



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

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 13

JANUARY 2010

Christian Response-Ability!



Sundays
8:30 & 11:00 am
Education Hour 9:45 am
Fellowship Hour 9:45am

Alternating between Traditional
and Contemporary services.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5: 16

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Praise and thanks to God that the light of God has come into the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. And we who have heard and believed in the Good News, who have been Baptized into Christ Jesus, have received the light of God into our very lives through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Each of us has been given a variety of gifts and talents, a "*manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*" Stop for a moment and think: your gifts and talents are a manifestation of the Spirit of God, given to you for a purpose. God's purpose is two-fold: first, so that others may see your good works and give glory to God; and, secondly, for the common good of building people up in the love of Christ.

Our **response-ability** as Christians is to let the light of Christ shine before others through putting our gifts and talents to work in loving service of our neighbors for the common good of building up the Body of Christ, and giving glory to God. As Martin Luther wrote, "*Behold, from faith thus flows forth love and joy in the Lord, and from love a joyful, willing, and free mind that serves one's neighbor willingly...*(The Freedom of a Christian, M. Luther)."

Too often, however, instead of living by the law of faith in Christian love and service, with everyone putting their gifts and talents to work in glorifying God through serving the neighbor, we follow the laws and attitudes of this world. One challenging worldly law to overcome is what is called the "80/20" rule. This rule of the world states that 80% of the work that needs to be done is accomplished by only 20% of the people. The "80/20" rule seems to apply universally to PTA's, scouting, sports leagues, and businesses. When we settle on living by this worldly "80/20" rule in the church, however, we are "*hiding our light under a bushel.*" We immediately sing out, "**OH NO! I'M GONNA LET IT SHINE!**"



Sunday,
January
24 at
9:45am in
the
Sanctuary

**ANNUAL
MEETING**



- 2 Annual Meeting
- 3 Adult Ed/Financials
- 4 Social Ministries
- 5 Youth Ministry
- 6 Ideas for Parents
- 7 January Calendar

Continued on Page 2

Continued from Page 1

Jesus Christ has given to each of you His light, along with your many gifts and talents, and calls you forth to use your gifts in loving service! This is what our **Joyful Servants** ministry is all about – it is the expectation that every member of this church Joyfully Serve by helping with some aspect of our Sunday morning worship services. That’s not the only avenue to joyful service in the church either. There’s teaching, singing, leading a small group, counting offerings, serving on a committee, or on the church council. There’s feeding starving children, filling up the food shelf or a special package for a soldier overseas, putting together Thanksgiving Baskets, or visiting a shut-in.

My challenge to each of you is to find ways for you to “**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**” by putting your gifts and talents to good purpose here at Christus Victor. We need every Christian disciple to work together in the ministry and mission Christ has given to us, “*Serving Christ and Community with Faith, Love, and Open Arms.*” Christ is calling you!

In the light of Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Thursday Morning Bible Study with the Pastors!

Join us on Thursday mornings in the Art Room at 10:00am for some great Bible Study and fellowship. Pastor Laura had so much fun with the group this summer, that she and Pastor Kent will be sharing leading the group throughout the year. at the info desk if you are coming (let us know if you will cook).

January “Gifted to Serve” – Stewardship of our Time and Talents!

Every member of the church is a servant, gifted by God through the Holy Spirit to build up the whole Church. On Sundays, **January 10 and January 17** we will be focusing in worship on our gifts, talents, and passions that God has given to us, how and where we can serve, and then make a commitment to serve in some ministry in the church.

**Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 24
at 9:45am in the Sanctuary**

All active members are encouraged to attend as we vote on our budget for 2010, elect new council members, and listen to the ministries planned for 2010 and beyond.

**Men’s Ministry –
The Holy Band of Brothers**

Saturday Breakfast – Saturday, January 9, at 8:30am! We need a team of guys to take the lead (1) food and (2) discussion/Bible study topic!!! If you can help, please contact Pastor Kent before Dec. 31!!! Please sign up at the info desk if you are coming (let us know if you will cook).

Winter Retreat w/Broomball! – Feb. 19-21 at WAPO! Save the date and join us for a fantastic weekend of male bonding, broomball, and growing as disciples and brothers in Christ.

Study and Discussion Groups on the ELCA resolutions on Homosexuality

As part of our ongoing process to discern where God is leading our church, we will be holding a series of Study and Discussion groups to focus on the Biblical and Theological issues related to the current controversy on the ELCA resolutions regarding homosexual persons and clergy.

The starting point for our study and discussion groups will be a seven (7) part series called “**How Lutherans Interpret the Bible**” by Dr. Mark Allen Powell. There will be two groups offered, so **please sign up for one or the other at the information desk!**

Group 1 – Sundays at 9:45am – we start again on January 10!

Group 2 – Thursday evenings at 7:00pm beginning January 14



Adult Education and Discipleship

Adult Small Groups – Book of Faith

What is the Book of Faith? Small Groups meeting once a month for four months for Bible Study, Fellowship, and Renewal – we need new Leaders and Hosts to start new groups in January!

- The Small Group leaders set the day, time, and place (**breakfast, lunch, Friday dinner, Monday night dessert, or Sunday afternoon**) and determine what kind of group (ie. **couples, singles, women, men, young adults, or open to anyone**).
- People sign up for a group that fits their interest and schedule.

How can I get involved? **We need new small group leaders and hosts!!!**

We can't have a group without someone to guide the conversation, that's the role of the small group leader, to keep the conversation going. Leaders are not teachers or experts. And they have partners, the Hosts, who arrange for a place to meet and treats to eat. This is about learning and building relationships in a fun, faith-filled setting.

Interested in serving as a Small Group Leader or Host?

Questions about the Initiative?

Contact Pastor Kent at 952-454-6927 or pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

To our Christus Victor family and friends—

The family of Marilyn Kujawa would like to thank the many, many friends who supported Marilyn and her family during her illness. The many prayers and condolences were overwhelming and appreciated. It is truly amazing how wonderful and special friends are and how so many lives are touched by others.

Thank you to all who offered their services to provide a wonderful meal in Marilyn's honor, as well as all the dessert donations that were provided. We will always cherish all the wonderful comments and stories about Marilyn that were shared. We know our mom was rejoicing with the Lord as she held His hand, and our dad's hand, during her memorial! It could not have been a more beautiful and loving celebration of her life!

Thank you, again, to all for the many years of friendship and fellowship to Marilyn. You are all a blessing in our lives and we are thankful for all of you.

God Bless You All—
Marilyn Kujawa Family



November month-end Financial Statement

Balance Sheet

Current Assets	\$160,374.13
Fixed Assets	\$1,537,949.05
Current Liabilities	\$46,881.37
Long Term Liabilities	\$335,690.07

Income

Total Budgeted Receipts	\$447,881.00
Total Actual Receipts	\$448,574.74
Difference	\$763.74
<u>Expenses</u>	
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$487,781.59
Total Actual Expenses	\$442,500.23
Difference	-\$45,281.36

Questions may be directed to any member of the Finance Committee:
Michael Rand, Kerry Baubie, Kathy Wittnebel or Stephen Nierengarten

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

When the members of the Social Ministries Committee look back and count our blessings from Thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful for. Most notably we are so thankful to the members of Christus Victor and our partner, Thrivent Financial, for helping us make our annual Thanksgiving basket ministry a huge success again this year despite a challenging economy for all. Your overwhelming generosity for those who could most benefit from caring hearts and outreached hands made all the difference in enabling us to serve just as many families as last year, with a total of 200 baskets!

The morning we spent together making and distributing our Thanksgiving baskets went by so smoothly and quickly that one might not realize all the different pieces and people that fit together in order to help make this ministry the success it has been. Thrivent Financial plays a big part every year in giving us a very generous donation to get things rolling. Your wonderful donations and/or purchases from the garage sale concession stand and to the Adopt-A-Family Thanksgiving basket fund make up the bulk of the rest of the funds needed to purchase all supplies for the baskets. Once funds were secured, people-power did the rest in making it all come together. We had volunteers that supplied a delivery truck complete with volunteer drivers. We had Cub Foods of Apple Valley help get us the best possible prices and make sure we had everything needed. Last but far from least we had tireless volunteers unloading the delivery truck, making boxes, filling baskets, coloring pictures for the baskets, carrying baskets (they're heavy!), and giving out/delivering baskets to thankful recipients.

From the beginning fund drive to the last basket given out, we were blessed with volunteers of all kinds. Kids of all ages, including a Confirmation group, families, adults younger and older, members of Christus Victor, Lily of the Valley, and Casa de Oracion, all coming together to serve the Lord, to share each other's company, to serve others. Looking down the church hallway at all the baskets lined up, no one could pass without saying, "Wow!" Wow indeed. Many heartfelt thanks from the members of Social Ministries for your generous hearts and helping hands in making this ministry such a success this year; you are all truly awesome!

<p>A Thank You from <i>Feed My Starving Children</i>:</p> <p>Feed My Starving Children is making great strides in the fight against world hunger. Thank you to Christus Victor Lutheran Church for your part in what the Lord has done through FMSC in 2009! This year more than 400,000 volunteers will pack more than 91 million meals to feed God's precious starving children. In recent weeks, FMSC has shipped food to Haiti, Nicaragua, Honduras, the Philippines, Moldova, El Salvador, Somalia, Liberia, Tanzania and Guatemala. Feed My Starving Children is blessed by your partnership in our mission of feeding bodies and spirits. <i>He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward him for what he has done. Proverbs 19:17</i></p> <p>May you be especially blessed this holiday season!</p>	<p>A Thank You for <i>Armful of Love</i>:</p> <p>On behalf of the Social Ministries Committee, I would like to thank the congregation for their generous support of Armful of Love. This year we helped 10 families enjoy Christmas. This was the most families we have ever helped. I want to extend a special thank-you to Mariah Glinski, Sarah Gwin, Julie Manning, Megan Hanson, Hannah and Andrea Perendy for their assistance sorting and packing the gifts. There were tons of presents to pack up! I also want to thank the Glinski's and the Iaria's for helping deliver the gifts to the warehouse.</p> <p>Thanks again for supporting this mission.</p> <p>Merry Christmas, Jaclyn Brandes Social Ministries Committee</p>
----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------



Food shelf items of the month for January are rice and instant mash potatoes

Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Confirmation - Wednesdays at 6:00pm, in the Youth Room

- Jan 6th - Large Group Service Project: FMSC @ 5:30 pm
- Jan 13th - Class: Lord's Prayer Doxology
- Jan 20th - Class: Baptism; One Lord, Faith, Baptism
- Jan 27th - Class: Baptism; Newness of Life
- Feb 3rd - Potluck/Discussion (Christian Religions)
- Feb 10th - Large Group Fellowship Event

DeKaF - Sundays at 9:45am, in the Youth Room

- Jan 3rd - No Class - New Year's Holiday
- Jan 10th - Class with Dawn Glewwe
- Jan 17th - Class with Corey Betchwars
- Jan 24th - Class with Warren Youngner
- Jan 31st - Breakfast Day

Up Coming Events

Minnesota Wild Game - Saturday, January 9th

Birthdays

Evan Mathieson	January 7 th
Jerod Franciscus	January 10 th
Rachel Odden	January 19 th
Julie Manning	January 30 th

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

Minnesota Wild Game - Saturday, January 9th

Youth Group - Wednesdays at 8:00pm, in the Youth Room

- Jan 6th - Catch Phrase
- Jan 13th - 9- Square
- Jan 20th - Ping Pong Blow Ball
- Jan 27th - Relaxation Night
- Feb 3rd - Pop Tab Devotional

Birthdays

Alicia Skogen	January 6 th
Natalie Hanson	January 7 th

Bible Study - Sundays at 9:45am, in the Office

- Jan 3rd - No Class: New Year's Holiday
- Jan 10th - Cain & Abel
- Jan 17th - The Battle of Jercho
- Jan 24th - Annual Meeting
- Jan 31st - Gideon and the fleece

SWAT TEAM INFORMATION

SWAT TEAM GATHERING

February 21st @ A bowling location off site (Brunswick Zone/Apple Place/City Limits)
 No training or teaching, but a hour+ of bowling and anything else that we can do at the establishment of our choosing. Bring money for bowling and snacks and we'll provide lunch.

AOLG INFORMATION (YOUTH CHOIR)

ALL OUT LOVING GOD - Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary

- January 6th - No Choir
- January 13th - Choir
- January 20th - Choir
- January 27th - Choir
- February 3rd - Choir



ideas for parents

Newsletter 128

Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #22:
School
Engagement**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when they are actively engaged in learning.

61%
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?
Assets are 40 values, experiences, and qualities that help kids succeed. "School engagement" is one of five commitment-to-learning assets.

* Based on Search Institute survey of 217,277 kids in 120+ youth groups throughout the United States during the 1995-2000 school year.

The Power of Learning

Young people may be surprised by where their learning and their interests can lead.

A 13-year-old loved playing with children. She often organized play groups on her neighborhood block, and she enjoyed home economics, human development, and art at school. When she turned 16 and wanted to work part time, her parents and her teachers encouraged her to apply to the city parks and recreation department.

As a parks and recreation coordinator, she found she could earn money and do what she enjoyed best: being and playing with kids.

The next summer, she learned clowning and traveled from park to park on her bike to entertain kids. The following year, she teamed up with two other creative high school students to design a puppet wagon for the parks and recreation department.

Soon other cities were interested in creating a puppet program like the one these three young women had developed. As first-year college students, they spoke to these



communities and showed them how to get a program started.

These opportunities gave the youth chances to see how learning relates to every aspect of life and how it even affects career possibilities. In fact, one member of the group majored in child development in college and opened a day-care center after she graduated. Another runs programs in an inner-city YMCA. A third enjoyed writing scripts so much, she became a writer.

time together

Three ways to help your child stay interested in school:

1. Ask what other learning options are available at school. Are there special classes, programs, or minicourses to take?
2. Your child may show interest in certain subjects. Find one that sparks her or his curiosity and build on that.
3. Involve your child in hobbies and interests that you enjoy.

Helpful Hints

Tips that help your child stay involved at school:

- Help your child be alert by getting enough sleep, eating well, and coping with difficulties.
- Set expectations for learning at school.
- Attend school conferences, performances, and other events.
- Talk with your child every day about what is happening in school.
- Make your home an engaging learning place.

Take a Learning Risk

Each day is a new beginning, a new day to learn. So try some of the following activities:

- Watch a subtitled foreign movie together.
- Sit with your child and explore a Web site on a topic that is new to her or him—Buddhism, architecture, economics.
- Together listen to music that you have never experienced before—Brazilian, samba, New Orleans jazz.
- Read a book together on a subject you know nothing about.
- Practice new forms of exercise together such as yoga or taekwon do.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- How important is learning to you?
- What do you really like learning about in school? Why?
- How can we make learning more interesting and adventuresome?

Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child



ideas for parents

Newsletter 128

Quick Tip:
Home learning excitement leads to school engagement.

Form a Partnership

Think of your child's teacher(s) and yourself as partners in your child's education. Work together to ensure that learning is stimulating and engaging at school and at home.



More Help for Parents

Your Child's Growing Mind: A Guide to Learning and Brain Development from Birth to Adolescence by Jane M. Healy. This resource gives tips for guiding your child's learning from birth through the teen years. (Published by Main Street Books.)

FINAL WORD

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

—Anthony J. D'Angelo

Friday, January 1, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, January 2, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Spare Change Sunday
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship

Monday, January 4, 2010

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Bible Study

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA
5:30 PM Confirmation – FMSC
Group Service Project
JIFY
6:00 PM Upward Call
7:00 PM Senior Choir
8:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 7, 2010

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Mtg.

Friday, January 8, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, January 9, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.
7:30 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM MMLTEC Mtg.

Sunday, January 10, 2010

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education/Fellow Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Guide/SWAT Team Huddle
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship
5:30 PM Troop 298 Committee Mtg.
6:30 PM Spirit Bound

Monday, January 11, 2010

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
11:00 AM MMLTEC Mtg.
4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 52737
7:00 PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Bible Study
6:00 PM All Staff Mtg.
7:00 PM All Committee Night

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA
5:30 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
7:00 PM Upward Call
8:00 PM Senior Choir
8:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 14, 2010

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 50933
7:00 PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Mtg.

Friday, January 15, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, January 16, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship
6:30 PM Spirit Bound

Monday, January 18, 2010

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
5:45 PM Marriage Enrichment
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

11:00 AM South Conference Luncheon
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Bible Study

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

9:30 AM Mom's Club of AV South
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA
5:30 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
7:00 PM Upward Call
8:00 PM Senior Choir
8:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Newsletter Article Deadline
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
7:00 PM TEC Mtg.
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Mtg.

Friday, January 22, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, January 23, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Annual Mtg.
9:45 AM Education Hour
11:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship
5:30 PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.
6:30 PM Troop 298 Mtg.
6:30 PM Spirit Bound

Monday, January 25, 2010

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 52737
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

11:00 AM South Conference Luncheon
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Bible Study
7:00 PM Council Mtg.

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA
5:30 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
7:00 PM Upward Call
8:00 PM Senior Choir
8:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday, January 28, 2010

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 50933
7:00 PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30 PM AA Mtg.

Friday, January 29, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, January 30, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, January 31, 2010

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship
6:30 PM Spirit Bound

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

7510 PALOMINO DRIVE † APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124 † 952-454-6927
www.christusvictor.org

Christus Victor Office Staff

Ministers.....	ALL MEMBERS OF CV	
Pastor.....	KENT CLAUSSEN GUBRUD	PASTOR.KENT@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
Pastor.....	LAURA DUFFEE	PASTOR.LAURA@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
Youth Director.....	COREY BETCHWARS	CBETCHWARS@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
Administrative Assistant.....	DAWN YOUNGNER	DYOUNGNER@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
Office Manager.....	DEANNA LUKE	DLUKE@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
Nursery Care Provider.....	ALAINA JOHNSON	
Nursery Care Provider.....	EMILY YOUNGNER	
Nursery Care Provider.....	JESSICA TAPPAINER	
Nursery Care Provider.....	BRIANNA ALLEN	
Director of Music.....	Anne Nyquist	
Children's Music.....	NANCY ÉRLER	
Traditional Worship Accompanist/Organist	LIZ SCHUUR	
Contemporary Worship Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Senior Choir Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	

VOICE OF VICTORY
 Christus Victor Lutheran Church
 7510 Palomino Drive
 Apple Valley, MN 55124
 Phone # (952) 454-6927
 Fax # (952) 454-0300
www.christusvictor.org

Mailed on 12/22/09

<p>NON – PROFIT U.S. POSTAGE PAID SAINT PAUL, MN PERMIT NO. 4191</p>

Address Service Requested