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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30am

Traditional worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
Contemporary worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays



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Working Together for the Good of All

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” –Galatians 6: 9-10

Dear Friends in Christ at Christus Victor,

Summer, especially in Minnesota, is a time to refresh our bodies, minds, and souls after a wearying, and seemingly endless winter. We need a break, a time out and a time away, so that we do not grow weary. The literal meaning of the word “Sabbath” is “Stop.” God commands that we stop, at least once a week, for our refreshment, so that we can keep doing what is right, keeping working for the good of all.

There will be much to do together in the coming months, especially as we bid Corey Betchwars “farewell,” after leading our youth ministries for almost nine years. Corey has led and guided all of our ministries to middle school and high school youth, including Sunday Connections, DeKaf, Confirmation, SWAT Team, Wednesday Night Youth Group, Lock-ins, retreats, and service projects to name a few. It will take the combined work of parents, adults, and youth to keep the youth ministries of Christus Victor strong and vital as we work together for the harvest of “**Inspiring youth to grow in Christ-centered lives.**” Pay attention for your opportunity to join us in this important work of the church.

We also bid farewell to Liz Schuur who, after leading us in worship in the traditional services for the past five years, is leaving CV. We give thanks to God for her service, and pray God’s many blessings on the new path God is leading her on.

We give a hearty welcome to Alison Berg, who joined the CV staff as the part-time Administrative Assistant. We are glad that God has answered our prayers and hers. Please make her feel welcome here at CV!

People come and go; things change, sometimes for the better, sometimes worse; but in the midst of it all we remember Christ’s promise to be with us always, even to the end of the age. And so we rely on God’s grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to refresh and inspire us to work together in the kingdom of God, in the harvest field that is Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30am all summer long!

Traditional worship on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Contemporary worship on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

Join us as we gather together in God's presence to receive forgiveness, grace, and God's Word to help us grow in faith and understanding for the journey as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blue Grass Worship

Sunday, August 14, 9:30am!

Join us for a special worship service led by *Centrally Dislocated*, the Blue Grass worship band from Central Lutheran in Winona, MN. Corey's Betchwar's dad is a member of this group, and we are excited to have them lead us in some foot stomping, hand clapping worship this summer!



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!”

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER

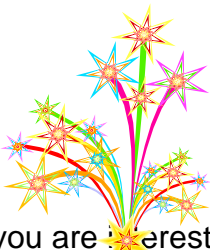
RECHARGE

(*Note Times!)

- **JULY 13** – 7:00pm – RECHARGE, 7:30pm – Ice Cream Social
- **AUGUST 3** – 7:00pm – RECHARGE, 7:30pm – Bonfire & S’mores

*****WE NEED YOUR HELP!*****

**MUSICIANS
 ICE CREAM SUNDAE MAKERS
 FIRE MAKERS
 HELPERS IN GENERAL**



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!



Nate Houge in Concert
Wednesday, August 24!
6:00pm – BBQ Potluck/Picnic
7:00pm – concert/worship

Nate Houge has brought his music, humor, and insights on faith and life to Christus Victor for RECHARGE this past year. His roots rock/folk rock/church rock style hits on themes of grace, redemption, the unconditional love of God, and the life of disciples as peace makers and servants in the world. Along with his worship music, Nate and his friends will be sharing music from his new album, *“REFORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION.”*

Nate’s CD’s will be for sale, and we will be taking an offering to support his music ministry!

Check out his website: <http://natehouge.com/>

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.

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.

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

Summer Tuesday Morning Tai Chi

Join Pastor Kent on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall for 45 minutes of Tai Chi Exercise.

Summer Schedule:

July 12, 19, & 26, Aug. 2, 23 & 30

Tai Chi is the oldest form of Chinese Martial Arts, focusing on stretching, balance, and deep breathing. Tai Chi is also known as “moving meditation.” No experience necessary. Just show up in loose, comfortable clothes, or call Pastor Kent for more information, 952-454-6927.



2011 Christus Victor Garage Sale

Friday, August 12 ◀▶ 4pm–8pm
Saturday, August 13 ◀▶ 9am-2pm

- ▶ **Early Bird Special** ◀ Pay \$3/family and shop from 3pm to 4pm before the official opening on Friday.
- ▶ **Volunteers** ◀ Christus Victor volunteers who have worked two hours or more during the week are invited to shop at the Friday afternoon pre-sale from 1pm to 3pm.
- ▶ **Silent Auction** ◀ A Silent Auction featuring unique items will operate from Friday at 4pm until Sunday morning at 11am.

When Can I Drop Off My Items?

Clothing and Small Items: August 7 - 9 (Sunday, Monday & Tuesday) from 10:30am to 9pm and August 10 (Wednesday) from 10:30am to 12 noon.

Furniture and Large Items: August 11 (Thursday) from 8am to 6pm. Limited pick-up service is available. If you can't deliver your large donations, please call the church at 952-454-6927 by Monday, August 8 to make arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE: Because we begin pricing items on Thursday, August 11, we cannot accept clothing or small items after Wednesday, August 10 at 6pm. Please do not leave items after this deadline. Garage Sale volunteers reserve the right to refuse any donation for any reason. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

What Kind of CLEAN & USABLE & UNTAGGED Items Should I Donate?

Antiques, Baskets, Books, Collectables, Electronics, Furniture, House Wares, Jewelry, Linens, Office Equipment, Seasonal, Sporting Goods, Tools, Toys, Children's Clothing (dresses, two-piece outfits, winter-wear on hangers) and Adult Clothing (suits, dresses, shirts, slacks and coats on hangers.) We do **not** accept Christmas trees, cribs, computer monitors, curtain rods, exercise equipment, infant seats, mattresses, microwaves, organs, paint, televisions WITHOUT digital converter boxes, skis or water beds.

How Can I Help?

Please save items and encourage family and friends to contribute to and attend the garage sale. Offer to take items to the church for them. There are extra flyers in the church office – please share them with anybody and everybody! It takes a crew of volunteers to keep a garage sale on course. Volunteer sign-up sheets are located at the Information Desk. Help will be needed during the week of set-up, during the actual garage sale, and during the clean-up. (Anyone who helps clean-up can keep any unsold item.)

Questions?

Call Co-Captains Julie McDonald (952-250-1503) or Nancy Erler (952-432-8081)

Attention all gardeners: The Social Ministries team is once again running the concession stand and in addition to the food and baked goods are planning to have a "Farmer's Market" so they will be accepting produce donations. More details to come but they'll be looking for those "extra" zucchini, tomatoes, or anything that you can share.

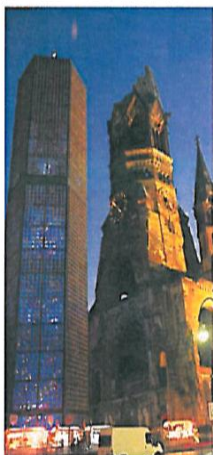
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in Germany



Proposal for
**CHRISTUS
 VICTOR
 LUTHERAN
 CHURCH**



Tour of Germany
 Following
 Martin Luther



Dessau, Wittenberg,
 Leipzig, Eisleben,
 Eisenach, Erfurt,
 Weimar & Berlin

JUNE 2013

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, CV Choir goes to Europe in 2013!

Attention all adult singers and friends of adult singers! The choir at CV is planning a 10 day trip to Germany in June of 2013. (Sort of like Spirit Bound, only across the ocean) We are looking for singers and singer's companions to join us. We will be traveling across the homeland of Martin Luther, staying in local hotels, performing wonderful music in exciting venues (churches and castles), seeing the sights, and eating and drinking the tastes of Germany! The plan is this..... If you are already in senior choir we will be dedicating one practice a month beginning sometime this fall in late Sept. to music for the Germany trip. We will continue with that all next year and the following year. You do not have to be a full time member of senior choir to make the trip, nor do you have to plan on going on the trip in order to be a member of senior choir. You just need to show up once a month for practice to go to Europe. That will be more often than once a month when we hit the year 2013. Is that confusing enough?? The first payment of \$500.00 is due in mid Oct. of this year. We need to find 40 people in order to get a great price.

You may bring someone with you that is not singing, just coming along to be part of the support group. Many great fund raising opportunities are available and are already in place. See Anne if you would like a brochure with all the information. More informational meetings will be scheduled as we get into the latter part of July and early August. Keep your eyes on the bulletin. This is a great musical ministry opportunity – a once in a lifetime experience! Plan ahead and don't be left out!

Youth Ministry

YOUTH DIRECTOR STEPPING DOWN

It is with a heavy heart that our Youth Director, Corey Betchwars, will be stepping down on September 1st to chart a new course in life at graduate school. Serving almost 9 full years as Youth Director, Corey has helped our youth to grown in their faith through youth group, mission trips, Bible camp, Confirmation, retreats, service projects, and lock-ins. Feel free to stop by his office during the week (call ahead to make sure he is there) to strike up a conversation and process his transition from our church. Even though we are in a good foundation place with our youth ministry, we'll need you to keep things going while a new youth director can be found.

For those of you attending camp or the summer backpacking trip, Corey will still be participating in those adventures and giving his time fully to the youth participating. You'll also be able to catch Corey at Recharge worships this summer. Finally, the week before his Sunday celebration on August 28th, there will be a week of activities for Corey and the youth to have a fond farewell! Stay tuned for more information about that week. We wish Corey the best in his future endeavors!

CAMP WAPO - JUNE 24TH - JULY 1ST

As you read this, 47 of our youth/kids will be returning from Amery, WI with a week/weekend of Bible camp at WAPO under their wings. This year's theme was "In The Midst," which takes a look at discovering community in Christ. Using Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them," WAPO takes a look at the essential foundation for who we are as Christians and how we can continually grow in and share the love that Jesus has for all people. Keep our campers in your prayers this summer as they explore the importance of being a part of a Christ centered community and the impact that gathering together in Jesus' name can have on each other and the whole world.

Middle School Birthdays

Megan Hanson	July 7 th
Alexis Rufi	July 8 th
Corey Bixby	July 18 th

On Wednesday, August 3rd we'll be having a camp themed Recharge Worship at Christus Victor Lutheran to celebrate our week at WAPO. Worship is at 7:00 pm and will have a camp feel by singing camp songs and having a camp skit. After worship, we'll be having a bonfire, eating S'mores, and showing pictures from our week at camp. Come and join us for this exciting evening of worship!

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP - JULY 8TH - 17TH

This summer five 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 white water 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 overcome the challenges of our trip. Keep us in your prayers!

Trip Dates: July 8th - 17th

High School Participants: Emily Youngner, Jeanie Zuales, Sam Fischer, Emily Thompson, and Taylor Orman

High School Birthdays

Bri Allen	July 3 rd
Jessica Tappainer	July 14 th
Gennie Galligan	July 12 th
Kayley Indrehus	July 26 th
Amber Quesenberry	July 29 th

JULY 2011 CALENDAR

Friday, July 1, 2011

Youth Camp WAPO
(4th – 8th grade)
8:00AM AA Group Mtg.
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group

Saturday, July 2, 2011

Youth Camp WAPO
(4th – 8th grade)
7:30AM Casa de Oracion
3:00PM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, July 3, 2011

Youth Camp WAPO
(4th – 8th grade)
9:30AM Worship
1:00PM Casa de Oracion
4:45PM Lily of the Valley
AME Church

Monday, July 4, 2011

Church Office Closed
9:30AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
6:30PM Pack 293/Den 5
7:00PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

9:30 AM Staff Mtg.
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00PM Casa de Oracion

Wednesday, July 6, 2011

10:00AM Women's Reflection AA

Thursday, July 7, 2011

10:00AM Adult Bible Study
6:00PM Lily of the Valley Study
6:00PM Uganda Kids Choir Potluck
7:00PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30PM Uganda Kids Choir
Performance
7:30PM AA Mtg.

Friday, July 8, 2011

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

Saturday, July 9, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, July 10, 2011

9:30AM Worship
1:00PM Casa de Oracion
4:45PM Lily of the Valley
AME Church
5:30PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.
6:30PM Troop 298 Trailer Clean-up

Monday, July 11, 2011

9:30AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
10:00AM Staff Mtg.
7:00PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345
6:00PM Casa de Oracion
6:00PM All Staff Mtg.
7:00PM All Committee Night
8:30PM Recharge Set-up

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

10:00AM Women's Reflection AA
7:00PM Recharge
7:30PM Recharge Ice Cream

Thursday, July 14, 2011

10:00AM Adult Bible Study
6:00PM Lily of the Valley Study
7:00PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30PM AA Mtg.

Friday, July 15, 2011

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

Saturday, July 16, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, July 17, 2011

9:30AM Worship
1:00PM Casa de Oracion
4:45PM Lily of the Valley
AME Church

Monday, July 18, 2011

9:30AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
10:00AM Staff Mtg.
6:30PM Pack 293/Den 5
7:00PM Youth Ministry Board/
Team Mtg.
7:00PM Valley Big Book Mtg.

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

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

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

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

Thursday, July 21, 2011

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
10:00AM Adult Bible Study
6:00PM Lily of the Valley Study
7:00PM Alanon Mtg.
7:30PM AA Mtg.

Friday, July 22, 2011

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

Saturday, July 23, 2011

VBS Retreat
7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, July 24, 2011

VBS Retreat
9:30AM Worship
6:30PM VBS

Monday, July 25, 2011

9:30AM Women's AM AA Mtg.
10:00AM Staff Mtg.
6:30PM VBS

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

6:30PM VBS
7:00PM Council Mtg. (offsite)

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

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

Thursday, July 28, 2011

10:00AM Adult Bible Study
6:30PM VBS

Friday, July 29, 2011

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

Saturday, July 30, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, July 31, 2011

9:30AM Worship/VBS Program
10:30AM VBS Family Picnic
1:00PM Casa de Oracion
4:45PM Lily of the Valley
AME Church

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