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WORSHIP WITH US

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

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Maundy Thursday

5:30-6:45pm – Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the youth attending summer camp at WAPO

7:00pm – Worship – The 5th graders will be celebrating their First Communion, and JIFY will be providing a dramatic musical message.

Good Friday

7:00pm – "From the Manger to the Cross" join us as we follow Jesus through his life and ministry to his sacrifice and death on the cross.

Saturday

Easter Decorating and Preparations

9:00am to Noon – We need helpers to decorate the sanctuary and prepare for Easter Sunday.

EASTER MORNING CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICES

7:30am – Sunrise Holy Communion
9:15am – Holy Communion
11:00am – Holy Communion
8:00am – 10:45am Food and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:15am – 11:00am Kids Easter Egg Hunt starting in Room 108

The season of Lent Continues
April 6 and 13…

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!

"Jesus Has Been Raised from the Dead"

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."
(Matthew 28: 5-7)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard, impossible even, not to be afraid, especially in the face of tragedy, death, and the incomprehensible. "Do not be afraid," the angel said to Mary Magdalene and Mary. And my immediate reaction would have been, "yeah, right!"

Seeing the pictures and videos from Japan, hearing the tragic stories and the news of disaster and horror in the aftermath of the earthquake, tsunami, and the unfolding nuclear situation, saying, "Do not be afraid," seems crazy.

Getting the news that you or a loved one has inoperable cancer, and then having someone tell you, "Do not be afraid," might be considered cruel and heartless.

The angel knew why the women were afraid *(aside from the fact that an angel shining like lightening just caused an earthquake, knocked down some Roman soldiers, and then rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb)*, "you are looking for Jesus who was crucified."

It is not fear of the angel, but the fear of death. It is not fear of earthquakes, tsunamis, or a nuclear meltdown, it is fear of death. It is not fear of cancer, Alzheimer's, or some other deadly disease, it is fear of death.

The angel was saying, "You don't need to be afraid of death anymore; for Jesus who was crucified and died, has been raised from the dead! He is alive!" The reason we don't have to be afraid of death is because Jesus has defeated death once and for all through his own death and resurrection. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

> *Christ is risen! Henceforth never Death or Hell shall us enthrall; Be we Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.*
> *All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased; hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.* ("Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" by J. Monsell and F. Maker)

Please join the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death this Holy Week and Easter!

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Happy Easter

New this Year!

Food and Fellowship

Join your family & friends
for Easter Fellowship.
Between Easter Services
8:30 – 11:00
Pastries, Coffee, Juice

Volunteers needed:
Bakers, Servers, Set-up, Clean-up
Bake your favorite pastry and bring it to share, or help setup, make the coffee or clean up.
Sign up at the Info Desk

Sunday Adult Forums 2010-2011
Join us for the upcoming Sunday adult forums in the Fellowship Hall!

Coming Sundays after Easter – "When the Game Is Over It All Goes Back in the Box," with John Ortberg!

SENIOR CONNECTION UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL: Wednesday, April 20 - 3:30pm at Eastview HS : "THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE." Then out for dinner together afterward (location TBD).

MAY: IMAX on the 2nd Tuesday in May (May 10), breakfast at IHOP prior to the show!
JUNE: Picnic at an area park (this could be our one meeting a qtr scheduled when the working seniors could join us.)

MEN'S MINISTRY

Monthly Saturday Breakfasts – 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.

Simpson House Breakfast – Saturday morning, April 30. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Men's Sailing Trip August 18-20, 2011
SAVE THE DATES!!! Join Captain Mike and your fellow sailors/landlubbers on August 18 through August 21. As usual there will be an option for those who wish to leave town on Wednesday evening to sail Thursday through Sunday. For those who cannot take Thursday off the second option is to depart Thursday evening and sail Friday through Sunday.

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 Matthew

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.

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.

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!

Nursery Available for Young Children!

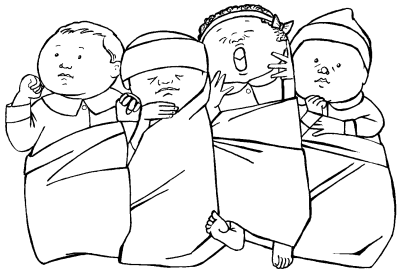
Just a reminder that Christus Victor has a nursery available during worship services and the education hour for any child up until their 5th birthday. We have wonderful, First Aid and CPR trained staff people taking care of your children, but we also need additional adults to help volunteer in the nursery. Please sign up on the Joyful Servant board to volunteer in the nursery, especially parents who use the nursery, so that all parents can enjoy the worship and educational opportunities at Christus Victor. If you have any questions regarding the nursery, please talk to Pastor Laura. Thank you!

Celebrate Life!

Spring is here with longer days, warmer sunshine, and…babies! Social Ministries is busy planning our annual celebration of birth and motherhood, more popularly known as our ***Midwife Kits Service Project***. These midwife kits are an important part of childbirth in the village areas of Tanzania, where 70 percent of women deliver their babies at home with the help of a midwife. We can help reduce the risk of infection to both mothers and newborns by 50 percent by providing these kits made of simple, yet essential items. Without these modest supplies unsanitary birthing conditions contribute to 940 deaths per 100,000 live births annually in Tanzania.

You can have an impact in bringing healthy babies into the world by taking part in this always fun and life-affirming ministry! You can help by donating needed supplies, funds to purchase supplies, and/or participating in putting the kits together; we welcome any assistance you are able to give. **For supplies this year we are in greatest need of bath size towels, receiving blankets, bath size Ivory soap, and large sized sterile gloves.** Please be aware that the towels and receiving blankets don't need to be brand new, gently used items are welcome.

Please consider joining us Saturday May 7th at 9 a.m. to help put together the midwife kits. You can sign up at the visitor's desk in the narthex. It is always a joyful morning as we work together making kits (many lovingly color coordinated by their creators!) and anticipating the wonderful lives we are helping bring safely into the world through such simple means.



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.

Please hold May 14 for the spring cleanup of the church and grounds.
Contact Lois Stark for any questions.

Youth Ministry

High School Summer Trip

This summer the high school youth will have an opportunity to participate in an adventure trip to the mountains in north western Montana. Designed as an introspective trip, youth will get a chance to be challenged physically on mountains touching the heavens while taking an inward look at their faith journey. We'll travel out by van and return from our experience via Amtrak train. This is truly an opportunity to meet and witness God in some truly beautiful country while accomplishing a week long wilderness trip as a team. There is even an option to go White Water Rafting at the end of the week! Tentative cost for this trip is $700 and there is only room for eight youth to participate. Talk to Corey and hand in a $200 deposit to reserve your spot.

Trip Dates: July 9th - 17th

Middle School Information

Up Coming Events
WAPO Service Retreat - April 8th & 9th
8th Grade Confirmation Retreat - April 29th & 30th

Birthdays

Jason Edman	April 9th
Reese Orman	April 20th

Confirmation - *Wednesdays at 6:00pm, in the Youth Room*
Apr 6th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship
Apr 13th - Soup Supper, Small Group Time, and Worship
Apr 20th - **No Confirmation (Easter Week)**
Apr 27th - **No Confirmation (Guide Huddle)**
May 4th - Large Group Fellowship Event

DeKaF - *Sundays at 9:45am, in the Youth Room*
Apr 3rd - Class with Corey
Apr 10th - Class with Warren
Apr 17th - Class with Dawn
Apr 24th - **No Class (Easter)**
May 1st - Class with Warren or Dawn

High School Information

Up Coming Events
Graduation Faith Stepping Stone - April 3rd
Senior Brunch - May 1st

Birthdays

Sarah Youngner	April 17th
Kyle Johnson	April 27th
Dylan Pritchard	April 4th

Youth Group - *Wednesdays at 8:00pm, in the Youth Room*
Apr 6th - Hangout Night
Apr 13th - Pop Tab Devo
Apr 20th - No Youth Group (Easter Week)
Apr 27th - Feed My Starving Children (7:30 pm)
May 4th - Buffalo Wild Wings Challenge

Sunday Connections - *Sundays at 9:45am*
Apr 3rd - Connections
Apr 10th - Connections
Apr 17th - Connections
Apr 24th - **No Connections**

APRIL 2011 CALENDAR

Friday, April 1, 2011
Dominican Republic Mission Trip
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group

Saturday, April 2, 2011
Dominican Republic Mission Trip
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

Sunday, April 3, 2011
8:30 AM Social Ministries Fundraiser
8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Craft Fair Interest Mtg.
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Faith Stepping Stone
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship
5:30 PM Troop 298 Committee Mtg.
6:30 PM ROCK Band Rehearsal
7:00 PM Troop 298 Parent/Troop Mtg.

Monday, April 4, 2011
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
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, April 5, 2011
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

Wednesday, April 6, 2011
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
6:00 PM Soup Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Drama Rehearsal
7:30 PM Lenten Worship
8:00 PM Lenten Drama Rehearsal
8:00 PM High School Youth Group
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7, 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, April 8, 2011
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, April 9, 2011
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church
10:00 AM Lily of the Valley AME Church Women
2:00 PM Private Birthday Party

Sunday, April 10, 2011
8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Adult Forum
9:45 AM Upward Call Rehearsal
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship
6:30 PM ROCK Band Rehearsal

Monday, April 11, 2011
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
7:00 PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, April 12, 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, April 13, 2011
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 PM Confirmation
6:00 PM JIFY
6:00 PM Soup Supper
6:30 PM Lenten Drama Rehearsal
7:30 PM Lenten Worship
8:00 PM Lenten Drama Rehearsal
8:00 PM High School Youth Group
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14, 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, April 15, 2011
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
6:30 PM WAPO Service Retreat For Middle School (leave)
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, April 16, 2011
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church
8:30 PM WAPO Service Retreat For Middle School (return)

Sunday, April 17, 2011
8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Adult Forum
9:45 AM TZ Fundraiser
9:45 AM Education/Fellowship Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM TZ Fundraiser
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship
6:00 PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.
6:30 PM ROCK Band Rehearsal
7:00 PM Troop 298 Mtg.

Monday, April 18, 2011
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
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, April 19, 2011
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9:30 AM AV Mom's Club South
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
7:00 PM JIFY Play Rehearsal
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21, 2011
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
12:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner Prep
4:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner Set-up
5:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner
6:00 PM AME Bible Study
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 PM Valley Step AA Group
7:00 PM Alanon

Friday, April 22, 2011
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
5:00 PM ROCK Band Rehearsal
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 23, 2011
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church

Sunday, April 24, 2011
EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM Worship
9:15 AM Worship
9:15 AM Kujawa Baptism
11:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
4:45 PM AME Worship

Monday, April 25, 2011
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
7:00 PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00 PM Casa de Oracion Church
7:00 PM Council Mtg.

Wednesday, April 27, 2011
10:00 AM Women's Reflection AA Group
6:00 PM Guide Huddle
6:00 PM JIFY
7:22 PM Recharge
8:00 PM High School Youth Group
8:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 28, 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, April 29, 2011
8:00 AM AA Group Mtg.
4:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat (leave)
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Mtg.

Saturday, April 30, 2011
7:30 AM Casa de Oracion Church
6:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat (return)

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