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O HOLY NIGHT
CHRIST IS BORN, GLORIFY HIM!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS 2020! "Celebrating the Light of Christ Come to Us!"

Join us LIVE for worship, or watch later, on
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch/>

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 at 9:30am - Along with Pastor Paul Oman's "Drawn to the Word," the **CV Christmas Ukulele and Guitar mini-band** will carry on the tradition of fun Christmas music, as we pause the traditional CV Christmas Band until next year.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER. 24 at 5:30pm and 10:00pm - Have your home altars ready with bread and wine, and your Christmas Candles, as we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus our Lord! Each service has different special music, from a jazz trio, duets, brass, and also a small choir at 10:00pm. Gather your family and friends for a "Watch Party" on Facebook, experiencing together the joy of Christmas!

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 27, at 9:30am - "Lessons and Carols," a joint worship service with 17 of our partner congregations in the St. Paul Synod South Conference. Join together for worship with thousands of your sisters and brothers across our community, sharing their gifts and the Good News of Christ's Birth.



Sunday Worship
Live Stream on Facebook
9:30am



Sunday Education
Faith Formation for ALL
(FFFA) 10:30am

Wednesday
GLOW, Confirmation,
Youth Group



The Welcoming Team has been discussing how to reach out to folks and “Be the Church” online. We think it’s important to acknowledge visitors and help them feel included in our CV community. It seems like we have a wonderful opportunity to **CONNECT** with people we don’t know and spread the good news of Jesus Christ far and wide. At the same time, we recognize how important it is to stay **CONNECTED** to our CV Family. We’d like to encourage you to think about the following:

- Acknowledge/greet visitors with a “Reply” if they make a comment on Facebook – you could say “Welcome to Christus Victor” or “Glad you could join us for worship”
- “Share” CV worship services and other posts on your Facebook page. It might be helpful to add a comment about something you especially appreciated in the service – “Hope you enjoy the special instrumental Christmas music”
- Remind folks that worship services can be accessed without a Facebook account by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch/>

Thank you all for “Being the Church” together online and offering hope and light during this challenging time.

STEWARDSHIP 2020

“Giving in Generosity: God’s Generosity to Us, Our Generosity in Response”

Thank you to the many households who have turned in your pledges!

There are still many households who have not turned in pledges yet. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please get yours into the church this week!

Please either mail in your pledges or email Deanna Luke directly: dLuke@christusvictor.org. We’ve been having troubles with the website link, so we apologize if your pledges did not go through! If you need a pledge card, please contact the church office and we can send you one (952) 454-6927.

A Heartfelt thank you and searching for new Endowment Committee members.

The Christus Victor Church Council would like to extend a warm word of thanks to Scott Thureen for his many years of service leading the Endowment Committee and to members Beth Doeden, Doug Walter and Rick Buffie for assisting in the scholarship review process. The Endowment Committee wishes to revitalize its presence in our congregation. To do so, we need new committee members! Please consider this volunteer opportunity, especially if you have expertise in this field. The Endowment Committee’s primary role is to oversee and manage funds/grants; this includes educating our congregation, promoting, soliciting funds and assisting donors. The most notable action of the committee is the distribution of the CV Scholarship to high school seniors upon their graduation. Questions can be directed to Karl, Sarah or PK - sarah.thomson@outlook.com, captkdobbs@gmail.com, or pastor.kent@christusvictor.org

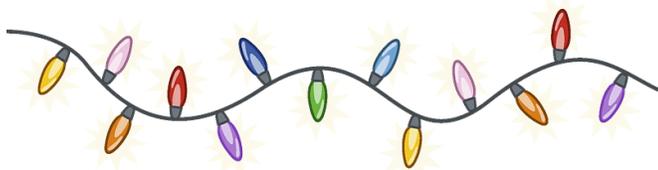


GLOW Happenings

Kids are so incredibly resilient, and I hope you share with me great pride in how they have handled the fall not only with school, but with GLOW as well. We have some new friends that seem to fit in quite well. While I wish I could see them in person every week, sit with them, eat pizza, and play games in the fellowship hall, we also know that while we can't be together that connecting is not an option. Pastor Kent said it best last summer that nothing about church has been or ever will be 'cancelled'. Thank you for supporting your kids making sure they are staying connected. How sweet it will be when we can gather in person, weekly again. We have been talking about the Tree of Jesse for our Advent lessons. Next week, December 16th we will have our virtual Christmas party with trivia, games and of course we will do our Gingerbread Churches. On December 19th at 11:00 AM grab a lunch and join us for our 2nd annual showing of the movie 'The Star' on Zoom watch party. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. And remember "the first Christmas was very simple, it's ok if yours is too". We will be back continuing our Beatitude lesson on January 6th, 2021.

Dec 20 - CV Caravan Christmas Light Show Through Apple Valley, 5 PM

Everyone is invited to meet at church in the parking lot in their cars, and we will "caravan" our way around Apple Valley to look at some official synchronized Christmas Light Shows! Details about the exact route and which radio stations to tune in to will be coming out soon!



Christus Victor Presents: 'Twas the Weekend Before Christmas

For questions/more info, and ZOOM links, contact Josh Svenulski (josh@christusvictor.org)

Dec 18 - Holiday Chopped Night, 6 PM

How does it work? As a family one person is chosen as your "cook". They will have one hour to cook dinner or bake a holiday dessert for the rest of the family to eat (whatever works better for you). One other person in the family will be the "special ingredient provider". They choose ANY 3 random ingredients they want from your house, fridge, pantry, freezer, etc. and the "cook" *MUST* use those 3 ingredients in the one-hour time limit, in addition to whatever else they want for cooking. Experimentation and deliciousness ensue! Everyone joining in from CV will hop on Zoom at 6 PM, either to start baking, or just to watch the fun! We will "judge" everyone's final products by looks, taste, and creativity.

Dec 19 - "The Star"

GLOW Watch Party on Zoom, 11 AM

Join GLOW on Zoom to watch "The Star" together. Wear your PJs, bring lunch, invite a friend to Zoom watch!

Dec 19 - Jr High Game Day on Zoom, Among Us, Jackbox, and more! 4 PM

Confirmation kids join in for an afternoon of online games (no lessons, just Jr. High fun!). Games like Jackbox or Fishbowl only need a separate browser to play, so if you can use a second device (one for Zoom and one for the game) it works well, but if not then only one device is just fine! (Zoom audio will still run in the background). For "Among Us", you need to download the game either on to a phone or tablet for free, or for about \$5 on PC.

Dec 20 - "Polar Express"

Youth Group Watch Party on Zoom, 7 PM

Join the Youth Group for the annual "Polar Express" watch party! Come pick up a goodie bag at church Sunday Dec. 20 in the afternoon before 4:30 PM, including popcorn, hot cocoa, candy canes, and more! Invite a friend and join in the joy.



Capital Campaign Core Team - CORE II

Earlier this fall, members of the Core team from CV's first capital campaign met with a group of potential members for a second Core team. After a few meetings and discussions with members of the first Core team, four CVLC members accepted the position on the second Core Team.

We are thrilled to announce that Craig Doeden, Connie Orman, Anessa Andersland, and Kristi Manning will be serving on the Core Team for the second capital campaign. The members of the team feel blessed to have been called to serve Christus Victor.

The team was welcomed by the Church Council in October and has been meeting bi-weekly to discuss plans for the second Capital Campaign.

Each team member is excited to use their skills and serve Christus Victor.

Why did you feel called to join CORE II?
"I wanted to volunteer for the CORE II team to help benefit Christus Victor and its ministry." - Anessa Andersland

What excites you about being on the CORE II team?
"I am excited to see what we can do to help with reducing the debt the church has from the first capital campaign and see what extras we do to make Christus Victor a more beautiful and welcome place." - Connie Orman

What do you hope to give/provide for CV being on the CORE II Team?
"I hope to be able to provide insights into our path forward using my background in communication, as well as create a space for open dialogue and deliberation regarding the second campaign."
- Kristi Manning

What skill or insights do you hope to gain from being on CORE II?
"A better understanding of how the church feels about moving forward with the Opening Our Arms (Even) Wider campaign." - Craig Doeden

The team asks for your prayers of guidance during their meetings and decision-making processes over the next few months, leading up to the start of the second campaign.

Peace and Blessings,

Connie



Kristi

Anessa

Craig