



Christus Victor Lutheran Church

November Voice 2023

To bring the life, love and teachings of Jesus Christ to today's world..



FALL BACK

November 5, 2023



Wednesday Advent Soup Suppers and Services

November 29, 2023
December 6, 2023
December 13, 2023
December 20, 2023



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends.

November is upon us. Trunk or Treat went great. Reformation worship along with our farewell to Kala went great. Now as we look into November we begin a month of Thankfulness. We start the month off with All Saints day, which is November 1st and then we acknowledge this day on Sunday, November 5th.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us”

All Saints Day is a time to remember those people who have been instrumental in teaching us the ways for God and helped us develop our own faith, and have passed away. During our worship service we take time to say the name of people who have died in the last year. Their name is said, a bell is rung and we light a special candle with their name on it. Hearing the names of those we have loved and lost can be hard, yet it is also incredibly healing. After these candles are lit, there is a time for everyone to come forward and light a candle in honor of those saints in their lives that are no longer with us. This can be a very meaningful time for people, and we do all we can to keep it very sacred. At the end of the service, people are able to take the candles with the name of their loved ones home with them. It is good to stop and remember that our faith started with seeds planted long before we fully understood the significance of that faith and give thanks for their presence in our lives. It is important that we be reminded that as people of faith, we are planting seeds everyday in the lives of others. Hopefully that helps us remember that every encounter can be a significant moment in someone's life.

Gratitude, being thankful, begins with our knowledge that there are people and forces (usually God) at work in our lives everyday that help us in our own journey of faith, and our journey as I decent human being in society. Often times, we don't even realize the person or people that make those moments extra special.

Recently I was at Clear Lake Hospital seeing a family in Labor and Delivery in a crisis situation. It was a sacred time for sure, but certainly not a joyous one. I stepped out to the nurses station to get something. As I waited, I watched as one of the cleaning ladies was preparing a room for a family coming in to have their child. She stood there, totally unaware I was watching her (no I wasn't stalking) and folded and refolded a towel until it made the perfect little bunny and then she set it on the table the mother would be using when she got into the room. I found it to be such a beautiful thing to watch. This woman who does the kind of work most of us would avoid, took great pride in what she did and then went a bit further to assure that there was something in this room that just might bring a moment of joy to a family who would have some nervous moments as they bring a new life into this world. I don't imagine that anyone would ask who made the adorable bunny out of the towel. I doubt that most people will even realize how this gesture can go along way to make a hospital room a little less sterile can ease the anxiety that surrounds the birth of a child. But that bunny will make a difference, and a saint who lives in the shadows will be an agent of grace once again.

I love that we set aside a Sunday for us to think about all the people of faith that have had an impact on our lives. Our society encourages us to be the best and gives us lots of ways we can pat ourselves on the back for our lives are enriched through acts of kindness and dedication done by so many people we don't even notice. That is my challenge for you this month of Thanksgiving. Take time to notice and be thankful.

I want to encourage you to slow down a bit this month and consider the “little people” or the “background people” who at work in your world that make things better. When you are at the grocery store and you see someone who is pulling items to the front, so they are easier to reach, thank them. (I am forever needing someone to reach something for me in the grocery store). When you go out to for a nice dinner, consider the people who make things extra nice. Notice them. When you are at work and you see the janitor who keeps your workplace clean and makes sure there is toilet paper when you need it, notice them, and find a way to appreciate them.

One of the greatest things about our faith for me is knowing that I worship a God who sees me. I mean God knows who I am and loves me as I am. We all want that from the people in our lives. We want to be seen and acknowledged. Let’s all take the time this month to be a part of the great cloud of witnesses; the saints; by sharing the love of God by noticing those folks who work diligently in the background and are seldom recognized.

God bless you all,
Pastor Tammy

Music News

It's tough when you miss musicians you used to perform with. But if you miss them, it means you were **very lucky**. You had amazing people in your life to share your passion for music with. Not everyone gets that.

www.musiciansunite.com

I found the above paragraph recently, and it truly describes how I feel. I was very lucky to serve the Lord at Christus Victor where I came to make so many wonderful friends among the musicians and members of this vibrant congregation. I thought I was ready to retire, but I found myself missing so many of you that I began to pray that I might somehow be able to serve this church again in some capacity.

God answered my prayers and I am filled with such excitement that I get to be in worship with you this coming Sunday. Please know that I am filled with gratitude and promise to be the "full service choir director" that I always promised our musicians that I would be.

November will see our rehearsals on Mondays with choir at 5:30 and Bell Choir at 6:15. In addition, you will find me in the sanctuary at 4:30 ready to help with special music, mini voice lessons for those who want to be more confident, and just fun visits! As we go forward, we will decide our more permanent rehearsal times.

I can't wait to see you on Sunday!

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**Presents
Christmas 2023**

"The Night the Angels Sang"

**Friday, December 1
7:30pm**

**Memorial Katy Lutheran Church
5810 3rd St
Katy, TX 77493**

**Saturday, December 2
7:30pm**

**New Life Lutheran Church
3521 E Orange St
Pearland, TX 77581**

**Sunday, December 3
4:00pm**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
306 E 15th St
Houston, TX 77008**

We are pleased to announce our 2023 Christmas concerts, "The Night the Angels Sang," and invite all to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with songs and familiar carols.

Concerts will be:

- * Friday, December 1, at 7:30pm at Memorial Lutheran Church-Katy
- * Saturday, December 2, at 7:30pm at New Life Lutheran Church-Pearland
- * Sunday, December 3, at 4:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Houston Heights

Admission is free, there will be a free-will offering.

For more information about our group, please see our website hlc-tx.org

Thank you for your support of the Houston Lutheran Chorale.



Our Advent Soup Supper and service will begin on Wednesday, **November 29**. Bring soup, bread, or something sweet to share (or not, we always have enough). Supper will be at 6:00, and the service will be at 7:00.



We will be teaming up with Bay Area Turning Point again this year to adopt a family and do a toy drive. Their greatest need is for tween/teen items. BATP will be sending an Amazon wish list with ideas. Once we receive it and information on the family we are adopting, we will share it.

Unwind is an amazing women's retreat at Lutherhill. If you want to slow down, relax, and let go for a weekend, join us at the Hill **February 23rd-25th** to Unwind. Let Lisa know if you plan to attend. It really is an awesome experience. Register at Lutherhill.org.



We are planning to go to Lutherhill in June, dates to come soon. Please let Lisa know if your camper is planning to go.

National Youth Gathering is July 16-20th in New Orleans! It is open to any kids who have finished 8th through 12th grades. We need to register NOW! If your child wants to attend, please let Sandi know and pay the \$150 deposit. Cost will be approximately \$1000 per attendant. We are planning to do some fundraising, so if you have ideas, please pass them on!



Trunk or Treat was a great success! Thank you to everyone who handed out treats, volunteered their time, or brought youngsters to enjoy the morning!



October was a fun month for us at Christus Victor Children's School! We had chapel, fall parties, and lots of outdoor fun.

We can't wait to welcome our children's families to participate in our Thanksgiving meal here at CVCS on Friday, November 17th.



November's Bible Verse:

The children have enjoyed Pastor Tammy teaching Bible stories and singing during chapel. They certainly make a joyful noise!





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

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)	CCLI 7200544	Prelude
Forever	CCLI 3148428	Gathering
Well Done	CCLI 7119916	Hymn of the Day
Gratitude	CCLI 7158417	Offertory
Goodness of God	CCLI 7117726	Communion
Soon and Very Soon	ELW 439	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.

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!

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE

Study

6:00 pm Thursdays

There will be a meeting Wednesday November 8th at 11:00 am with Pastor Tammy to discuss a Daytime Bible Study for those that don't get out at night.



Time Changes November 5, 2023

Set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



Peggy Bassett	11/02
Conrad Schafman	11/03
Karen Sebung	11/03
John Dougherty	11/04
Katie Dougherty-Pitts	11/04
Catherine "Faith" Birkelbach	11/08
Mark Phillips	11/08
Andre Massey	11/09
Jay Citraro	11/10
Tyler Crawl	11/11
Hannah Hall	11/12
Bill Boatwright	11/14
Marjorie Duffield	11/16
Jon Hall	11/17
Karen Connelly	11/24
Lorna Reed	11/24
Millie Geiger	11/27
Rick Sharp	11/27
Jordan Smith	11/30



Connie & Tom Smith	11/14
Carol & Johnny Vykukal	11/14



November

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6 pm Bible Study	3	4
5 All Saints Sunday 9 am Main St. Messenger's Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	6 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	7	8 11 am Meeting for Day-time Bible Study	9 6 pm Bible Study	10	11
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19 9 am Main St. Messenger's Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	20 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving No Bible Study	24	25
26 Christ The King 9 am Main St. Messenger's Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	27 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	28	29 6 PM Soup Supper 7 PM Advent Service	30 6 pm Bible Study		

Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

(removed after 2 weeks)

Serving in our Military

Brandon Geiger
Blake Meyer
Kyra Riley
Zach Wood

**Long Term Care/Medical
Treatments**

(remains until requested to be removed)

Raymond Aguilera (08/23)
Earl Armstrong (04/20)
Diana Bredeson
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Helen Danielson (8/23)
Letha Frederick
Elissa Gould-Schardt
Brad Loucas (02/22)
Scott Massey (09/23)
Merl Matthewman (04/22)
Daryoal Ondick (10/22)
Marvin Parker (11/23)
Penny Plumlee (05/23)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Betsy Riley (10/22)
Theresa Rios (10/21)
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schardt
Ken Schardt
Natasha Slawson (05/22)
Cathy Vaughn-Ortiz
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”

Sunday School: 9:00 am **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am

Church and School Contact Information :

Contact info for Pastor Tammy Sharp - Cell # 281-924-1667

Tammy’s E-mail: pastortammy@comcast.net

Tammy’s Office Hours: 9 am until 4pm Monday thru Thursday. [Friday...out of office.]

Church Office Hours: 8:30 am until 3:00 pm M—T [Friday Office Closed]

Church Secretary, Sandie Price Office# 281-332-6847

Church Office E-mail - cvlctx@comcast.net

Website- www.christusvictor.us

Choir Director, Patricia Fowzer

Worship Committee Chairperson, Children’s School Director, Tebertha Henderson...281-332-2821

E-mail...directorevcs@comcast.net

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (10/31/2023)

2023 Offering Needed: \$ 168,910.00

Current Offerings Received: \$91,555.79

Shortfall: \$77,354.21

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$7,540.00

Building fund loan balance: \$8,739.50
(as of October 11, 2023)

Church Council Members:

Council President: Sara Smart

Council Vice President:

Council Secretary: Lisa Kutinac

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Property:

School Board President: Lisa Kutinac

Outreach:

Education:

Worship:

Parish Life:

Stewardship: