

This week in your prayers, please pray for:

January 29, 2012

Health Concerns

- ✝ Lisa Webskowsky's mother, recovering from kidney surgery
- ✝ Rebecca Nordstrom, experiencing health difficulties

Special Prayers

- ✝ Thanksgiving for all of the new members joining us at Christ Victorious
- ✝ For all youth, that they make God-pleasing choices



Prayer Requests - Would you like to add a prayer request for next week's worship folder? Please submit a prayer request (on the back of a *Welcome Sheet*) today, or call or email the church office. In addition, prayers for the prayer chain can be submitted by contacting Carolyn Wetzal at 952-448-4447/ mnflowerchild@gmail.com.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39

Holy Baptism

Received into God's family through Baptism today in the 8:15 a.m. worship service is Eli William Schade, son of Mitchell and Alecia Schade. Sponsors are Jason Schade, David Cohrs and Tyler Cohrs.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Preschool Update

The preschool rooms will be splashed with bold colors as we dig into the vibrant and creative works of Eric Carle. His books can make any dull winter day seem a little brighter.



Registration for the Fall, 2012 school year is open for Christ Victorious Preschool. Please see the website at www.christvictorious.org or Karen McDonald for more information or a registration form.

Two Weeks Of VBS Fun in 2012

What could possibly be better than a week of VBS? Two weeks of VBS!!! Children going into grades 1st-6th will have a day camp June 11th-15th. Preschoolers and kindergartners will be attending VBS in the evenings July 30th-August 2nd. Planning committees are forming for both age groups. Please contact Karen McDonald to get in on the fun!

Governing Board Seeking Help to Serve on a Staffing Committee

As approved in our Christ Victorious budget for 2012, we are planning to add to our church staff later this year. Our Governing Board is seeking a few volunteers to serve on a Staffing Committee to help us identify our staffing needs and how to prepare a staffing model for our congregation. If you are interested in possibly serving on this committee, please contact Brad Krantz at (952)443-3411.

Crossings Service at Christ Victorious Tonight!

Please join us, and invite others, at our Crossings service tonight at 6:00 p.m. Please note there will be no Crossings Service on February 5th.

Join The Women's Ministry Team!

Plans are underway to establish a steering committee for the Women's Ministry at Christ Victorious. The four areas in which this committee will be responsible for include spiritual, fellowship, publicity and servanthood. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these areas and notify Renee of your interest or if you have any questions, please contact her at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org today!

Upcoming Events and Announcements - Continued

Fellowship Ministry

This ministry provides an opportunity for everyone who worships together – be they long-time members, new-comers or guests – to meet and greet each other. Sign up on form in lobby to provide treats which can be home-baked or store bought finger foods and should be peanut free. Treats need to be set out by 9:00 a.m. Contact Renee with any questions at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org.

Lutheran World Missionary League

Christ Victorious supports missions and ministry throughout the world through the collection of mites. Pick up a mite box (available on the information counter in lobby) and set it in a visible place at home. Throughout the month place your coins into the mite box. Then on the first Sunday of each month, bring your mites to church and empty into large "Mite Box" on table in lobby. Mites will be collected on Sunday, February 5th.

Food, Fun and Fellowship: Youth Lock In - February 17 - 18 for 7th grade on up -

Mark your calendars for the Youth Lock - In , Food, Fun, Fellowship on February 17 beginning at 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next morning. Parent volunteers are needed to help, sign up at the Youth bulletin board for times you are able to chaperone and Youth should RSVP by signing up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please invite a friend. Questions please contact Heidi Johnston at Hj1928@aol.com or 952-201-8036.

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour is broadcast each Sunday on the following radio stations:

6:05 am	WCCO	AM 830
12:30 pm	KDUZ	AM 1260

Pastor Paul Will Be Out of the Office Next Week

Pastor Paul and Jo will be out of the office from Wednesday, February 1 – Tuesday, February 6th. Please contact the church office with any pastoral concerns.

Stephen Ministry

What do Stephen Ministers Do? Stephen Ministers are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a crisis or a tough time. If you or someone you know could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please contact Chris Good at 952-556-5822 / chris@mceegood.com.

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, 3235 Chaska Blvd., Chaska (952-556-0244)

Please consider donating to the Food Shelf. The difference you will make in someone else's life is immeasurable! During the month of February we are collecting cereal (any size box/bag). Place *any* food shelf donations in the designated box in the lobby. Questions— contact Renee at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org.

Save The Date! - MN Twins

Preschool Day at Target Field. Twins vs. Toronto Blue Jays, Saturday, May 12 at 6:10 p.m. Tickets will be available soon!

New High School Youth Bible Study - "PROOF"

All the youth are invited to attend this NEW Bible Study titled "PROOF" It is a 6 lesson study on the Gospel of John. "Who is Jesus?" See Bible Studies on page 9 for more information.

Upcoming Events and Announcements - Continued

International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc.

By recycling your Christian literature you are helping others preach the Gospel and empowering them to serve our great God. Drop-box for Christian literature, including new or repairable Bibles, along with a complete list of items to recycle is in the lobby. Contact Renee Jopp at 952-443-2993, ext. 228 / rjopp@christvictorious.org with any questions. *"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."* Romans 10:17

Bulletin Deadline

Please have announcement information to Ann Rahl (secretary@christvictorious.org/952-443-2993, ext. 221) on or before 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday

Bible Study - "A Fresh Look at Christianity"

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary as we examine faith from a fresh perspective, and see multiple instances where our understanding of Christianity may need adjusting to align with Christ's teachings and ministry. We'll examine teachings in the Bible that originally meant things quite different from what our understanding today might be, and see how the differences affect how we're living today.



Teen's Victorious Bible Study—9th - 12th Graders please join Pastor's Bible Study in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School

If you haven't registered your child(ren) for Sunday school, the forms are available at the registration table in the Crossings lobby. All children ages 2-14 are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Andrea Wackerfuss at andrewackerfuss@yahoo.com or at 952-479-7025.

February 5 - Sunday School Singing at the beginning of the 10:45 service: Preschool - Grade 5

Tuesday

New Women's Evening Bible Study - Esther: It's Tough Being a Women



This Tuesday evening Bible Study will join Beth Moore in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives. Join us. Contact Jo at 952-500-0091 or jobiebig@gmail.com with any questions you might have.

Wednesday

Women's Morning Bible Study—New Topic—"The Inheritance" a Beth Moore Study

This group's next study, starting February 1, is titled "The Inheritance" a Beth Moore DVD Study. This topical study of inheritance is a nine session lecture only DVD series which requires no outside homework. Beth Moore uses Psalm 16:5-6 "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance" as the key verse for this study. This study meets every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Christ Victorious. For information contact Linda Krantz at 952-443-3411.

Women's Evening Mocha Monkey Bible Study



New Women's Bible Study- We will rekindle the Mocha Monkey Bible study meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The Bible Study is titled Angels. We will study what the Bible says about angels. The next study date is February 8. Please RSVP to Sally Beckendorf 952-467-3481/ sjbeckendorf@gmail.com.



Bible Study Opportunities Continued

Wednesday - Continued

Men's Bible Study

This groups NEW study is titled "Challenge of Islam (Part Two): What is Islam?" To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. In recent years, this religion has emerged as a prominent -- yet misunderstood -- belief system. Listen as Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian, unveils some of the mystique surrounding this religion first preached by Muhammad and today practiced by more than one billion people worldwide. The next study dates are February 1 and 15 at 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Craig at 952-937-5849 or Chip at 952-443-1890.

Teen's Victorious

Girl's Bible Study—all 9th-12th grade girls are invited to a Bible Study This study will meet at Caribou Coffee in Chaska (by Target) at 7:30 p.m. on February 1, 15 & 29, March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25. If you have any questions or need a ride to Caribou call or text Karina Beck at 952-797-2541.

Lockin - February 17 - 18: Youth 7th grade on up - book the date for a Youth Lock-In, Food, Fun and Fellowship, beginning at 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next morning. Parent volunteers are needed to help. Volunteers can sign up on the Youth bulletin board for time you are able to chaperone and Youth should RSVP by signing up on the Youth Bulletin Board. Look here weekly for more details. Questions please contact Heidi Johnston at Hj1928@aol.com or 952-201-8036.

High School Youth Bible Study - "PROOF"



All the youth are invited to attend this NEW Bible Study titled "PROOF" It is a 6 lesson study on the Gospel of John. "Who is Jesus?" In his gospel, John, one of Jesus' closest disciples, takes on the task of proving the identity of Christ. John paints a picture of Jesus as the Son of God, the promised Messiah, and the redeemer of God's children. PROOF teaches the story of Christ through His powerful teaching, His amazing miracles, and His death and resurrection. PROOF will help you answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" and help you to understand the awesome privilege it is to know and be known by Christ. This study will meet at Christ Victorious at 6:30 on these dates: February 8 & 22, March 7 & 21. For additional information or questions contact Heidi Johnston at Hj1928@aol.com or 952-201-8036.

February 8 - 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship after "PROOF" Bible Study for all Youth 7th grade on up.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Confirmation -

Meeting at 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. meeting every Wednesday evening.

February 8—7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship following Confirmation for all Youth 7th grade on up.

Saturday

Saturday Evening Bible Study—"Looking Ahead" Are you looking for a small group study in an informal setting with friends from church, or looking to make new friends while spending precious time in God's Word? This study we will be "looking ahead" at the Scripture readings that Pastor Paul will be preaching and teaching on a week or two following the study – learning more about these texts and their meaning for our lives. This study will meet on the following dates: February 4 & 18, March 3 & 24, April 14 & 28. Please join us! (For directions or questions, call Craig or Laurie at 952-937-5849.)