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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4!

9:30am Worship Streaming Live on Facebook, or In-Person!

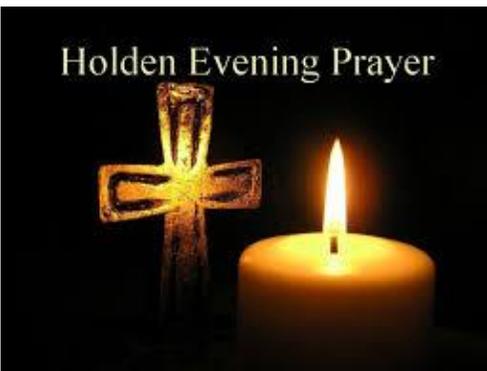
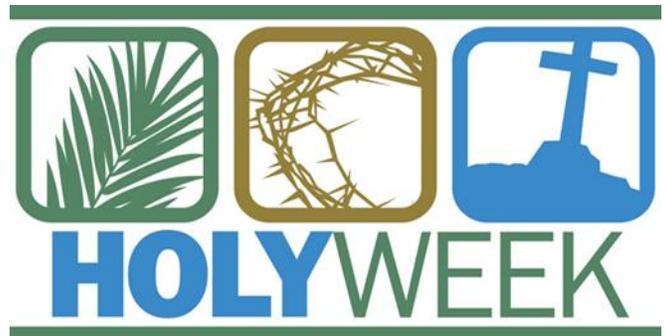
Please join us, and invite your family and friends on Facebook, to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! You can join us for in-person worship by registering on Signup Genius -

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

Holy Week Begins on Palm Sunday, March 28!

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm on April 1 (No fooling!)

Good Friday Worship at 7pm on April 2!



The Season of Lent Continues on Wednesday Nights into the end of March.

We are using Holden Evening Prayer and focus on scriptures & messages connected to the theme, "Community in Christ: Belonging, Believing, Becoming."



Sunday Worship

In Person & Live Stream on Facebook
9:30am

Sunday Education

Faith Formation for ALL
(FFFA) 10:30am

Wednesday

GLOW, Confirmation,
Youth Group



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

> 10:00 AM: BIBLE REFLECTION WITH PASTOR KENT through the miracle of technology will be on the **Christus Victor Facebook page**. Grab your Bible, a cup of coffee, and join Pastor Kent for a time to reflect on the scripture for Sunday worship.

> 1:00 PM: Weekly Bible Study Conference Call. Join us by dialing 978-990-5000, when prompted dial 626 333. Have your Bible's ready as we dig into the scripture together.

COLLEGE-AGE GROUP

During Lent, a group of our college-age folks have gathered from across the country on Wednesday nights on Zoom, for discussions on faith, life, and scripture, from Florida, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, and California!

We are making plans to continue this group this spring, and hopefully in-person this summer. If you have a college-age kid who may be interested in connecting with others from church, please have them reach out to Josh at josh@christusvictor.org or Pastor Kent at pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY -

LUTHERANS AND THE BIBLE!

Eight young adults from their mid-twenties to early thirties joined our first meeting on Zoom focusing on how Lutherans understand the Word of God. They want to know "how to read and critically understand the scriptures," "what do we do about portions of the scriptures that we strongly disagree with," "with all of the sadness, conflict, and suffering in this world, how can the Bible help us know God's presence in our life"? We will be discussing these and other questions in our upcoming Zoom gatherings, and hopefully some in-person gatherings later this spring and summer!

Next Zoom – To Be Determined – Stay Tuned!

REGISTER FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Reminder to Register for Worship on Signup Genius for Wednesdays, Sundays, and Holy Week Worship services!

Please remember to register on Sign-Up Genius for Worship both for Sundays, Wednesdays during Lent, and Holy Week services:

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

Please only sign up for the seats that you need for you and your family. With more people getting vaccinated and feeling comfortable attending in-person worship, we must still maintain physical distancing, which means needing people to register ahead of time, so people from different households are not sitting next to each other. It also means wearing masks.

USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED!

We need more people to volunteer to be ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning and Wednesday Lenten services, if we are to continue offering the in-person worship option. Please contact the church office to sign up and we will contact you to set up a training session. Thank you!



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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Karl Dobberman at cv_smile@christusvictor.org (underscore between cv and smile: cv_smile@).



SOCIAL MINISTRIES:

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 AT 1 PM CDT – 7 PM
Red Cross Blood Drive At Christus Victor

For more information on how to sign up to donate the gift of life, please check out the church Facebook page.



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

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

NEW MEMBERS: March 14, 2021

Bil and Di Sutlief

Sponsors: Doug and Stacey Klein

Lifting the Community- March FoodShare!



When the Covid-19 pandemic struck a year ago, food insecurity exploded across the country in the resulting financial upheaval. In Minnesota that resulted in a record 3.83 million visits to food shelves in 2020 as hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans lost their employment. Many of us know someone who has struggled financially due to the pandemic or have struggled ourselves. Many of the 2020 food shelf visits were made by people who had never needed to rely on the help of their local food shelf to feed themselves or their families.

Over 500,000 visits last year were made by people 65 years of age and older. Additionally, Sheridan Story (now Every Meal) reported a 400% increase last May in meals needed by children and their families. They are providing over 100,000 meals a week in comparison to about 25,000 meals a week pre-pandemic. In short, more people across the board are in need of food security than there has ever been in recent memory.

March 2021 marks Minnesota FoodShare's 40th Anniversary of the March campaign. The campaign will run from March 1st through April 11th this year. This is a great opportunity to make a huge, affirming impact in the lives of so many of our friends and neighbors! The March campaign provides a much-needed boost to participating food shelves as they receive additional funds from Minnesota FoodShare based on the food and funds, they raise during the March campaign. During this year's March campaign, 360 Communities' goal is to raise \$100,000 and 100,000 pounds of food.

Social Ministries welcomes you to join in raising funds for the Rosemount Family Resource Center, our neighborhood food shelf within 360 Communities. We can embrace our community with God's love and help provide our friends and neighbors with the food security they need during an especially difficult and unpredictable time. To contribute to our efforts, please write checks out to Christus Victor and write March FoodShare in the memo section. You can mail these to church or bring to the church office. If giving cash, please put in an envelope marked for March FoodShare and bring to the church office. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we won't be collecting any food items this year.

No contribution is too small or too large! We encourage everyone to give as they are able; our combined efforts will make the biggest impact. If you have friends, family, or co-workers looking for a way to help others during this difficult time please encourage them to join in and donate to Christus Victor's March FoodShare. Spread the word and increase the blessings to our community!



The Welcoming Team has been discussing how to reach out to people 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”. Greeting fellow worshipers is important to make people feel valued and **connected**.
- “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. “The contemporary music was great”. The Pastor’s Log or Bible Reflections might be a good way to “share” our faith and introduce Christus Victor to others.
- 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 some hope and light through **connection** to our church community.



Racial Justice Work

In September 2020, the members of Christus Victor were invited to participate in a book study using a book titled, *Dear Church – A Love Letter From a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* Approximately 30 people from Christus Victor participated along with several of our partners in ministry from Lily of the Valley. The study and discussions continued through February 2021. In follow up to the book study, a small group was formed to consider how we at Christus Victor might more fully live out our mission, standing up for justice for all God's children and celebrating the diversity in the family of God.

The group has been working on the development of a Social Justice Statement that we will soon be able to share with the congregation. Please watch for pastor's logs, temple talks and other communication to keep you informed. We are thankful for the spiritual leadership of Pastor Kent, Josh Svenulski, and Stacey Klein as they guide our congregation on this journey and for the grace of the members of Lily of the Valley who are walking with us. Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Racial Justice team if you have any questions or to get involved.

Team Members: Alana Thureen, Alice McCammon, Kevin Philpy, Kristin Schulz, Nancy Erler, Pastor Kent



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Camp Wapogasset will be this summer June 27 - July 2, and July 8-10! The registration period has already passed, but if you interested in going or have any questions please contact Josh.

Our **High School Summer Mission Trip** this year will be to Camp Amnicon, open to outgoing 8th-12th graders! We'll be safely exploring the outdoors near the south shore of Lake Superior, canoeing, making fires, hammock camping, and more! The dates are July 11 - 16 and the price is \$425, with camperships and fundraising opportunities available. Josh will be sending out sign up information very soon, so look for that or contact him with any questions.



Vacation Bible School is happening this summer, August 2 - 6! Our theme is The Knights of North Castle. We will have plenty of games, crafts, songs, Bible studies and snacks for elementary aged children, utilizing the outdoors at church. More details coming soon, but we are looking for a LOT of volunteers to help, and for you all to invite your friends!

Upcoming Events

Faith Formation FOR ALL has been creative this year, utilizing Zoom for our Advent Festival and for Camp Sunday, as well as having outdoor events like our Campfires and Prayer Stations event earlier in March. Coming up we will have Take Home Holy Week kits, available Palm Sunday March 28 (and all Holy Week), with items and activities in them for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and the whole week. Our May event will be Park Cleanup at Palomino with Root Beer Floats and fellowship, Sunday May 2nd. We have varying faith formation FOR ALL ages every Sunday after church!

For Holy Week we are asking Jr and Sr high families to participate by recording themselves washing one another's feet at home. These video recordings or pictures will be used for Maundy Thursday worship. All you need is a small basin or bucket of warm soaping water, a towel, and someone to sit down on a chair with their feet in the basin. Recordings should be in landscape (sideways) mode, and only 15-30 seconds long. Send pictures or videos or any questions to Josh by March 25.