



# Voice of Victory

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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**Sunday Morning  
Worship**  
**8:30 & 11:00 am**  
**Education Hour**  
**9:45 am**  
**Fellowship Hour**  
**9:45 am**

Traditional worship on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Contemporary worship on  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*

*a time to be born, and a time to die;*

*a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

*a time to kill, and a time to heal;*

*a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*a time to weep, and a time to laugh;*

*a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*-Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4*

Dear Members of Christus Victor Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, September 18, the Church Council announced to the congregation that Pastor Laura had taken a leave of absence on Wednesday, September 14. This was not her decision alone, but a mutual decision, with guidance from the Bishop, giving all involved a little space as matters were dealt with and as we considered together the best way forward. Since that time both Pastor Laura and the Christus Victor leadership, including myself, the Church Council and Mutual Ministry Committee members have been working separately and diligently with the Bishop and Synod staff to address these Personnel issues.

After much prayer, deliberation, and struggle, it is with a heavy heart that, in consultation with the Bishop and Synod staff, Pastor Laura, and the Christus Victor leadership, we have all come to a mutual agreement to end Pastor Laura Duffee's Call as the Associate Pastor of Christus Victor Lutheran Church, effective immediately. We have provided Pastor Laura with a generous and amicable Transition Support package to help and support her in the months ahead. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

I ask you all to extend your prayers, support, and gratitude to Pastor Laura through your personal notes and cards, which we will be gathering over the next two weeks to send to her, or, you can choose to send yours directly to her home.

The Church leadership invites all of the members of Christus Victor to a Congregational Meeting on Thursday night, September 29, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary to listen to your questions, concerns, feelings, and thoughts about this situation. There may be questions that relate to private Personnel issues, which in respect for Pastor Laura, we cannot and will not discuss. However, we will seek to answer questions and concerns as directly and honestly as is appropriate. We will also be discussing your concerns and questions about the ministries and mission of our church in light of being down to one Pastor, our only full-time program staff person. We will share the short-term plans that are being quickly made, as well as our longer term options.

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Over the past week, since Pastor Laura's leave of absence, I have had many conversations, and received many calls and emails expressing concern, questions, as well as some rumors and gossip that are floating around our church. In a time of crisis in any organization, church, or family there are always many different perspectives and reactions to a given situation. We all grieve, feel, perceive, and process situations differently, and in the days and weeks ahead, it is my prayer and expectation that we treat each other with mutual respect and with the grace that is ours through Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Paul wrote, "*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" (Ephesians 4: 1-3). This is not easy, but requires our prayerful attention and intention in all of our conversations and relationships.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to share one on one, please contact myself or any of the Christus Victor Church Council members. In the meantime, please keep Pastor Laura, our Church leaders, our staff, and our congregation in your prayers, that the Lord would lead us all through this challenging time to a place of hope and healing.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud and the Christus Victor Church Council

Matthew Zahn, Council president  
Brenda Fischer, Council vice president  
Bob Erler, Financial Secretary  
Barb Damlo, Secretary  
Ivan Fercho, Treasurer  
Jaclyn Brandes  
Malisa Kreutzmann  
Ed Odden  
Warren Youngner

**CHRISTUS VICTOR HAS A NEW FUNDRAISING POLICY...**If you or your committee would like to have a fundraiser at church, you need to fill out and submit paperwork for approval by the church council. Please see Deanna in the church office for the new fundraising forms. Thank you!

**MEN OF CHRISTUS VICTOR AND THEIR SONS OR FRIENDS...**Keep the evening of October 7th open! (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.) We would like to go as a group to see the new movie "Courageous" at the Carmike 15 Theatre in Apple Valley. Afterwards we will meet back at Christus Victor for about an hour to discuss the movie. Watch for a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Joe Tappainer or Scott Berg if you have any questions.

 **SATURDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9-11:00 am.** Needed are 40 volunteers (ages 5-100)

who would like to have fun while packaging meals for our brothers and sisters around the world. Donations to help fund the means are also needed. If you would like to donate, make your check to Christus Victor and put FMSC in the memo. For those who would like to carpool, we will leave from church at 8:30am. More info & a sign-up sheet are at the info desk. Any questions, please contact Nancy Colin 952-452-0700.



**THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**10:00am 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 10:00am on Thursday mornings, we'll provide the coffee!

**Current Focus: the Gospel of Luke**



**YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU....**

the Sunday Adult Forum is about the book "When the Game is Over it all Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg. It will be the subject of discussion on Sundays at 9:45am from September 18<sup>th</sup> thru October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.



**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](mailto: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

**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. 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.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS**



Fall is here and Thanksgiving is not far behind. The Social Ministries Committee will once again be organizing our annual Thanksgiving basket ministry.

We began raising funds with our successful concession stand at the garage sale. Once again we have a partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with a *Care Abounds in Communities* grant. This year we will be picking apples at the Wardell’s orchard for our baskets. The Wardell family has graciously donated the apples. Our goal is 250 baskets for families in our Dakota County area.

How can you help? You can sponsor a families’ dinner through our Adopt-A-Family campaign. Each basket feeds a family of six and costs about \$25. A \$25 donation provides for one family, \$50 provides for two! Your donation of any amount will help provide not only a wonderful holiday meal, but also send a heartfelt message to the recipients that they are loved and valued by God and their community. Another way you can help is to volunteer on the morning of Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at church at 9:00 to fold boxes, unload the truck, bag apples, and fill the boxes. If you have never participated in this event please join us! This is a great family activity and service project for our Confirmation groups. It is an amazing sight!

The sign-up sheet, Adopt-A-Family donation envelopes and additional information will be at the information desk near the end of October. If you have any questions please feel free to contact a member of the Social Ministries Committee. Many thanks in advance for helping us make this event not only a success for Christus Victor but more importantly for helping us make a positive impact on our sisters and brothers in our community.



**Calling All Women**

It’s time for the

**Christus Victor Annual Women's Retreat**

at **WAPO**

**Psalm 17:6**

**“I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;**

**turn your ear to me and hear my prayer!”**

**November 11 – 13, 2011**

Cost for weekend \$110

Includes 2 nights / 4 meals / crafts

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR**



**Sign up at the Information Desk**  
Please contact **Stacey Klein or Barb Damlo** with questions



## YOUTH MINISTRY SPECIAL EVENTS

### 2011-2012 Middle School Youth Events

- ✚ **Flash Mob/Christmas Carols**  
**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**  
 Leaders: Steve and Claudia Glinski
- ✚ **Lock-In: Movies, Nerf War, Cooking Food, Rock Climbing, Beachball Dodgeball, Board Games, Wii/Xbox**  
 Leaders: Rick Buffie  
 Stephanie Lundquist
- ✚ **Faith Walk/Mystery Dinner**  
 Leader: Anne Nyquist
- ✚ **Babysitting**  
 Leaders: Mary Flaata  
 Angella Hanson  
 Elizabeth Manning
- ✚ **Bonfire/Sledding/Food**  
 Leaders: Susan Jensen  
 Warren Youngner

### 2011-2012 High School Youth Events

- ✚ **Apple Orchard/Corn Maze/Bonfire (\*SEE INFO BELOW!)**  
 Leaders: Darcy Odden  
 Dawn Youngner
- ✚ **Feed My Starving Children/Movie Night**  
 Leaders: Brenda Fischer  
 Patty Resvick
- ✚ **Beach Picnic/BBQ**  
 Leader: Ed Odden
- ✚ **Lock-In/Out: Brunswick, Mini Golf, Buffalo Wild Wings Challenge, Ping Pong Derby**  
 Leaders: Kristen Resvick  
 Justeen Rylander  
 Mark Rylander
- ✚ **Saint's Game/Tailgating**  
 Leader: Keith Resvick

**HEY HIGH SCHOOLERS!** Come join us Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> 12:15 to 6:30 PM for a trip to the Montgomery Apple Orchard! \$10 per person includes Lincoln Corn Maze, Apple Cider Demonstration & a Bonfire with hotdogs. Only cost to you is apple picking! Details will be mailed out on postcard...Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Let's have some aMazing fun!

**Saturday, October 1, 2011**

8:30AM Men's Breakfast  
9:00AM Confirmation Stole Making

**Sunday, October 2, 2011**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00AM Worship  
12:15PM G.I.F.T. Family  
Apple Festival Outing Lunch  
12:30PM SWAT Team Mtg.  
1:00PM G.I.F.T. Family  
Apple Festival Outing  
1:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
4:45PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Worship  
6:30PM Rock Band Rehearsal

**Monday, October 3, 2011**

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

**Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

9:00AM Tai Chi  
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
6:00PM Cub Scout Pack 293/Den 5

**Wednesday, October 5, 2011**

10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book Group  
6:00PM Confirmation  
6:00PM JIFY  
7:22PM RECHARGE!  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 6, 2011**

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

**Friday, October 7, 2011**

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

**Saturday, October 8, 2011**

WAPO Service Retreat

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00AM Worship  
1:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
4:45PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Worship  
5:30PM Troop 298 Committee Mtg.  
6:30PM Rock Band Rehearsal  
7:00PM Troop 298 Mtg.

**Monday, October 10, 2011**

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

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

9:00AM Tai Chi  
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM All Staff Mtg.  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
7:00PM All Committee Night

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**

10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book Group  
6:00PM Confirmation  
6:00PM JIFY  
7:22PM RECHARGE!  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00PM Peer Ministry  
Leader's Training

**Thursday, October 13, 2011**

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

**Friday, October 14, 2011**

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

**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

No Events Scheduled

**Sunday, October 16, 2011**

8:30AM Jubilation Choir "Joseph"  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00AM Jubilation Choir "Joseph"  
1:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
4:45PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Worship  
6:30PM Rock Band Rehearsal

**Monday, October 17, 2011**

9:30AM Women's Big Book  
AA Group  
10:00AM Staff Mtg.  
7:00PM Monday Night Big  
Book AA Group  
7:00PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.

**Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

9:00AM Tai Chi  
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
7:00PM Pack-It-Up

**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book Group

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

Newsletter Article Deadline (4:00PM)  
10:00AM Adult Bible Study  
6:00PM Lily of the Valley Study  
7:00PM Alanon Mtg.  
7:30PM AA Mtg.

**Friday, October 21, 2011**

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

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

No Events Scheduled

**Sunday, October 23, 2011**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00AM Worship  
1:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
4:45PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Worship  
6:00PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.  
6:30PM Rock Band Rehearsal  
7:00PM Troop 298 Mtg.

**Monday, October 24, 2011**

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

**Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

9:00AM Tai Chi  
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
6:00PM Cub Scout Pack 293/Den 5  
7:00PM Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011**

Confirmation Small Group Fellowship  
(contact your small group leaders)  
10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book  
Group  
6:00PM JIFY Halloween Party  
7:22PM RECHARGE!  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00PM Peer Ministry  
Leader's Training

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

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

**Friday, October 28, 2011**

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

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**

9:00AM Confirmation Rehearsal  
10:00AM Bread Baking

**Sunday, October 30, 2011**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00AM 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Affirmation  
of Baptism Worship  
1:00PM Casa de Oracion Worship  
4:45PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Worship  
6:30PM Rock Band Rehearsal

**Monday, October 31, 2011**

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

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