

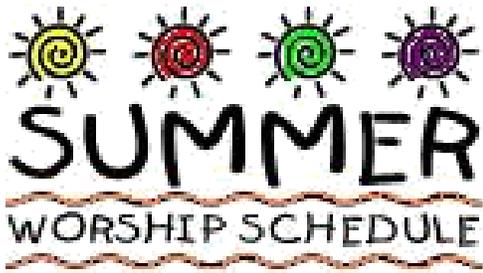


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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

Summer Worship Schedule

**One service at 9:30am
Fellowship before and
after worship**



Welcome Others as Christ Welcomes You!

Whether you are at the lake or in the pew, we are in fellowship together with our Lord. We can worship in many ways, including praising God for His beautiful creation. For worship on the go, remember to pack your Flat Jesus and schedule some time for the discussion ideas found on line. It's also possible that some folks may come to CV while on vacation, so be sure to greet them!

Hello CVLC.

I could use this space to update you about all the crazy stuff that is going on this summer, but I think the rest of the newsletter will do a good job of doing that. Instead, I want to make sure that you are plugged into some good spiritual practices this summer. If you haven't heard we are having people take pictures of #flatjesuscv and encouraging them to share them online as they take summer trips this year. The other part of #flatjesuscv is a weekly online devotional that PK and I write each week. Just in case you haven't seen those on the next page is the one I wrote for the week of July 2nd. This is a way for you to get plugged into our texts each week and a guide to help you have devotion time with your family/small group/golf team/by yourself/etc. Yes, this is sort of like cheating on my newsletter article, but I think these devotions can be very helpful and I want to get them to you any way I can. You can find these each week our Facebook page or CV website.

[Click Here to print your own FlatJesus](#)



Go to <http://christusvictor.org/> to get each week's devotion.



FAITH 5 with Flat Jesus! - The week of Sunday, July 2

SHARE – Share at least One High and One Low from the day or the week.

READ – Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
3 O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.⁴
11 You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
12 so that my soul¹³ may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.



TALK –

A little background info:

Psalm 30 is a song of thanks. Through this Psalm we hear the poetic story about a time when person of faith has made it through the time of crisis. They experienced some of the worst that life has to offer, and now that they have made it through, they have a different perspective on life.

As such, Brueggemann calls these poems "psalms of reorientation (or new orientation)."

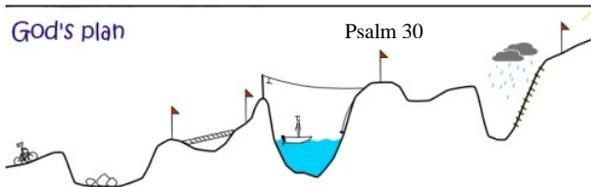
Psalm 30 reminds us that God often surprises us. And the path that we would choose for ourselves rarely matches up with God's path for us in our lives.

I think that Psalm 30 is perfectly summed up in this drawing from <https://xkcd.com/> (words edited)

Your plan



God's plan



I would put Psalm 30 on the third flag from the left. The author of this Psalm has already experienced some of the best and worst that life has to offer. And because of that, the author of the psalm, now has a better understanding of how God was there for them in the best and worst parts of their life.

They recognize that the ship has sailed through the storm and they have reached the top of the next hill. At this point, they realize that there is no going back. They will never be the person they once were. The only way to move is forward. They know that they will face even more hills and valleys, but before they start hiking again, they take a moment to praise God for getting them that far.

Discussion Questions

There are a few things that this Psalm can help us do as we seek the same perspective for our lives:

This Psalm calls for praise (1-5). The psalmist wants to celebrate the time that god "brought him out of the pit", and wants us to celebrate with him. What are some times that God rescued you from trouble? How can we help others celebrate times God has rescued them? Why is praise an important part of our faith?

This Psalm describes the time of crisis and how the psalmist asked God for help (6-10). The psalmist is honest about the tough stuff that he has been through, and admits he could not have done it without God's help. How can we be honest about the bad stuff we have faced in our own lives? What are some things that hold us back from telling our own stories? How can we encourage each other to tell our own stories? How might being more honest and vulnerable help us to rely more on God?

This Psalm describes the help that God gave (11-12). Is it hard to recognize God's presence during the worst parts of our lives? Why/why not? Is it hard to recognize God's presence during the worst parts of other people lives? Why/why not? How can we depend on God even if God's plans for us look like the xkcd picture above?

How does this Scripture relate or connect to your life and faith, your Highs and Lows?

PRAY – You can hold hands or fold your hands when you pray together...

Thank God for the Highs you shared with each other.

Ask God for whatever kind of help and support you need for the Lows you shared with each other.

If you want, you can pray the Lord's Prayer together.

BLESS – Mark each other with the sign of the Cross on the forehead and say this, or some other blessing you may think of:

Remember that Jesus loves you and the Holy Spirit is within you!



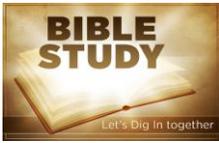
Celebrating 50 years of God's Faithfulness
*yesterday * today * forever*

50th Anniversary Planning Team Is Underway!

It is our 50th Anniversary this year and we have an energetic, creative, committed team of people to help plan and organize our celebration(s). Stay tuned as we roll out plans and events to celebrate what God has done among us, in us, and through us!

If you'd like to participate in helping with our 50th Anniversary Celebration, please contact Stacey Klein at dskleinfamily@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study



– 10:00am at the Apple Valley Villas in the basement meeting room. We are learning through the Gospel of Luke. Come

whenever you can. No experience necessary!! Bring your Bible, coffee provided!



Bible & Brew –

A gathering for men to share life's highs and lows as we grow in faith and knowledge of God's Word

together. **Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 7:00pm at the Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville! Bring a friend!**



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

BAPTISMS:

6-11-17: **Sasha Espe Medina**

Parents: Candice & Jaime Medina

Sponsors: Sara & Alan Strahota, Esperanza & Tyler Toutges

6-25-17 (at Camp WAPO):

Olivia Karen Rylander

sponsor: Justeen Rylander

Hannah Elizabeth Rylander

sponsors: Kathryn Birch, Jamee Wilson

New Members:

6-4-17: Kevin, Beth, & Nathan Philpy

Sponsors: Nancy & Charlie Colin

Join us for Summer Worship – 9:30am!!!

Summer Sermon Series and Special Worship Services

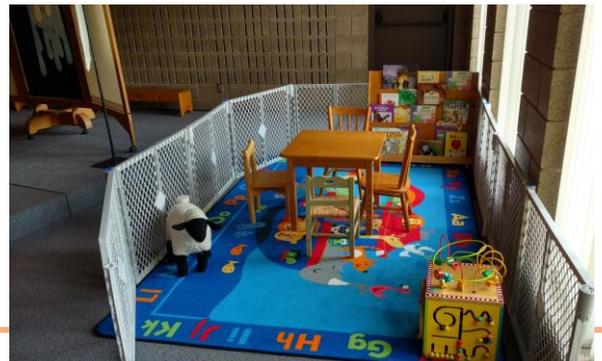
At the beginning of July we will be wrapping up our sermon series on the Psalms, by focusing on Psalm 30 and Psalm 150. Then we will bounce back and forth between a focus on the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and special worship services led by the Mission Team and our VBS kids.



In August, Pastor Steve and Pastor Kent will be focusing on the book of Revelation, the timeless realities and promises of God's Kingdom breaking into our world in Christ Jesus.

PRAY GROUND

Our new **Pray-Ground** is open for the summer. Parents with kids 0-3 are welcome to sit in the right front of the church to try out our new quiet play area. Parents need to be by their kids when using the Pray-Ground. This is one more option we are trying for parents and kids this summer. We also have busy bags with quiet play items and a nursery available for when kids get upset. Questions? Talk to Pr. Steve





CV Green Team

SUMMER 2017



The next event with the CV Green Team is coming...

Facility Improvement Teams Updates

Four different Facility Improvement Teams are up and running! Those teams are:

- **Facility Planning** – Claudia Glinski and Lois Stark are serving as co-chairs, along with Bob Erler, Jay Johnston, Doug Klein, Sally Montesinos, Anne Nyquist, Ed Odden, and Scott Thureen. They are focusing on architects and contractors
- **Facility Finance** – Tom Iaria and Tom McDonald are serving as co-chairs, along with Al DeGrand, Brenda Fischer, Paul Fischer, Mike Radke, and Jennie Rice. They are focusing on capital fundraisers and financial oversight
- **Facility Communications** – Barb Damlo, Janice Johnston, and Jason Sprenger are looking for more members to help them focus on communicating with the teams, council, and congregation
- **Facility Prayer** – Jody McDermott-Baty, Sharilyn DeGrand, Nancy Erler, and Mike Montesinos are focusing on surrounding the whole process and all the teams in prayer through weekly prayer petitions and prayer requests.

These teams will be coordinating their work through an Oversight Team made up of a representative from each team, along with Karl Dobberman, from Church Council, and Pastor Kent. All teams will be bringing their recommendations to the Church Council, and then the Church Council will bring those recommendations to the Congregation, at a Congregational Meeting yet to be determined.

Please keep them all in your prayers and stay tuned for more updates this summer.

Save the Boundary Waters, Wednesday, July 12

We are incredibly excited to host the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters at CV for what is going to be an unreal presentation on Minnesota's own Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness! Chris Donato from Save the Boundary Waters will be on hand to screen a short film about two adventurers who spent a year living in the BWCAW, and will then drop some knowledge on us about why it is critical to preserve this splendid part of God's creation for future generations. Who knows, perhaps this will inspire you to get up to the BWCAW in the near future! More fantastic details to come, but save the date for the evening of July 12!

AND IN AUGUST...

CV Camping Trip, August 18-20 - You read that correct - we're hard at work finding a Minnesota state park for the freshest Lutheran camping trip this side of 40 days spent in the wilderness, no locust eating required (but you can if you want). Come with your tents, your RV's, your camping gear you haven't pulled out in 30 years, we've got your back and are ready to have a great time. Stay tuned for the extremely rad particulars!

The Dwelling Place – Summer Schedule

The Dwelling Place is a gathering of women from Lily of the Valley, Casa de Oracion and Christus Victor to share fellowship and bible study. Over the summer months the schedule will be:

Monday July 31 6:30pm light potluck dinner

We will be skipping AUGUST

Items for the month of July are:



Mac and Cheese & Spaghetti O's



GOD+SQUAD

Softball

Come cheer on the God Squad Softball Team!

Games are on Monday Nights
at Aronson Field, Lakeville!

July 10 – 7:15pm and 9:15pm

Stay tuned for the playoff schedule!

Where: Aronson Park, FIELD 2, 8250 202nd Street
West, Lakeville



Dakota County Adult Homeless Shelter

Members of Christus Victor Social Ministries Committee have attended recent meetings regarding Homelessness in Dakota County. Here is a summary:

The need for emergency shelter in Dakota County – On average 50 people are turned away nightly in Dakota County, and last winter 78 people were served in a Church Shelter project ranging in age from 8 months to 70 years.

Where the plans are today

- We as a community have heightened the political and public awareness for those experiencing homelessness in Dakota County
- The county is beginning a planning process to provide a framework to create and operate permanent emergency shelter for a long-term solution.
- Plans are to open a temporary/rotational shelter by November 1, 2017
- The County, along with the faith community and other community members will continue the planning and development of a permanent shelter location

How can the Christus Victor faith community support shelter life?.

We cannot be a host site, but could partner with a host by providing Volunteers, Meals, Transportation, Supplies, Money

There will be a community forum **August 10 at 6:30pm at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.** Details will be provided regarding the next steps to opening a temporary emergency shelter on November 1.

CV GALAXY GARAGE SALE

More Great Deals Than There Are
Stars in the SKY!

Aug 11th & 12th

CV Galaxy Garage Sale blasting your way on August 11th and 12th! MORE GREAT DEALS THAN THERE ARE STARS IN THE SKY!!! We will have sign up sheets posted in July, for volunteers during the sale, as well as the week before. We will start the setup on Saturday morning, August 5th from about 9am until noon, and will finish the rest of setup right after church Sunday August 6th. Once setup is done on Sunday we will begin accepting donations. The one change in the sale this year is that we have decided not to pickup or accept furniture items. This decision was made for many reasons, but is ultimately for the best. Please feel free to contact Carrie Peterson or Hailey Glewwe with any questions. More announcements to come! We are getting pumped up for the sale, and the wonderful week of fun and fellowship with all the great volunteers!

OPEN POSITION:

Nursery Care Provider

Christus Victor is hiring a **Nursery Care Provider** for



the 11:00 AM Sunday worship service and additional church services per the needs of the church calendar (i.e. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lent). This position provides care

for infants and children age 5 and younger. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Please contact Pastor Steve (pastor.steve@christusvictor.org) to apply or to request a copy of the job description. Job descriptions can also be provided by Deanna Luke in the CV office (dluke@christusvictor.org, (952) 454-6927).



As-salamu alaykum Peace be upon you

Early in the month of June, I along with other members of Christus Victor accepted an invitation to attend an open house at a Muslim Mosque and to witness and participate in an Iftar, which is the Muslim time after sunset for prayer and breaking fast. An Iftar is held each day of Ramadan, which is the month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Fasting during Ramadan is one of the “five pillars” of Islam and is performed to learn compassion, self-restraint, and generosity.

The event to attend an Iftar was organized by the Minnesota Council of Churches, in partnership with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota, and is known as “Taking Heart.” Taking Heart was started in 2005 to bring Christians and Muslims together to get to know each other over a meal and conversation. It is designed for regular people of different faiths to interact with each other.

So, considering myself a regular people and wanting to learn more about my Muslim neighbors, I accepted the invitation and attended the Iftar held at the Rosemount Mosque. There was more than 250 people in attendance and the large fellowship room was setup with round tables with 2 or 3 Muslim members assigned to each table to enable conversations. We started with mingling and conversation at the tables and then a more formal presentation was given, explaining the Muslim faith. We were then invited and welcomed into their prayer room for the call to prayer, at the time of sunset, after which we were welcomed to share their fast-breaking meal.

Throughout the entire evening, I was continually struck with thoughts of how similar we are and how much in common we have as Christians and Muslims. Yes, we have cultural differences between those of us from different countries, but hey we have cultural differences with people from Wisconsin.... We need to recognize that cultural differences and religious differences are not the same thing.

Just a few points that were made that show how much Christians and Muslims have in common:

- We believe in the same God
- We believe in prophets
- We believe in Angels
- We believe in living with ethical behavior
- We believe in living a life of kindness and service
- We believe in helping the needy
- We believe in justice

Where they may use words like mercy or kindness we use the word grace. And grace is certainly what I witnessed that evening. We are all God’s children, with the same needs and dreams and hopes for ourselves, our children, and our friends and neighbors. They sent us off with an assignment that evening – to speak out and educate ourselves and others about the common areas we share with our Muslim neighbors – and by learning about and living within those common areas may we one day lessen and hopefully eliminate the ignorance and fear that so many people have. So please speak out – reach out and learn...

Contacts were made that evening and I hope and plan to be part of future conversations at CV with our Muslim neighbors.

Submitted by Barb Damlo



Got news to share?

- Weekly bulletin announcement page: Items due on Wednesday (submit to deb@christusvictor.org)
- Monthly Newsletter: items due on the 3rd Thursday of each month (submit to dLuke@christusvictor.org)

For daily devotions – click on the Christus Victor website!

When you click on www.christusvictor.org you will see the Daily Devotion – “God Pause.” Click on the link that will take you to the full devotion on the Luther Seminary website, where you will find a place to SUBSCRIBE to this devotion, which will then be emailed to you every day! You can join hundreds of people from CV and across the nation sharing in the same daily devotions and growing deeper in faith together!



FULL CHURCH CALENDAR: www.christusvictor.org

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Are you receiving the church Email Announcements and Newsletter? You can sign up on the church website: www.christusvictor.org

Has your contact information changed, switched to cell phones? **Please notify the church office so we can update the church database.** office@christusvictor.org Thank you.



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.

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