



Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

Sundays
Summer Worship

Worship at 9:30am

Fellowship
before & after

WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Awaiting New Things

"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been a year of transitions, of preparing for and awaiting God to do new things in and with our congregation. We said "thank you and Godspeed" to Pastor Steve a year ago and then welcomed first, Pastor Michelle Gawienowski, then Pastor Katie Slack, and then Cory Jones to help us through this year of transition. I am personally so very grateful to them for their help, support, and faithful leadership and ministry this last year.

And now the assessment team, with leadership and guidance by Cory and Sue Brown Megrund from Interserve, have clarified a vision for our children, youth, and family ministries, to seek a full-time Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. That search process has begun, and I ask for your continued prayers and support as we seek a new staff member to join us in the shared ministry that God has given to us to grow together as disciples and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. It's all about forming faith and being formed by faith in Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Added to that have been all the preparations and hard work by the Facility Planning Team, Vanman Architects, the Finance Team, and the Core Team for our building project. Finalizing plans and documents, and preparing budgets and loan materials, to bring it all together for a final proposal to you, the members of CV. My prayer is that by the time you read this newsletter article, you will have approved the proposal, so we can move forward quickly to refresh, improve, and expand our facilities for the sake of our shared ministry and mission here at Christus Victor.

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Times of transition are full of anxiety and uncertainty. Our normal instinct is to revert to old patterns, old behaviors, and even look fondly, with “rose colored glasses” at the glory days of the past. This is normal, but not always healthy or helpful, since we cannot go back (there is no “Infiniti Gauntlet”, and we cannot snap our fingers and change reality). It is God who calls us to focus on the present, and not the past. To look for the signs of the coming future springing up all around us, as blooming plants and trees. God calls us to pay attention to the new things that God is about to do in our lives, in our congregation, and in the world. Things that we did not imagine or expect – a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert! God is doing new things here at Christus Victor.

Let us pay attention and prepare to participate in what God is and will be doing in our lives, our relationships, our share ministries, and our facilities. And let us put our trust that God will be faithful now and, in the future, just as God has been faithful in our past.

Yours in Christ’s Service,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

SUMMER STRETCH...



Summer Stretch is a Middle School ministry for youth entering 6th -8th grade in fall 2019. The group meets on Thursdays during the summer, June 13-July 25 (no session on July 4).

Our Valley Fair Day is August 1st. Join us for a summer of fun activities, service and meaningful conversations connecting faith and life. Friends are welcome! [DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM.](#) Print the form, complete it, and bring it to the church office, with payment.

MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR



DEATHS:

David Jack Strait
(father of Jake Strait)
Died April 29, 2019
Funeral Service Friday, May 10

Orville Raymond Gehrke
Died May 4, 2019
Funeral Service Monday, May 13

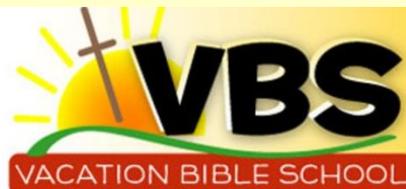
Donna Lanning Pritchard
(mother of Bonnie Pritchard)
Died April 20, 2019
Memorial Service Thursday, May 16

MARRIAGES:

May 25, 2019
Jacob Perendy & Marina Esposito

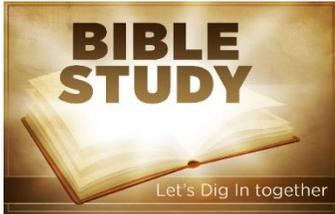
2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Corey McNally, Prior Lake High School
Rebecca Lundquist, Eagan High School
Aaron Thomson, Jefferson High School and
Normandale Community College with an
associate degree in physics



Mark your calendars! VBS for Christus Victor will be held at Family of Christ in Lakeville, MN Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13 from 6:00-8:00 PM with Camp WAPO Counselors! Registration is now available online via the Family of Christ website:

<http://www.familyofchrist.com/learn/summer-opportunities/vacation-bible-school.html>



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!

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 will be June 3rd, 6:30pm



The Dwelling Place

JOYFUL

Who are the Joyful Servants?

ONE of the exciting ways to participate at Christus Victor is through Joyful Servants, the opportunity to provide service to our Lord through preparation and involvement in the weekly worship services.

Coffee Preparation and Clean Up

Acolytes

Ushers

Greeters

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Communion & Sanctuary Preparation

Communion Clean Up

Nursery Assistant

Please use Sign-Up-Genius link to volunteer:

JUNE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f49aaa622a31-joyful66>

Not sure what's involved?

Training will always be provided if needed.

"All In Relational Ministry" involves a focus on four psychological /inner longings which all people experience:

HOPE BELONGING PURPOSE UNIQUENESS

The definition of **hope** is commonly used to mean a wish: its strength is the strength of the person's desire. But in the Bible, **hope** is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.

[Jeremiah 29:11](#) **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.**



When CVLC members were asked why they attend church, some of the responses reflected the theme of **HOPE:**

CVLC is my foundation

Bible-based worship

God-filled environment for fellowship

Friendly atmosphere for worship

Sharing faith through Education & Fellowship

A safety net

Celebrations of the best in my life

Faith support

Reminders of God's promise & His Love

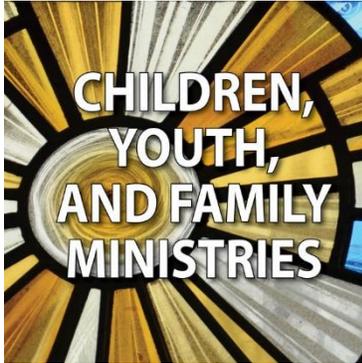
Gives focus on what is important in life

I am fed with God's love

Real **HOPE** is not like a lottery ticket that you scratch off and "hope" you win. With Jesus Christ, it is a sure thing we can count on!



Director of Children, Youth, & Family position update!



First, a big thank you to all that were on the Assessment/Transition Team! This team met and faithfully carried out their charge. They assessed the needs and wants of our church that will help to build a thriving children, youth, and family ministry at CV.

Now, the job description has been posted and a candidate search team assembled. The search team is working through a process that will allow them to select a candidate that will best fit our church and community.

The key elements of this position will be,

- Oversight and training of our existing children's ministry staff/volunteers
- Providing engaging opportunities for middle and high school students to connect and grow in their faith Jesus
- Coordinating with our Pastors to create intergenerational faith opportunities

Please continue to pray that God would guide the search process and that God would direct the person that CV needs in this position!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Cory

cory@christusvictor.org or 651.249.8958 (cell)

Read the full Job Description here: [Director Children, Youth and Family Ministry](#)





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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Ministers.....	ALL MEMBERS OF CV	
Pastor.....	KENT CLAUSSEN GUBRUD	PASTOR.KENT@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
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Office Manager.....	DEANNA LUKE	DLUKE@CHRISTUSVICTOR.ORG
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Contemporary Worship & Music Director.....	COURTNIE DEGRAND	
Wednesday Children’s Ministry Director.....	STACEY KLEIN	
Worship Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Senior Choir Accompanist.....	JULIE McDONALD	
Nursery Attendant.....	CHARMAINE HARRELL	

CHRISTUS VICTOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud
 Shane Colin
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 Dawn Glewwe

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 Karri Holman
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Lori Olson
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