



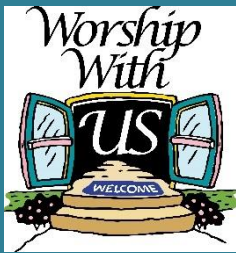
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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

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-8:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

8:00pm – grades 9-12

Alive In Christ Jesus!

"The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Romans 6: 10-11

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



"It's hard to get my head around this," is something people often say when faced with a difficult, complicated, or tragic situation. "It's hard to get my head around it."

That is one of the reasons, I think, the church keeps inviting us to come back to the story of Jesus' betrayal, trial, suffering and death on the cross, and his unexpected resurrection on Easter morning. We need to keep going over the story so that we can continue to "get our head around it all."

It starts with a royal procession on Palm Sunday, when Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey, to shouts of praise and thanksgiving. Maundy Thursday, Jesus' Last Supper with the disciples, the institution of Holy Communion, the washing of the disciples' feet and the call to radical servanthood. Good Friday, the day of Jesus trial, crucifixion, and death on the cross. Holy Saturday, the day of waiting, the day of grief and sorrow. Then Easter, Christ's resurrection from the dead!

What does this mean for you and me? God's love is so great, not even killing the Beloved, the Messiah, will stop God from loving and forgiving us. Christ died and rose again so that you may have new life and have it eternally! "It's hard to get my head around it all."

Paul tells us that "because Jesus Christ has died to sin once and for all, and has risen to new life, we need to get our heads around the fact that we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." Because of Jesus's death and resurrection, you are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Get your head around being alive in Christ Jesus!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30am and 11:00am – Palms!

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:00pm – Foot Washing and First Communion

Good Friday, April 19

7:00pm – Service of Darkness & Light

Holy Saturday, April 20

Decorating from 9am-Noon
Prayer Vigil from Noon to 8pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

Celebration Worship!
8:30am and 11:00am Services
Continental Breakfast, 9:30-11:00am

As we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death and the gift of new life and forgiveness given to ALL people, won’t you help us welcome all the guests and visitors who will be joining us for worship during Holy Week and Easter? Let us all make a conscious effort to smile, introduce ourselves, and say **“WELCOME, we’re glad you’re here”** to every new person you may meet during this season. Help us to share the joy of the new life we all share in Christ Jesus and reach out with that joy to **all** our guests and visitors!



Who are the Joyful Servants?

We all are as we provide service to our Lord through preparation and involvement in the weekly worship services. *Please prayerfully consider how you wish to help. What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and support of **Joyful Servants** to the glory of God!*

Please use Sign-Up-Genius link to volunteer

APRIL: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49aaa622a31-joyful64>

HOLY

WEEK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49aaa622a31-holy6>

For many people in our community, Easter is the one day of the year they will come to church. It’s a great opportunity for all of us to reach out to new people, so that they will know they are welcome and invited to join us in living and growing as disciples the rest of the year....offer a Welcome Packet and let them know about Recharge/Sunday services, and other activities.



Faith Formation for All: April & May

SUNDAY, APRIL 7:

9:45-10:45 in Fellowship Hall
All Ages Art Service Project

SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

9:45 All Ages Gather in Fellowship Hall
Palm Sunday activities
10:00-10:45 Small Groups
Topic: Triumphal Entry – Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 21: Happy Easter! He is Risen! ***Fellowship Time in between services***

SUNDAY, APRIL 28: *Typically, this is a Fellowship Sunday, however, because of Easter Sunday, we are having Faith Formation on this Sunday.*

9:45-10:00 All Ages Gather in Fellowship Hall
10:00-10:45 Small Groups – Topic: Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 5: All Ages Service Project Last Sunday of Faith Formation for the year

Lily of the Valley AME Church

JHM Missionary Society



Hosting its Second Annual
SPRING FLING/PRAISE PARTY
April 27, 12-3pm
Christus Victor Fellowship
Hall. \$10, includes lunch.

Bring your Worship Flags, lifted hands and best dance moves. There will be a DJ and a presentation on essential oils and their biblical source

RSVP By April 20: Rev. Audrey 612 384 0127



Faith Formation for All April 7 Art Project

Some have noticed the panels around our cross have disappeared. In fact, they have been taken down for a special art project that will take place in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, April 7 at 9:45am.**

Our extremely talented high school students will be pencil drawing out the designs onto the panels for the rest of us, who may or may not be artistically challenged, to paint.

This will be fun hands-on experiential worship opportunity for everyone - young and wise!

There will be separate coloring/painting pages of the same designs for the little kids as well. The new panels and coloring pages will be hung and displayed for all to see on Easter Sunday.

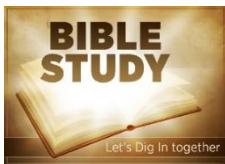
Please join us Sunday, April 7 during the ***Faith Formation for All*** hour 9:45AM-10:45AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Reach out to Cory Jones for more information or questions – cory@christusvictor.org





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

Men's Bible & Brew

April 4, 2019! 7:00pm at the Angry Inch – OR – Streaming Live Online on the CV Men Bible & Brew Facebook Page!

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.



Or, tune in for a Live Streaming of the Bible study and discussion questions on the CV Men Bible & Brew Facebook page.

The Dwelling Place...

Women of Christ 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, April 22, 6:30pm**



The Dwelling Place



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

The Social Ministries Committee will host a blood drive on **Thursday, April 25th 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.

Coffee House Music and Food



April 29 - 7:00pm-9:00pm! at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Lakeville!

We are getting together with our friends from Lord of Life, St. John's, and Family of Christ to sing songs, listen to music performed by various

soloists and groups, and have time to chat over appetizers and beverages.

If you would like to be part of the music, or have song to share, please contact Pastor Kent or Anne.

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

Girls of All Ages Tea Party



Saturday, May 11

1:00 – 2:30 pm

\$3.00 per person

Tickets will be on sale Sunday April 21 to May 5

Donations for B. Robert Lewis House will be collected



Hello Seniors

Spring has finally come!! Hopefully the snow is gone until next year.



Our plans for April are a potluck at church after Bible Study

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DATE: Thursday, April 4

TIME: 11:30 a.m., with lunch around NOON

Please bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. After lunch we will have a meeting to talk about the upcoming plays that will be performing at the High Schools in April. We can then decide which play we would like to attend. These are the Senior Preview Plays, so they are FREE to attend.

Any questions contact Darlene (612-308-9062) or Marlene (952-890-4411)

Scholarship Opportunity!

A scholarship program has been established as a part of the Christus Victor Endowment Fund to recognize graduating seniors who are a part of Christus Victor family. This scholarship application is open to current high school seniors who have exhibited outstanding Christian service and leadership in the church and community; and who will be attending a university, college, community college, or technical college following graduation in 2019.

If you are interested in applying for this one-time scholarship, please fill out the application and return it to the Christus Victor office by Sunday, May 12, 2019. You will find more information and applications on the Christus Victor website, on the Youth Ministry bulletin board, or with Cory Jones, Interim Director of Student Ministry.

Reach out to Cory Jones with any questions: cory@christusvictor.org or 651.249.8958 (cell)

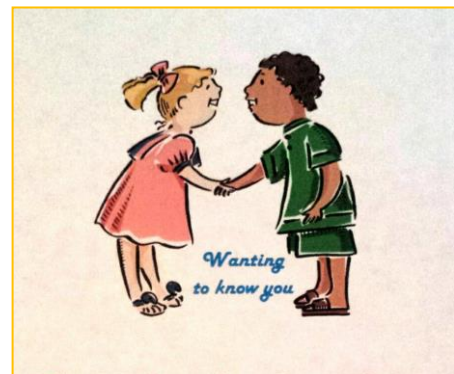


Who knew that every day conversations are really the front lines of ministry? It begins by being aware of the people around you. "WHEAT" conversations are about caring, welcoming, & affirming others.



Where
Hobbies
Experiences
Acquaintances
Travel

WHEAT is an acronym representing common categories used when entering into conversations. Each category can be expanded into a number of questions. After asking, "Where do you live?, where their children attend school etc can further the conversation. You can expand into "Hobbies", "Experiences", "Acquaintances", "Travel". Just try it – you will be surprised how easy it is and where the conversation will lead. It all starts with "Hello, I haven't met you".





CV GREEN TEAM – **WHOLE EARTH NEWS, APRIL 2019**

In a happy coincidence of the liturgical calendar, this year Easter Sunday is immediately followed by Earth Day on Monday, April 22nd! The juxtaposition of these two dates provides a fabulous opportunity to reflect on how the resurrection informs and continues to inspire our role living with and caring for God's creation. The Easter story represents many critical aspects of our faith, but two of those lessons are...

- (1) Jesus' selfless sacrifice of his own life for a cause greater than himself (namely, the whole planet and those who live on it), and;
- (2) the victory over sin, brokenness, death, etc. by the resurrection. Sweet!

Jesus went through this unpleasant yet ultimately triumphant experience not only for the benefit of his immediate peers, but also for future generations. It leads us on Earth Day 2019 to ask,

- (1) how will our interactions with the planet impact those who will follow in our footsteps, and,
- (2) what sacrifices should we make to ensure those future generations enjoy the resources and wonders that we do?



Perhaps you could elect to purchase local produce or opt for renewable energy with your electrical utility. You could commit to one day of wholly plant-based meals a week, or volunteer with a conservation group.

Small sacrifices, but they add up to change how we think about our connection to, and responsibility for, the natural world on a more holistic basis.

Celebrating Easter and Earth Day on consecutive days asks us to examine how Jesus' resurrection informs our continuing relationship with the Earth. No matter our sin, brokenness, or apathy in the past, we're now empowered and free to actualize a better and more environmentally conscious future. If you're interested in hearing more, come join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Climate Change in Our Own Backyard** – Please join us and Interfaith Creation Care South Metro for what undoubtedly will be a fascinating presentation by Dr. Mark Seely, University of Minnesota meteorologist and climatologist. Dr. Seely will be discussing the recent U.S. National Climate Assessment and its impact on the Midwest region. The presentation will be held at 2:30 on May 19th at St. Thomas Becket Church in Eagan.
- **Summer Hiking** – is just around the corner! Lace up your boots and stay tuned for opportunities to join the Green Team for hiking in Lebanon Hills Regional Park and other locations around the Twin Cities!

SPRING IS HERE!... Place your Gerten's Spring Plant **order by April 3rd!** Order forms are at the Information Desk and on the bulletin boards. Turn in your order form with payment to Heidi Horgen or Deanna in the church office.

This fundraiser will support our Youth going to Summer Camp at WAPO and Christikon.

Thank you for your support!

Order Form link:

[Spring Flowers](#)

Plant pick up day is Saturday, May 18 after 12-noon.





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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