



Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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Voice of Victory



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

God's Grace at the Beginning of a New Year

"When all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"

Luke 3: 21-22

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Christus Victor,

2018 was another momentous year in the life and ministry of Christus Victor Lutheran Church. Some big things happened, especially our very successful Opening Our Arms Wider Capital Campaign. We have taken the next step to approve the design documents and gathering bids for our project. We said "Thank You and God Speed" to Pastor Steve, Lindsey, and Alice (who have recently adopted little Violet). Pastor Michelle joined our staff this past summer. Pastor Katie, who came from Interserve Ministries in September, has now taken a new Call to serve as a chaplain at Children's Hospital. And Cory Jones, who you will read more about in the newsletter, took Pastor Katie's place and started right before Christmas as our new Interim Youth Minister from Interserve.

There have been weddings and funerals, 1st Communions and Confirmations, Baptisms and Graduations. Some members have moved away and other new members have moved in. So many amazing and challenging things happened in the life of our congregation, there isn't enough space to name it all.

Looking back I was reminded once again, that through it all, God's Grace was clearly at work! God's Grace leading us, guiding us, supporting us, comforting us, inspiring us, energizing us for the ministry and mission God has entrusted to us for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The finger prints of God's Grace are all around for everyone to see.

2019 is going to be another big year here at Christus Victor! Changes are going to happen. Some we are eagerly hoping and praying for, and some will surprise us and bring us joy. Some will take us off guard, bring us unexpected and unwelcome grief and pain. In other words, life is going to happen. Ministry is going to happen. And God gives us what we need for the coming year, Grace.

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At the beginning of his ministry, before Jesus had performed a single miracle or preached a sermon, Jesus heard the words of Grace that would sustain and energize him for the challenges of ministry to come. At the beginning, Jesus knew that he was surrounded by the love of his heavenly Father, who loved him for just being himself, without any precondition. Grace!

And so I remind you all, as I need to be reminded myself, that before we do one single thing here at Christus Victor, we already have God's Grace and love through our own Baptisms. God loves you and is pleased with you just for being you. You don't need to do anything to earn or deserve God's Grace and Love, it is already given to you. And therefore we are freed to do what God has called us to do, and be the people God has created and gifted us to be.

I don't know what is going to happen here at Christus Victor in 2019, but I know, good or bad, we go forward with God's Grace, and God's Grace will get us through, together!

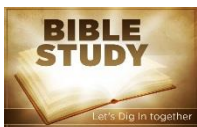
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019



Plan on joining us between services on Sunday, January 27, in the sanctuary, as we celebrate all that happened in 2018, look ahead to 2019, vote on a new budget and new council members as well.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study –



10:00am at the Apple Valley Villas in the basement meeting room. We are learning through the book of Genesis. Come whenever you can. No experience necessary!! Bring your Bible, coffee provided!

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MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR



New members:

Sunday, December 16: Christine Keyser,
Sponsor: Linda Jurjans

THE FAMILY OF CVLC WELCOMES YOU!



Welcome to our newest CV member, Christine Keyser. Chris lives in Burnsville and enjoys quilting reading and baking.

From all of us at CV, we welcome you Chris and look forward to meeting you.

BIBLE & BREW

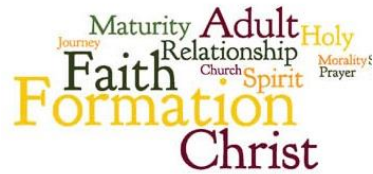
A CHANGE – Meeting the SECOND (2nd) Thursday of the month! January 10, 2019! 7:00pm at the Angry Inch!

Put this date 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.





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!

1st 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.

2nd and 3rd 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.

4th Sunday – "Faith Fellowship" – a time to connect with friends new and old, old and young!



January 2019

Themes: Camp and the Bible

**Sunday, January 6th – 9:45 to 10:45 (All ages)
gather in Fellowship Hall for CAMP SUNDAY!**

We will gather for intergenerational activities, meet a staff person from Camp WAPO, sing some camp songs, and learn what our schedule is for SUMMER with VBS and other programs. Do not miss this fun, interactive Sunday!

Sunday, January 13th – 9:45 All ages gather for the Opening in Fellowship Hall

10-10:45 Small groups for all ages

***Please note**, a special small group class is led for 3 year olds and preschoolers as a Bible Review – **parents welcome and encouraged to come!**

Sunday, January 20th – 9:45 All ages gather for the Opening in Fellowship

10-10:45 Small groups for all ages

***Please note**, a special small group class will be led for 3rd graders and their parents by Pastor Kent as a review to receive new Bibles in worship at the 11:00 Worship Service only

January 27th - Faith Formation for All Fellowship Sunday for All Ages – ANNUAL MEETING

Returning soon, Marilyn Sharpe is our guest speaker for Sunday, February 3rd, 2019!!!!

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.

Next gathering, Jan 28, 6:30pm



MEET CORY JONES....



I'm excited to be here and partner with you all in impacting students with the transformational love, hope and life of Jesus!

My ultimate goal is to walk alongside and assist you – parents and invested adults - in dreaming about the future of student ministry at Christus

Victor. I'm excited about exploring how we continue to help students cultivate their relationship with Jesus in order to reach others outside the church walls with the Gospel of Jesus.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you all. Please seek me out and introduce yourself in the coming weeks or shoot me an email at cory@christusvictor.org

Student Ministry Transition Team update:

Pastor Kent and Pastor Katie have helped me get up to speed on where the Transition Team is currently. I'm definitely encouraged by the interest and willingness of all who are a part of this team! This team will play a big role in the future of student ministry at Christus Victor. During the transition we're still working on getting meeting times and dates on the calendar, but Pastor Kent and I will be communicating those soon. Please contact me at cory@christusvictor.org with any questions or concerns

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.

January

2 **NO CONFIRMATION**

6 **Sunday Small Group Guide and Peer Leader**

Huddle – 12:30pm (w/lunch)

9 Confirmation – Apostle's Creed

16 Confirmation – Apostle's Creed

23 Confirmation – ***Small Group Fellowship***

Events (check with your small group leaders)

30 Confirmation – Apostle's Creed

Feed My Starving Children South Metro Mobile Pack!!

February 4-9, 2019

Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville!

Save the date and start saving your \$\$ to support this amazing event!





ARMFUL OF LOVE THANK YOU

We can only imagine the joy and the love felt by those who received your gifts and prayers through the Armful of Love Program this Christmas season. On behalf of the 360 Communities, the Social Ministries Committee extends a huge THANK YOU! This program would not be possible without generous giving like yours. Thank you for realizing the mission of Christus Victor: Serving Christ and Community with Faith, Love, and Open Arms. Christus Victor was one of over 300 sponsors providing gifts of clothing, toys, household items and food gift certificates to needy Dakota County families. Our congregation sponsored 10 families and provided over 125 gifts; the total number of families served this year was 940!

Hebrews 13:16: "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

The Social Ministries Committee extends a special thanks to confirmands Jackson Brandes and Bryce Robens and their parents along with their confirmation leaders Dawn Glewwe and Arlan Olson, and thanks to Taylor Orman and Dan Corrigan too. They sorted and bagged the huge assortment of gifts. Great job volunteers! Thanks also to Charlie Colin, Dan Corrigan and Tom Iaria who delivered the gifts to the Armful of Love warehouse in Burnsville.





SENIOR CONNECTIONS + SOCIAL MINISTRIES = NEW PROJECT



The Senior Connection Group and the Social Ministries Committee will be partnering in a new

FEED THE HUNGRY

project: **the 363 Days Food Program**. This program provides over 1500

sandwiches to the homeless and hungry in the Twin Cities. Some members from our groups will be meeting at noon on **Thursday, January 10th** in the Art Room and will be assembling 300 sandwiches. All are welcome to join us; there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions, please see Marlene Leick, Darlene Newman or Michele Iaria.

Matthew 25:35: *For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.*



Social Ministry



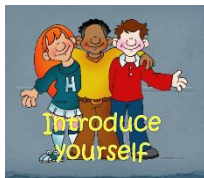
MLOWA VISIT 2020?

Have you been wondering/thinking about

traveling to Tanzania to meet our brothers and sisters from Mlowa? And to discover the deeper meaning of our partnership with the Mlowa Parish and the Iringa Diocese? As was announced a few weeks ago, the Missions Committee would like to know if *you* are being called to join in travel to Tanzania in 2020. As a part of this process, we would like to invite you to a listening/pre-planning session provided by *Pastor Peter Harrits, the Bega Kwa Bega Coordinator from the ELCA St. Paul Area Synod* on **Sunday January 13, 2019 at 12:15 PM in the CV Cinema**. This meeting will provide many of the answers to the questions you may have about expectations, accommodations, food, vaccinations and most importantly **cost and time**. We have decided to begin the conversation now as this type of trip requires many months of planning behind the scenes. If you have even just wondered about this partnership, please plan to join us on January 13. Any questions? Feel free to reach out to Pastor Kent pastor.kent@christusvictor.org, or Diana Buffie dkbuff@hotmail.com.



Be on the lookout for people you don't know!
WELCOME visitors!



Introduce yourself... Focus on the other person.

Ask questions. **(WHEAT)**
Listen. The best connections never come from speaking; they always come from listening.



Introduce the people around you...

Remember, the only true faux pas you can make is not introducing yourself or someone else in your presence.



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 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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