Christus Victor Lutheran Church

November Voice 2025

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

FALL BACK

November 2, 2025

Wednesday Advent Soup Suppers and Services

November 30, 2025
December 3, 2025
December 10, 2025
December 17,2025

Hello Christus Victor families and friends,

We are quickly approaching the "Holiday Season" and I want to 'encourage all of us…. Myself included, to approach this year's season a little differently. When the angel appears to the shepherds, the angel says "Do not be afraid; for see-I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people". Later they are joined by a multitude of angels singing "Glory to God in the highest and Peace among those whom he favors".

This is a time of year that nearly everyone looks forward to, yet it produces the highest level of stress, anxiety and depression.
We look forward to the festive decorations and the Christmas carols, and sometimes even shopping for the perfect gifts. There are Christmas specials on television like A Charlie Brown Christmas and It's A Wonderful Life. There is a sense of charity and extending one's comfort zone to people we would never reach out to in our everyday lives. For many, this is the one time of year that they get to gather with family and friends they never get to spend time with. All of this brings the "Joy of Christmas" that we enjoy. However, this is not a great time for everyone.

Holiday planning and the financial expectations from buying gifts and decorations cause stress for people who don't stress over money on a regular basis not to mention the struggle for those who have very limited incomes. Add to that the issues of loss, grief and estrangement from family members or friends are felt more deeply than ever.

The holidays are a time of a crazy mix of emotions for everyone. It wasn't a perfect time for the shepherds to hear a message they never imagined they would hear. They were not the religious leaders of the time. They weren't the wealthy or the people with power and status. They were guys that cared for sheep in the middle of nowhere. So, when a bright light shines and an angel appears can you imagine the anxiety and fear that they must have felt? And to hear that the savior has been BORN had to be a mind-blowing message. Yet the angel begins with "Don't be afraid." And the key to the message is that this savior has come to bring Peace…..

Those are the things we really need to focus on. Of course, we want to decorate and buy gifts and have and go to parties. We do not worship a God who hates fun. What is important as we decorate and shop and gather for various dinners and parties is that we remember the message of the Angels and do what we can to make this holiday season one in which our greatest focus is on the Christ child and that love and peace Christ came to bring to this world. Don't let the expectations overwhelm you. When things get just a little too crazy step back and read the nativity story. Remember that this is a time for generosity and charity and welcoming new people into your world. It is a day to remember that God chose to come to us as one of us so that we could see the heart of God in the life of Jesus and that we might be saved. These are the great gifts of life. It is this that brings us the greatest joys. It is this that we are called to share with others.

When the schedule and the expectations and even the finances begin to overwhelm you; take a deep breath and remember that you are a beloved child of God saved by God's grace and called to live as a reflection of the love and grace brought to this crazy world in the life of the infant that comes to us at Christmas.

God Bless you all, Pastor Tammy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Congregational Meeting will be on November 16th after church. We will be voting on the budget and Pastor Tammy's call.

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, specifically for boys. 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.

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.

LIVE GENEROUSLY

Our Advent Soup Suppers will start on Sunday, November 30th this year and continue on Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Soup supper will be followed by an Advent service. Join us. It really is a great time of fellowship.

Help us "Phill the Box" and send our kids to camp! From Dec. 1st to Jan. 31st, we will have a blue donation bin in the parking lot. You can recycle your used, clothing, accessories, linens, and textiles to help us raise money to send our kids to Lutherhill. Acceptable items include clothes, shoes, purses, bags, scarves, towels, sheets, tablecloths, and curtains. Please do not put electronics, appliances, furniture, mattresses, tapes, CDs, books, kitchenware, toys, or other household items in the box. All donations must be bagged.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, January 10th at 4:00, we are going to host bingo and a taco dinner to help send our kids to Lutherhill! Invite your family and friends and join us for a great time of fun and fellowship! If you'd like to help organize the event or donate bingo prizes, let Lisa know.

We will be going to Lutherhill for week 2 this summer- June 14th – June 19th. You can register at https://lutherhill.org/all-summer-camps/ We do not have a group code. Let Lisa know if your kids are going

VBS already??? CVLC will host VBS Sun, May 31st- Thur, June 4th. Our theme will be Snowball Mountain Challenge, where children will learn that God is the source of their strength. As VBS gets closer, we will be looking for items to decorate with that will highlight the theme like sleds, skis, winter jackets, etc. I know we don't use most of that, but in case you have winter items from a past life in your garage, we would love to borrow them when we set up for VBS.

Thank you to those who helped support our pumpkin patch, trunk or treat, and autumn market. Whether you volunteered to man the patch, help move pumpkins, came and shopped, shared our Facebook posts, or sent your friends or family, we appreciate you! We started with around 180 pumpkins to sell, and we ended with less than 30.

Special thanks and a huge shout out to Froberg Farms for donating the pumpkins!

Thank you to Angela Twombly, Johnny Vykukal, and Paul Apel for using their Thrivent Choice Dollars to support the Autumn Market/Pumpkin Patch/Trunk or Treat!

Christus Victor Lutheran Church and Children's School are teaming up with Bay Area Turning Point to help provide the magic of Christmas for the women and children BATP supports.

This year, we are going to help in two ways.

First, we have adopted a family to help them have a great Christmas. I will have that list soon.

Second, we are going to help support BATP's Christmas store, where their clients can "shop" for items for their children. Here is a link to that wishlist- https://tinyurl.com/BATP2025 , and it is also attached. You can have items delivered to the church, or you can put them in the bin in the Narthex. Their biggest need is for things appropriate for teens, especially teen boys.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, I will happily shop for you! Please turn those in to Sandie or me, or you can donate online via the link on our website and just put Christmas family or BATP Store in the notes, so Sandie knows which it is for.

All donations of any kind need to be delivered to the church by Sunday, December 7th.

Thank you so much for your support and willingness to help the community!

If you have any questions, email Lisa- LisaKutinac@hotmail.com or call at 225-236-6786.

Bay Area
Turning Point

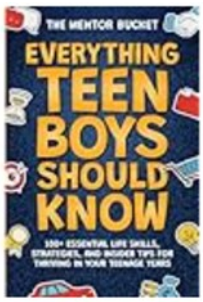
CHRISTMAS STORE LIST

***Pictures are for an example- it does not need to be this exact thing. New items only. ***

More than one of items listed can be purchased, so if two (or more) people buy the same thing, that's okay. The link for the Amazon wishlist is https://tinyurl.com/BATP2025

Teen Coloring Books

Teen themed books



LED Lights/Décor

Art Supplies, Games

Make Up, Accessories

Crocs- adult sizes
Boys or girls

PJ sets- adult sizes
Boys or girls

Fun socks/shirts
Adult size- boys or girls

Wireless speaker

Portable charger

Electric Trimmer

Toiletry Set

Other ideas- Hoodies, joggers, socks, room decorations, jewelry boxes, jewelry (for either), any kind of phone accessories, skin care sets, hair accessories, make up/toiletry bags, slippers, footballs, cookbooks for teens, small tool sets

GET READY FOR

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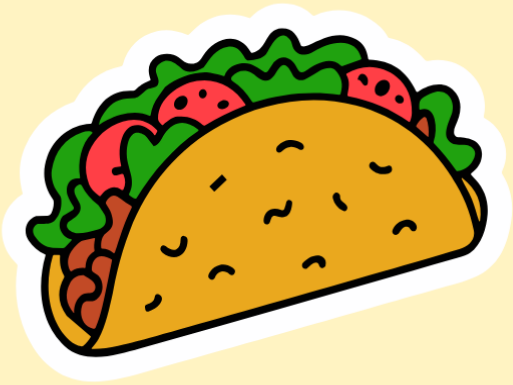


Sat, Jan 10th

Bingo-
4:00 pm
$20 for 1 card per game

*Additional cards will be available for purchase

Tacos plates-
$12 and include 2 tacos, rice, and beans

*Taco plates will be available after bingo finishes to eat in or take to go

Christus Victor Lutheran Church
2098 W Main St, League City

All proceeds will help send our kids to camp!

Help us "PHILL THE BOX!"

Dec. 1st- Jan. 31st

Bins will be at
Christus Victor Lutheran Church
2098 W. Main St., League City

Items accepted-
textiles including clothing, shoes, purses, belts, curtains, sheets, towels, tablecloths, uniforms, hats, gloves, coats, backpacks- any condition.
Items must be in a plastic bag

Proceeds will help our youth group attend camp at Lutherhill.

Worship News November 2025

The next meeting of the worship committee will be on **November 12 at 12:15 pm** following Bible study. You are welcome to attend if you would like to share an idea or concern.

Music
A committee met on October 13 to pick the hymns. We use suggestions made by the ELCA which follow the lectionary. When we are not familiar with the music we pick something more familiar to the congregation.

Ushers/Greeters
We will begin scheduling Ushers/Greeters at the beginning of Advent. This is an 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. The cost has gone up to $55.

Reformation/Confirmation
What a wonderful service we had on October 26. Thank you to everyone who remembered to wear red for Reformation Day and to the newly elected Bishop for the sermon. Seven of our young members were confirmed that day by making public profession of their faith.

Looking Ahead
Soup Suppers and Advent Services begin **Sunday evening Nov. 30** as well as **Wednesdays on Dec. 3, 20, and 17**. Supper begins a 6 pm and Worship at 7 pm.
A Christmas Eve candle light service will be held on Wednesday December 24 at 7 pm.

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

QUILT AND STITCH

The next meeting of "Quilt n Stitch" is Saturday **November 15** from 9 am to noon. All are welcome.

Our next task will be to sandwich another quilt and pin it then tie it. No experience is necessary. We will teach you everything you need to know.

If you want to come and work on you own projects while visiting with the group you are welcome to do that as well. We would love to share your company.

Speak to Karen Connelly for any questions about Quilt N Stitch.

Music News

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

Today's newsletter will feature some quotes about the value of music in one's life. I hope they touch your heart.

"Music is the universal language of mankind."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

"For those who listen deep within the soul of music, surely they will hear the sounds of heaven."
Mark Hayes

"Words are the voices of the heart."
Confucius

"We are one song . We are one with all creation. We are made for music."
Joseph Martin

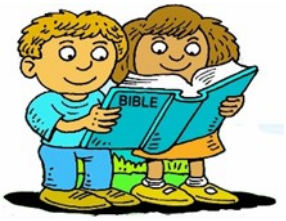
"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."
Victor Hugo

"Participating in the church's music program and bringing music to the worship service could be one of the greatest gifts you could give to Christus Victor Lutheran Church."
Trish Fowzer

NOVEMBER

This month, we will have our Thanksgiving Feast. We can't wait to welcome our children's families to participate.

October was a fun month for us at Christus Victor Children's School! The children had a special story time at the Pumpkin Patch. We had chapel, fall parties, and used our senses to examine pumpkins.



November's Bible Verse:
"I will praise the Lord God with a song and a thankful heart."
Psalm 69:30

Praise Team

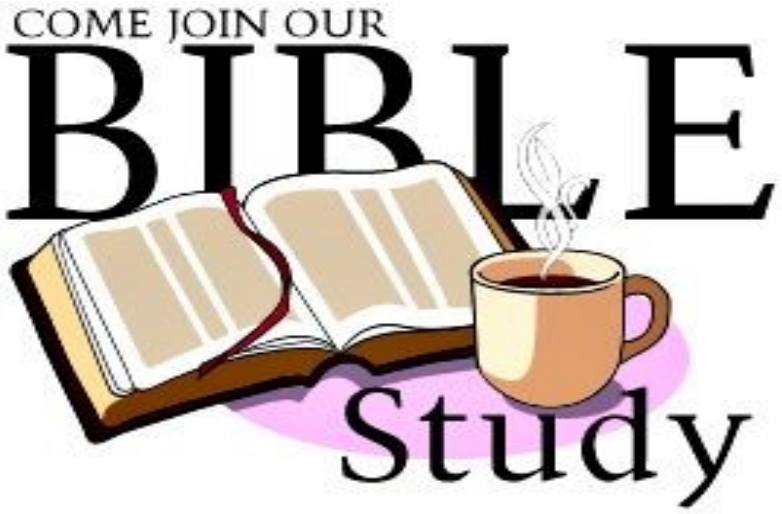
The November songs for Praise Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) are as follows:

Amadeo (Still My God)	CCLI 7148443	Prelude
Forever	CCLI 3148428	Gathering
Stand In Your Love	CCLI 7107821	Hymn of the Day
Gratitude	CCLI 7158417	Offertory
Graves Into Gardens	CCLI 7138219	Communion
Trading My Sorrows	CCLI 2574653	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's at 9:00 am
Everyone welcome!



11:00 am Wednesdays We Are currently studying the book of Matthew as part of the Augsburg program Together by Grace Bible Conversations.

We will not meet during Advent

Time Changes November 2, 2025

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
Hannah Hall	11/12
Bill Boatwright	11/14
Marjorie Duffield	11/16
Jon Hall	11/17
Karen Connelly	11/24
Millie Geiger	11/27
Rick Sharp	11/27
Jordan Smith	11/30

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

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.

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Let's fill the Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) basket in the narthex each month! Plans are to have a designated item or items each month!

November item(s) will be:

Thanksgiving Fixin's

Broth, Stuffing Mix, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin, Canned Ham

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 **All Saints Sunday** **9:00 am Main St Messengers Practice** 10:30 am Worship Service	3 No Choir	4	5 11 am Bible Study	6	7	8
9 **9:00 am Main St Messengers Practice** 10:30 am Worship Service	10 No Choir	11	12 No Bible Study	13	14	15 9am—Noon Quilt & Stitch
16 **9:00 am Main St Messengers Practice** 10:30 am Worship Service Congregational Budget Meeting—after the service	17 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	18	19 11 am Bible Study	20	21	22
23 **Christ The King** 10:30 am Worship Service _____ 30 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Advent Service	24 5:30 pm Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	25	26 No bible Study	27 **Happy Thanksgiving**	28	29

CHRISTUS VICTOR'S PRAYER LIST - FAMILY AND FRIENDS…….*List is updated weekly*

Health Concerns
(removed after 30 days)

Personal Needs
(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement
(removed after 2 weeks)

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-Schaudt
Reuben Hernandez (09/25)
Ruby Hinton (01/24)
Ann Horvath (03/24)
Marcia Jones (03/24)
Scott Massey (09/23)
Merl Matthewman (04/22)
Mylah Merritt (10/25)
Troy Nguyen (8/24)
Kay Paine (02/25)
Marvin Parker (11/23)
Penny Plumlee (05/23)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schaudt
Ken Schaudt
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"

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 & Wednesday

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

Music Director, Patricia Fowzer

Worship Committee Chairperson, Karen connelly

Children's School Director, Tebertha Henderson…281-332-2821

E-mail...directorcvcs@comcast.net

OFFERING REPORT
YEAR-TO-DATE (10/31/2025)

2025 Offering Needed: $ 137,801.70

Current Offerings Received: $ 124,198.73

Shortfall: $ 13,602.97

Building Fund Offerings ytd: $ 8,375.00

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

Outreach:

Education:

Worship: Karen Connelly

Parish Life:

Stewardship:

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