



# Voice of Victory

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## Carrying our cross isn't easy.

Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. **And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**" (Matthew 28: 19&20)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Christus Victor,

One of the great blessings of kids being in worship with everyone else is that they hear things differently than a lot of adults who have been listening to the same Bible stories their whole life long. The other great thing is that they aren't afraid to ask questions. Like last Sunday.

The text was from Mark 8, where Jesus calls his followers to take up their cross and follow him. I thought the sermon was pretty clear that carrying our cross and following Jesus does mean giving things up, changing our priorities, putting the needs of others in front of our own. But one young child cut to the chase after worship and simply wanted to know, "Pastor Kent, are you saying that Jesus wants me to die?"

Before I could answer, they ran off to get a cookie!

So, I was driven to change up my sermon, as I often do, for the 11am service. In the second sermon of the morning, I added a story about giving things up that have a cost. I told about having to choose between joining my friends on a summer traveling soccer team, or, going to church camp and a mission/adventure trip. It wasn't a hard choice because I wasn't very good at soccer. But it did cost me those friends who joined the soccer team and we went our separate ways. Well, I overheard some kids talking in the hallway after the 11am service, wondering if I was suggesting that in order to follow Jesus they had to quit their sports teams and activities. You try to answer one question, and many more questions arise! I did not have the chance to answer them on Sunday, so here's what I wanted to say...

Please, don't quit your activities, and, don't quit church! That's the hardest thing to do, which is to stay active and connected to both. That's carrying your cross and following Christ, because it is hard to do. Stay connected to God through the Community of Faith, but please stay involved where your interests, talents, passions, and friends lead you. Because, Jesus wants to go with you, promise to be with you, everywhere you go! Jesus wants your friends and teammates, and yes, even your opposing teams, to know Him through you!

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*Worship  
with Us*

**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**  
7:25pm  
**HS YOUTH GROUP**  
8:00pm  
High School Youth, grades 9-12  
**SENIOR CHOIR**  
8:00pm

*Welcome!*



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Oh, boy, that sounds hard. That sounds like carrying a really heavy cross!

At your Baptism, we lit a candle and charged you with these words, **“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify God in**



**heaven.”** It’s a relatively easy thing to do when we are at church with our church friends. And we work to ensure that church is a safe place to practice living and sharing your

faith, while also learning the stories of faith. But we are NOT meant to only shine our light at church. That defeats God’s purpose for you, and Jesus calling and commission on your life!

Jesus says:

Go therefore... to your school with your classmates and friends!


Go therefore... to your teams and teammates; on the fields and courts!

Go therefore... to your theater, band, choir, or dance team!

Go therefore... to use and develop and share your gifts, talents, and passions. But while you are doing all of that, find ways and opportunities to let your faith in Jesus shine for all to see, that they may come to know that God loves them, and want to know more about Jesus for themselves.

So, stay involved in all of your activities and sports, AND, stay connected and involved in the church, to continue to grow in faith and keep your candle burning bright for all to see! It’s going to be hard, but that’s kind of what carrying your cross means.

Your Friend in Christ,  
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



**MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR**

**BAPTISM:**  
October 7, Finley Jae Williams  
Parents: Lisa & Erik Williams  
Sponsors: Shannon Freiberg, Erik Huard



## Capital Campaign Update!

THANK YOU again for your generosity and faithfulness! Here’s an update on where we are in our Opening Our Arms Wider Capital Campaign:

- 120 individuals / families have made pledges, for a total pledged amount of more than \$1,135,000
- \$250,727 in actual gifts have been received to date

This puts us ahead of where we planned to be in terms of money received at this point in the process. This is fantastic progress toward making our goals a reality!

We’re also pleased to report that new pledges have continued to come in during September. If you were unable to participate during the initial pledge campaign, you can still participate at any time. Contact the church office for additional information.

We remain hard at work on campaign logistics. Our Facility Planning Team is working with our architect partner on project design and budget estimates. Our Facility Finance Team also is working with potential lenders to generate project financing options. One of the major factors that will impact our decisions is the amount of cash we’ll have available at the time construction begins, as that will affect the financing costs associated with any construction loans. The more cash we have available, the better terms we’ll be able to secure and the lower the overall cost of the project will be. As such, if you made a pledge or you plan to give a gift toward our campaign and are able to fulfill any part of your commitment in 2018 or early 2019, we’d greatly appreciate it.

If we continue to make progress as we have been, we hope to present a final plan to the congregation later this fall. Stay tuned for dates and times those presentations will take place, as well as for other ways you can continue to help with the campaign. Feel free also to bring any questions or feedback you have to a member of the Core Team at any time.

THANK YOU for Opening Our Arms Wider!

## Adult Learning and Discipleship

### “FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL”

**Sunday mornings at 9:45am!**

In many ways we are going *back to the future* with “Faith Formation for All,” on Sunday mornings. Back to a time when all of the generations of a family got together almost every night around the dinner table, prayed together, talked together, shared a meal together, shared the family stories of life and faith together. Back to a time when the small country church or city church did not have separate classrooms and wings to divide up the different age groups, but everyone was together worshipping, sharing fellowship, and growing in faith together as little ones listened in on the adult Bible study and discussion. We are going to be living this out as one big Church Family!

We need you to bring your wisdom and faith experience to share with all of our kids, and they can share with you their wonder, questions, insights, and energy!

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – All ages together for learning, sharing, building relationships, and fun! We are excited to have guest speakers/teachers joining us in October and November, to help us learn and experience more ways to build relationships between the generations and grow together in faith.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays** – Opening with music, prayer, and creative introduction to the theme. Then all ages split up for age appropriate learning. Adults will stay with one of the Pastors in the Fellowship Hall for learning and discussions.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – **“Faith Fellowship”** – a time to connect with friends new and old, old and young!

### THE DWELLING PLACE...

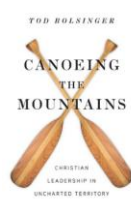


Women of Christus Victor, Lily of the Valley and Casa de Oracion gather for a potluck meal and Bible study on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. All are welcome! No sign up needed, just come when you are able.

**Next gathering, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm**

Maturity **Adult** Holy  
Journey Relationship Church Spirit  
**Faith Formation** Christ  
Moral Prayer

### BOOK GROUP CONTINUES...



If you're going to scale the mountains of ministry, you need to leave behind canoes and find new navigational tools.



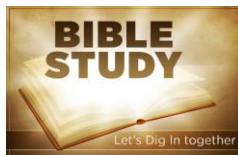
**Canoeing the Mountains and Re-Imagining the Church**

**Saturday, Nov. 3**  
from **9am-11:30am**

With Special Guest – Rev. Dr. Dawn Alitz, the Director of Lifelong Learning at Luther Seminary

**Cost: \$15** - Register by Sunday, October 28!  
Contact Pastor Kent for more information –  
[pastor.kent@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.kent@christusvictor.org)

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



First Thursday of the month! 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.

**October 4, November 1, December 6**

**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 CV Men Bible & Brew Facebook page when and where you want to meet. We'll send you the discussion sheet!

### BEER AND HYMNS!

**Monday, October 15**

**7pm-9pm**

**Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville!**



Bring your singing voices and join with folks from St. John's, Family of Christ, Lord of Life, and other congregations. Invite your friends!!





## DEKAF AND "FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL"

**FIRST SUNDAY - October 7** - Meet together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am. "All Ages Together" with special guest speaker/teacher, Marilyn Sharpe, who will lead us all in some new ways to share and help each other grow in faith.

**SECOND and THIRD SUNDAYS – October 14 & 21** – Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am for the Opening, then we split off into the **Youth Room for DEKAF!**

**FOURTH SUNDAY – October 28** – "Faith Fellowship" – we'll probably go to Arby's between services then come back to celebrate with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders who are being Confirmed at the 11am worship service.

## YOUTH GROUP HAS BEGUN!

CV Youth Group has kicked off the year with conversation, candles, and cookies! If you are a high school youth, join in on Wednesday evenings, 8-9 (come early to worship at Recharge, 7:25)! Youth group is a safe space for high school youth, wherever you may be in your journey. We will eat treats, we will have fun and be silly, and we will create a space where you can ask questions, wrestle with tough issues, find support and be support for one another.

On **October 3rd**, four high school members will be sharing what they've learned about *Peer Ministry*, showing our group how **you already are** being Jesus to your friends and peers, and teaching what they've learned so you can be that love, support, and encouragement of Jesus even more.

In the month of October, Youth Group will meet on the 3rd, 10th, and 24th. Have questions? Follow Christus Victor on Instagram and Facebook, call up Pr. Katie or Pr. Kent, or just show up! We're all figuring it out as we go, and we're here for each other through it all, opening our arms wider in faith and love.



The most important thing to communicate in a first-time conversation is warmth and interest in the other person. Even though one learns specific skills in starting conversations, if the genuine interest is not there, you cannot establish a relationship of trust that is needed to help or to reach out to another.

**To be an interesting person  
you must be an interested person!**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH



### **Confirmation Wednesday Nights**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm!**

**PIZZA AND CONFIRMATION 6:00pm – 7:25pm**

**RECHARGE WORSHIP 7:25-7:55pm**

Kids are expected to be here from 6:00-8:00pm.

Parents, please join us for 7:25pm Recharge worship.

### **October Schedule:**

- 3 – Confirmation – Ten Commandments
- 10 – Confirmation – **Small Group Fellowship – Hot Dogs, Bonfire, S'mores, and more!**
- 17 – **NO CONFIRMATION** – MN Teachers' Conference
- 24 – Confirmation – Ten Commandments
- 27 – **CV at Feed My Starving Children – Service Project!**  
9:00am-11:00am.
- 27 – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation lunch, pictures, and rehearsal  
11:30am-1:30pm
- 28 – 9<sup>th</sup> grade Affirmation of Baptism Worship (at 11am)
- 31 – **NO CONFIRMATION** – Halloween

## 9th Grade Confirmation!



On **Sunday, October 28**, eight of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth will be Confirming their faith in Jesus Christ! They have been learning, growing, serving, worshipping, as well as having fun together with their small group leaders, preparing for this special day. They will be meeting with Pastor Kent this fall to review their Faith Statements and talk about the next steps in their journey of faith. If you haven't signed up for your 1-1 visit, please contact Pastor Kent at 952-454-6927.

Begin with an observation. As easy as it is to

use the **WHEAT (Where, Hobbies, Experiences, Acquaintances, Travel)**

**acronym**, there still needs to be a point of

contact. A beginning observation such as "I like your shirt," "Love the weather today," or "You look like you enjoy running," is a polite way to let a person know that you notice him or her. It is a skill that comes from being observant and interested in others. The observation usually shows recognition, pointing out commonality or a point of interest or curiosity you share. [Peerministry.org](http://Peerministry.org)

**BE THE  
TYPE OF  
PERSON  
YOU WANT TO  
MEET**



## **TIMES OF TRANSITION – INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY**

Do you ever dream about ways that your church could connect with children, with youth, with families? Do you ever feel joy and gratitude for something we do *really well*? Do you ever wonder why we do something the way we do? Do you ever ask, what would happen if we tried it this way?

Pastor Katie Slack is now serving as Interim Youth Minister at Christus Victor and inviting you to ask those questions. Children, youth, and family ministry is in a time of transition at Christus Victor, and now is the perfect time to explore where we've been, to see where we are, and to ask where do we want to go.

In the coming months, Pr. Katie will be forming a committee as she, through InterServe Ministries, guides Christus Victor through these conversations and leads the congregation to develop a clear vision of the needs and goals of Children, Youth, and Family ministry here. If you have any interest in being on this committee, please reach out to Pr. Katie, Pr. Kent, or Pr. Michelle, or one of the council members. If you have any questions at all, please connect with Pr. Katie. She will be in office Tuesdays, Wednesday afternoons and evenings, and Sunday mornings. You can also email her any time at [pastor.katie@christusvictor.org](mailto:pastor.katie@christusvictor.org)

## **WOMEN: SAVE THE DATE!**

Fill Your Spiritual Cup at the women's retreat November 2-4 at Camp WAPO in Amery, WI! The women's retreat will introduce us to the All-In Relationship model that is being introduced across CVLC. The weekend will



help us better align with the goal being a more welcoming community while filling our spiritual cups. Join us for the full weekend Friday to Sunday morning with 2 nights lodging and four meals or Saturday only which includes three meals and no lodging. Please find more information at the information desk in the narthex along with the registration form.



# Social Ministry

## **GREENLEAF ELEMENTARY'S AFTER SCHOOL HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM:**

- Required new mentor orientation on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Gator Learning Club runs from Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (There will be no GLC on 11/21, 12/24, 12/26, 12/31, 1/2, 1/21, 2/6, and 2/18)
- Need transportation to Greenleaf
- **Reliability is critical**
- Volunteers work 1:1 with students
- 1 hour after school on Mondays or Wednesdays (with the option to do both days) 3:45 – 4:45pm
- Homework, materials, and activities are provided
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders
- To learn more or to become a mentor, individuals can contact Kristi Roddy at [kristi.rodody@district196.org](mailto:kristi.rodody@district196.org)

## **BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM...**

We are partnering with Lily of the Valley AME Church once again to contribute funds and volunteers. The cost is \$140 per student for the school year. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated! Donation envelopes are at the Information Desk and can be put in the offering basket or brought to the church office. Thanks for the wonderful volunteer response to distribute bags of weekend food to Greenleaf Elementary students this school year. **CV Contact:** Cindy Baubie ([cindybaubie@charter.net](mailto:cindybaubie@charter.net) or 952-715-2080)

## **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**



In October Christus Victor will again be participating as a group. If you, your family, or friends are interested in being a part of this

event, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located at the Information Desk.

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am to 11:00**

**Eagan – 50 packers are needed**

Donations are also needed to help fund the meal packets. Make checks payable to Christus Victor Lutheran Church writing FMSC in the memo.

Any questions contact Nancy Colin at 952-452-0770.



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN MISSION:

Your financial and prayerful support of education for the students of Mlowa continues to amaze us! God is working through your gifts and changing the lives of students and families living in Tanzania.

Since the government of Tanzania opened a secondary school in Mlowa, many of our parish students now attend the local school. Having a local school provides our partner families the choice to educate their children in a local secondary public school and to have their children live at home for their entire high school education. What a gift it is to have a choice of where and how your children should be educated.

Even with this local school option, there is still great need for our educational dollars. The educational system of Tanzania and the Iringa diocese still needs your support. Your donations will be used where the need is greatest:

- **Scholarship Equity Fund** supports students from non-partnered congregations in the Iringa diocese. Not every community in the Iringa diocese is fortunate enough to have a government school in their neighborhood or a St. Paul Area Lutheran Church as a partner. A year of education costs a family \$400.
- **Infrastructure Fund** supports educational building projects like the science labs at secondary schools. Any amount can help build the infrastructure needed to educate kids in the Iringa Diocese.
- **Teacher Training Fund** supports the professional development of educators at diocese’s secondary schools. Teachers need education too.
- **Boarding School Scholarships** allow families the option of having their children educated in an Iringa Diocese school outside of Mlowa.

Please respond by **November 1, 2018** using the form below. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Mission Committee. Thank you for your past and continued generosity!

**Mission Committee:**

Diana Buffie, Barb Damlo, Deanna Luke, Jody McDermott-Baty

**2018 Tanzania Student Sponsorship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Return your gift and this form by November 1 to the Christus Victor Lutheran Church Office



## Got news to share?

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

Check out the NEW Christus Victor website!

[www.christusvictor.org](http://www.christusvictor.org)

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR: [www.christusvictor.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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