



# 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



## Ash Wednesday

Feb. 22

6:00pm – Soup Supper

7:00pm – Worship – Imposition of  
Ashes and Holy Communion

## Wednesdays in Lent

(Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28)

6:00-7:00pm – Pizza Suppers

(We will have “adult pizzas” )

6:00-7:30pm

Confirmation and JIFY

7:30-8:00pm – EVERYONE

(Confirmation and JIFY families too)  
gather in the Sanctuary for a half  
hour of uplifting and thought  
provoking Worship!

## God’s Work Revealed in the Annual Meeting? YES!

Our annual meeting theme came from John 9, when Jesus was asked who sinned, the blind man or his parents. Jesus replied, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind **so that God’s works might be revealed in him.**”

As we listened to all of the committee’s ministry accomplishments from the past year and looking ahead to their goals for the coming year, the works of God were revealed to us by God’s work through and among us.

There were numerous fellowship events building connections and Christian friendships; including hosting a choir from Uganda, an intergenerational picnic, beer and wine tasting, apple orchard trips, senior connection plays, retreats for men and women, and lock-ins for middle school and high school youth!

The members of Christus Victor are revealing Christ’s love through serving our neighbors near and far away; the food drive, Feed My Starving Children, Thanksgiving Baskets, Toys for Tots, Baskets of Love and secondary students scholarships for Missions to the Dominican Republic and Tanzania, and Armful of Love to name a few.

We are growing in our faith in God and knowledge of God’s Word! We have 59 kids in Faith Trek & Sunday School, Sunday Adult Forums, DeKaf for middle school, Connections for senior high, Confirmation, Thursday Adult Bible Study Group, Small Groups, the Men’s Breakfasts, and the new Peer Ministry Leadership for Wednesday night senior high.

It was not just the activities and events that revealed God’s work among us, but the many lives that have been touched and changed through our shared ministries. As we enter into a new year of faith, life, and ministry together, we will be taking a closer look at God’s work among us and in us through the Church Health Process. I invite you to join us as we pay special attention to where God is calling us to grow and change, that God’s work may continue to be revealed in each of us here at Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Kent Clausen Gubrud

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**RECHARGE – A Mid-week Praise and Worship Time for kids and adults of all ages!** RECHARGE is a half-hour, high energy worship service on Wednesday nights at 7:22pm that offers kids, youth, and families a time to connect with God in the midst of their busy schedules. One of the primary foundations of a vibrant life of faith is weekly worship: gathering together with other believers to hear God’s Word, sing praises, pray, and worship the Lord.



RECHARGE is for EVERYONE! If you’re going to be gone one weekend and miss worship, we invite you to come to RECHARGE. If you’re having a tough week, we invite you to come to RECHARGE. If you just need a boost to your spirit and faith, we invite you to come to RECHARGE.

**Christus Victor On-Line Connections**

**CV Website, Facebook page, E-Newsletter, E-devotionals**

**Stay connected to the ministries, activities, and events happening at Christus Victor Lutheran Church.**

**SUBSCRIBE NOW...**Christus Victor Communications via email. You can receive the monthly Christus Victor “Voice of Victory” newsletter by email. Go to the CV Website <http://christusvictor.org/> and on the right side of the home page enter your email address and click *Subscribe*. It’s that easy. An electronic version of the “Voice of Victory” will be emailed once a month.

**Have you checked out the Christus Victor website lately?** When you click on [www.christusvictor.org](http://www.christusvictor.org) you will find information about our many ministries, a calendar of events, an electronic version of the newsletter, links to our partner ministries and Pastor Kent’s blog, and daily Bible readings and devotions.



**Are you on Facebook?** Then check out and “friend” our Christus Victor facebook page! This Social Networking site allows members and friends of CV to post ministry updates, special events, pictures, and other items of interest for everyone to consider.



[Christus Victor Facebook Page](#)

**Do you get the daily E-Devotionals?** If you have email, you can sign up with Pastor Kent at [pastor.kent@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.kent@christusvictor.org) to receive a daily devotional along with announcements of upcoming events and activities at Christus Victor.



Food shelf items of the month for February are spaghetti sauce and pasta.

SENIOR CONNECTION will have two opportunities to meet in February. **On Saturday, February 18 we will attend "Ole and Lena's 50th Wedding Anniversary"**, a play at the Lakeville Performing Arts Center. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16.00 (including tax). Please pay for your ticket at the church office by February 12. **On February 23 (Thursday) we will attend Apple Valley High School’s "Broadway, 2012)**. The musical starts at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge since it is a senior preview. Sign-up sheets for both events are on the narthex table.



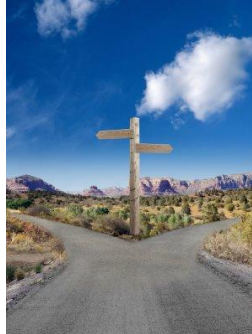
## CHURCH HEALTH PROCESS (NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT) *“WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD TO GROW GOD’S CHURCH”*

You may have had the opportunity to attend one of the congregation meetings held before the holidays. They were well attended and we received a lot of input about what member’s visions are for the future. Members came together and had some lively conversations about what they see and hear for the future of Christus Victor. The purpose of the meetings was to start the conversations to identify and clarify where we need to focus on improving the health and quality of our ministries.

### What do Christus Victor members see?

#### Some see building changes:

Bigger Buildings  
 More Classrooms  
 Refurbished Sanctuary  
 Larger common/gather areas  
 Larger Fellowship area  
 Interactive computers for  
 Signups & Announcements  
 New Piano



#### Some See People Changes:

New Families/Young Families  
 Youth growing & staying at CV  
 Diversity/multi generations  
 Larger, energetic Kids & Youth Programs  
 Variety of Music Programs  
 Growth of Church Partnerships

#### And some see:

No changes  
 Same buildings  
 Same people  
 Same everything

Now the next step – what do we do with the information? The council is purposing we use a process called Natural Church Development. **What is Natural Church Development?** It is a process the members of a church follow to identify the characteristics of their church in order to know where and what to focus on for growth and improvements. **How is it done?** A cross span of members, approximately 30, are selected to take a survey. The survey results will give us a picture of how we are doing as a church. The results are categorized within 8 main characteristics of a church. One or two areas are identified that the church can focus on to improve in order to grow that ministry characteristic, and thus impacting and growing all other areas at the same time.

**How does this get started?** With Christus Victor members taking the lead. A team of at least five members is needed to get this started. The Team members include:

- **Team leader:** Senior leader who makes sure that progress is being made and the team is functioning in a healthy manner. This cannot be the pastor.
- **Strategic thinker:** Someone who understands system thinking sees the big picture and asks the right questions throughout the process.
- **Researcher:** Someone who loves working with data by collecting, processing and analyzing relevant information to guide the group.
- **Intercessor:** Someone who can mobilize a prayer team and fosters a spirit of humble dependence throughout the church.
- **Communicator:** Someone who can maintain healthy communication within the team, the larger leadership community and throughout the church.

A Church Health Team is being formed to lead this process forward. We need more people to answer the call and take the lead, become team members and make this happen. This process is not led by the pastors, but by the members. If you have any questions about NCD, if you would like to be one of the Team members or know someone who would be a good fit for one of the positions, please contact anyone of the Church Health Task Force members:  
 Barb Damlo, Malisa Kreutzmann, Ed Odden, Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and older youth, and their Parents!**

All 5<sup>th</sup> graders and any older youth who have not received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion preparation, are invited, with their parents, to attend a series of Sunday morning learning experiences to better understand and prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Holy Communion Preparation begins on Sunday, March 4, at 9:45am. We will meet each Sunday morning: March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1. 1st Communion will be received during the Maundy Thursday worship, April 5, at 7:00pm.

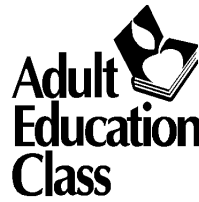
Information will be coming out to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade families. If you have an older child who would like to participate in Holy Communion Preparation, please contact Pastor Kent at (952) 454-6927 or [pastor.kent@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.kent@christusvictor.org).



**Save the date** - We haven't had much of winter, but it's time to start thinking about SUMMER!! Save the date for July 22-26, 2012 (VBS worship and family picnic on July 29th). We are exploring some exciting changes for VBS this year - Details will be revealed soon. We hope the kids will join us, the grown-ups will help us and everyone prays for us. Invite your friends and family too!!! Contact Stacey Klein (612-384-4110) if you have any questions or just can't wait to volunteer. Registrations will start in May.

**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!

**ADULT EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP**



**ADULT FORUM**

**3 Colors of Your Spirituality – “What is your spiritual type?”**

This adult forum will help you discover your spiritual style, which is how you naturally connect with God, and ways to grow closer to God.

Starting on **Sunday, January 15** at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. **Cost: \$12.00.** Sign-up at the information desk!



**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**



**At WAPO – Feb. 17-19!**

**Cost: \$110**

**(+\$25 if you play broomball!)**

Join us for a weekend of building friendships with other brothers in Christ, growing in our faith, playing broomball (or cheering the team on!), worship, good food, and great conversations! Watch for the sign-up sheet and registration forms at the information desk.

## Calling all people who like children’s theatre – or fellowship

Dear friends in Christ,

There are two great opportunities coming up that I’d welcome sharing with you, (you meaning anyone of almost any age!)

“And a Child Shall Lead” On Sunday, February 19, I will travel to downtown Mpls. to see the 2pm show of Youth Performance Company in this; *A heroic & true story of children coming of age in Terezin, the “Jewish City” established by the Nazis as a way station before the death camps. In the face of unspeakable horror, 8 children use their determination to build lives filled with hope and beauty—playing, studying, making art, and writing an underground newspaper—while at risk of being killed. Their actual poems & stories are woven into a fast-paced drama about children caught in the insanity of war. Must be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for 18 & under/62 & over.*

“The Wizard of Oz” On Sunday, February 12, I welcome you to join me in Lakeville for Giant Step’s 2pm performance of this classic. At least 4 of our children youth are in the blue cast of this show. Ticket prices TBA

**Anyone of any age who wants to join me for either of these, please call, text or email Pr. Mary Kaye. Let me know which show, if you want me to get you a ticket, (if so, please drop off cash or check for ticket price made out to CVLC), if you need a ride, and if you’re under 18 & not coming with a parent or guardian, you’ll need a permission slip on file. Thanks! ([pastor.marykaye@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.marykaye@christusvictor.org))**

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| Director of Music.....                | Anne Nyquist             |                                    |
| Children’s Music.....                 | NANCY ERLER              |                                    |
| Traditional Worship Accompanist.....  | JULIE McDONALD           |                                    |
| Contemporary Worship Accompanist..... | JULIE McDONALD           |                                    |
| Senior Choir Accompanist.....         | JULIE McDONALD           |                                    |



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25: 35.*

**MARCH FOOD DRIVE**

What are you “giving up” for Lent? We will once again participate in the Minnesota FoodShare campaign, a statewide food drive. Ash Wednesday, February 22, is the start of the Lenten season this year and the entire month of March is during the Lenten season. Please remember the hungry as part of your Lenten prayer and sacrifice.

Your help is needed now more than ever due to increased needs. Monetary and food donations will be given to the Rosemount Resource Center for distribution in our local community. Envelopes for monetary donations are at the welcome desk and food donation drop off points are in the entries. While all donations are greatly appreciated, monetary donations are matched by corporate sponsors and allow the purchase of food and goods from food banks, where the money goes farther.

Watch for a display in the hallway to track our progress!

The following items are suggested donations for the food shelves:



- Cash donations***
- Gift cards to purchase fresh nutritious food***
- Cereal (hot and cold)***
- Powdered milk***
- Pancake mix and syrup***
- Peanut butter and jelly***
- Tuna and Tuna Helper***
- Canned meat***
- Pasta and sauce***
- Rice and beans***
- Whole grain snack crackers***
- Granola/cereal bars***
- Canned fruit***
- Coffee/Tea***
- Dried rice (16 oz. packages)***
- Dried beans (16 oz. packages)***
- Cooking oil***
- Laundry detergent***
- Dish soap***
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels)***
- Personal care products (tooth paste, bar soap, shampoo)***
- Disposable diapers (all sizes)***



**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

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

**Thursday, February 2, 2012**

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

**Friday, February 3, 2012**

8:00AM 12 x 12 AA Group Mtg.  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

No Events Scheduled

**Sunday, February 5, 2012**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00AM Worship  
12:30PM Casa de Oracion Church  
2:00PM Casa de Oracion SS  
3:30PM Lily of the Valley AME SS  
4:30PM Lily of the Valley AME Church  
6:30PM Lily of the Valley AME Church  
Fellowship  
6:30PM Rock Band

**Monday, February 6, 2012**

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

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Church  
6:00PM Cub Scout Pack 293 Den 5

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

Confirmation Small Group Fellowship Event  
10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book  
Group  
6:00PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls  
Confirmation Small Group Event  
6:00PM JIFY @ Grand Slam  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00PM Youth Group

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**

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

**Friday, February 10, 2012**

8:00AM 12 x 12 AA Group Mtg.  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group  
5:30PM MS Babysitting Event

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

Baskets of Love Set-Up  
8:30AM Men's Breakfast

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**

8:30AM Worship  
9:30AM Baskets of Love  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00AM Worship  
12:30PM Casa de Oracion Church  
2:00PM Casa de Oracion SS  
3:30PM Lily of the Valley AME SS  
4:30PM Lily of the Valley AME Church  
5:30PM Troop 298 PLC Mtg.  
6:30PM Rock Band  
7:00PM Troop 298 Mtg.

**Monday, February 13, 2012**

9:30AM Women's Big Book  
AA Group Mtg.  
10:00AM Staff Mtg.  
1:00PM Blood Drive  
7:00PM Monday Night Big  
Book AA Group  
7:00PM Troop 298 ASM Mtg.

**Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

8:15AM Life Line Screening Event  
6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Church  
6:00PM All Staff Mtg.  
7:00PM All Committee Night

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

9:30AM AV Mom's Club South  
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 Youth Group

**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

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

**Friday, February 17, 2012**

Men's Retreat @ WAPO  
8:00AM 12 x 12 AA Group Mtg.  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

Men's Retreat @ WAPO

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**

Men's Retreat @ WAPO  
8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
11:00AM Worship  
12:30PM Casa de Oracion Church  
2:00PM Casa de Oracion SS  
3:30PM Lily of the Valley AME SS  
4:00PM Lily of the Valley AME Church  
4:30PM Lily of the Valley Fellowship  
6:30PM Rock Band

**Monday, February 20, 2012**

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

**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

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

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book  
Group  
7:00PM Ash Wednesday Worship  
7:22PM RECHARGE!  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 23, 2012**

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

**Friday, February 24, 2012**

8:00AM 12 x 12 AA Group Mtg.  
6:00 PM Peace of Mind NA Group  
7:30PM MS Lock-In Begins

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

9:00AM MS Lock-In Ends  
3:00PM Eagle Scout Ceremony

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**

8:30AM Worship  
9:45AM Education/Fellowship Hour  
9:45AM Upward Call Rehearsal  
11:00AM Worship  
12:30PM Casa de Oracion Church  
2:00PM Casa de Oracion SS  
3:30PM Lily of the Valley AME SS  
4:30PM Lily of the Valley AME  
Church  
6:30PM Rock Band  
7:00PM Troop 298 Court of Honor

**Monday, February 27, 2012**

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

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**

6:00PM Boy Scout Troop 345  
6:00PM Casa de Oracion Church  
6:00PM Cub Scout Pack 293 Den 5  
7:00PM Council Mtg.

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**

10:00AM Women's Reflection  
AA Group  
11:00AM Women's Big Book  
Group  
6:00PM Confirmation  
6:00PM JIFY  
7:30PM Lenten Worship  
8:00PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal  
8:00PM Youth Group



## Baskets of Love - February 12, 2012



December 2011

Members and Ministries of Christus Victor,



On Sunday, February 12, we will hold our SIXTH Annual Baskets of Love where we will celebrate our connections with our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic and Tanzania during both worship services and at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall with a silent auction.



New this year, proceeds will help fund upcoming Mission Trips to the Dominican Republic July 28 through August 5 and to Tanzania in 2013. These trips are still in the planning stage. If you've ever wanted to take your faith 'on the road', please contact a member of the Mission Committee for more information!



We are again asking the generous members and ministries teams of Christus Victor to volunteer to fill a basket with special stuff for auction. We are also inviting you to come and bid on these wonderfully creative baskets.



Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, ask a member of the CV Mission Committee (listed below) or contact KC Claussen Gubrud at 612-722-2896 or email her at [kcgkcg@msn.com](mailto:kcgkcg@msn.com).



Your CV Mission Committee,

Diana Buffie  
 Barb Damlo  
 KC Claussen Gubrud  
 Jody McDermott-Baty  
 Paula Nierengarten  
 Audrey Smith  
 Dawn Youngner



## Baskets of Love - Donation Form



### Action Steps

1. Choose a theme for your donation. Contact any Mission Committee member for ideas or inspiration.
2. Fill a container or basket or box.
3. Complete this Donation Form (see below).
4. Bring your Donation and Donation Form to church by **2/5/2012**.
5. Come celebrate with us on **2/12/2012**.

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**Donor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(This name will appear on the bidding form. It could be your name, your committee name, a group or anonymous.)

**Description of Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Retail Price: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

(We list the retail price on the bidding form and use it to determine the starting bid. The rule of thumb is to start bids at 50% of the retail price.)

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Who should we contact with questions about this donation?)

**Got Questions?** Call KC Claussen Gubrud at 612-722-2896 or email her at [kcgkcg@msn.com](mailto:kcgkcg@msn.com). THANK YOU!