



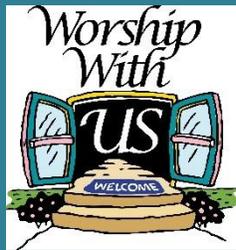
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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

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

What Is Lent Really About?

"My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'"

Song of Solomon 2: 10-13

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What is Lent really about?

When I was a kid, I used to think Lent was about making a sacrifice like giving up chocolate or sweets until Easter, when Jesus rises from the dead and the Easter bunny brings us baskets and plastic eggs full of the things I gave up – chocolate and sweets. I wasn't the brightest kid. But frankly, for many of us, giving things up for Lent, which is a spiritual discipline, is still a very good thing for us to do to help us focus on Christ Jesus' sacrifice for us, and our need for God's help every day!

As I grew a little older, I understood that Lent was a somber, serious time to reflect on the Ashes on our heads, reminding me that I was a sinner who needed to repent for my sins and ask for God's forgiveness. I needed to prepare my heart and soul for Holy Week and Easter, to be able to truly celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the true gift of forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ. Again, for many of us, we need a somber reminder and an intentional time to really reflect on our need for God's grace and mercy through Jesus Christ.

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LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 AT 7:00PM WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND HOLY COMMUNION!

Join us as we begin the season of Lent reflecting on our need for God's Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness in Jesus Christ!



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And then, a little older still, I heard a talk by Brennan Manning, author of, **The Ragamuffin Gospel**, and many other books on the spiritual life and discipleship. Brennan reminded us that the meaning of the word “Lent” is literally, “spring season.” It is a time of eager expectation for the new life that is blooming all around us and within us through Christ’s New Life. “It is the promise that God is doing something new, bringing forth new life from what appeared dead and buried,” he said. Then he went on to interpret the text from the Song of Solomon, as the Heavenly Father calling to the beloved, Christ Jesus, who was dead in the grave. “The Father calls out lovingly to the Son, ‘Arise, my beloved, my fair one, and come away,’” Brennan said. “The winter is past, death has been overcome, now is the time of spring and new life, now is the time for singing and resurrection life! Look, smell, taste, feel, new life is all around! The Father calls out to the Son, ‘Arise my beloved, my fair one and come away.’” Then Brennan focused on us, “And in the same way, the resurrected Christ is calling out to you, proclaiming that spring is here, new life is here! Christ Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit are calling out to you, the beloved: ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.’ Christ is calling you!”

Maybe this Lenten season is a time for you to listen deeply to Christ’s call to arise out of your places of wintery freeze, those frozen, often deathly places in your life that keep you stuck. Listen, and then answer the Call to rise to new life in Jesus Christ, and then come away to live and follow Jesus Christ as a committed disciple, to then help others to hear the Call and awaken to the spring life of the Resurrection!

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR



BAPTISM

Sunday, March 10

Brooklyn Denae Woloszyk

Parents: Cassie & Brad Woloszyk

Sponsor: Dylan Pritchard

New This Year during Lent –

Everyone is invited to join us for pizza dinner at **6:00pm (\$5 per person)**.

At **6:30pm** Adults are invited to attend the

All-In Relational Ministry

Training in the CV Cinema!

This is a 5-week training for adults and the **cost is \$25**.

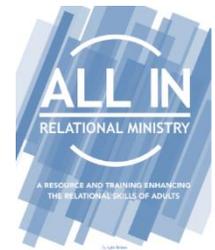
At the same time, the

Confirmation Small Groups will be meeting with Lyle Griner for

Peer Ministry Training, every Wednesday

Night in Lent!

The **GLOW** kids will have their regularly scheduled gathering in the Fellowship Hall!



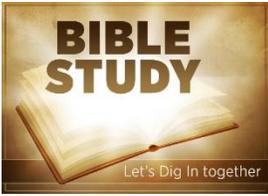
Lent Worship 7:30pm-8:00pm!

Wednesday Night Worship and Music Schedule

| Date: | Theme: | Helpers: | Music: |
|-----------------|--------|------------|--|
| March 13 - 7:30 | Lent 1 | Community | 7 th & 8 th grade Recharge |
| March 20 - 7:30 | Lent 2 | Belonging | 6 th grade GLOW |
| March 27 - 7:30 | Lent 3 | Uniqueness | 7 th & 8 th grade David McMayer |
| April 3 - 7:30 | Lent 4 | Purpose | 6 th grade Joyful Noise |
| April 10 - 7:30 | Lent 5 | Hope | 7 th & 8 th grade Recharge |



Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study



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

March 9th – 8:30am-10:30am!

Coordinator: Bud Williams The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, March 9th at 8:30am. Great time and good stories at the last breakfast. I'm sure we've just scratched the surface on the great stories and conversations we can share. I'll have some hot coffee ready and tasty delights to enjoy with it. For those who will be thawing out in warmer climes at that time, come and share your adventures, next time. We promise to be at least a little jealous if you're sporting a bit of a tan.



Men's Bible & Brew

March 7 at 7:00pm

Location: The Angry Inch, Lakeville



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.

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 at the church. All are welcome! No sign up needed, just come when you are able. **Next gathering, March 25, 6:30pm**



The Dwelling Place

Sunday, March 3rd

Faith Formation for All ages will gather in the CV Cinema from 9:45-10:15 AM for a little Lent trivia, Lent take home ideas and ways we can "give more" instead of "give up" something for Lent.



Did you know the month of March has five Sundays? Faith Formation for All with gather with all ages together on the Lent Festival and we will have small groups for three weeks in a row. The fifth Sunday in March is our Fellowship Sunday.

Calling all softball players!

The 2018 Division and League Champion God



Squad Softball team is getting closer to spring training. Due to our disabled list being a little large to start Spring Training we are looking to add one guy to the team. We play Monday Night double headers at Aaronson

Park in Lakeville. If interested reach out to Matt at either 952-426-2702 or by email godsquadsoftball@gmail.com



Minnesota FoodShare's March campaign is the largest food drive in the state. Last year the campaign raised 5.5 million pounds of food and

over 8 million dollars for Minnesota food shelves. During the Month of March, Social Ministries will provide a grocery cart in the Narthex for your food donations. There are also envelopes attached to the cart for monetary donations to be placed in the offering. Be a part of this annual food & fund drive to help feed our Minnesota neighbors in need!



SAVE THE DATE FOR "Girls Around the World"

Girls of All Ages Tea Party
May 11, 2019 1-3pm
Details coming...



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 dlike@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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| Nursery Attendant..... | CHARMAINE HARRELL | |

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EASTER FLOWER ORDERS... please help us bring spring to our sanctuary for Easter and at the same time support our youth going to WAPO & Christikon this summer. Orders are due by Sunday, March 24th.

2019 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

FINAL ORDERS DUE: SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Order must be pre-paid, make check payable to Christus Victor Lutheran Church

(When placing your order, please keep in mind that some plants are toxic to pets)



A Fundraiser for the Summer Camp (WAPO and Christikon)

| EASTER PLANT OPTIONS (all plants come with foil pot cover, except pansy bowl) | \$ COST PER ITEM | ORDER QUANTITY | TOTAL \$ COST PER ITEM |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6" Easter Lily, single plant (5+ blooms) | \$15.00 | | |
| 8" Easter Lily, triple plant (12+blooms) | \$25.00 | | |
| 6.5" Hydrangea - BLUE | \$25.00 | | |
| 12.5" Pansy Bowl, mixed colors | \$20.00 | | |
| 6.5" Azalea - Pink Shades | \$20.00 | | |
| 6.5" Spring Mum - YELLOW | \$15.00 | | |
| | | ORDER TOTAL: | \$ |

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In memory of _____

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