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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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God is Doing a New Thing

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43: 18-19*

Dear Friends in Christ at Christus Victor,

At the July Church Council meeting, our devotion focused on imagining what Christus Victor will look like in five years from now. What was so very interesting to me was that two clearly different possibilities for the future were imagined; as if we were standing at a crossroad looking to what lay ahead down each road. Both visions elicited some anxiety and discomfort, but only one was filled with energizing and exciting possibilities.

Down one road, everything looks the same, except everyone is older and the church is a little worse for wear. The same old people are doing the same old jobs, but, as we envisioned, with less enthusiasm and energy. "We're just content and see no reason to change," said one. Another said, "We're stuck in a bubble with no catalyst for change."

Down another road, we saw that some things and people look the same, but also new people, and there have been some changes too. The courtyard has become a gathering space and the church has been redecorated to become a place where people of all ages stay and connect with each other. The seniors and grandparents of the church are in the Sunday school classes with the children, learning and growing in faith together. Because of the new families and kids there are new classrooms, but also a food shelf/resource center to serve the community. There are touch screens in the hallway for people to learn about different ministries and sign up for ministry groups and events, and help people find their way around.

*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by
And that has made all the difference."* (Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken")

At a time of change and transition, when a significant staff person is leaving (Corey Betchwars), there is a ripple effect across the whole congregation, whether people have children and youth or not. It is therefore important to realize that it is not an individual staff person nor a committee or task force that will bring about needed change. It is God who is already and always ahead of us, inviting us into a new future God is preparing for us; a preferred future of hope, grace, and eager longing. God calls us to open our eyes to see the new things being done in us and around us through Jesus Christ. Then, as the saying goes, "let go and let God" – which means to actively enter into the new thing God is doing.

God is doing a new thing, do you see it? Will you be part of whatever new thing God is doing and will be doing in our shared lives together at Christus Victor? Stay tuned!

Yours 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!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER RECHARGE**AUGUST 3 – 7:00pm – RECHARGE, 7:30pm – Bonfire & S'mores**

*****WE NEED YOUR HELP!*****
WE NEED 2 FIRE PITS AND WOOD!
STICKS FOR ROASTING!
FIRE MAKERS
HELPERS IN GENERAL



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

THE UGANDAN

Orphans Choir

"THANK YOU!" That's the word from the Ugandan Orphans Choir to everyone who helped make their stay and concert at CV a success! Over \$1,000 was given to support their ministry through the free will offering. Special thanks to Trudy Matthys, Paula Nierengarten, Anne Nyquist, for their leadership, our host families, and everyone who helped with the potluck and lunch. 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.



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:

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.

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.

A couple of final things, the Youth Board and Youth Ministry Team will be having a meeting on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00 pm to put together the calender for the up coming school year. We'll need people to attend and take on a leadership role for our events. Second, from Monday, August 22nd thru Thursday, August 25th there will be a week of activities for Corey and the youth to have a fond farewell! Information flyers should be in your hands soon.

CAMP THEME RECHARGE - AUGUST 3RD

We just had 47 youth attend Bible camp and experience Jesus across three programs at WAPO. So 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!



Middle School Birthdays

Erik Everson	August 7 th
Kaylin Finstad	August 11 th
Nevar Olson	August 20 th

HIGH SCHOOL MONTANA BACKPACKING & RAFTING TRIP



Emily Youngner, Jeanie Zuales, Sam Fischer, Emily Thompson, Taylor Orman and Corey Betchwars just returned from a week in the Whitefish Mountain Range just west of Glacier Nation Park backpacking and rafting. They had an amazing week learning about Jesus, trekking across snowy terrain, helping each other, rafting the Middle Fork of the Flathead River and playing fart baseball! Go find one of the participants to hear amazing stories from the week!

High School Birthdays

Emily Everson	August 8 th
Emily Thompson	August 11 th
Kristen Resvick	August 13 th
Sam Fischer	August 23 rd
Amanda Andreas	August 30 th



After a fun summer off and a great week of VBS, it is time to start thinking about Faith Trek, our Sunday school program at Christus Victor. In Faith Trek, children in preschool through 5th grade learn about God's word through games, playtime, drama, art, music and storytelling.

Important New Information regarding Faith Trek:

There are a few new things for families to know this year. First, we will be introducing a weekly large group opening. Each week all children in grades 1-5 will begin in the CV Cinema for a 10 minute opening that will include a short group activity, some additional discussion on the theme, music and a prayer. After the opening, the shepherds will lead groups to their correct rooms for the regular Faith Trek lesson.

Secondly, this year we will be implementing a new dismissal procedure. Every child, preschool through grade 5, will need to be signed in and out of their class each week. Parents should bring preschoolers and kindergartners to their classrooms to be signed in and out. Children in 1st through 5th grade need to be brought to the CV Cinema at 9:45am and sign in with the class shepherd. At the end of class, 10:45am, parents must pick their child up at their assigned classroom for the day and sign out. Faith Trek room assignments will be posted at the CV Cinema and on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Faith Trek is run entirely by volunteers. Your participation is critical to the program. **Please consider volunteering in at least one area.** In order to protect the safety of all of our children, all volunteers are required to fill out a background check form. We are asking all adults to fill out this form so you are able to volunteer during the year.

If you have any questions regarding Faith Trek, please contact:

Pastor Laura - pastor.laura@christusvictor.org

Julie Colin - julie@colinfamily.com

Jeannine Zahn - jzahn@frontiernet.net

We are looking forward to another great year of learning about God's love and sharing that love with our kids here at CV!!! Blessings to you all!

In Christ's service,
The Children & Family Ministries Committee

AUGUST 2011 CALENDAR

Monday, August 1, 2011

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

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345
 6:00PM Casa de Oracion
 7:30PM Recharge Set-up

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

10:00AM Women's Reflection AA
 7:00PM Recharge
 7:30PM Recharge Bonfire
 & S'mores

Thursday, August 4, 2011

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

Friday, August 5, 2011

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

Saturday, August 6, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Garage Sale Set-up
 9:30AM Worship

Monday, August 8, 2011

Garage Sale Set-up
 10:00AM Staff Mtg.

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Garage Sale Set-up

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Garage Sale Set-up

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Garage Sale Set-up

Friday, August 12, 2011

Garage Sale 4:00 to 8:00PM

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Garage Sale 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Sunday, August 14, 2011

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

Monday, August 15, 2011

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

9:30AM AV Mom's Club South
 10:00AM Women's Reflection AA
 5:45PM Intergenerational BBQ

Thursday, August 18, 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, August 19, 2011

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

Saturday, August 20, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion

Sunday, August 21, 2011

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

Monday, August 22, 2011

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

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

10:00AM Women's Reflection AA
 5:00PM Nate Houge Concert
 Set-up
 6:00PM Nate Houge Potluck
 7:00PM Nate Houge Concert

Thursday, August 25, 2011

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

Friday, August 26, 2011

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

Saturday, August 27, 2011

7:30AM Casa de Oracion
 10:00AM Lily of the Valley AME
 Church Women's Day

Sunday, August 28, 2011

9:30AM Worship
 1:00PM Casa de Oracion
 4:45PM Lily of the Valley
 AME Church
 6:30PM Lily of the Valley
 AME Church
 Fellowship Event

Monday, August 29, 2011

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

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

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

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

10:00AM Women's Reflection AA

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