

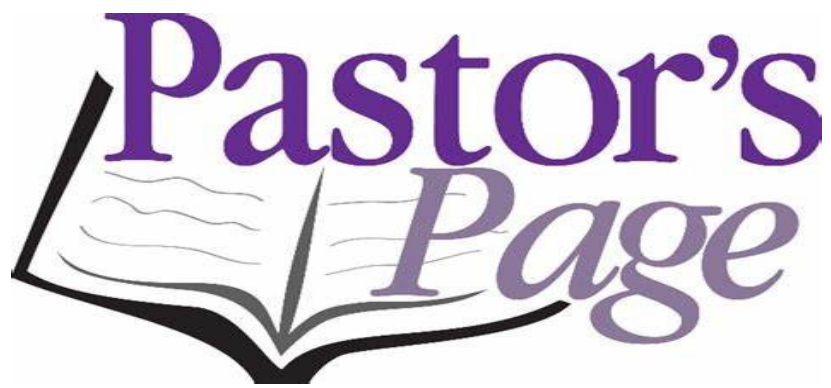
Christus Victor Lutheran
Church

JULY Voice 2026

Happy
4th of July



**Mission Statement: “To bring the Life, Love and Teachings
of Jesus Christ to today’s world”**



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends.

What do the names Abraham, Sarah, Israel, Peter and Paul all have in common? Take a minute before reading on. See if you can figure this out. I am quite certain you can.

Okay, you didn't take time to think. You just read on, but that is okay. I am willing to bet that your initial thoughts would have been something along lines of "they are all leaders in the faith", or perhaps, "they all had a special relationship with God". Maybe, just maybe, some of you actually thought "God changed all of their names", or something like that. Ding, ding, ding. That is the right answer for this particular article.

Abram to Abraham: Genesis 17:5 God makes a covenant with Abraham – Father of many nations

Sarai to Sarah: Genesis 17:15 part of the covenant, God promises that she shall have a child.

Jacob to Israel: Genesis 32:28. For you have struggled with God and with man and have overcome.

Simon to Peter: John 1:42 As Jesus calls Simon to follow him, he changes his name to Peter.

Saul to Paul: Acts 13:9 Saul is confronted by the Risen Christ and blinded. When his sight is restored he no longer goes by Saul. He then goes by Paul. Not a specific explanation, but it changed after his conversion.

The changing of the names is significant. What the individuals were before being called by God changes. Their connection and understanding of God is new. Their understanding of purpose in their lives is completely different. The changing of the name signifies a change in the understanding of God and the call each has in their lives. Was changing their names necessary? Maybe not, but, we remember these specific individuals partly because of the change in their names.

Abram to Abraham: Genesis 17:1-5 God made a covenant with Abram that God would make Abram the father of many nations and said his name would now be Abraham meaning Father of a multitude.

Sarai to Sarah: Genesis 17:15 When God changes Abram's name he also changes Sarai's name. The names both mean "Princess" but changing the name shows the importance of Sarah in the story of the covenant.

Jacob to Israel: Genesis 32:28

Jacob wrestled with God and his name was changed to Israel which means "He strives with God."

Simon to Peter: John 1:42 When Jesus calls Simon to be a disciple, he says "You are to be called Peter (which means rock). In the beginning this may have seemed odd, but we know that later Jesus will say "You are Peter and on this Rock I will build my church."

Saul to Paul: In Acts Chapter 9 we read of the conversion of Saul from being a zealous soldier determined to wipe all of the people of the "way", what followers of Jesus were being called. Saul then encounters the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus and he is blinded. For 3 days Saul until a messenger of God comes and he regains his sight and begins preaching for the Lord. However, it isn't until the middle of chapter 13 of Acts that it is mentioned that Saul is now called Paul with little to no explanation. However, the mission for Saul who becomes Paul changes significantly, putting this name change right in line with those of these other great people of God.

For several years, Christus Victor Lutheran Church has been talking about changing the name of this congregation. There is no hidden agenda in the discussion. Understanding marketing and how people make choices about where they spend their time, we think it is time for us to at the least, have a discussion around the name of this community of faith. In the weeks to come I plan to set up some opportunities for people to gather and discuss what God has done for each of us through this community. What we feel God is calling us to do as we pick up our crosses and follow Jesus.

And finally, we will look at the name Christus Victor Lutheran Church and determine if this reflects the core of our calling to share Christ in wonderful ways. I am not certain where we will end up, but I am excited about the opportunity to really dig into who we are; what God has called us to do out in the community, and how we can best make it known and get it done.

Start thinking everyone. I can't wait to start the adventure.

God Bless you all,
Pastor Tammy



It's Summer

Thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS successful! We had 34 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.

Big thanks to Pastor Tammy for always going along with whatever crazy idea we come up with! You are simply the best.





It's Summer

The theme this year for Lutherhill is "All My Love." CVLC took 6 campers, 3 regular campers and 3 L.Y.L.E. s, plus we had 6 campers from Mem 1 in Texas City, and they had an amazing time! Even the rain couldn't stop these campers!





CHRISTUS VICTOR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

**Our Bible verse this month is “In the beginning God created the heavens and earth.”
Genesis 1;1**

June came in and left quickly! Our school-agers have been having fun on field trips. During the month of July, they will be visiting the Galveston Children's Museum, Lonestar Flight Museum, Main Event and other fun locations. All the kids have enjoyed our water days.

In the fall, we will have a few openings in our toddler, pre-k and after school classes. We drop off and pick up from Ross, Hall, Gilmore, Campbell, and Bauerschlag.



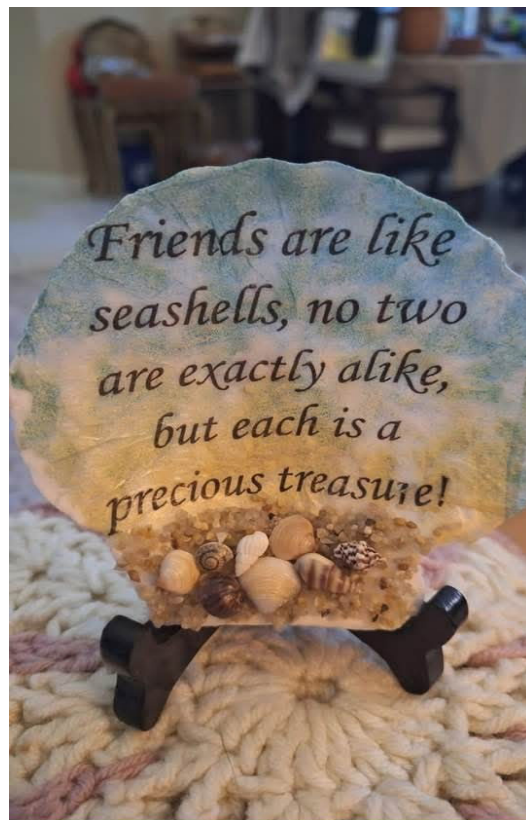
Music



Joining a church choir offers a very powerful mix of community, mental well-being and fulfillment. It creates an instant, multi-generational support system within our congregation while providing scientifically proven stress relief.

It's a rewarding way to elevate worship and build deep, lasting friendships through the shared breath and harmony of group singing. Singing in a choir yields deep physical, emotional, and social benefits, backed by the restorative power of music.

The art of singing releases endorphins and dopamine, which lowers stress hormones and naturally elevates your mood. Try choir! You just might feel more joyful in your life!



QUILT AND STITCH



Next meeting date is Saturday July 18th 9:00 am—Noon

We will continue to open the church every third Saturday of the month to work on quilts for baptism, H.S. graduations and Lutheran World Relief.

We invite anyone to come pin or tie from 9 am to noon. NO SKILL IS NEEDED and it's a great opportunity for fellowship with other friends of Christus Victor.

If you like to knit or crochet, we have an abundance of yarn that can be used for prayer shawls. Quilt and Stitch is not just for quilters. We need all kinds of “stitchers” working together.

Remember that Quilt and Stitch meets every third Saturday of the month unless of a conflict with a holiday or other Christus Victor event.

For questions or information contact Karen Connelly at 281-546-5450 or kjconnelly@verizon.net.





Main Street Messengers

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

First Thing First	CCLI 7208737	Prelude
Open The Eyes of My Heart	CCLI 2298355	Gathering
Good Soil	CCLI 806698	Hymn of the Day
Only Jesus	CCLI 7117580	Offertory
Seeds, Scattered and Sown	W&P 121	Communion
One Name		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 9:15 am

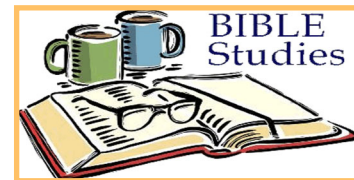
Everyone welcome!



Sharon Appel	07/01
Mary Klug	07/05
Paul Appel	07/08
Terry Henske	07/09
Ann Horvath	07/09
Bill Ferreira	07/10
Kendall Holmes	07/11
Anna Lucas	07/11
Kimberly Hall	07/13
Sara Beaudet-Smart	07/13
Judy Hembd	07/18
Gracelyn Keyes	07/18
Bryn Kutinac	07/25
Jacie Kutinac	07/25
Dick Danielson	07/26
Kay Paine	07/30



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



Bible Study is at 11:00 am on Wednesdays
We are currently studying the book of John

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.



JULY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 am Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:15 am Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	6	7	8 11:00 am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 11:00 am Bible Study	16	17	18 Quilt & Stitch 9 am—Noon
19 9:15 am Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	20	21	22 11:00 am Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	27	28	29 11:00 am Bible Study	30	31	



Health Concerns

(removed after 30 days)

Personal Needs

(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement

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)
David Bonen (12/25)
Diana Bredeson
Lynn Carey (03/24)
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Trish Fowzer (06/26)
Elissa Gould-Schaudt
Ruby Hinton (01/24)
Ann Horvath (03/24)
Marcia Jones (03/24)
Bill Long (03/26)
Scott Massey (09/23)
Merl Matthewman (04/22)
Mylah Merritt (10/25)
Troy Nguyen (8/24)
Kay Paine (02/25)
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schaudt
Ken Schaudt
Scott Short (11/24)
Kevin Thompson (04/26)
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

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 :Judy Hembd

Youth: Tebertha Henderson

Youth Liason: Emilia Smart

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE (06/30/2026)

2026 Offering Needed: \$82,044.00

Current Offerings Received: \$ 67,780.00

Shortfall: \$ 14,264.00

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$ 3,470