



Christus Victor Lutheran
Church

JULY Voice 2023

Happy
4th of July



Pastor's Page



Hello Christus Victor Family and friends!

If I type fast enough, you may actually receive this newsletter by the 4th. This is the time of year when we celebrate the freedoms we have in the United States. As crazy as our country seems these days, we are still people with freedoms that many in the world can only dream of. The danger within our freedoms is that we can easily become egocentric, thinking that it is about MY freedom to do whatever I please, not taking into account the effect one's actions have on other people. This individualism can be a real problem, especially in the area of religion.

We are blessed to be able to worship in whatever way we choose. We also have the freedom to not worship at all. As Christians, the freedom to gather together as a community of faith is a gift to be cherished because for some people in the world, worshiping as a Christian is against the law. Unfortunately, it feels that there are a growing number of Christians who feel that gathering with a community of faith is not important. "I believe in Jesus, and I pray and read my Bible at home. I do not need to belong to a church." Or, "People in church are hypocrites and I don't want to be around people who are hypocrites".

The first statement echoes loudly of the individualism that is so much a part of our society and has become more and more a part of the Christian community. As we read through the Gospels, there are very few instances when Jesus sits one on one with someone to bring faith. Jesus meets the woman at the well and by telling the facts of her life, opens her eyes to the reality that Jesus is the long, awaited Messiah. Jesus meets with Nicodemus at night, as he is not sure he wants the other Pharisees to see him with Jesus. Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born again. Nicodemus goes away, seemingly confused as to what Jesus means. We don't know much about what he takes away from the encounter with Jesus until we see Nicodemus with Joseph of Arimathea taking Jesus down from the cross. Apparently, his fear of being seen with Jesus is gone. These one on one encounters are few. Instead, we most often see Jesus with various groups of the disciples sharing truths of the faith, or in large crowds sharing the message he came to share and healing those who were in need. Within the community is where Jesus' ministry was carried out. Unfortunately, the emphasis in having a personal relationship with Christ has morphed to having an independent relationship with Jesus. We were not created to live in isolation, and our faith was never to be one of independence.

Our commands from Jesus are to love God above all else and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. We cannot love our neighbors, no matter who we are, if we do not spend time with our neighbors. No matter how strong one's faith is, we cannot face the insanity of the world without the support of those who can hold us up when our strength is wavering. That is the community of faith. Yes, the church is full of hypocrites. Guess what – If you take even a minimal look at your own life, you too will find that you have your moments of being a hypocrite as well. As human beings we do find ourselves pointing at the shortcomings of someone else, often to keep the eyes off of ourselves. Welcome to the sinful world we live in. It is the community of faith that can support us, celebrate with us, confront us, and hold us accountable. While we are saved by the grace of God alone, that salvation does not keep us from the realities of our human failures. God intends for us to be together in our faith and to always have space for one more.

It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the freedoms we have in the United States. It is also important for us to remember that our faith was never meant to be INDEPENDENT. Our faith is a faith of INTERDEPENDENCE. We are meant to work together for the Kingdom of God. WE are meant to gather and worship together. We are called as Gods children to bring the very best of our individual time, talents and treasures, to be the body of Christ in a world that is so in need of the love we have in Jesus Christ. None of us can do this alone. God has given us each other. Let's celebrate that in worship and service together.

God Bless you all,
Pastor Tammy.

It's Summer



Thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS successful! We had over 40 children attend VBS this year. Whether you crafted, decorated, cooked, led a group, made snacks, led a station, or prayed for us, we could not do it without you! We have already begun planning for next year's VBS, and we can't wait for Camp Firelight- A Camping



It's Summer!

The theme this year for Lutherhill is "Amen + Let It Be So!" CVLC took 9 campers, and they had an amazing time! Thank you for all of your prayers.





CHRISTUS VICTOR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL

Our summer program is moving right along, and the children are having a great time here at CVCS. During the month of July our school agers will be visiting more exciting and fun places.

Every third Sunday of each month there will be a children's service for ages 3-5 and kinder-4th graders during the main church service. The service will be led by Tebertha and Shon.

“Kindness is a language, which the deaf can hear, and the blind can read”



Main Street Messengers

The June songs for Praise Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) are as follows:

Grace		Prelude
Holy Spirit Come	CCLI 7165620	Gathering
Speak O Lord	CCLI 4615235	Hymn of the Day
Spirit Lead Me	CCLI 7111902	Offertory
Seed Scattered and Sown	W & P 121	Communion
Trees of The Field	CCLI 20546	Recessional

The "Main Street Messengers" have their own YouTube channel. We use that to record our rehearsals to upcoming service songs. You are welcome to take a listen to those, too, to familiarize yourself with upcoming songs. As a fair warning, these are only in the rehearsal stages and can be a bit rough.



Sharon Appel	07/01
Mary Klug	07/05
Paul Appel	07/08
Terry Henske	07/09
Ann Horvath	07/09
Bill Ferreira	07/10
Anna Lucas	07/11
Kimberly Hall	07/13
Sara Beaudet-Smart	07/13
Joyce Koester	07/15
Bryn & Jacie Kutinac	07/25
Dick Danielson	07/26
Letha Frederick	07/26
Kay Paine	07/30



Milt & Lorna Reed	07/29
Marjorie & Bruce Duffield	07/29
Rhonda & Mark Phillips	07/31

Main St. Messenger's

If you are interested in singing praise songs,
please come to practice on Sunday
mornings at 9:00 am

Everyone welcome!



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 9:00 am Main st Messengers Practice 10:30 Worship	3	4 Happy 4th of July	5	6	7	8
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Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

The Family of Helen Goodwin

Serving in our Military

Brandon Geiger
Blake Meyer
Zach Wood

Long Term Care/Medical Treatments

(remains until requested to be removed)

Earl Armstrong
Peggy Basset
Steve Bivens
Diana Bredeson
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Letha Frederick
Elissa Gould-Schaut
Carolyn Hannum
Brad Loucas (02/22)
Merl Matthewman
Ray Mitchell
Daryoal Ondick (10/22)
Penny Plumlee (05/23)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Irene Richmond
Betsy Riley (10/22)
Theresa Rios (10/21)
Callie Robertson (10/22)
Marjorie Schaeffman
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schaut
Ken Schaut
Natasha Slawson (05/22)
Cathy Vaughn
Kathleen Womansong (10/21)

Due to HIPPA regulations and pastoral confidentiality issues, we do not give specific details of prayer concerns in the bulletin. Please pray, however, for those who ask for our prayers for God knows and understands their needs. We pray that God's will be done.

When a prayer request arrives marked confidential it is not placed on the prayer list. Pastor Tammy will pray for the request.

Please obtain permission from the person or the family before adding them to the list.

Christus Victor Lutheran Church....281-332-6847

Vision Statement: "To bring the Life, Love, and Teachings of Jesus Christ to Today's World"

9:00 am Main St Messengers Practice

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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Church Council Members:

Council President: Sara Smart

Council Vice President:

Council Secretary: Lisa Kutinac

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Property:

School Board President: Lisa Kutinac

Education:

Stewardship:

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (06/30/2023)

2023 Offering Needed: \$ 101,346.00

Current Offerings Received: \$ 58,252.25

Shortfall: \$ 43,093.75

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$ 4,525.00

**Building fund loan balance: \$ 11,155.11
(as of June 11, 2023)**