



# Voice of Victory

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**Sundays**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
Education Hour 9:45 am  
Fellowship Hour 9:45am  
Alternating between  
Traditional and  
Contemporary Services

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<sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:13-16)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the second Sunday of January, Terry Pearson got up in front of church to give a Temple Talk on the Dominican Republic Mission Trip coming up in March. Terry keeps surprising and amazing me as he continues to stretch and step out in faith and this was no exception, as he started singing some lines from Bob Dylan:

*You may be an ambassador to England or France  
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance  
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world  
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody.*

Dylan wrote this during his "Christian phase," and he was on to something important in the Christian life. Jesus tells us that we are "*the salt of the earth*" and "*the light of the world.*" God has created and called us to serve Him and to serve God's people on earth. While you may be a student, a banker, a nurse, an accountant, a pilot, or whatever, at the same time, Jesus says, "*You ARE the salt of the earth. You ARE the light of the world.*" The choice is not whether to be salt and light, because you are salt and light! The choice is whether you are going to be and do what God through Christ Jesus has called you to be and do...or not.

Do you let your light shine at school, work, at home, with your friends and neighbors? Are you salt, bringing the zest, spice, and life of Christ that is in you everywhere you go? Jesus invites us, reminds us, and calls us to, "*Let your light shine!*" Who have you seen letting their light shine and being salt in the world?

Every week I see the light of Christ in our Sunday school teachers, the shepherds, the SWAT teamers, the confirmation small group leaders and JIFY leaders. A member of our church is a hockey coach, and I've heard how he is salt to his team and their families. The ladies from the morning AA groups pooled together extra money at Christmas time to donate to the church, because Christus Victor shines the light of Christ into their lives! Open your eyes and ears to those around you who are shining the light of Christ, who are being the salt of Christ in the world. Learn from their example, and then answer the call of Jesus, because...

*You're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody*

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



**February RECHARGE Schedule**

**Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23**

**RECHARGE – It’s for ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN, young and old!**

*On Wednesday nights starting at 7:22pm*, the spiritual energy level rises as kids and adults gather in the sanctuary for a mid-week spiritual recharge. It is a time for singing, laughter, prayer, praise, reflection, learning, giving, confessing our faith, and focusing our attention on God’s presence in our lives through Jesus Christ.

If you need a spiritual boost, **come to RECHARGE!**

If you are going to be gone on Sunday, **come to RECHARGE!**

If you like to sing, **come to RECHARGE!**

If you are not sure about this whole church and God thing, but are curious, **come to RECHARGE!**



**Sunday Adult Forums 2010-2011**

Join us for the upcoming Sunday adult forums in the Fellowship Hall!

**Winter Forum Begins**

**Sunday, Feb. 13 at 9:45am – (\$5/person)**

**“Biology and Belief: Conversations in Faith and Science”**

Six Sundays with some of the best minds of science and faith research to help us unravel some perplexing and challenging issues of Faith and Science.

- Science vs. Belief?
- Ethics of stem cell research
- Intelligent Design in Biology
- Faith, Farming, and the Care of Animals
- Brain, Consciousness, and the Soul
- God After Darwin: Evolution and Divine Providence

**Coming in the spring –**

“When the Game Is Over It All Goes Back in the Box”

**Men’s Winter Retreat and Broomball at WAPO – Feb. 25-27**



We have a great time at WAPO as a Holy Band of Brothers. There are discussions, movies, fun, fellowship, music, great food, and of course the Broomball Tournament on Saturday! Find your helmets or your “vuvuzelas” to cheer us on! We have space for up to 24! Talk to Pastor Kent if you are interested!

**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 10:00 am on Thursday mornings, we’ll provide the coffee!

**Current Focus:**  
**The Gospel of John**



**Tuesday Morning TAI CHI**

Join Pastor Kent on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall for 45 minutes of Tai Chi Exercise. Tai Chi is the oldest form of Chinese Martial Arts, focusing on stretching, balance, and deep breathing. No experience necessary. Just show up in loose, comfortable clothes, or call Pastor Kent for more information, 952-454-6927.

**Men’s Ministry**

**Monthly Saturday Breakfasts** – 8:30am at church. Sign-up ahead of time so we have enough food! We also need more men to partner as the Chiefs for each breakfast. Chiefs coordinate the menu, buying food, recruit cooks, and help with the set-up and clean-up. Talk to Pastor Kent if you are willing to be a Chief.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Feb. 5	Leadership (Capt. Winters)	( _____ and _____ )
Mar. 5	TBA	( _____ and _____ )
Apr. 2	TBA	( _____ and _____ )

**LSS Ambassadors Needed!**

Lutheran Social Service invites congregations to partner with LSS to serve the most vulnerable members of our communities.

**What is an Ambassador?** An LSS Ambassador is a member of a church who serves as a liaison between LSS and the church.

**What do they do?** The primary role of the Ambassador is to discover opportunities for service, advocacy, and congregational giving in support of LSS and to communicate these opportunities to the congregation.

**What is the commitment?** Ambassadors will attend a 2 ½ hour weekday evening orientation and a 4 hour training retreat held on a Saturday or Sunday with Ambassadors from other area ELCA congregations. After that the Ambassador will connect with an LSS staff person once every other month, by phone or in person, to provide leadership and communication in the congregation in partnership with LSS.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kent at 952-454-6927 or [pastor.kent@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.kent@christusvictor.org).

**E-DEVOTIONALS** – We have a daily e-devotional 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 [pastor.kent@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.kent@christusvictor.org). 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.



**Lenten Soup**

**Suppers.....**Once again Hospitality (along with lots of volunteers) will be serving Soup Suppers before each of the Wednesday Lenten services.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, serving will begin at 6:00...come and share a meal with your CV friends, eat, talk, relax and then worship together.....what could be better? A night off from cooking, cost is, \$4.00 / person....plan to be there!!!!



**Dessert Theater happening on March 12<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

- Where???** CV Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- Time???** 7:00 P.M.
- Cost???** Freewill Offering – majority of proceeds going towards the DR Mission Trip
- Entertainment???** Wonderful entertainment provided by Rock Band, Upward Call, and CV Band
- Food???** Great dessert and beverages served
- Who should come???** The entire church should come.
- Why are we doing this???** We’re doing this to have fellowship, strengthen our community together, have fun, earn some money for a worthy cause, and most importantly, give back to God by using our gifts! What better reasons are there?

There will be sign-up sheets at the information desk for people willing to make, and donate desserts (recipes provided), and for people willing to set up, take down, and decorate. There will be many opportunities to participate. This will be a congregational event, so please mark your calendars now and save the date!!! Plus, we need an audience. Surely you can fill at least one of the above roles. More information to follow – watch the screen and bulletins.

## Baskets of Love – February 6, 2011



*The Fifth Annual Baskets of Love* to celebrate our connections with our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic and Tanzania will be held Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>, during both worship services and at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall with a silent auction.

Proceeds this year will help fund the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic March 26 through April 3. Your eleven-member DR Mission team includes: **Brian Baty, Rick Buffie, Denny Kneller, Valerie Kneller, Jody McDermott-Baty, Julie McDonald, Cassie McMayer, Steve Nierengarten, Terry Pearson, Alana Thureen and Scott Thureen.**

**You are invited to come February 6<sup>th</sup>, during services for special music and prayers and come to the silent auction to bid on the wonderfully creative items.**

*Your CV Mission Committee,*

*Diana Buffie - Barb Damlo - KC Claussen Gubrud - Malisa Kruetzmann - Jody McDermott-Baty  
Paula Nierengarten - Terry Pearson - Audrey Smith - Dawn Youngner*



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Food shelf items for the month of February are canned ravioli, stews, and spaghetti-os

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Trying to find the perfect gift for Valentine's Day? How about giving a **GIFT FROM THE HEART** this year by donating blood through the American Red Cross in honor of your special someone? Or how about doubling your giving by spending time together donating blood?

# VALENTINE'S DAY

## BLOOD DRIVE

(INSIDE DRIVE THIS YEAR)

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 1:30PM - 6:30PM**

**CHRISTUS VICTOR FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Blood donor eligibility:

At least 17 years old (16 with signed Red Cross Parental consent form)

Weigh at least 110 lbs

Be in general good health

At least 56 days since last whole blood donation

Eligibility questions? Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

To schedule an appointment either:

sign-up at the Welcome Desk

sign-up online at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (use Sponsor code 6122)

call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Questions: contact Michele Iaria [miaria@charter.net](mailto:miaria@charter.net) or 952-891-1303

*Thank you - The Social Ministries Committee*

**\*ALSO DOING DOUBLE RED BLOOD COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR \***

**December month-end**

**Financial Statement**

<u>Balance Sheet</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Current Assets	\$139,147.18	Total Budgeted Receipts	\$438,000.00
Fixed Assets	\$1,555,733.34	Total Actual Receipts	\$428,056.31
		Difference	-\$9,943.69
		<u>Expenses</u>	
Current Liabilities	\$41,061.37	Total Budgeted Expenses	\$482,588.00
Long Term Liabilities	\$316,447.94	Total Actual Expenses	\$471,900.83
		Difference	-\$10,687.17

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

# Youth Ministry

## WAPO SUMMER CAMP

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It's time to start thinking about warm breezy summer nights, green grass, and the sound of laughter in the air. Camp registrations are here, meaning that summer is around the bend and camp is just a few shorts months away! Our hope this year is to send as many kids to camp as possible. To help us in this endeavor, three families have donated \$1500 to help out with camperships. To take advantage of a campership, fill out the WAPO registration form, pay the deposit, and then participate in fundraising. After that, if you need help paying the remaining cost of camp, we've got you covered. We don't want finances to get in the way of this intense week of training for your child's faith. Talk to Pastor Kent, Pastor Laura, or Corey to claim your registration packet or find out more information.

Our dates for WAPO are:

**Youth Camp:** June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Seeds:** June 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Tim Team:** June 24<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

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### Up Coming Events

Middle School Lock-In - March 18<sup>th</sup>

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

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Parent & Youth Potluck/Discussion**

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - **Small Group Fellowship Events**

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Class: The Church and the Saints

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Class: The Forgiveness of Sins

Mar - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class: Resurrection and Eternal Life

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

### Birthdays

Angel Tatum

February 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Class with Corey

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Class with Warren

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Field Trip

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Class with Dawn

Mar 6<sup>th</sup> - Class with Corey

## HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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### Up Coming Events

Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - March 13<sup>th</sup>

Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Senior Brunch - May 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - Relaxation Night

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - Night of Mario Kart (Wii/Game Cube/N64)

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Card Games (Egyptian Rat Slap/Uno/Etc...)

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Clothes Pin Tag

### Birthdays

Jacob Perendy

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Justeen Rylander

February 19<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Zuales

February 20<sup>th</sup>

Matt Jensen

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday Connections - *Sundays at 9:45am*

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Connections

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Connections

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Connections

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Connections

## FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

**Tuesday, February 1, 2011**

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

**Wednesday, February 2, 2011**

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group  
6:00 PM Parent/Youth Confirmation Potluck  
6:00 PM JIFY – Grand Slam Event  
7:22 PM Recharge Worship  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group  
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 3, 2011**

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
6:00 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Bible Study  
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group  
7:00 PM Alanon

**Friday, February 4, 2011**

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.  
5:00 PM 30 Hour Famine Begins  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

**Saturday, February 5, 2011**

9:00 AM Baskets of Love Set-up  
4:00 PM 30 Hour Famine Ends

**Sunday, February 6, 2011**

Missions Sunday  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Baskets of Love  
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church  
4:45 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Worship  
5:30 PM Troop 298 Committee Mtg.  
6:30 PM ROCK Band  
7:00 PM Troop 298 Mtg.

**Monday, February 7, 2011**

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.  
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 50933  
6:30 PM Pack 293/Den 5  
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.  
7:00 PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.

**Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

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

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

Confirmation Small Group  
Fellowship Event  
(Contact your Small Group Leader)  
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group  
6:00 PM JIFY  
7:22 PM Recharge Worship  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group  
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 10, 2011**

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
6:00 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Bible Study  
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group  
7:00 PM Alanon

**Friday, February 11, 2011**

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

**Saturday, February 12, 2011**

7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

**Sunday, February 13, 2011**

8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45 AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church  
4:45 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Worship

**Monday, February 14, 2011**

6:30 PM ROCK Band  
9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.  
1:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive  
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

**Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

**Wednesday, February 16, 2011**

9:30 AM AV Mom's Club South  
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
6:00 PM JIFY  
7:22 PM Recharge Worship  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group  
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 17, 2011**

Newsletter Article Deadline  
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
6:00 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Bible Study  
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group  
7:00 PM Alanon

**Friday, February 18, 2011**

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

**Saturday, February 19, 2011**

7:30 AM Casa de Oracion

**Sunday, February 20, 2011**

8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:00 PM CV Band Rehearsal  
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church  
4:45 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Worship  
6:00 PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.  
6:30 PM ROCK Band  
7:00 PM Troop 298 Court of Honor

**Monday, February 21, 2011**

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.  
6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 50933  
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.  
6:30 PM Pack 293/Den 5

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church  
7:00 PM Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
6:00 PM JIFY  
7:22 PM Recharge Worship  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group  
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 24, 2011**

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
6:00 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Bible Study  
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group  
7:00 PM Alanon

**Friday, February 25, 2011**

CV Men's Retreat @ WAPO  
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

**Saturday, February 26, 2011**

CV Men's Retreat @ WAPO  
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

**Sunday, February 27, 2011**

CV Men's Retreat @ WAPO  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45 AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:15 PM Guide/SWAT Team Huddle  
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church  
4:45 PM Lily of the Valley AME Church Worship  
6:30 PM ROCK Band

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

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

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