youth Release Forms and Surveys**

There are plenty of release forms that still need to be turned in. These forms need to be completed in order for students to participate in the Youth Ministry programs offered at Christus Victor. The blue forms can be turned in to the office.



## Munchkin Minute

Hi-ho-hi-ho, it's off to Sunday school we go! Yesiree, ladies and gentlemen, it has begun--so much to be thankful for too.

A new school year: Time again for the Preschool and Kindergarten kids to gather together for praise, play, and projects.

A new arrangement: Due to a wonderfully large number of little ones enrolled this year, we've had to move the preschoolers into the nursery, leaving the Kindergartners to have full use of room 108. This arrangement is still in its experimental phase, though. But so far it's working well.

A new Associate Pastor: Welcome Pastor Laura! We are confident you will be a blessing to our church, and we are confident that the munchkins of CV will be a blessing right back to ya!

New helpers: This is a shout out to Becky Selser and Erin Derwin...thank you girls, for helping out.

Returning helpers: Mike Finstad, Diane Stallone, and little-ol'-me are at it again, fired-up and spreading the good news of God's love for us--so very, very much to be thankful for.

I recently read a saying on a picture: Life is not the number of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away.

I believe I can speak for all of the teachers involved with CV kids—we could all use a shot of pure oxygen now and then.

Doug

*PS: Don't forget—September 30<sup>th</sup>—Church Picnic—food, games, and worship*



**Christus Victor Lutheran Church**

7510 PALOMINO DRIVE † APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124 † 952-454-6927  
[www.christusvictor.org](http://www.christusvictor.org)

**Christus Victor Office Staff**

Ministers.....	<b>ALL MEMBERS OF CV</b>	
Pastor.....	KENT CLAUSSEN GUBRUD	YOUTHREV@PRO-NS.NET
Pastor.....	LAURA DUFFEE	LDUFFEE@PRO-NS.NET
Youth Director.....	COREY BETCHWARS	COREY@PRO-NS.NET
Administrative Assistant.....	DAWN YOUNGNER	DYOUNGNER@PRO-NS.NET
Office Manager.....	DEANNA LUKE	CVLC@PRO-NS.NET
Nursery Care Provider.....	COURTNIE DEGRAND	
Nursery Care Provider.....	CHRISTINA HOLMQUIST	
Director of Music.....	Anne Nyquist	
Children's Music.....	NANCY ERLER	
Traditional Worship Accompanist/Organist	LIZ SCHUUR	
Contemporary Worship Accompanist.....	CASSI McMAYER	
Senior Choir Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Custodian.....	BRAD LUND	