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Returning to Limited In-Person Worship on Sunday, February 7th at 9:30am!

The Church Council unanimously approved the New Day Planning Team's proposal to return to limited in-person worship starting on Sunday, February 7, at 9:30am. Worshippers will need to register online via SignUp Genius.

Worshippers must wear masks inside the church and are asked to arrive 10 minutes early to check in, pick up a prepackaged Communion Cup and Wafer, and then proceed to their assigned pews. Greeters and ushers will be present to help you find your seats. Please observe physical distancing in the hallway following worship. If you do not have access to a computer to sign up for worship, please call the church office and we will help you out.

SignUp Genius for Worship (Sundays and Wednesdays during Lent):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F49AAA622A31-seating>

Please only sign up for the seats that you need for you and your family. Remember to wear your masks and observe safe physical distancing.

LENT - The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – February 17!



DRIVE THRU ASHES – Come to the church parking lot for the Imposition of Ashes:
Noon-1pm and 5pm-6:30pm.

Ash Wednesday Worship Streaming Live at 7pm, or, register for limited in-person worship on SignUp Genius.

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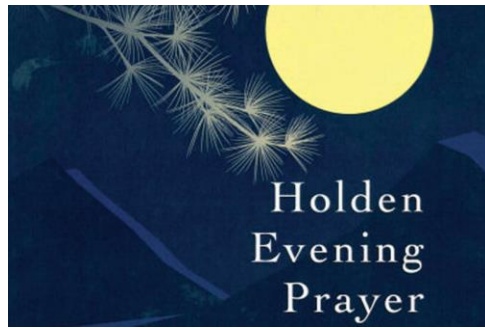
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Sunday Worship
In Person & Live Stream on Facebook
9:30am

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

Wednesday
GLOW, Confirmation,
Youth Group



THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH COUNCIL SERVANT-LEADERS!

Christus Victor is blessed to have so many faithful servant-leaders, who give of their time, their talents, their resources, and most importantly of themselves for the sake of the ministry and mission of Christ Jesus in and through this church.

We give thanks to God for those who are stepping off of council, for their faithful service: ***Sarah Thomson, Mike Orman, Ron Hansen, Lori Olson, Dawn Glewwe, and Karri Holman***

We also give thanks to God and welcome our new council members: ***Alana Thureen, Barb Damlo, Kevin Philpy, and Kris Scott***

The four new council members will be joining: ***Aaron Nyquist, Kristin Schulz, David McMayer, Karl Dobberman, Jody McDermott-Baty, and Karin Ilg***

Please keep these, your elected Church Council members, in your prayers, that they would faithfully lead this congregation in living out our shared ministry, "Serving Christ and Community with Faith, Love, and Open Arms."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP IN LENT AT 7:30PM

Join us for worship either in-person or streaming live on Facebook. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer, focus on scriptures and messages connected to the theme, "Community in Christ: Belonging, Believing, Becoming."

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COLLEGE CONNECTIONS in LENT – Wednesday Nights at 9:30am starting on Ash Wednesday

What does it mean to be a member of a Community Gathered and United in Christ, especially when we are out of high school, away from church, and spread out across the country?

How do we experience and create Belonging? What does Believing look like as we grow into an adult faith? Who are we Becoming as individuals and a community united in Christ?

Join Pastor Kent, Josh, and your fellow post-high school seekers to connect, reflect, and support one another on **Wednesday Nights in Lent at 9:30pm!**

College Connections Zoom Meeting -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82613225527?pwd=L3RuZTZ6bXkxdUNOR0FNZDIPbjNYQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 1322 5527

Passcode: 042658

Sometimes you just need a hug 🤗



During the pandemic, CV members have been reaching out with virtual hugs. We've initiated and continue caring connections with members of our faith community who have been isolated during this difficult time.

Caring CV volunteers reach out via phone calls and /or cards to share friendship, encouragement, and prayers. This ministry has been a blessing to many.

Thank you to those who share their time to bring a little light into sometimes dreary days. Please contact Pastor Kent if you know someone who needs a virtual hug.



Racial Justice Task Force Forming



What started as a small group conversation on Facebook in June, grew into a larger group of Christus Victor members and

friends, along with members of Lily of the Valley, who read, discussed, and struggled with issues in the book "Dear Church," related to racism, both individual and systemic, within the Church and broader society.

From that initial group, a Racial Justice Task Force has begun to form, to help lead our congregation in the process of understanding the historic and current issues of race and racism, how to become anti-racists, and what does it mean to truly become a community reconciled in Christ Jesus that welcomes all people.

If you are interested in joining this task force, or would simple like to participate in future educational opportunities, please contact Pastor Kent at pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

The Welcoming Team

is planning a strategy to reach out and connect with online visitors and build community. *(thanks in advance to our website techies!).* Wouldn't it be great to have a "sign the guest book" link and process prayer requests via our website? Our hope is to better meet the needs of visitors/members and engage them in ministry opportunities. Eventually we're hoping to roll out a plan for online membership! *Stay tuned....*

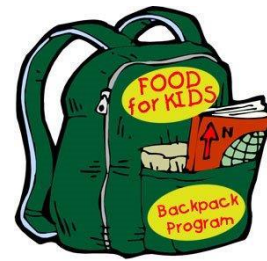


MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

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

BAPTISM: January 30, 2021
Aubree Grace Woloszyk
Parents: Cassie and Brad Woloszyk
Sponsors: Katie Hoium, Dylan Hoium

SOCIAL MINISTRIES: Backpack Food Program at Greenleaf Elementary



Thank you for supporting the Greenleaf Backpack Food Program for many years. This school year has had many challenges for the students. Making sure they have access to food has been a priority of the staff. Families can pick up the backpack food each week at the school or now that some students are attending class in person, the teachers will once again put the bags in the backpacks.

The organization that supplies the food has changed their name to "Every Meal" and Christus Victor will continue to support Greenleaf with the weekly backpack meals. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated by sending your check to Christus Victor with the words "Greenleaf meals" written on the memo line. Thank you! If you have questions/concerns, please contact Cindy Baubie at 952-431-5435 or Cindybaubie@charter.net.

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously gave to the ELCA GOOD GIFTS project!!!! We were able to purchase:



- SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR A CLASSROOM - \$300
- 4 SOLAR POWERED LANTERNS - \$120
- COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN - \$200
- SEEDS & GARDENING TOOLS - \$100
- FISH FARM - \$250
- 3 WARM BLANKETS - \$30

For a total of \$1000 dollars!! PRAISE THE LORD!!! We are BLESSED to be a BLESSING!!!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

The CYF Committee, New Day Team, and the Church Council have all discussed, and it has been voted on to safely, and slowly, return to some of our in-person CYF activities at church! (in-person worship will also be returning, with guidelines). Starting the week of February 7th, we will slowly return to our hybrid model. It will be very similar to our Fall model and follow the same calendar.

For Faith Formation For All, our first outdoor activity will be that Sunday, February 7th, following worship at 11 AM in the parking lot. It will be "Camp Sunday" - and we will be giving out information about the summer, warming ourselves by the portable campfires, and doing some fun activities together!

- Each First Sunday of the month will be a large group activity for all ages at 11 AM, mostly hoping for outside,
- The "middle" Sundays of the month will be small groups by age on Zoom, starting at 10:30AM.
- The last Sunday will be open fellowship on Zoom, both starting at 10:30 AM.

For Wednesday Programs, starting February 10th, we will return to our hybrid model for GLOW, Confirmation, and Youth Group.

- We will generally be meeting at 6:30 PM (7:45 PM for Youth Group) every other week in-person, and then only online, as we did in the Fall to do our best and keep everyone safe and healthy.
- Ash Wednesday is coming up soon however, and so that will add one extra week between in-person activity for the first few sessions, which will give us even more time to slowly and safely return (a separate email with schedule to be sent).
- And, as we did in the Fall, if anyone in your family is feeling sick, has been exposed to Covid, or you don't feel safe coming into the building, you can still virtually join during our hybrid in-person nights.

Best practices for health and safety will continue for the foreseeable future, including:

- Required mask wearing. If you don't have one when you arrive, we have lots of extras!
- Physical distancing of 6 feet. Spaces and seating for GLOW, Confirmation, and Youth Group will be marked ahead of time, and there is plenty of space outdoors to spread out.
- No food or drink while inside, including pizza dinner.
- Sanitation stations will be set up throughout the church.
- Spaces are designated for each group, and only to be used by those groups while at church.
- Spaces will be cleaned and sanitized after each activity by staff and volunteers.
- An expectation is needed from each family, household, and individual to monitor their own symptoms, take their temperature, wash their hands regularly, and not to come into church if you are feeling sick or have recently been exposed within 14 days. More information and resources can be found here:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/prevention.html>

Lastly, we will be more vigilant than in the Fall about children and youth drop off and pickup time. Parents will need to drop off and wait either outside or in their cars for pickup following Wednesday activities, in order to limit exposure and keep physical distancing, specifically in the entryways. GLOW children will be brought outside by volunteers or staff at the South "Art Room" entrance, and Confirmation will be let out the North "Office Doors" entrance.

For the weeks of Lent, services will be starting at 7:30 and thus Wednesday activity will be ending a little early (7:30 instead of 7:45 for GLOW and Confirmation). Children and youth must either be:

A). Attending worship, signed up ahead of time, and with their families

or

B). Be picked up by their families at 7:25 PM.

(We cannot have them all crowded together at the front of the sanctuary like "normal" during Wednesday worship, and they cannot just sit wherever they want, or wander around the church unsupervised).

We have these guidelines in place so everyone can return safely! And, we are so very excited to do so!!



Below is a lot of important information about Camp Wapo this summer, including dates, registration, price, and Covid precautions and updates.

Christus Victor Dates

Wapo Youth Camp, completed grades 4-8, June 27 - July 2, \$495*

Wapo Seeds Camp, completed grades 1-3, July 8-10, \$200** (note not over typical weekend dates)

The Servant Leadership Program (similar to T.I.M. Team in years past) is also available for high schoolers, completed grades 9-12, who want to go to camp and partner with current counselors to work with campers. The specific weeks for this program are still being determined, \$495*.

Registration opens to church members on **February 1st**.

Registration for the general public opens on March 1st.

Because of Covid restrictions, camp will be operating at a reduced capacity, and thus registration, and our reserved spots, are greatly reduced.

If you are interested in signing up, I recommend you do it ASAP on February 1st.

If spots fill up and you cannot get in right away, you will be put on the waitlist.

You can register here:

<https://events.circuitree.com/campwapo/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2Fcampwapo%2FDashboard%2FRegistrations%2F>

After logging in, you need to register by clicking on the correct "Program Name", church name "Christus Victor Lutheran Church," and the correct "Week of Program". If you are registering more than one child or youth, you will need to register each child individually. Wapo's website has been updated, but your login information from years past should be the same. Please don't make a new account if you already have one - if you have questions please contact Natalie at the Registration Office:

nataliep@campwapo.org, or 715-268-8434.

*Registration requires a *\$100 down deposit for youth camp, and **\$50 for Seeds.

Scholarships are available both from Christus Victor, and from Camp Wapo.

Camp Wapo will refund any payments if camp wide programming is canceled for any reason. If you need to personally withdraw children or youth attendance, Camp Wapo will work with families on an individual basis.

Camp Wapo is also carefully considering all **precautions for Covid-19**. You can read all about their risk management and mitigation, and parental agreement form here;

<https://lakewapo.org/news/camp-and-covid/>

If you have any additional questions, please contact Josh Svenulski – josh@christusvictor.org