



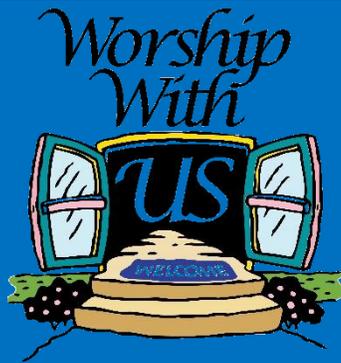
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Voice of Victory

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Sunday Worship

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

High School Youth, grades 9-12

SENIOR CHOIR

8:00pm

Modeling the Faith for Each Other

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What does it mean that we believe in "the Holy Catholic Church" and "the Communion of Saints"? We say these words every time we confess our faith in the Apostle's Creed, but what does it mean to you, your life and faith?

You may remember Martin Luther's explanation in the Small Catechism, where he reminds us that it is in and through the Church that the Holy Spirit is at work, calling us through the gospel, enlightening us with the gifts of the Spirit, making us holy, and keeping us in the one true faith. We need to always remember that "the Church" is the people, the community of forgiven sinners and disciples of Jesus Christ, which is the "Communion of Saints." Rooted in God's Word, gathered around the Sacraments, together we make up "the Church."

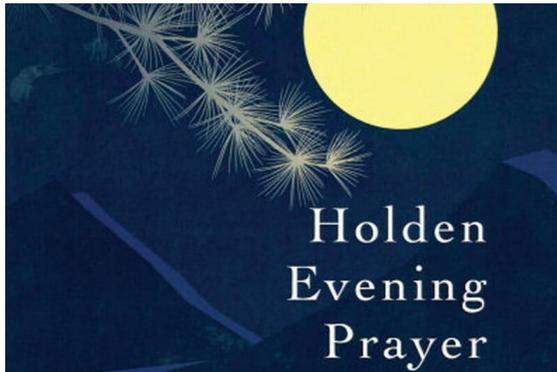
One of the huge implications of this is that we model the faith for each other! How you live out and express your faith makes a huge difference on those around you, especially your family and friends.

- ✚ When you have not seen one of your church friends around for a while, do you reach out with a call, email, text, or card?
- ✚ What are you modeling for your kids if you only drop them off at church and they see that you do not attend worship or participate in the ministries of the church yourself?
- ✚ What kind of a positive impact do you make when you stop to introduce yourself to someone new at church, get to know their name(s), and introduce them to other folks?
- ✚ How much of a difference does it make to you when someone stops to really listen to you and then prays for you?

I'd like to high light a few upcoming opportunities for you to grow and practice being a role model of faith:

- ❖ Join us on Wednesday nights for Lenten Worship at 7:30pm
- ❖ Come to the fellowship hall on Sundays at 9:45am for Faith Formation for All
- ❖ Register for All-In Relational Ministry Training on Saturday, March 14

Yours in Christ's Grace,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesday Nights at 7:25pm
March 4 – April 1

What is Holden Evening Prayer?

Holden Evening Prayer is a simple, beautiful, contemplative Lutheran vespers service, which means that most of the worship service is sung, led by choir members, soloists, with flute and string musicians accompanying the piano.

This prayer service is for all ages, and we encourage parents of our GLOW and Confirmation kids to come and join their kids for this beautiful worship service.



First Communion class is coming up!

If you are in 3rd - 5th grade, you are invited with your whole family to come to our class on

Sunday, March 29th, from 9:45 - 10:45 AM between services. In addition, the next Sunday (Palm Sunday) on April 5th, we will be baking the communion bread together during Faith Formation (again between services), which you are all encouraged to come to as well!

This will all culminate on Maundy Thursday, April 9th, at the 7:00pm service, where we will celebrate remembering the Last Supper together. Sign up or direct questions to Josh! josh@christusvictor.org



Palm Sunday, April 5 – 8:30am and 11:00am
 Special Musical Guests, the Luther College Jazz Orchestra!

Maundy Thursday, April 9 – 7:00pm
 Foot Washing and First Communion

Good Friday, April 10 – 7:00pm
 Service of Darkness and Light

Holy Saturday, April 11
 Decorating from 9am-Noon,
 Prayer Vigil in the afternoon with Prayer Stations for families with kids and adults of all ages.

EASTER, April 12 - 8:30am and 11:00am
 Celebration Worship
 Continental Breakfast from 9:30-11:00am

Ukulele Sunday – March 29

“Do you play ukulele? Are you interested in helping lead a brand-new worship service? If so, contact Courtnie De Grand and grab some music for our upcoming March 29 Ukulele Sunday! We will be rehearsing after second service March 22 at 12:07 pm!
 Hope to see you Ukulele players there!





MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR



*Christus Victor Congregation Members
Birth, Death, Marriage, New Member, Faith Formation milestones*

BIRTH:

Jonah Hugh Philpy – February 24, 2020
Parents: Beth and Kevin Philpy
Big brother Nathan



MARCH 2020

The congregation has been collecting hygiene items throughout the month of February for Matrix Housing Services' homeless shelters in our area.

Join us **Sunday March 1st**, as we gather all together to assemble kits and learn about homelessness and outreach.

Registration is open for Summer Camp at WAPO!

If you want your kids to go to camp, you must register and pay on the WAPO site using this link for the Christus Victor week (June 28-July 3):
<http://lwlbc.com/christusvictor>



LOVE ACTION CHALLENGE

Mother Teresa says a smile is the beginning of love.

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

-Mother Teresa

People may not know about a loving God in the Bible, but they do know love when they experience it or see it in others. Love can only be experienced in relationships.

For the last several months we have been focused on the need of all people to belong and to be needed, using their unique abilities to make a difference in our world. We've also focused on our need to have purpose and hope for the future. People want to be a part of churches and organizations that offer those four elements. When they are present in our lives, we also experience more joy and love.

May each one of us be centered and grounded in God's presence so that we can BE love to those in our world and show it in our actions. Our love and actions of love make a difference in our world and may call others to be open to knowing the Source of all Love.

We invite you to accept the challenge of identifying several actions that you are willing and able to take over the next month that will allow you to show love to those around you. A smile is a great one to include. Make a point of deliberately smiling at people throughout the day. Make note of the reactions you get as well as the way it makes you feel. Other loving actions might include purposeful listening, caring words and activities, volunteering and being kind - especially when it's hard to do so.



All-In Relational Ministry Training

Dear Friends in Christ,
Did you know that you are a minister, doing ministry in your daily life? Every time you care, welcome, reach out to help someone hurting or in need, you are being a minister, living out your calling to be the light of Christ to others. *All-In Relational Ministry* equips and empowers you with skills, knowledge, and insights to become more confident and able to be a minister in your daily life. All-In helps you become more intentional in loving your neighbors as Christ has loved you, both here at church, but especially with your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

You are invited to join us for the **All-In Relational Ministry Training**, on **Saturday, March 14, from 8:30am-2:30pm**, with an optional *Training of Trainers* session from **2:45pm-4:30pm**. The **cost is only \$55**, which includes, coffee, treats, and lunch. This is a significant investment in your personal spiritual growth and development as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The skills, knowledge, and insights you will gain in this training will have a positive impact on your life and faith, in ways you can only just imagine.

We will be hosting this training at Christus Victor in partnership with St. Luke's Lutheran in Bloomington and are inviting other area churches to send people to the training as well.

Please register by **Sunday, March 1**, by turning in your \$55 to Pastor Kent in the church office. I sincerely hope and pray that you will join us for this training event! If you have any questions, please contact me a (952) 454-6927 or pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Minnesota FoodShare's March campaign is the largest food drive in the state. Last year the campaign raised 5.1 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!

Luther Jazz Orchestra



Luther Jazz Orchestra is leading the music portion of worship at both services on **Sunday, April 5th**.

We need to house 18 of them in groups of 4 if possible, otherwise in groups of 2. They will need to be fed breakfast and then brought to church BY 7:30 AM. A few have some dietary issues. They will be arriving on Sat., April 4th at around 10:00 PM. They need to get a set up at the church, so estimated pick up will be around 10:45 PM. Please contact Caryl Williams, 951-442-5232 or Anne Nyquist, 952-423-3502 if you could help us out with housing.



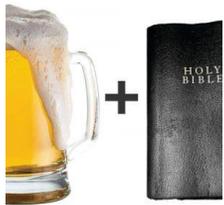
Facebook Bible Reflection



...with Pastor Kent

This month on Thursday, March 5 at 5pm, Pastor Kent will be Live Streaming a Bible Reflection and Questions for the upcoming Sunday Bible text. You will also be able to watch the video after it is posted at any time that works for you.

Bible & Brew – 2 Options!



together in faith!

(1) At the Angry Inch Brewery - Thursday, March 5 at 7pm

We need a Host! Bring your Bible, grab a brew (or homemade root beer), and come to learn, share, and grow

(2) On Facebook – Log on to the Christus Victor Facebook page at 5pm on **Thursday, March 5**, or anytime afterward, for an introduction and background to the text, along with some reflection questions by Pastor Kent.

WANTED:

Help on Social media efforts for CVLC!

We are looking for an individual to support a short-term project for CVLC efforts to further provide welcoming to our church through Facebook and Instagram. Seeking fresh and creative ideas that we can use and build into a social media schedule and promote the ministries of our church. This is a good way to learn about these communication venues, perhaps to build/add onto a portfolio of work! Please contact Karin Ilg - karin.m.ilg@gmail.com if you have an interest or questions.



Thursday Morning Adult Bible Study

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



“We are never done learning and growing in our faith, and what it means to believe and follow Jesus. Once you stop learning and growing, maybe you are dead. Or maybe your faith is dead.” (a Bible study participant)

The Dwelling Place...



The Dwelling Place

Next gathering will be **March 23rd, 6:30pm**

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.

2020 Girls of All Ages Tea



Saturday May 2nd, 2020

1:00 - 2:30

\$3.00/ person

To Support the B. Robert Lewis House
Tickets on sale April 12th





Mission Trip 2020 - TANZANIA

Pam Luginbill

I am looking forward to the opportunity to experience something completely different with people who share my faith in God. I am excited to meet in person, the people we support, pray for and who also pray for us!



Kathy Wittnebel

This Mission Trip has been on my bucket list since Christus Victor started going. I am excited to experience a new culture, meet our brothers and sisters in Mlowa, and represent Christus Victor. I know God is with me on this journey that is way outside of my comfort zone!

Daniel Gubrud

I want to go to Tanzania to seek discomfort! I've never been to a country that's so different from ours and I want to have new experiences outside of my comfort zone through God.

Karin Ilg

My reason is that Africa has been on my bucket list ever since my Godmother told me in her visits that it captures your heart, makes you laugh and makes you cry - all at the same time.

Mary Helman

For over 15 years, a mission trip has been on my heart, so when I was invited to go, the thought turned into "yes send me"!!. Not only am I excited to go on this personal spiritual journey, I am looking forward to experiencing Gods heart in a whole different way with the cultural opportunity this will bring.

Tori Gens

I chose to go on this trip because I've always felt a passion and calling to serve God not only in my community but across the world. I'm so excited to embark on another adventure and to truly immerse myself into the culture. I hope to spread the light of Jesus's love and make a difference in someone's life!

Kyle Dobberman

I'm going on this trip because in the last two years I have grown in my faith greatly and I wish to continue. Also, I think it's really cool that our faith is shared with people across the world. I'm really excited to meet our partners in Africa for whom I've grown up praying and hearing about.

Hannah Edman

I have been wanting to go on this trip since I was in 6th grade. I am looking forward to growing closer to God and worshipping with our neighbors. As long as I can remember CV has been praying for the Mlowa Parish and I am excited to meet them and experience their culture!





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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Please help beautify our sanctuary and support our Mission Team who is heading to Tanzania in June. Order forms need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday, March 4th. Thank you!!

**2020 Easter Garden Order
Fundraiser for Tanzania Mission Trip
Orders Due: Wednesday March 4**



Orders must be pre-paid, make checks payable to: CVLC					
Easter Lilies - White		\$ Each		Quantity	\$Total (per line item)
GH5020PC	6" Easter Lily-single stem (5+ blooms)	\$15.00	x		
GH525PC	8" Easter Lily- 3-4 stems (12+ blooms)	\$25.00	x		
Blooming Plants					
GH5375	6.5" Hydrangea - Blue	\$20.00	x		
GH5385	6.5" Hydrangea - Pink	\$20.00	x		
GH5201	6.5" Azalea - Pink Shades	\$20.00	x		
GH5221	6.5" Spring Mum - Purple	\$15.00	x		
GH5220	6.5" Spring Mum - Yellow	\$15.00	x		
Blooming Bulbs					
GH5225	6.5" Calla Lily - Yellow	\$20.00	x		
GH4945	6" Hyacinth - Mixed (4 bulbs per pot)	\$15.00	x		
<i>Please Print</i>				Order Grand Total:	\$ _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____