



Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP AT CHRISTUS VICTOR

Sunday Worship

8:30am & 11:00am
Fellowship at 9:30am
Education at 9:45am

Wednesdays

Worship & Education

6:00pm - Pizza dinner
6:30pm - GLOW &
CONFIRMATION
7:25pm – Recharge worship
8:00pm – High School
Youth Group



Giving in Gratitude!

*Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.
For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord! –Psalm 117*

Dear Friends in Christ at Christus Victor,

We have so many reasons to praise the Lord!

There is an old hymn that underscores the foundational principle for Christian stewardship, that God is the giver of all things. The hymn “Count Your Blessings,” recounts all that God has done for us and the many blessings of God in our lives. The most poignant observations of the connection between generosity and gratitude is the hymn refrain:

***“Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God has done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.”*** (public domain)

Gratitude is the acknowledgement and expression of thanksgiving for the rich blessings of God that we receive in life. These blessings are many and diverse, and each of us is blessed in many different ways. But the greatest blessing that God has given to each one of us is the grace, love, and new life God has given us through Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord. Gratitude rejoices in this extraordinary giftedness and moves us to a posture of joyful thanksgiving and generosity for God’s abundant blessings in our life and in our faith community that is Christus Victor.

I am so incredibly grateful for my wife and kids, my family, and my friends. I am grateful for the faithful people in this congregation who give generously of their time, talents, and treasures. I am grateful for the leadership of Cory Jones, from Interserve Ministries, who help us through our transition so we can now welcome Josh Svenulski as our new Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries (See Josh’s bio). I am grateful for our incredible staff who works so diligently to lead and guide our ministries, sometimes hidden behind the scenes. I am grateful for our ministry partners. I am grateful for all of the workers and volunteers on our building project, and the amazing generosity that is making it all possible.

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Starting on Sunday, Oct. 20, we will be hearing stories of Gratitude from members of our church, and we will be inviting you all to “Count your blessings,” as we reflect on our own blessings and our response to Giving in Gratitude this fall for Stewardship!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Meet Josh Svenulski



Greetings! I am SO very excited to meet and start working, worshipping, and serving with you all at Christus Victor! I have a long history with the ELCA and the Twin Cities, so I know I will feel right at home. I grew up in Brooklyn Park, and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and Luther

Seminary. I have worked at a few outdoor camps including Wapo, Green Lake, and Bo Ai International in Henan, China, and recently came from Como Park Lutheran as their Children, Youth, and Family Director. As I write

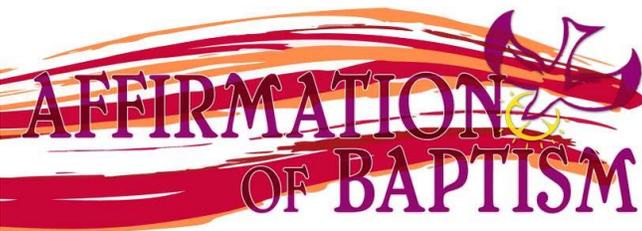


this, I am one week away from celebrating my one-year anniversary with my wife Lydia, who also works in the Lutheran Church world as a Deacon.

In my spare time, and sometimes in professional life, I am a bit of a nerd. I have played in both classical and jazz music groups since high school. I also love games of all sorts from board and card games, to video games and nine-square, and have recently gotten into *The Great British Baking Show* with Lydia.

Thank you for already making me feel welcomed as part of the Christus Victor family. I look forward to all that is to come!

Peace,
Josh



Reformation and Affirmation of Baptism Sunday – October 27!

9th Grade Confirmation!

On **Sunday, October 27**, four of our 9th 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. Please keep Arianna, Julia, Bryce, and Jackson in your prayers as they prepare to make Affirmation of their Baptism and Faith!

Beer and Hymns!

Monday, October 21 7pm-9pm

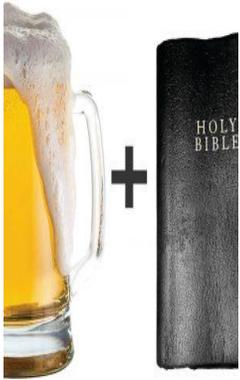
Angry Inch Brewery in Lakeville!

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



A SMILE AND “HELLO” MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A handshake, smile, and a greeting can go a long way towards making someone feel welcome and wanted!



Bible & Brew

2 Options!

**At the Angry Inch Brewery -
Thursday, October 3 at 7pm**

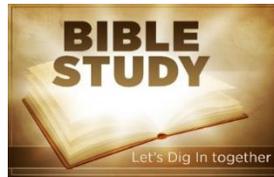
Host – Kevin Philpy. Bring your Bible, grab a brew (or homemade root beer), and come to learn, share, and grow together in faith!

OR

On Facebook – Log on to the Bible & Brew Facebook page at 4pm on Thursday, October 3, or anytime afterward, for an introduction and background to the text by Pastor Kent.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

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



The Dwelling Place...



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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 October 28th, 6:30pm

MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR



Deaths within our congregation:

- Bud Williams
(husband to Caryl, father to Erik Williams)
- Audrey Duffee

During various times in life, everyone discovers the need for real **HOPE**. Everything, everything, everything in life comes to an end, except for the love, grace, peace, and **HOPE** that the message of the church embodies. There are many reasons to lose hope. Faith is the constant source of hope for today and for tomorrow. (Lyle Griner)



Hope for each day of life and the promise of new life.

Hope has been described/felt in the following ways:

- “I have a reason to get out of bed in the morning.”
- “I feel like life is about so much more than just making money.”
- “I feel I have a better understanding of God.”
- “Life has meaning.”
- “I see more good in people and more good things happening”.

GROW with God, **KNOW** His love, and **HAVE HOPE** in the promises of Christ.

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!



**Mark Your
Calendars!
November 8-10!**

Women's Retreat –

Spiritual Spa Day for the Soul

You are invited to a Women's Retreat on November 8-10. This will be a weekend "away" at Camp Wapo. Pastor Michelle Gawienowski will lead us on Saturday where we will pray, reflect, laugh, and experience spiritual practices which will draw us closer to God and one another. The materials we use will be from the book "Space for God" by Don Postema and the Bible. You are invited to bring your own Bible, wear comfy clothes and simply show up for the weekend or Saturday when Pastor Michelle Gawienowski will lead our time together. We are so busy; this retreat will provide some space in our lives to make Jesus our center. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday. If you are only available on Saturday, please join us. The hope is that all women who participate in the weekend will feel a little pampered and spiritually renewed.

We are offering two attendance options – Full Weekend or Saturday Only. We will plan the weekend agenda to fit the two options:

Cost for Full Weekend \$110.00

Cost for Saturday Only \$45.00

The registration form and payment are due to the CVLC office by Sunday, Oct. 27th.

Social Ministries

Fall Cookie Express

Sunday, October 13th

Between services



Grab a container for \$15 and choose from a variety of homemade cookies. Cookies will be placed on tables. You walk your way through the selections and gather until your box is full.

Volunteer cookie bakers are also needed. Sign up at the Welcome Desk and take your instruction sheet. Bake your family favorites; no store-bought cookies please.

This event will benefit Social Ministries Thanksgiving Baskets.



BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM... Thank you to sponsors and volunteers who supported the 2018-2019 Greenleaf Backpack Food Program! Sixty students were provided weekend food bags each week to share with their families!

2019-2020: We will participate once again this next school year to contribute funds and volunteers; the cost is \$140 per student for the school year. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated! Donation envelopes are in the church office. The staff at Greenleaf Elementary have seen a real difference in the students who are served through the Backpack Food Program. CV Contact: Cindy Baubie (cindybaubie@charter.net or 952-715-2080)



Feed My Starving Children

Founded in 1987, FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children.

- 92% of total annual donations are spent directly on feeding.
- Sends meals to nearly 70 countries

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 26th 9:00 am to 11:00 Eagan

Ages 5-105, young children with an adult

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.



Our construction project progressed tremendously in the last month! Here are some of the main highlights:

- Ceilings around the church, particularly in the main hallway, were removed all the way up to the roof.
- New sprinkler pipes and heads have been installed in those exposed ceiling areas, and a new water main has been constructed and connected to our existing water main to supply them with water. A battery of various tests on that new water main are also complete.
- Demolition on the exterior and interior of the church building was done to make way for construction on this project and future projects we may choose to pursue.
- Concrete was poured in our now-former courtyard area, and preparations were made for the construction of our new fellowship space.

As work continues around our church, we want to be sure to remind you to use extreme caution when you're around for any reason. Our building project is unlike others in the construction industry because we required that we maintain occupancy during construction. Our presence makes the job very stressful for the Superintendent and all the workers, because hazards abound in the work zones and no one wants anybody to get hurt. It's critically important that they're able to stay focused on their work, because the danger only increases for everyone when they're interrupted or distracted. Our members' energy and excitement about the project, and our welcoming and friendly nature, is sincerely appreciated. But when you're at church, please allow workers to focus on their jobs. Please do not engage them in conversation, stroll around and watch them or intervene in any way. Please also be extremely careful near work zones, caution tape, cones and barricades, and make sure people of all ages with and around you do so as well. Doing all of this will ensure the safest, speediest project possible.

We're excited for our project to be complete, and to share our new spaces with you. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support.

If you have any questions about the project, the Capital Campaign or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact Jay Johnston or a member of the Core Team.





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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Nursery Attendant.....	CHARMAINE HARRELL	

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