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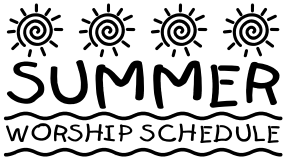
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Change and the Future of CV Praying and Discerning Like Jesus Did

“But now, more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But [Jesus] would withdraw to deserted places and pray.” – Luke 5: 15-16

“Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles.” – Luke 6: 12-13

Dear Friends in Christ at Christus Victor,

Change is both exciting and frightening.

There are good changes... When kids are graduating from high school and college, there is celebration and expectation, as well as fear and worry, on the part of parents and their children together. Marriage brings huge change, not just for the couple, but for the whole system of family and friend relationships. The birth of a child brings a lifetime of changes, sometimes faster than parents can handle.

There are bad changes... The diagnosis of cancer or some deadly disease brings unwanted change and dread. Getting laid off from a job brings unforeseen changes that threaten the stability of families, not only financially but emotionally as well. The ending of relationships, whether through divorce, a dating relationship, the break-up of a friendship, or moving to a new community or new church, are full of painful changes and adjustments.

The question about change, “**What will happen next,**” can be asked with anticipation or anxiety, and often times both.

“**What will happen next,**” has been a big question for a lot of people as Spirit Bound heads out on their farewell tour after 24 years of music ministry. When people ask me, with anticipation and anxiety, “what will happen next,” I have to say I have no idea what will happen next.

But, I do know that whatever new ministries will arise here at CV will only come after people take time to pray and discern God’s Leading and Calling. Just like Jesus, all of us need to take a little time every day to get away from all of the distractions and demanding voices to pray, to be in God’s Presence, and let the Holy Spirit guide us and bring us together to discern what God wants to happen next.

As we celebrate 24 wonderful years of Spirit Bound’s ministry, I thank God that Anne Nyquist and Deb Archer listened to God, in their own unique way, and started Spirit Bound. God showed them a very real need for a ministry for senior high youth at CV. They looked at the gifts God had given them, namely a passion for music. They shared their idea and passion with a few other supportive people and then got going, even in the face of resistance and lack of support. It has taken a lot of energy, a huge commitment of time and resources, and a lot of love to keep this ministry going over these 24 years. Through the many ups and downs of Christus Victor’s ministry, Spirit Bound has been a central and consistent ministry that has kept CV going through thick and thin.

Spirit Bound has not only touched the faith and lives of hundreds of people at CV, but also many thousands of people from the 30 states and 4 Canadian Provinces to whom Spirit Bound has brought their musical Gospel message.

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What happens next at CV will come from Prayer, Passion, and Committed People using their gifts, talents, time, and treasure to serve God and make a difference in the world and in the lives of other people for the sake of Jesus Christ.

I invite you to join me in celebrating 24 years of Spirit Bound’s ministry at their homecoming concert on **Sunday, June 27, at 7:00pm!** Let’s make their homecoming potluck and concert a big celebration, and show our thanks and appreciation for all that Spirit Bound has meant to the life and ministry of Christus Victor!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



SonQuest Rainforest – Vacation Bible School

The sky is blue; the sun has been shining,
It’s once again time for
Christus Victor Lutheran Church’s
“SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School”
July 25th – 29th
with a family picnic on Sunday, August 1st.
Registration is NOW!

Food Shelf



Food shelf items for the month of June are canned fruit, juices, raisins, and apple sauce

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study – 10:00am in the Art Room

Bring your Bible and join us for a rousing journey into God’s Word and the life of faith. You don’t need to know anything about the Bible, just a willingness to read, ask questions, and learn. Just show up at 10:00am on Thursday mornings, we’ll provide the coffee!

Current Focus: the Gospel of Mark

A Honey of A Sale –

Christus Victor's Annual Garage Sale is scheduled for August 13 and 14.



- Bee Ready - Mark the dates for this sweet sale.
- Bee Saving - Gather items to donate.
- Bee There - Join the swarm and volunteer.

Contact the Queen Bees - Julie McDonald (952-432-6198) and Nancy Erler (952-432-8081) - with any questions.

Cradle Filled with Love

Saturday, May 8th was a day to honor Mothers around the world as Social Ministries and the congregations of Christus Victor and Lily of the Valley assembled Midwife Kits for Tanzania. Thanks to your generosity of donated materials, we were able to assemble 230 midwife kits.

Your commitment to this project each year is inspiring and filled with God’s love. Through supplying these Midwife Kits, you have helped in the fight to reduce the high mortality rate of newborns and mothers caused by unsanitary birth conditions.

The Social Ministries Committee would like to extend a special thank you to Andrea Robens & her Mom, Karen Wilson, for their unwavering support each year of the Midwife Project through the hours spent sewing-for-the-cause.

Just a reminder: This is garage sale season, and that means prime shopping time for Midwife Kit supplies such as used bath towels & washcloths, sheets (any size), baby hats & T-shirts, and receiving blankets. Please keep watch and scoop up those bargains! Speak to a Social Ministries member for storage of supplies until next year’s project.



*This is Spirit Bound's 24th and last year.
Come help us celebrate our final year of ministry*

2010 Performances

Sunday Morning May 16th

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, MN

Sunday Morning May 23rd

Lakeview Lutheran Church, Maplewood, MN (Brent Erler Pastor)

Sunday Morning June 6th

St Mary Magdalene Lutheran Church, Savage, MN

Sunday Morning June 13th

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN

Sunday Morning, June 20th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenville, NY (NW Albany Suburb)

Sunday Evening, June 20th

St Paul Lutheran Church, Gloucester, MA (near Rockport, MA)

Monday Evening, June 21st

Northside United Methodist Church, Brewster, MA (on Cape Cod)

Tuesday Evening, June 22nd

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, MA (SW Suburban Boston)

Wednesday June 23rd

Day Off Touring Boston

Thursday Evening, June 24th

Zion Lutheran Church, Clarence Center, NY (North Suburban Buffalo)

Friday Evening June 25th

St John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, OH (near Sandusky, OH)

Saturday Evening, June 26th

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sun Prairie, WI (East Suburban Madison)

Sunday Morning June 27th

First Lutheran Church, Lodi, WI (just North of Madison)

Sunday Evening June 27th
Christus Victor, HOMECOMING!!

**SPIRIT BOUND
FINAL HOMECOMING
POTLUCK AND CONCERT
SUNDAY, JUNE 27!
5:00pm – Potluck
7:00pm – Concert**

Let's make this year's homecoming Potluck, on Sunday, June 27 at 5:00pm, the best ever! When Spirit Bound drives into the parking lot on Sunday afternoon, June 27, we need to greet them with banners, balloons, and loud cheers!

We need a team of people willing to help myself, Faye Peterson, and Barb Damlo organize and prepare for the potluck.

- Can you make banners and blow-up balloons?
- Can you set-up tables and chairs?
- Can you clean dishes?
- Can you do that? If you can, please give me a call if you are willing to help!

(952-454-6927 or

pastor.kent@christusvictor.org).

We need everyone to prepare their best potluck dishes to feed Spirit Bound and all of the people coming to the final homecoming show.

WANTED: A few good leaders—or a lot of good leaders!

Quick Question... Are you aware of all the wonderful opportunities you have to assist with leading the ministries of Christus Victor? Consider this your personal invitation to learn more about the committees that lead our church, and find out for yourself if joining a committee might be a good fit for you.

It starts with education – learning about the various committees and discovering the scope of their areas of ministry. Over the next couple months, you’ll see more and more announcements about fun and exciting opportunities to serve appearing in the CV Voice of Victory newsletter, on the CV website, in the Sunday church bulletin and on the church screen.

Starting Sunday, June 6, and throughout the summer, each Committee has selected a Sunday to share time with you. They’ll give a brief Temple Talk, describe what they do and why they do it—and why it might be a great opportunity for YOU. More information will be available after the service at a table in the hallway. Please stop by to learn more... and, yes, you may even receive a treat! (We’re not above using a little bribery to get you involved.)

Looking forward, keep your eyes and ears posted for information about our upcoming Ministry Fair in September. It promises to be a fun and educational event. In the meantime, learn about the various ministries offered, consider sharing the gifts you have been given, think about your interests and celebrate all that Christus Victor has to offer!

April month-end
Financial Statement

<u>Balance Sheet</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Current Assets	\$135,733.26	Total Budgeted Receipts	\$139,952.00
Fixed Assets	\$1,537,949.05	Total Actual Receipts	\$148,301.26
		Difference	\$8,349.26
		<u>Expenses</u>	
Current Liabilities	\$35,441.73	Total Budgeted Expenses	\$168,026.50
Long Term Liabilities	\$328,976.94	Total Actual Expenses	\$170,020.28
		Difference	\$1,993.78

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

Tanzanian Mission Trip – August 2010

“Wapendwa Katika Kristo Yesu, Salaam Katika jina la bwana wetu Yesu Kristo.”

(Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.)



Thus began the latest letter from Rev. Lunogelo Mbwilo of the Mlowa Parish in the Iringa Diocese of Tanzania. On behalf of the whole congregation of Mlowa, he sends their greetings and deep gratitude for your prayers and support of their ministries and their community. Know that all of the members of the Mlowa Parish are praying for you every week, and thanking God for your partnership and support!

- Thanks to the generous support of this partnership, you are providing the resources for the Agriculture Demonstration Plots to help increase their food production.
- Thanks to your generous support of the Baskets of Love fundraiser, they have money for food during this time of drought, as well as funds for their many growing ministries.
- Thanks to your generous support their congregation is growing in membership by leaps and bounds. Your benevolence dollars help them build new churches and train their lay leaders, who are the Evangelists in the surrounding villages and out into the bush.

Thanks to your generous support, on Sunday, August 8, we will be sending off four members of Christus Victor to Tanzania as Ambassadors of our church. Pastor Kent, Barb Damlo, Malisa Kreutzmann, and Paula Nierengarten will be traveling to Tanzania to strengthen and grow our partnership and ministry with our friends in Tanzania (Bega Kwa Bega/Shoulder to Shoulder). This is a mission trip of relationship building, not building things, which is the foundation of all of the real building that has been going on in Mlowa, Tanzania these past 11 years. Here are some of the things our Ambassadors we will be doing:

- connecting with the students we sponsor and visiting their schools
- spending time worshipping and building friendships in Mlowa
- visiting all of the preaching points (**Mlowa is a Parish with 1 main site, and 11 preaching points spread out into the surrounding countryside**)
- touring their Agricultural Demonstration Plot
- exploring the possible need of a well for clean drinking water
- learning more about their lay leadership training program and evangelism ministry as an incredibly effective model we need to learn from



Your continued prayers and support are greatly needed and appreciated. If you would like to receive email updates while our Ambassadors are in Tanzania, please send your email address to Pastor Kent at pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.



MID-WEEK RECHARGE!!!
Wednesday Night Worship starting in September
Growing Faith, Living Faith, Celebrating Faith

Starting next September we will be including a Wednesday night worship experience to close JIFY and Confirmation, to help busy families grow in faith together.

Parents, come in from the parking lot, and join your kids and other families at 7:22pm for the MID-WEEK RECHARGE you won't want to miss! Everyone is invited to come and get a recharge for your faith.

The RECHARGE will have up-beat, active songs, and kids of all ages participating in worship by: reading lessons, leading the prayers, and sharing their musical and dramatic talents. Each week will have a life-giving message in the form of drama, video clips, or stories.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING TEAMS:

- Musicians and Music Leaders
- Tech Team – Sound and Screen
- Worship Assistant Coordinators

If you are interested in helping with any of these Recharge Teams, please contact Pastor Kent at (952) 454-6927 or pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

5:30pm – Youth Choir – Middle School and High School
6:00pm – 7:52pm – JIFY, Confirmation, Parent/Adult Group, and
RECHARGE WORSHIP

Youth Ministry

SUMMER TREK INFORMATION

Once again another school year is coming to an end, but that doesn't mean we'll be taking a break for the summer at Christus Victor Lutheran. Our 2nd Annual Summer Trek is about to kick off in a few short weeks~

What is Summer Trek you say? Well it's a great day filled with service to God and our community paired with time for fun. This adventure is being offered to those entering 6th grade thru outgoing 12th graders to boldly go where no CV Youth has gone before! We'll spend half our day doing community service and the other half having fun at various spots throughout the Twin Cities. Places include Feed My Straving Children, Grace Lutheran, Target Field, Centennial Lakes, Apple Valley Aquatic Center, and Christus Victor Lutheran. Positive adult role models are need to make this a successful experience.

You can sign up for all three days or pick and choose as your schedule permits. Be on the look out for registrations which will come by mail, but also be scattered through out Christus Victor Lutheran. There will be a cost associate with each event and youth will need to provide their own meal. Questions can be directed to the church office. Now prepare for warp speed!

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

- Summer Trek: Tomorrow is Yesterday - June 28th
- WAPO - July 4th - 9th
- Summer Trek: A Piece of the Action - July 20th
- Summer Trek: Assignment Christus Victor - August 11th

Birthdays	
Angela Reutter	June 5 th

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Birthdays	
Josh Franciscus	June 9 th
Maddi Galligan	June 11 th
Anthony Resvick	June 12 th
Lauren Olsen	June 13 th
Kristine Schlingmann	June 14 th
Ashlynn Seely	June 27 th
Sarah Gwin	June 30 th

Up Coming Events

- Spirit Bound - June 18th - June 27th
- Summer Trek: Tomorrow is Yesterday - June 28th
- Summer Trek: A Piece of the Action - July 20th
- High School Mission Trip - July 26th - 30th
- Summer Trek: Assignment Christus Victor - August 11th

SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT: BETSY JOHNSON AREA OF SERVICE: FAITH TREK

Why did you join SWAT Team?

Because I wanted to be more involved with the younger kids at church.

What is your favorite part of being involved in SWAT Team?

The interesting insights from the delightful children in our congregation.

What has been the biggest challenge being a part of SWAT Team?

Showing up at 9:30 in the morning with a smile on my face.

What would you say to a High School or Middle School student thinking about joining SWAT Team?

If you can be consistent with you attendance and be a leader, then go for it.

What have you taken away from your SWAT Team experience that you can use after high school?

I learned about leadership and biblical arts and crafts.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

Almost anything tastes good on a pancake.

Thanks Betsy, for taking the time to share about your experience serving in SWAT Team at Christus Victor Lutheran.



JUNE 2010 CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

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

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA

Thursday, June 3, 2010

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

Friday, June 4, 2010

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
5:45 PM Marriage Enrichment Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.
12:00 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Quarterly Conf.

Sunday, June 6, 2010

Spare Change Sunday
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
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 Troop 298 Mtg.

Monday, June 7, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 8, 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, June 9, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA
6:30 PM Piano Recital

Thursday, June 10, 2010

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

Friday, June 11, 2010

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

Saturday, June 12, 2010

7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, June 13, 2010

9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship
7:00 PM Spirit Bound Tour Info Mtg. & Party

Monday, June 14, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

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

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

9:30 AM Mom's Club of AV South
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA

Thursday, June 17, 2010

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

Friday, June 18, 2010

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

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Father's Day Event
10:30 AM Fellowship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion
3:30 PM AME Sunday School
4:45 PM AME Worship

Monday, June 21, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Bible Study
7:00 PM Council Mtg.

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA

Thursday, June 24, 2010

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

Friday, June 25, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, June 26, 2010

Spirit Bound on Tour
7:30 AM Spanish Leadership Trng.

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Spirit Bound Returns
9:30 AM Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship
5:00 PM Spirit Bound Homecoming Potluck
7:00 PM Spirit Bound Homecoming Performance

Monday, June 28, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

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

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA

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