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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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God Picked You for a Reason!

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2: 9

Dear Friends in Christ,

The echoes of Easter still ring in our ears, "**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**" This refrain, this proclamation of Jesus' resurrection is not just for Easter, not just for those of us inside the four walls of the church; it is the Good News that through Christ, God has chosen us to tell the world!

Perhaps you remember the dread while sitting in school, trying to hide behind the person in front of you as the teacher scanned the room for someone to pick to come up front to answer a problem on the board? Not many want to get up in front of the class alone, especially when you aren't sure of the answer.

The problem that is on the board in front of us all is one simple word: Sin. Its manifestations are as many and varied as there are people and situations in the world. By ourselves we could not and cannot come up with an answer or a solution. On our own, as hard as we would try, we could not and cannot fix it or explain it away.

So God gives us the answer, the solution, the fix, and explanation: Jesus Christ the crucified and risen one! And God picks you to share the answer!

But God does not just choose one to proclaim the answer, through Christ God chose everyone who hears and believes in the Good News, "**in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.**" Together we proclaim and share the Good News of Easter with the people of the world, perhaps starting with our own family, friends, and neighbors.

We can all begin with the answer that is in the Book. The Mighty Acts of God are written down for us to learn and to share with others. There is also our own story of faith, our personal experiences of the mighty acts of God. We each have our own, still unfolding, story of coming out of darkness into the light of Christ, which is part of the larger story of God's love for the world.

Let us join together to share the Good News with those who have not heard or do not yet believe and trust that Jesus is the answer!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

THE UGANDAN


Thursday, July 7
6:00pm – Potluck
7:30pm – Concert

“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.**

MUNCHKIN MINUTE

This has been another fantastic year for the Preschool and Kindergarten classes. I can't believe how fast the year went! All of us teachers have been blessed by all of our kids-- blessed by their sweetness, their willingness to learn, and their love. And what a well-behaved group they have been. The Sunday School year yielded many fun events: a field trip to the Arboretum, Polar Express night, a sledding field trip (a snow storm stopped us from going sledding but we still had fun hanging out together at church), Easter activities, and games and learning experiences during Sunday School classes.

But just because the school year is ending does not mean the fun is on hold. The summer months will also have their fill of good times. There is a Father's Day event in June, VBS in July, the garage sale in August, and a new still-in-the-planning-stages kid craft sale! (More info about that soon.)

Here is a list of teachers/helpers who helped make this year a success:

Mike and Jodi Finstad, Megan Hanson, Taylor Indrehus, Stacey Klein, Jennifer Radke, Justin Rylander, ...and me☺

What a joy it is to be involved with all of these dedicated people!

So here's wishing everyone a safe and fun summer. Enjoy the warmth! And remember to keep an eye out for events and ways to stay “plugged in” during the summer months here at CV.

Doug

SENIOR CONNECTION

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



May 7 – Men's Breakfast at 8:30am – We need cooks and helpers! Contact Pastor Kent!

Men & Senior High Youth Serving Breakfast at Simpson House - Sunday, May 15 at 5:00am!
We are going to work with the senior high youth to cook and serve the 90+ guests of Simpson House in Minneapolis. We need two co-leaders to help with this event. Please contact Pastor Kent!

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

SUMMER RECHARGE!

One Wednesday Night a month at 7:12pm

- JUNE 22
- JULY 13
- AUGUST 3
- (August 24, possible concert/worship with Nate Houge!)

*****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!

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!



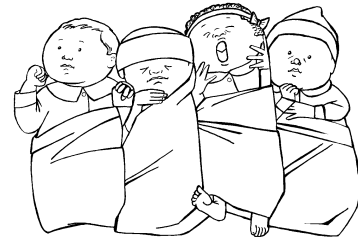
Celebrate Life!



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.



VBS 2011

The sun, surf and sand are here....almost. Mark your calendars for July 24-28 (and July 31st for the VBS family picnic). Registration and Volunteer sign-up's will start May 15th. Register with payment on May 15, and receive a special gift.

Social Ministries Food Drive Thank You

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED Christus Victor. Thank you for so generously contributing over \$3,000 during the Social Ministry's March Food Drive. In addition, four loads of food were delivered to the Rosemount Food Shelf. Just imagine how many people that will feed! A very big thank you also goes to Pastor Kent and his Junior Secret Agents, Connor Glinski, Daniel Gubrud, and Taylor Peterson, for a job well done. God has truly blessed this ministry.

Church cleanup will be Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 to noon.
Please see sign up at front desk.
For questions please see or call Lois Stark.



Youth Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

This summer six of our high school youth will 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 will be traveling round trip via Amtrak to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp this July to meet and witness God while backpacking in some truly beautiful country. After trekking across “middle earth” as a team, we’ll adventure on a raft navigating class three and four rapids. This is truly a team building experience were we’ll have to rely on God and one another to over come the challenges of our trip. Keep us in your prayers!

Trip Dates: July 8th - 17th

High School Participants: Emily Youngner, Jeanie Zurales, Sam Fischer, Emily Thompson, Taylor Orman, and Jerod Franciscus.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

Combined Lock-In - June 17th

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

May 4th - Large Group Fellowship Event

May 11th - Confirmation & JIFY Celebration BBQ

End of Confirmation

Birthdays	
Austen Indrehus	May 17 th

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

May 1st - Class with Warren or Dawn

May 8th - Outdoor Worship

May 15th - Class with Warren

May 22nd - End of the Year Party

End of DeKaF

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Up Coming Events

Senior Brunch - May 1st

Youth Group Overnight & Serving Breakfast at Simpson House Shelter - May 14th & 15th

Combined Lock-In - June 17th

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

May 4th - Buffalo Wild Wings Challenge

May 11th - Bon Fire/Outside Games

May 18th - Movie Night (Starting @ 7:00 pm)

End of Youth Group

Birthdays	
Kario Kelly	May 3 rd
Emily Youngner	May 7 th
Taylor Indrehus	May 17 th
Nate Hanson	May 21 st

Sunday Connections - *Sundays at 9:45am*

May 1st - Connections

May 8th - Connections

May 15th - Last Day of Connections

End of Connections

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