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Voice of Victory

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AT CHRISTUS
VICTOR

ONE SERVICE SUNDAYS
9:30am
Fellowship before & after
the service
Memorial Day through Labor Day

Recharge Worship
Wednesdays at 7:30pm on
June 13
July 18
August 15

“But seek first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

-Matthew 6: 33-34

Dear Friends in Christ at Christus Victor,

It is hard not to worry. Worry can become a black hole of anxiety that can drag us down and keep us from focusing on the kingdom of God in our midst. Worry and anxiety crowd out God’s righteous blessings and life-giving presence. Worry calls forth the worst of our beliefs and attitudes about ourselves and others.

Instead of worrying about what may or may not happen now that Pastor Steve has taken a new Call, we focus on giving thanks to God for the blessings of four years of ministry together. We remember the blessings, and we remember that four years ago God answered our prayers by connecting us with Pastor Steve, so we can trust that God will lead us and answer our prayers again.

Instead of worrying about how much other people may or may not give to the Capital Campaign, we focus our prayers on how God has blessed us to be a blessing, and how God is Calling us to be faithful and generous givers.

Then God takes all of our commitments, gifts, and offerings and puts them all together so we can take a bold step forward in improving and expanding our facilities for the sake of the ministry and mission God has entrusted to us!

That’s what it means to **“seek first the kingdom of God.”** But we need constant reminders, support, and encouragement to focus on God, instead of worrying. And God sends us those reminders, if we are paying attention, which is another way of saying, **“seeking the kingdom of God.”**

I was starting to leave the hospital recently, after having a very difficult visit with a family, and needed to get a bottle of water to drink for the ride home. My Communion kit and Bible were tucked under my arm, when the cashier, a very tall African-American man, woke me up from my worry and sadness when he loudly asked, “What’s the Good Word, Reverend?” A little stunned, I replied with these words from Jesus, “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be worried about itself.” He smiled and said, “Reverend, that’s a Good Word indeed. I needed to hear that today. Thank you and God bless you!” “God bless you too,” I replied with a renewed smile on my face and hope in my heart. Then I remembered, the next part of Jesus’ teaching, **“seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, AND all these things will be given to you as well.”**

God has blessed us richly and continues to bless us to be a blessing, both here at CV and in our daily lives. Focus on God’s blessings in your life. Think about everyone and everything you have to be thankful for. Reflect on all of the experiences of God’s love made manifest through the love, care, support, and comfort of family, friends, neighbors, and even complete strangers in the check-out lane!

Thank you for helping me to always be seeking the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness in our church, in our community, in our country, and in our world. There’s always going to be something to worry about, but we don’t need to be overwhelmed by worry as long as we keep focused on God.

Yours in Christ’s Service,
Pastor Kent



Next Steps for Interim Ministry...

Since Pastor Steve informed Pastor Kent that he was going to be taking a different Call, work has been going on behind the scenes, in partnership with the St. Paul Area Synod and the Bishop's office, to develop a plan for interim ministry.

God has been good, yet again, and connected us with a wonderful Pastor to be our Interim as we assess our ministry needs and the next steps for our congregation.

The Church Council is finalizing those details and a letter will be coming out introducing our new Interim Pastor, whose first Sunday will be on our Celebration Sunday, June 10. So be sure to come to worship on June 10 and welcome our new Interim Pastor!



Moving to a new city and/or a new neighborhood can be uncomfortable and scary. The whole process is very overwhelming! Welcoming these new neighbors to the area is a nice gesture. When you greet new people with warm smiles and a friendly attitude, it can make the transition a little easier. You might simply introduce yourself with a plate of cookies. Tell them you are there to welcome them to the neighborhood and can offer any assistance or answer questions about the area. *If they are looking for a church home, tell them about our awesome congregation. Let them know about the Garage Sale and VBS... invite them to come to worship with you.*



*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
- 1 Peter 4:10*

Sunday, June 10

Opening Our Arms Wider

Capital Campaign Celebration Sunday!

Join us for worship on Sunday, June 10, as we announce and celebrate the results of our Opening Our Arms Wider Capital Campaign! May 20 was our Commitment Sunday, and church members have continued to mail and drop off their Commitment forms to church. We will add up all the Commitments and be able to share with everyone the generous and faithful response of our congregation to God's Call.



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

Baptism: Sunday, June 24

Avery Marie Anderson, Parents: Heather & Kyle Anderson

New Members: Sunday, May 27

Cindy and Bill Derendal

Sponsors Cheryl and Ben Schultz

2018 High School Graduates:

(Grad Recognition Sunday is June 3)

Tova Andersland

Alexus Belz

Karin Buffie

Kira Dobberman

Joshua Edman

Connor Glinski

Melissa Gubrud

Paulina Holmberg

Noah Horgen

Jessica Lundquist

Taylor Peterson

Nick Zarras



Adult Learning and Discipleship

SUMMER BIBLE & BREW



— BEER, CONVERSATION, & GOD —

YES, we are meeting in the summer! Put these dates on your calendar and invite a friend or two to come along and meet the guys over brews and the Bible, sharing life's highs and lows as we grow in faith and knowledge of God's Word together.

June 7 – July 12 – August 2

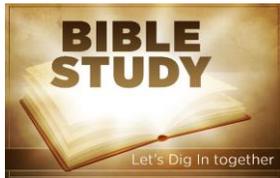
7:00pm at the Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville!

Bring a friend!

If you want/need to meet on a different date, please email the group and post on the Bible&Brew Facebook page when and where you want to meet. We'll send you the discussion sheet!

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study – 10:00am

at the Apple Valley Villas in the basement meeting room. We are learning through the Gospel of Mark. Come whenever can. No experience necessary!! Bring your Bible, coffee provided!



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you

CV ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 10AM-8PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 9AM-2PM
Early Bird Special: Pay \$3 and shop from 9am-10am before the official opening on Friday

An "All Star" mega sale event including Antiques, Books, Collectables, Electronics, Housewares, Jewelry, Linens, Seasonal items, Sporting Goods, Tools, Toys, Clothing...and so much more! Concession stand onsite with refreshments!

Proceeds benefit community outreach and Christus Victor ministries.

Summer Book Group



Christian Leadership and Ministry in Uncharted Territory!

Have you noticed that things are rapidly changing in our culture and society regarding religion, the Church, and Christian faith? Change itself is changing at an accelerated pace that most of us have a hard time keeping up with. The changing world around us, and in us, has brought the Church in America into uncharted territory, which includes Christus Victor as well. As Tod Bolsinger writes, in his book, **Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory**, "The world in front of you is nothing like the world behind you."

Sunday Morning Book Group Discussions and Topics...

JUNE 24 - Part 1: "Understanding Uncharted Territory" Discussion

JULY 15 - Part 2: "The On-the-Map Skill Set" Discussion

AUGUST 5 - Part 3: "Leading Off the Map" Discussion

AUGUST 26 - Part 4&5: "Relationship & Resistance" and "Transformation" Discussion

Book Group participants will also have access to an on-line discussion group that will be set up soon. If you haven't signed up for a book, and still want to participate in this Book Group, please contact Pastor Kent at pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

THE DWELLING PLACE... Women of Christus Victor, Lily of the Valley and Casa de Oracion gather for a potluck meal and Bible study on the 4th Monday of the month. All are welcome! No sign up needed, just come when you are able.

Summer Schedule: Mondays at 6:30pm on June 25, July 23, August 27

SUMMER AT CHRISTUS VICTOR



CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY



LAKE WAPOGASSET WILDERNESS CANOE BASE JULY 9-13

Senior High Youth are on a mission trip to the Boundary Waters for a work/service project. Fun activities, Bible study, and time spent in nature round out the days.



WAPO Day Camp VBS 2018
 June 10th 4-5:30pm – Opening Sunday
 June 11-14, 9 am – 12 pm – Day Camp
 Preschool-5th grade

Register on our website or in person NOW. Talk to Kristin Schulz, Lia Ess or Pastor Kent 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!

LAKE WAPOGASSET BIBLE CAMP

SEEDS WEEKEND CAMP, JUNE 22-24:

For kids who have completed grades 2-3. An action-packed weekend for young campers within a caring environment filled with music, Bible study, campfires, crafts, water activities and tons of games.

YOUTH CAMP, JUNE 24-29:

For youth who have completed grades 4-8. Each day includes Bible study, chapel, cabin activities, free time, field games, water activities, and campfires. Camp is a place to be challenged and inspired to grow in relationship with God in Christian community.

SUMMER STRETCH

is a Middle School ministry of fun and service that meets on Thursdays during the summer.

June 14 - August 2
9:00am-4:00pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cookies with Seniors

Community Clean Up

Games / Bowling

VBS Daycamp

Scavenger Hunt

360 Communities

Summer Stretch Valley Fair Day





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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Contemporary Worship Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Senior Choir Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Nursery Attendant.....	CHARMAINE HARRELL	

CHRISTUS VICTOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

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