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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



6:00pm

Soup Supper

7:00pm

Worship – Imposition of
Ashes and Holy
Communion

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We Need God

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from
me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful
Spirit.*

Psalm 51: 10-12

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lent is a time to look long and hard at our lives and our world and say together, "WE NEED GOD!" It is easy to look outside ourselves at the problems "out there," to see where we need God in the world. It is very difficult and uncomfortable to look within ourselves, to see where we need God in our own lives.

Lent is a time to admit, to confess, to ask for God to clean our hearts and renew our spirits. "Create in me a clean heart, O God," is to admit two things at least: what we have done, said, thought, etc., and, what has been done, or happened to us. Both are results and signs of sin and brokenness in our lives.

Lent is a time to seek God's presence, and be open to the embrace and work of the Holy Spirit on our hearts, minds, and souls. "Cast me not away from your presence," is first a recognition that God has been present with us, and a yearning for the Holy Spirit to remain in and with us.

Lent is a time to do a check-up, take a personal inventory and ask help to "restore" that which is missing or has been lost. To rely on the sustaining power and love of God's "bountiful Spirit."

Lent is a time to listen long and hard to the Promise that in Christ Jesus, God has already responded to our need on the Cross. This is a time the Church has set aside so that we may focus on our need and desire for God, which is actually to want what God desires for us, and offers to us by grace to be received in faith.

I invite you to join me, and your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Lenten journey of focusing on our need for God, and what it means to be children of God and disciples of Christ in the world. Our journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

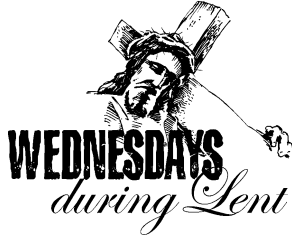
In Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

The season of Lent Begins on Wednesday, March 9 with ASH WEDNESDAY!

Ash Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm – Soup Supper

7:00pm – Worship – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion



Wednesdays in Lent – Dramas: “Whose Cross Is It Anyway?”

6:00-7:00pm – Suppers

6:00-7:30pm – Confirmation and JIFY meet

7:30-8:00pm – EVERYONE (*Confirmation and JIFY families too*) gather in the Sanctuary for a half hour of uplifting and thought provoking Worship!



Sunday Adult Forums 2010-2011

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

Winter Forum Continues in March – Sundays 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
- Faith, Farming, and the Care of Animals
- Brain, Consciousness, and the Soul

Coming Sundays after Easter –

“When the Game Is Over It All Goes Back in the Box,” with John Ortberg!

MEN’S MINISTRY

Monthly Saturday Breakfasts – March 5 and April 2 - 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.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

10:00 am 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.

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.

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. 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 9th, 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 12th!!!!

- 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP and SPECIAL EVENTS

RECHARGE!

One Wednesday Night a month (June – July – August) we are going to hold a RECHARGE Worship service and a Fellowship event. To do it, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- We are looking for more musicians (singers, guitar, bass, mandolin, drums, fiddle, etc.) to help us lead the music, or fill in once or twice!
- We are looking for groups and individuals to host a Fellowship event prior to or following the worship. Some possible ideas: ice cream social, brat feed, picnic...?



****If you are interested and willing to put in some practice and work to make this summer a time for a spiritual Recharge for our community, please contact Pastor Kent at (952) 454-6927!**

Uganda Orphans Kids Choir Concert – Thursday, July 7

“Awesome!” This is what people all over the United States say when they see The Ugandan Orphans Choir perform. Ugandan children are known for their outstanding musical talents, and these 10 children (ages 8-11) are delighting audiences with songs and tribal dances from their homeland. The Ugandan Orphans Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide and this is the 7th Choir that has toured in the U.S. Childcare Worldwide has ministered in East Africa and around the globe for 30 years and has made a difference in the lives of thousands of boys and girls, helping them to survive and succeed. Plan to come and experience this great encounter of “mission in action!”

****We are looking for 4 Host Homes that could accommodate 4-5 kids and adults for 2 nights and days. All host adults must have a background check.****

Blue Grass Worship – A Sunday in August to be determined!



March FoodShare Month

It's that time again! Social Ministries Committee is sponsoring March FoodShare Month beginning Sunday, March 6th through Sunday, March 27th. The theme this year is –

Mission Possible

Did you know:

- The March FoodShare Campaign raises more than one-half the food distributed through 300 food shelves across Minnesota.
- In 2010 food shelf usage increased to 14% and some Twin Cities suburban food shelves reported a 60% increase.
- 56% of food shelf visitors are families with children and 20% are senior citizens.
- More than 50% of adult food shelf visitors are employed and 65% of those make less than \$1,000/mo. (not enough to cover basic needs).
- Each \$1.00 contributed will purchase \$4.00 worth of food.

Christus Victor, your mission, should you choose to accept it...

Raise \$2,000 and as many food items as possible for the March FoodShare Campaign

When you successfully complete this mission, our “*Very Secret Agents*” will have a very special surprise for you. Stay tuned to learn the identities of these “*Very Secret Agents*” and what they will do! Let's work hard to keep The Rosemount Food Shelf stocked for the coming year.



THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS

CINDY BAUBIE
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NANCY HARLOW
JANICE JOHNSTON
FRAN FELDHANN

and other members of our community

On behalf of the American Red Cross, the Social Ministries Committee sends out a big thank you to all of you!

Congratulations donors and the blood drive team! You helped contribute to the success of our blood drive held on Valentine's Day. It was a first for an 'inside' blood drive for CV and, according to donors, was favored over the previous blood mobile 'bus' drives. Thanks to your efforts, **42** pints of blood (a record high for Christus Victor!) are now available for patient care. Thank you for demonstrating a commitment to our community and helping our local community blood center assure a safe and adequate blood supply.

Thanks to Dr. Lance Stromberg and Mary Hampston of Premier Life Chiropractic, Apple Valley, donors were treated to complimentary chair massage. (They even donated blood at our drive!)

Missions at Christus Victor

You came. You bid. And you bid some more. Gracias! Thanks to the generous members of Christus Victor, the 2011 Baskets of Love was wildly successful. Together, we raised more than \$4800. This money will enable our eleven-member Dominican Republic Mission Team to serve the kids at the Kids Alive Orphanage in Constanza during their Mission Trip scheduled for March 26 through April 2. God is good!

Your CV Mission Committee,

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

Youth Ministry

WAPO SUMMER CAMP

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, numerous families have donated money 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. 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 26th - July 1st (4th - 8th Grade)

Seeds: June 24th - 26th (2nd - 3rd Grade)

Tim Team: June 24th - July 1st (9th - 11th Grade)

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

Middle School Lock-In - March 18th

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat - April 29th

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

Mar 2nd - Class: Resurrection and Eternal Life

Mar 9th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

Mar 16th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

Mar 23rd - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

Mar 30th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

Apr 6th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship

Birthdays	
Noah Flaata	March 2 nd
Ryan Jensen	March 6 th

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

Mar 6th - Class with Corey

Mar 13th - Class with Warren

Mar 20th - Breakfast

Mar 27th - Class with Dawn

Apr 3rd - Class with Corey

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - March 13th

Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - April 3rd

Senior Brunch - May 1st

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

Mar 2nd - Ping Pong Ball Exhale Challenge

Mar 9th - **No Youth Group (Ash Wednesday)**

Mar 16th - Pinatas

Mar 23rd - Human Knot

Mar 30th - Hot Shots

Birthdays	
Andy Dodds	March 10 th
Josh Zarras	March 22 nd
Nick Hanson	March 26 th
Anna Johnson	March 26 th
Caitlin Johnson	March 26 th
Alex Olsen	March 27 th

Sunday Connections - Sundays at 9:45am

Mar 6th - Connections

Mar 13th - Connections

Mar 20th - Connections

Mar 27th - Connections

Apr 3rd - Connections

MARCH 2011 CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 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, March 3, 2011

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group
7:00 PM Alanon
7:00 PM Christmas Program Rehearsal

Friday, March 4, 2011

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
8:15 AM Lifeline Screening
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group

Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM CV Band Rehearsal
12:15 PM Baptism Class
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship
5:30 PM Troop 298 Committee Mtg.
6:30 PM ROCK Band
7:00 PM Troop 298 Parent/Troop Mtg.

Monday, March 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 Oakridge Park Association
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM Soup Supper
6:00 PM JIFY
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10, 2011

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

Friday, March 11, 2011

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.
6:30 PM Dessert Theatre Rehearsal

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church
6:30 PM Dessert Theatre

Sunday, March 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
4:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship

Monday, March 14, 2011

9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.
7:00 PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

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

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

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

6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:30 PM Lenten Worship
8:00 PM High School Youth Group
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Newsletter Deadline

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
3:00 PM Church Network Mtg.
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Alanon
7:00 PM AA Mtg.

Friday, March 18, 2011

8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.
7:00 PM Middle School Lock-In

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Middle School Lock-In until 9:00 AM
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

Sunday, March 20, 2011

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
2:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship
5:00 PM AME Church Reception
6:00 PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.
6:30 PM ROCK Band
7:00 PM Troop 298 Mtg.

Monday, March 21, 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.

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

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

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

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

Thursday, March 24, 2011

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

Friday, March 25, 2011

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

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
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 AME Worship
6:30 PM ROCK Band

Monday, March 28, 2011

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

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:30 PM Lenten Worship
8:00 PM High School Youth Group
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Dominican Republic Mission Trip
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Alanon
7:00 PM AA Mtg.

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