



Voice of Victory

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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

Sundays

Worship & Education

Worship at 8:30am & 11:00am
Fellowship at 9:30am
Education at 9:45am

Wednesdays

Worship & Education

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GLOW

6:00pm - grades 1-5

CONFIRMATION

6:00pm - Middle School Youth,
grades 6-8

RECHARGE WORSHIP

7:30pm

HS YOUTH GROUP

8:00pm

High School Youth, grades 9-12

SENIOR CHOIR

8:00pm

Open Our Eyes, Lord!

“At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize it was Jesus. ‘Woman,’ he said, ‘why are you crying? Who is it that you are looking for?’ Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means teacher).” – John 20 14-16

“Who could have imagined what God would do!” – Bonnie (LaSalle) Esse, charter member of CV, amazed at all the ministry changes and growth that have happened over the past 50 years.

Who could have imagined what God would do, that Jesus would really rise from the dead?



Who could have imagined what God can do through faith and trust in Jesus Christ to change our hearts, minds, and lives, and enable and empower us to be disciples and servants of Christ in the world?

Who could have imagined that 50 years ago, a small group of families would put their faith and trust in God into action through their leadership and generous financial giving to start a church?

The hard truth is that no one, not one, could imagine who Jesus really was and what he would do. Not the religious leaders, not the political leaders, not even Jesus own friends and disciples could imagine the transformative

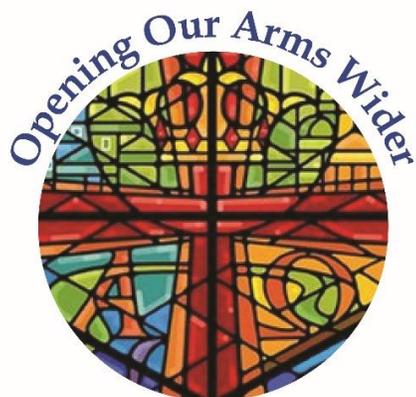
power of God’s love in the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. So, Jesus had to show them, reveal God’s love, and give them the imagination to see God’s Kingdom and to be God’s people in the world.

Please join me in praying for a God-sized imagination and faith:

Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

And after opening our eyes to see, then come to believe, then come to trust, and then to begin to imagine the possibilities and live it out by grace through faith in Jesus in our daily lives.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Capital Campaign and Facility Improvement Proposal

The Case for Your Support

“Who could have imagined what God would do!”

--Bonnie (LaSalle) Esse, charter member of Christus Victor

For 50 years, Christus Victor has been blessed to serve Christ and our community with Faith, Love, and Open Arms. Thanks to the faith and planning of those before us, we have helped thousands experience the love of Christ. Our identity as a church – and the heart of our ministry – has come to be defined by our unique hospitality, our loving relationships and our willingness and enthusiasm to use our own individual gifts to serve Christ and others.

We know that our congregation is no more defined by buildings than a family is defined by a home. Yet both need a space to live in that is warm, welcoming, functional, safe and supportive. As Christus Victor continues to evolve, our church home needs spaces that support our mission, enable our ministries and nurture those who consider this their spiritual home.

In our recent Feasibility Study, we determined that our church has needs that our current space doesn't fully meet. We also began the process of soliciting design and development proposals, so we could gather options for how to create the right space for us. Our primary needs are to:

- **Create a Welcoming Environment.** We need an open, warm space for the whole congregation and community to gather, make connections and build relationships that help us all grow in faith and love.
- **Refresh our Entire Facility.** We must bring our entire property up to code, including installing a sprinkler system. This safety update will simultaneously refresh the entire church with brighter, energy-efficient lighting, new carpeting and more.
- **Strengthen our Church Identity.** We need an inviting entrance that clearly communicates we are a church and you are welcome here.

With the support of the Church Council and the congregation, we are launching a Capital Campaign, called **Opening Our Arms Wider**, to seek and secure building funds of between \$1.5 million and \$2 million to better meet our needs and serve our community. We will make Christus Victor a more welcoming place, ensure the safety and welfare of all who come to our church home, help members and community alike build deeper and more meaningful relationships with God and each other and be better prepared to carry out the ministries God is calling us to do for many years to come.

Our predecessors created a space for Christus Victor to grow and thrive for its first 50 years. Now it's our turn to do the same and ensure the Christus Victor legacy of touching lives with faith, love and open arms continues for the next 50 years and beyond.

“Grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.” –

Ephesians 3:18

NEXT STEPS in the PROCESS:

You're invited to the **Opening Our Arms Wider Pacesetter Commitment Gathering**

Saturday, April 21
at 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Continental Breakfast will be served

Childcare will be available

RSVP by contacting the CV office

[\(952\) 454-6927](tel:9524546927) (phone)

Campaign and congregational leaders are being asked to make their commitments ahead of the church-at-large in order to help set the pace and build confidence with this effort. We are following King David's lead in 1 Chronicles 29 where he invited leaders and other dedicated individuals to commit "first" to the building of the Temple.

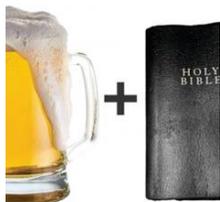
Step up and take a lead in this campaign. Attend the Pacesetter Committee Gathering and you will receive an Opening Our Arms Wider Prayer & Commitment Packet. Commitments will not be asked for at the Gathering itself.

**Invitation to Prayer Week – May 6 & 9
Commitment Week – May 20**



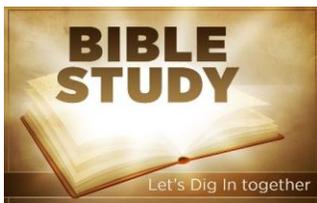
Adult Learning and Discipleship

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. Next **TWO** gatherings: **Thursday, April 5 and May 3, 7:00pm** at the Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville! Bring a friend!



Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study –

10:00am at the Apple Valley Villas in the basement meeting room. We are learning through Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Come whenever you can. No experience necessary!! Bring your Bible, coffee provided!



Easter is the only day of the year many people in our community will consider attending church. We want them to know they are **WELCOME** and invited to join us in living and growing as disciples the rest of the year. Please greet returning visitors and invite them to join us in worshipping the Risen Savior.

“WELCOME, we’re glad you’re here! Please come back and worship with us again.”



RECYCLING HAPPENING!



The “Green Team” at church has put recycling containers out in 4 places at the church – in the hallways by wastebaskets. They are blue and have the recycling emblem on them, so they are not hard to see.

People have started using them and that is great! Based on what we’ve noticed, people are recycling paper, plastic water and pop bottles – all good as long as they are empty, and the lids are screwed back on them or no lids at all, glass bottles, and lots of coffee cups! Unfortunately, the coffee cups we use at our church are NOT recyclable! Please throw them in the trash. ☺ Please check out the post from DSI/LSI on the green team bulletin board outside the art room!! (hey, parents, drink boxes can be recycled!) Thank you for trying to help keep Christus Victor helping our environment!!



Don’t miss it!

Sunday, April 29th will be the first jazz Sunday ever at church. Don’t panic – the only thing different will be that we will be singing old gospel hymns and listening to some special music with accompaniment by our own jazz band – both services! If you are a trumpet, sax, or trombone player (hopefully you’ve already done this) you can pick up music and a practice schedule from Anne soon! If you are a rhythm section player, talk to Anne. If you’d like to help lead hymns and possibly do some special singing, talk to Courtne. What an exciting Sunday morning!!

MISSION TRIP – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



#Godstime..... The team will be in the DR **April 7-14, 2018.**
"It's hard to grow your faith inside your comfort zone!"
Keep them in your prayers.

[FOLLOW THEM ON FACEBOOK](#)

COMING THIS SUMMER!



"CV All Stars Garage Sale"
Sunday, August 5, 2018 thru
Saturday, August 11, 2018

Blood Drive

The Social Ministries Committee will host a blood drive on

Thursday, April 19th 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Sign up is available at the Welcome Desk or online.

To find out about the donation process and eligibility requirements, go to

www.redcrossblood.org then click on *Donate Blood*

Donating blood is giving the gift of life.



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

5th graders who completed First Communion Class and received Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29:

Benjamin Belz, Joshua Brandes, Liam Horner, Chelsea McMayer, Sophie Nelson, Jonathan Skogen, Reese Sprenger

Prayer for these youth receiving Holy Communion:

May they experience joy in discovering your grace revealed to them in bread and wine, and open their eyes to your presence hidden everywhere!

And, may they remember to live forgiven and forgiving lives each day; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

COMING...

"Hello Dolly"



Girls of All Ages Tea Party...

will be held Saturday, May 12, 2018, 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Cost will be \$3.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale beginning April 22nd. Bring your favorite doll! Donations will be collected for the B. Robert Lewis House.



SPRING IS HERE... Place your Gerten's Spring Plant order by April 4th!! Order forms are at the Information Desk and on the bulletin boards. Or, [click here](#) to print the form. Turn in your order form with payment to Heidi Horgen or Deanna in the church office. This fundraiser will support the Youth Mission Trip and kids attending Camp Wapo. Plant pick up day is Saturday, May 19th after 12-noon.



NEW SMALL GROUPS ARE FORMING!

Find a group that sounds interesting to you and contact the host for more information or sign up on the bulletin board.

Group 1 – Families/Parents with young children!

Hosts: Kevin and Beth Philpy with Nathan
Contact Info: kevin.philpy@gmail.com

Group 2 – Connections between the Old and New Testament

Hosts: Jim and Anessa Andersland
Contact Info: anderslandmarketing@gmail.com

Group 3 – Historical Context of the Bible

Host: Trudy Matthys
Contact Info: tmsmatthys@hotmail.com

Group 4 – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Host: Paula Nierengarten
Contact Info: angelthreads1@comcast.net

Other groups you can join that are on-going – Bible & Brew, the Dwelling Place, and Thursday morning Bible Study – you can join any time!

Who are the Joyful Servants?

YOU ARE!

To refresh your memory, ONE of the exciting ways to participate at Christus Victor is through **Joyful Servants**, the opportunity to provide service to our Lord through preparation and involvement in the weekly worship services.

Acolytes - Coffee Preparation and Clean Up

Communion Assistants

Communion & Sanctuary Preparation

Communion Clean Up

Greeters – Lectors - Ushers

Nursery Assistant

Acolytes receive training in 5th Grade during their preparation for Communion. Anyone, any age, may serve as Acolyte for Worship.

Coffee Preparation and Clean Up

Hospitality has provided DETAILED instructions in a 3-ring binder for coffee/treats set up and clean-up

Communion Assistants

To look in the eyes of fellow CV family members and offer them the Body ("The Body of Christ given for you.") and Blood ("The Blood of Christ shed for you.") of Jesus Christ is a wonderful feeling

Instructions for **Sanctuary/Communion set up and clean up** are on the wall in the Sacristy. Set up for each Sunday is usually done Saturday, which includes setting up Communion service, replacing eternal candle and straightening and replenishing supplies in the pew racks (usually takes 1-2 hours for one person – LESS TIME for more than one). This can also be a family activity!

Greeters have wonderful opportunities to help fellow members, welcome visitors or simply answer questions.

Nursery service is coordinated by a paid-staff attendant and **at least one assistant is needed.**

Usher Instructions Books are in the cabinet at the back of the Sanctuary



WAPO Day Camp VBS 2018

June 10th 4-5:30pm – Opening Sunday

June 11-14, 9 am – 12 pm – Day Camp

Preschool-5th grade

Price starts around \$42. Discounts for bringing a friend or siblings.

Register on our website or in person starting on Easter Sunday. Talk to Kristin Schulz, Lia Ess or Pastor Steve if you have any questions

Counselors from WAPO will help lead music, devotions and skits, games, creative/interactive Bible study, and crafts. MOST IMPORTANTLY – the WAPO VBS team offers FIVE ENERGETIC YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LOVE JESUS AND LOVE KIDS!



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)

Check out the NEW Christus Victor website!

www.christusvictor.org

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 – select Weekly Email from the News menu option.

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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Senior Choir Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
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