

Voice of Victory

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Christus Victor Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

In-Person

OR

Live Stream on Facebook

9:30 am

[https://www.facebook.com/
ChristusVictorChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ChristusVictorChurch)

Fellowship Time 10:30 in the
Gathering Space



Pursuing the Heart of Jesus

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10: 23-25

Dear Friends in Christ,

Who encourages you in your faith and hope in Jesus Christ?

Who spurs you on in loving others and doing good deeds to help others?

The truth is we need others to encourage us in our faith life as followers of Jesus Christ. And it is also true that other people need you to encourage them. We need one another in this life and in our walk with Christ. Even when we are walking alone, all of those who have been there for us, are still with us through the Spirit.

Some of the most influential spiritual mentors, teachers, family, and friends in my life now live in heaven. But their voices, their life lessons, their love and faith in Jesus stay with me and continue to shape me and guide me every day.

The same is true of God's Word, the stories, the wisdom, the words of the Scriptures that I have been learning, studying, and singing all my life now live inside my mind and heart and go with me wherever I go. Which I rely on especially in times of trouble, loss, and grief.

We need others to encourage us and spur us on in this life of faith.

The Church, the community of believers, reflects Jesus' ministry on earth. We gather around Jesus in large groups, like in worship on Sundays. We gather with Jesus in smaller groups like a Faith Formation Class or Bible Study Group, like Jesus teaching the 12 disciples. And maybe, the most important, is a small group of 2 or 3 intimate, trusted faith friends, like Peter, James, and John spending time alone with Jesus on a mountain or on a beach.

I've learned from many of you, that we find those 2 or 3 spiritual friends when we participate in both the large group gatherings and get involved in a small group as well. So, as the author of Hebrews advises us, do not "give up meeting together," even in the summer, because we all need encouragement and support on our journey of faith and life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud



Thursday Bible Study Opportunities...



9am Bible Reflection on the CV Facebook Page.

Have your Bibles and morning beverages ready as we dig into the scriptures for the

coming Sunday worship.

10am Bible Study at the Apple Valley Villas Due to the ongoing Covid situation, this is only open to residents of the Villas.

Regrouping in August - 1pm Seniors Bible Study

With vacations, family reunions, and church camps, the Thursday afternoon Bible Study group is taking a break until August.

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL DIAPER DRIVE!



On top of all of the donations, \$660 was also donated that was used to purchase diapers, wipes and cream. There were 4 cars bursting with

donations for Burnsville and Rosemount 360, Lewis House and Dakota Woodlands.



Thank you for your generosity, sharing God's love, one diaper at a time!

Worship Staffing Change

Dear Christus Victor,

We regret to inform you that Courtnie DeGrand has resigned from her position at Christus Victor. This position is no longer a good fit for her or her family.

During this time of transition, we will be working with the members of Joyful Noise to provide music leadership for our contemporary services. In addition, the Church Council and Mutual Ministry Committee are forming Task Force to review our worship and music ministry needs, as well as reviewing where we need to be salary wise to be competitive and offer our staff a fair and competitive wage for their work and talents.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me, or to any of the members of the Mutual Ministry Committee (Andrea Perendy, Cassi McMayer, Diana Buffie, Council President - Aaron Nyquist, Council Vice President - Jody McDermott-Baty).

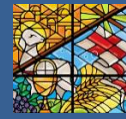
Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

From THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE



We will encounter many visitors at the CV Garage Sale! Please help everyone feel welcome - -greet them, offer assistance, and **WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!!** Invite folks to worship, activities, and events when appropriate. A flyer listing all upcoming CV events and activities will be available for distribution.





SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Every Sunday we rely on a team of worship assistants to make everything happen. People of all ages can help with worship. A great way for families to serve together!

Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Assistants - Sign up Genius Link
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faba92aa5f58-sunday>

Lectors and Prayer Assistants - Sign up Genius Link
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faba92aa5f58-scripture4>

Coffee Crew Sign Up (coffee set up and clean up) - Sign up Genius Link
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094faba92aa5f58-coffee>

Screen, Stream, and Sound Team needs your help. We need your help sharing the Good News of the Gospel with streaming our Sunday morning worship! Help us share the hope, grace, and love of the Gospel with people across the state and country who would otherwise not be able to attend worship. Contact Pastor Kent for more information regarding training and signing up to help
- pastor.kent@christusvictor.org.



MILESTONES at CHRISTUS VICTOR

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

BAPTISM:

June 12 - Maximilian Hugo Rehn

Parents: Briana & Dirk Rehn

Sponsors: John Perry, Hanno Rehn & Ulrike Weil-Rehn

NEW MEMBER:

June 12 – Kelli Ellickson

Sponsor: Diane Kouba

DEATH:

June 21 – Mike Thompson



THE FAMILY OF CVLC WELCOMES YOU!

New Member: Kelli Ellickson

Live in: Apple Valley

Special Interests or

Hobbies: Fishing, camping, hiking, photography, watercolor painting, travel, bicycling, & motorcycling



Date joined: June 12, 2022



CV's Let It Go

GARAGE SALE

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

Friday, July 29 - 10am-8pm
Saturday, July 30 - 9am-2pm



Early Bird Special - Pay \$5/family and shop from 9am to 10am before the official opening on Friday.

Bag Sale - Saturday, July 30 - 12:15pm-2pm. \$5 for whatever you can fit into a paper grocery bag!

Volunteers - Volunteers who have worked 3 hours or more during the week are invited to shop Thursday evening from 6pm-8pm.

Bake Sale - Donations are requested for the bake sale to be held in conjunction with the garage sale. Donations of baked goods, beverages, ice and granola bars will be accepted. Please deliver goods packed to sell. The committee will do the pricing. Deliver to the church by noon Thursday, July 28.

When Can I Drop Off My Items?

Sunday, July 24 - 12pm-9pm, Monday and Tuesday, July 25 and 26 - 9am-9pm, Wednesday, July 27 - 9am-12 noon

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Because we begin pricing items on Wednesday, July 27th, we cannot accept items after noon on that day. Please do not leave items after this deadline. Garage Sale volunteers reserve the right to refuse any donation for any reason. Thank you for your understanding in these matters.

What Kind of CLEAN, USABLE, & UNTAGGED Items Should I Donate?

Antiques, Baskets, Books and Games, Collectables, Electronics, Housewares, Jewelry, Linens, Office Equipment, Seasonal, Sporting Goods, Tools, Toys, Infant and Children's Clothing (dresses, two-piece outfits, and winter wear on hangers), and Adult Clothing (suits, dresses, shirts, and coats on hangers.)

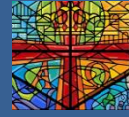
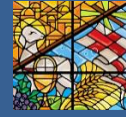
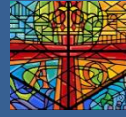
** NO large furniture items will be accepted. If you can't carry it yourself, we can't take it! **

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Christmas trees, cribs and car seats, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, random electronic cords, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, and televisions without digital converter boxes or manufactured before 2010, curtain rods, valances, draperies, and blinds, bowling balls, skis and exercise equipment, mattresses, bed frames, and water beds, microwaves, organs and pianos, textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest condensed books, flammables, tires, building supplies, sinks, and toilets.

How Can I Help?

- Volunteer before, during, and after the sale! Sign up on the board in the gathering space.
- Donate items to sell. Ask your family and friends to contribute too!
- Advertise! Promote! Share!



RACIAL JUSTICE

The 4th of July: what does this holiday mean to you?

The 4th of July is celebrated in honor of the Declaration of Independence, passed on July 4, 1776, as 13 colonies fought to gain, and declared, independence from British control. Over the years, July 4th has become a major summer holiday associated with national pride, and celebrations that include parades, barbeques, fireworks, patriotic music, and more. The holiday is a reminder of our democracy and the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

The word “freedom” has many definitions but is typically associated with having basic human rights and civil liberties along with the ability to live them out without undue interference by the government.

As you reflect and gather with family and friends this year, we invite you to listen to this insightful audio clip from a story on NPR in 2020. <https://www.npr.org/2020/07/04/887239295/black-americans-on-celebrating-july-4th-amid-national-unrest-over-racial-injustice>.

As you listen, you can think of the following questions to help guide your reflection and discussions:

- What does freedom mean to you?
- How many generations ago did your ancestors come to the United States, and why did they come?
- What does the 4th of July mean to you? How do you celebrate and honor this historic day?
- What do you think the 4th of July means to people of color, especially Black Americans whose ancestors came to America as slaves and their succeeding ancestors who lived through many generations without equal rights, civil liberties, and justice?

Thank you for joining us in this work, and Happy 4th of July!
The Racial Justice Committee

As identified in our constitution,

“The Racial Justice Committee of Christus Victor commits to listening, informing, and empowering our community to serve Christ by working for justice across racial boundaries. We will educate ourselves and our community about how God’s Word and Christ’s teachings will lead us to better understand and interrupt systems of racism.”

For further information, please see the Social and Racial Justice Statement as posted on our website:

[RACIAL JUSTICE | Christus Victor Lutheran Church.](#)



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Help Needed for "Created Good" Vacation Bible School!

VBS time is coming up! The week of August 7-11 we have counselors coming up from Good Earth Village Bible Camp to help lead the fun, Sunday - Thursday, 5:30-8:00 PM.

However, we also need a lot of other volunteers to make this experience the best it can be for our youngest members. If you have time and a willing heart, we need assistance the week ahead of time setting up and decorating, and then help the week of with snacks, music and tech, the nursery, teardown, and shepherding groups from station to station. We also need help feeding and hosting the counselors overnight.

Children aged 3 through entering 6th grade are welcome (parents need to accompany preschoolers if not potty-trained). Friends are also invited and encouraged! Please help by inviting and spreading the word!

Whether volunteering or signing up a child, please use [this link](#) or go on our website to sign up. <https://forms.gle/7rnifz6AgCx7MeG68>

If you have any questions, please contact josh@christusvictor.org

We are so excited to experience "Created Good"!



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good earth village

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 GRADUATES



SUMMER STRETCH

