

Christus Victor Lutheran Church

October Voice 2025



SAVE THE DATE

October 16-19 Pumpkin Patch

October 17—Story Time & S'mores

October 18, Pumpkin Patch, Autumn Market, Trunk or Treat

We are excited to have a
Family Time Night at the Pumpkin
Patch with our CVCS families
on Friday, October 17th.
Feel free to join us for a Hot Dog
dinner from 5:15-5:45.
Please RSVP to Tebertha. 832-231-1138



Sunday November 2, 2025

PLEASE REVIEW THE LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

**Mission Statement: "To bring the Life, Love and Teachings
of Jesus Christ to today's world"**



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends,

October has arrived. This time of year, I get a bit homesick for Iowa. About now, the trees are in full color. Orange and red and yellow, in all shades. When I was in college, I loved to take a walk to the park at the river. The streets on this walk were canopied by large trees. I would love to tell you what kind in order to give you the full picture, but I can't. The air was cool enough for a light jacket or sweat shirt and as I walked my mind would settle the many concerns of classwork and family and anything else going on. I felt at peace.

While the temperatures won't be quite as cool, and the colors on the trees here in Texas are not quite like the ones in the north, this is a perfect time of year to MAKE TIME for quiet in your life. Our lives are full of noise coming at us from every side. Some is important for us to hear, but a lot of it is just noise. We need times of quiet. This is especially true for those of you who are as extraverted as I am and find it hard to be away from people and conversation. Everyone needs to have time to settle the internal chaos and noise.

We are people of multi-tasking. Even our children think about many things at one time. For adults, with jobs and bills and family to care for, we cannot survive without multi-tasking. While learning to multi-task does help us get many things accomplished, it also provides the perfect environment for us to "forget" about our relationships, especially our relationship with God.

We make schedules to assure we get to the places we must be each day and we develop patterns for our days that put us on a sort of automatic pilot. This helps us be productive, but it also blinds us from seeing the subtle differences in each day. We miss the person who is beside us who obviously need some support. We miss the silly things the children around us say and do that brings joy and laughter to our lives. We miss all the signs that important relationships in our lives (with spouse or kids or other significant people) are struggling and in need of care. Above it all, our relationship with God becomes one that is only considered when it is on our schedule. Worry and fear and concern become the dominant feeling that occupy our thoughts and the joy of life can be quickly lost.

Psalm 46:10 NRSVUe "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

Let this be our mantra for the month of October. This is the month just before the insane "Holiday Season" begins. Make it a time to strengthen your relationships by doing something special with your family or with your best friend. Find time to be at peace. Take a walk in the cooler (not too cool but cooler) air and intentionally clear your mind. Make time to pray. Talk with God and share your joys and sorrows and the desires of your heart with God and the..... LISTEN. Just be still and let God be God. Let the Spirit of God move in you to help you find that place of peace. Let God's ways direct your days and be at peace. I can't promise that all your struggles or concerns will magically be swept away. But I do believe they will have less of a hold on you. You will see the light at the end of the tunnel. You will know that come what may, our God is with you and will never let you go. That my friends, is where we find peace.

Enjoy this beautiful season and be at peace.

God Bless you all,
Pastor Tammy

October



The Pumpkin Patch will run from **Thursday, October 16- Sunday, October 19**. Thankyou to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for the Pumpkin Patch! We still need more help. If you are available, we would love to have you. To help with the patch, you don't have to do any manual labor! We need people to sit and help people as they check out. We also need help setting up and taking down the Patch. The sign up is in the Narthex.

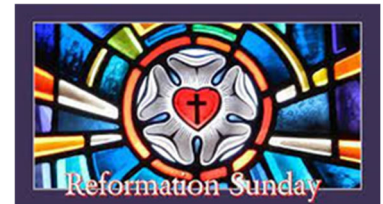
In conjunction with the Pumpkin Patch, we will have an Autumn Market on **Saturday, the 18th** from 10:00- 4:00. We have indoor and outdoor vendor spots available. If you know anyone who would be interested in being a vendor, have them visit our website to register.

*Autumn
Market*



Trunk or Treat will be **Saturday, October 18th** from 10:00 to noon. This year, we will be setting up tables in the grass during the Pumpkin Patch/Autumn Market for Trunk or Treat. Bring your kids/grandkids/neighbors and have fun with us! If you would like to decorate a table or help set up, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you need a table, let us know.

Reformation Sunday is **October 26th**. If anyone would like to head up the Reformation dinner after the service, please let Pastor Tammy know.



Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 26th. We have 7 young people being Confirmed during our worship service. Praise God!

We will have a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 16th** after the Service to review and vote on our budget.



Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Seafarers Christmas boxes! We filled 52 boxes and had a few items left over for Pastor Tammy to take to the Seafarers Center to use to help fill other boxes. We had a lot of fun filling and wrapping boxes. I am always blown away by how amazing and generous our congregation is. Thank you!



CELEBRATE FALL

PUMPKIN PATCH & AUTUMN MARKET

Christus Victor Lutheran Church- 2098 W. Main St., League City

Thursday

Pumpkin Patch
Noon- 6:00 pm

Friday

Pumpkin Patch
Noon- 8:00 PM

Story Time & S'mores
6:00

Saturday

Pumpkin Patch
Noon- 6:00 PM

Trunk or Treat
10:00- Noon

Story Time
2:00

Autumn Market
10:00- 4:00

Sunday

10:00- 6:00

Story Time
2:00

Autumn Market
Vendor Registration

Pumpkins-
1 for \$10, 3 for \$25

www.christusvictor.us

Pumpkin patch entry and activities are free.



Christus Victor Children's School

**October Bible Verse: "Respect
and Obey the Lord; This is the
beginning of knowledge."
Psalm 1:7**

**Our classroom fall parties will
be on October 30th.**

**We are moving along with our
fall lessons and hoping for
some cooler weather soon!
This month we will be learn-
ing about fire safety, fall sea-
son and methods of transpor-**

**We have openings in most of our clas-
ses. If you know someone looking for
childcare, please send them our way!**

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**Please follow our Facebook page-
www.facebook.com/CVCStx.**



Worship News October 2025

The next Worship Committee meeting is Wednesday October 15 at 12:15 pm following Bible Study. You are welcome to attend if you would like to share an idea or concern. We also have a meeting scheduled to pick the music and hymns starting in Advent. That meeting will be October 13 at 1 pm.

Ushers/Greeters

We will begin scheduling Ushers/Greeters at the beginning of Advent. This is a very simple yet important role and involves only a few minutes on Sundays. If you are inclined to serve there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for volunteers. A list of the responsibilities involved in serving in that capacity can be found on the table in the narthex as well.

Worship Flowers

There are opening for worship flowers on the bulletin board in the hall to the rest rooms. We have been informed that the cost has gone up to \$55.

Looking ahead

Reformation and Confirmation October 26 with reception following the service

Soup Suppers and Advent Services begin Sunday evening Nov. 30 as well as Wednesdays on Dec. 3, 20, and 17.

Help Needed

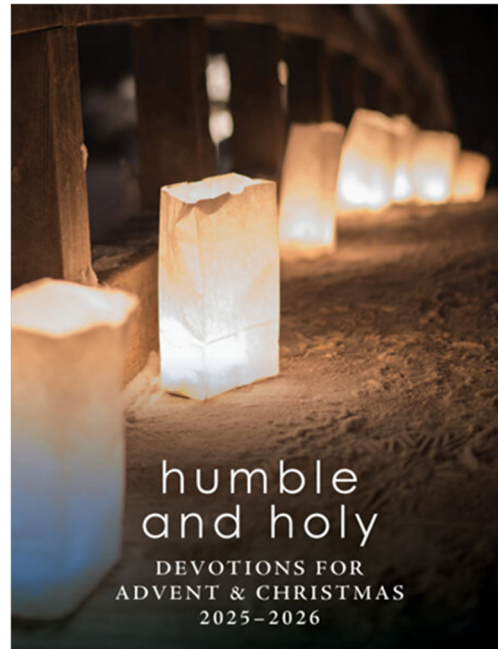
Tellers: Persons are needed to count the offerings following worship. The task requires two people and Sandie will provide training. This can be done following worship on Sundays or on Monday morning. Please let Sandie or Karen know if you can do this.

Soundboard Tech: Currently Jay is the only one who knows how to operate the soundboard and he could really use a break now and then. He will of course provide training. Please consider serving in this capacity.

Praise be to God!

Karen Connelly, Worship Chair

We have ordered a small quantity of the Advent Devotional described below. To reserve a copy please email Sandie at the church or there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. The cost is \$3.00



Humble and Holy: Devotions for Advent & Christmas 2025-2026

by Michael Coffey (Contributor) ...

Humble and Holy continues a centuries-old Christian tradition of setting aside time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. The Advent season of preparation then unfolds in the joy of the twelve days of Christmas and the day of Epiphany.

This devotional offers daily devotions for the first Sunday of Advent (November 30, 2025) through Epiphany (January 6, 2026). These devotions explore the humble and holy in year A scripture readings (in the Revised Common Lectionary) for Advent and Christmas, as well as for the festival days and commemorations in the Advent and Christmas seasons. The writers bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to these texts and offer the voices of other witnesses in the quotations they have chosen in the "To ponder" sections. The devotional also provides household blessings and prayers (see pages 81-93) to enrich your preparations and celebrations during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Music



I am a huge fan of Vincent Van Gogh. I have a poster of “Starry Night” in our bedroom, and it is the first thing I see every morning when I awake. It makes me incredibly happy! So, I was surprised to find the following brief article.

A wonderful story about Vincent Van Gogh tells how he had no intentions of becoming a painter – he was studying to be a clergyman. He was living in London, looking out his window at a watery twilight, a thin lamppost, and a star. He began composing a letter describing it to his younger brother and in his letter, he said, “It is so beautiful. I must show you how it looks”, and he began to draw.

This is how so many people feel about music: *I must tell you wonderful things. I must describe the beauty of God’s creation. Because to simply tell you would not do it justice, I must SING it to you!*

Art is a simple, creative impulse to show beautiful to others through music. We sing in our Chancel Choir because we wish to express God’s love to you in a unique, moving way. We say that our time in rehearsal brings us fellowship, praise, and learning, and we accomplish all of this in 45 minutes. We leave our time together with a smile on our faces. When have you done something that makes your heart soar? Chancel choir continues to rehearse on Mondays at 5:30 while the Handbell Choir rehearses at 6:15.



Without music,
I may have never
met some of the
greatest people in
my life that mean
so much to me.

QUILT AND STITCH



The next meeting of “Quilt n Stitch” is October 18 from 9 am to noon. Since this time is also during our Pumpkin Patch and Fall Market, we will be meeting at Karen Connelly’s home. Check the directory for her address. Karen will share some of the many quilts she has made and will demonstrate how she does free motion quilting on her domestic machine. Refreshments will be served. Please let Karen know if you will be attending. All are welcome.

We currently have two quilts ready to be bound. Our next task will be to sandwich another quilt and pin it before tying. Please also mark your calendar for our November 15 meeting.





Main Street Messengers

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

He Knows My Name		Prelude
Give Us Clean Hands	CCLI 2060208	Gathering
What A Friend We Have In Jesus	CCLI 27714	Hymn of the Day
Shoulders		Offertory
Give Me Jesus	WOV 777	Communion
Go My Children	ELW 543	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 after the service

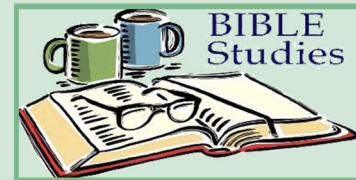
Everyone welcome!



Brooklyn Gazda	10/05
Chole Gazada	10/05
Kathy Fritz	10/06
Robin Hall	10/07
Tracy Campbell	10/11
Caitlyn Towner	10/12
Justin Smart	10/13
Tristen Cox	10/25
Mary Ann Davis	10/30



John & Paula Towner 10/12



Bible Study Wednesdays at 11:00 am
We studying the book of **Matthew** from
the **Together By Grace** Series from
Augsburg Fortress

FLOWERS

There is a flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the office. If you would like to honor or remember someone by purchasing flowers for worship on a special date, please consider signing up on the Flower Chart. Each floral bouquet is \$55 and may be taken home after the service.





Did you know that you can link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to Christus Victor Lutheran Church and a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the church?

Login to <http://www.kroger.com>

If you already have a Kroger account log on. If not, create a new account.

Once you're logged on, you will need to link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to your account.

Select Community Rewards and search for CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH either by name or XM834 and then click Enroll.

Now, Christus Victor Lutheran Church will benefit every time you use your Kroger Plus Shopper's card when you shop at Kroger.



Are you a Thrivent member? If so, you can direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to support activities and events here at Christus Victor! Let Sandie or Lisa know if you'd like to be added to our list of members to talk to when we are planning events.

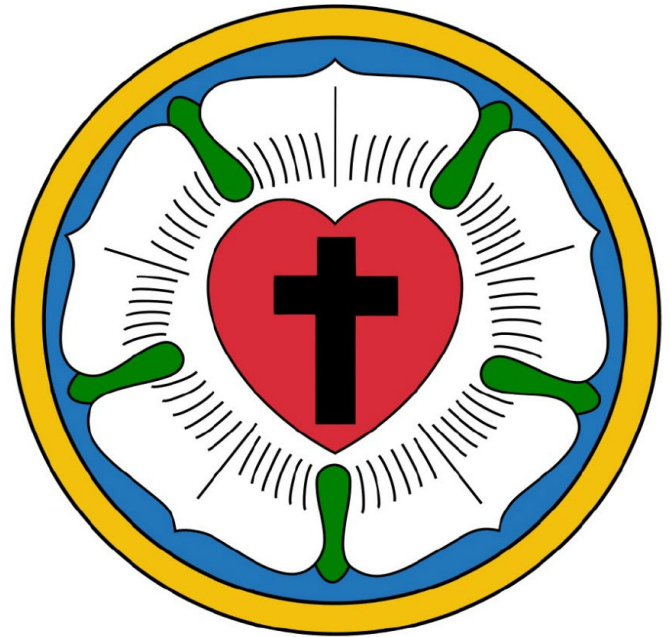
Let's fill the Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) basket in the narthex each month!

In the month of October we will be Collecting Dental Care:



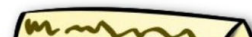
REFORMATION SUNDAY October 26, 2025

If attending in person worship service, remember to wear **RED**.



The Five Solas

1. Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone)
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone)
3. Sola Gratia (by grace alone)
4. Solus Christus (Christ alone)
5. Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone)





2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Con- firmation	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Main St Messen- gers Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	6 5:30 pm Chan- cel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	7	8 No Bible Study No confirma- tion	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Main St Messen- gers Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	13 No Choir Set up for Pumpkin Patch	14 Set up for Pumpkin Patch	15 No Bible Study Set up for Pumpkin Patch	16 9 am—6Pm Pumpkin Patch	17 9 am—6Pm Pumpkin Patch	18 9 am—6Pm Pumpkin Patch Autumn Market 10 am—4pm 10am-Noon Trunk or Treat Quilt & Stitch 9am—Noon at Karen Connelly's House
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26 Reformation Sunday & Confirmation Sunday 9:00 am Main St Messen- gers Practice 10:30 am Worship Service	27 5:30 pm Chan- cel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	28	29 11:00 am Bible Study	30	31	



Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Melissa Marincic
Janet Broze

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

The Family of Matthew Jones
(nephew of Paul)

Serving in our Military

Parker Campbell
Kyra Derr
Dezmon (DJ) Deyon
Brandon Geiger
Frank LaGunas

Long Term Care/Medical Treatments

(remains until requested to be removed)

Raymond Aguilera (08/23)
Earl Armstrong (04/20)
Diana Bredeson
Lynn Carey (03/24)
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Trish Fowzer (11/23)
Elissa Gould-Schautd
Reuben Hernandez (09/25)
Ruby Hinton (01/24)
Ann Horvath (03/24)
Marcia Jones (03/24)
Scott Massey (09/23)
Merl Matthewman (04/22)
Troy Nguyen (8/24)
Kay Paine (02/25)
Marvin Parker (11/23)
Penny Plumlee (05/23)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schautd
Ken Schautd
Scott Short (11/24)
Khloe Thompson (09/25)
Martha Ukno (08/24)
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

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 Closed]

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

Church Office E-mail - cvlctx@comcast.net

Website- www.christusvictor.us

Choir Director, Trish Fowzer

Worship Committee Chairperson, Karen Connelly

Children's School Director, Tebertha Henderson...281-332-2821 E-mail...directorcvcs@comcast.net

Church Council Members:

Council President: Sara Smart

Council Vice President:

Council Secretary: Lisa Kutinac

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Property: Johnny Vykukal

School Board President: Lisa Kutinac

Worship Committee Karen Connelly

Education:

Stewardship:

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (09/30/2025)

2025 Offering Needed: \$124,021.53

Current Offerings Received: \$102,940.43

Shortfall: \$ 21,081.10

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$5,145.00