

Christus Victor Lutheran
Church

August Voice 2026



PLEASE REVIEW THE PRAYER LIST

**Blessing of the Backpacks
August 16th**

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



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends:

I have just realized that in just 2 weeks, the kids will all be back in school. I am not sure if it is the fact that I truly am in the “older” age bracket, or the fact that I seem to stay busy, but this summer flew by. Maybe I should say this summer school break went by fast. We all know that here in Houston, summer will stay with us for quite some time yet! This has been a good summer.

Some people look at our congregation as an “older” congregation. They don’t mean the building has been here an exceptionally long time but rather, that our membership is of the “older” crowd. The reality is that on some Sundays, we do have an “older” congregation. If you look around on those Sundays, there may only be one or two children in the pews. But, other Sundays, nearly 1/3 of our congregation is under 40. Maybe even under 30. What this tells me is that the best thing we can do to grow our church spiritually and in numbers, is to strategically plan frequent events that are designed for old and young alike. At first thought it may sound tough to do but honestly, we already do it, just not as frequently as we could.

Here is what we already do

Our Vacation Bible School involves people of all ages. We have those who gave donations, and students, teachers and coordinators and music leaders, craft leaders and registration and helpers for every one of those things. The participants range from 4 years old to close to 90 years old. The entire church was involved in one way or another. The faith of everyone was impacted and Ministry was booming.

At Christmas time, we worked together as an entire congregation to put together Shoe Box Gifts for seafarers. Many made donations and people of all ages stayed after church and put boxes together and wrapped them. Not only were the people of our congregations touched by this opportunity; Seafarers for who knows where in the world were touched. Just last week I was on a ship with some seafarers who had been in Houston in December and received those gifts. They were so grateful to get those packages and were hoping their ship would be in Houston for this coming December.

These are just two examples of how we can work as an entire congregation to touch the lives of those around us. Let’s do a little bit more of that. There is one way we could do that with virtually NO EFFORT. Not because there aren’t things that need to be organized but because they have already been done. QUILT AND STITCH. Karen Connelly has already done the organizing.

On the third Saturday of every month (most every month), Karen is here with whomever shows up. At the current time, that is VERY FEW people. However, I think that part of the problem is that people still think they have to be able to sew. That is not true at all. As far as the quilt making part, we have the people who will make the tops of the quilts. The only thing you need to be able to do is tie a knot. Karen or the few others will show you exactly what to do. The quilts are used for Graduations, Baptisms, and Lutheran World Relief. The Lutheran World Relief Quilts are sent to people all over the world where there is a need. No age limit at all. The best part of this is that the young folks can learn a few things from their elders, and the elders can get a glimpse into what is going on with the kids these days! PLUS THERE IS MORE....

Remember the AND STITCH part of the name? Well, it really should be stitch or bead or craft in whatever way you want for the good of the community and the world. I know that we have knitters that could come and make prayer blankets or shawls. I can certainly bring beads and string and all things needed to make prayer beads and Rosaries for me to take to the seafarers. The possibilities are endless. So, I am making a proposal and giving you time to mark your calendar.

September 18th is the third Saturday in September! This will be a multi-generational opportunity for fellowship, ministry and fun. Karen will be here with the quilting things up and running. Jennifer Schaudt will have her knitting out and plenty to share. I will bring all things necessary to make prayer beads for the seafarers. Last, but not least, I will make some sort of plan for lunch.

In the coming weeks I will give you some reminders, and extra encouragement to take part in this event. It is my hope that this will become something that happens more than just this once. Plan to come and bring a friend and see where the spirit might lead us!

God bless you all,
Pastor Tammy



Students and educators, bring your backpack to church on Sunday, August 16th for the Blessing of the Backpacks during our worship service.

Thank you to everyone who has brought donations for our donation bin in the parking lot. While we planned to have the bin permanently, the city has informed us that we may not have a permanent bin in the parking lot.



In September, we will collect items for Christmas boxes for the Seafarers. Pastor Tammy will share a list soon. We will use these items to make the boxes for God's Work, Our Hands.



We had a wonderful, fun-filled summer at CVCS, and now it's time to get ready for back to school. We are preparing our classes for the new school year, and many children will begin new journeys as they move into new classrooms. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

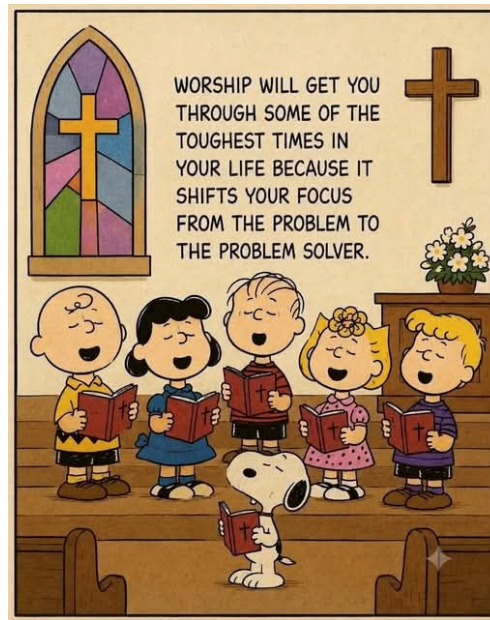
We still have several openings in our preschool class for the new school year. If you know someone who needs childcare, please send them our way!

August theme: Back to School & All About Me

August Bible Verse: Psalm 105:2 **“Sing praises to the Lord. Tell about his miracles.”**



Music



It is time. Time to start anew our choir and handbell season. It is time to praise the Lord in music among friends. It is time to share our gifts that were given to us by God himself. Why not serve the Lord on Monday nights for forty-five minutes? Here is a poem I found that also emphasizes the music is a type of prayer.

Prayer can be as quiet
As a falling petal,
Fragrant as a flower,
But strong as metal.

Prayer can be a crying,
As in Gethsemane.
And he who heard his Son, the Christ,
Will he not hear me?

Prayer can be the music
Of his song divine,
The miracle of harmony,
His counterpoint with mine.

And always to the Spirit-fed
Prayer can bring the Living Bread.

Gwyneth Gibson



Please come join us in praise and prayer on Monday nights. Choir is at 5:30. Bells are at 6:15. We sincerely hope you will join us!

Trish 💜

QUILT AND STITCH



Next meeting August 15, 2026

9:00 am—Noon





Main Street Messengers

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

What Faith Can Do	CCLI 5380356	Prelude
Way Maker	CCLI 7115744	Gathering
Healer	CCLI 3326714	Hymn of the Day
I Speak Jesus	CCLI 7136201	Offertory
One Bread, One Body	W&P 111	Communion
Every Move I Make	CCLI 1595726	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!

Christmas Shoeboxes



Houston International Seafarers Center, Inc.

2026 SEASON

2025
STATS



8,901

SHOEBOXES
DISTRIBUTED



68

NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED



150+

PARTICIPATING ORGS
AND DONORS



385

VESSELS GIFTED

ABOUT

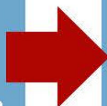
Every year, the Houston International Seafarers Center delivers between 8,000 and 11,000 shoeboxes filled with essential items, treats, and small gifts to the hardworking seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. Many of these men and women spend months at sea, far from home and family—especially during the holiday season.

These special shoeboxes are hand-delivered directly to ships by our Chaplains, ship visitors, and staff—sharing not just gifts, but kindness, gratitude, and holiday spirit.

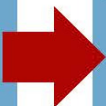
TAKE ACTION



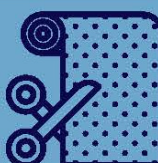
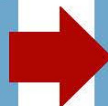
**GATHER YOUR
TEAM**



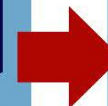
**COLLECT ITEMS
& SHOEBOXES**



**PACK YOUR
BOXES**



**WRAP YOUR
BOXES**



**DELIVER TO
THE CENTER**

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

BAND-AIDS (FABRIC)
BODY WASH (LIQUID)
DENTAL FLOSS
DEODORANT
DISPOSABLE RAZORS
GOLD BOND CREAM
GOLD BOND POWDER
HAIRBRUSH / COMB
HAND WIPES
LIP BALM
LOTION
NAIL CLIPPERS
Q-TIPS
SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
SHAVING CREAM
TISSUES
TOOTHBRUSH / PASTE

RECREATIONAL ITEMS

BASEBALL CAPS (NEW)
CHEWING GUM / HARD CANDY
EARBUDS / HEADPHONES
FLASHLIGHTS W/ BATTERIES
HANDKERCHIEFS
KEY CHAINS
MAGNETS
MECHANICAL PENCILS / PENS
NEEDLE & THREAD
NON-PERISHABLE SNACKS
PLAYING CARDS
POCKET-SIZED NOTEBOOKS
POCKET CALENDARS
SOCKS
TEXAS SOUVENIRS
T-SHIRTS (NEW)
WORD-SEARCHES / SUDOKUS

GUIDELINES / OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Set up and share an Amazon Wishlist with your team to help collect items.
- Purchase plastic shoeboxes: they will become an extra gift for seafarers.
- Pack only new, unopened/unused items.
- Include full-sized items (preferred over travel-sized items).
- Wrap securely as one unit, please DO NOT wrap lids and boxes separately.
- Add a personal note or card to make each box a special, one-of-a-kind gift.
- Fill boxes to the brim!
- Use holiday themed paper to wrap boxes

UNABLE TO GATHER A TEAM AND ASSEMBLE BOXES?

- Purchase and send shoebox items directly to the Center via our Amazon Wishlist. Use your smartphone's camera to scan our QR code, and you'll be taken directly to our wishlist.



**THANK
YOU**

FOR HELPING US
CONTINUE OUR MISSION
SERVING SEAFARERS

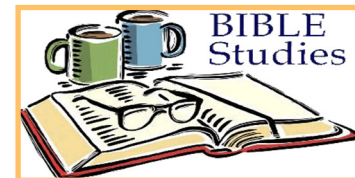
Shoeboxes can be delivered to the Houston International Seafarers Center, 9750 High Level Road, Houston Texas.
Please call ahead to coordinate a drop off time with Center staff 713-672-0511.



Patty Parker	08/04
Jennifer Schaudt	08/04
Lori Rushing	08/05
Shareef Battle	08/07
Kennedy Keyes	08/10
Tim Duffield	08/13
Ethan Phillips	08/15
Mark Sapp	08/18
Ema Keyes	08/20
Emilia Smart	08/21
Marianne Citraro	08/23
Debbie Davis	08/23
Laura Mallios	08/26
Troy Connelly	08/28
Laura Danielson	08/29



Mark & Christine Sapp 08/03



Bible Study
Wednesday's at 11:00 am

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.

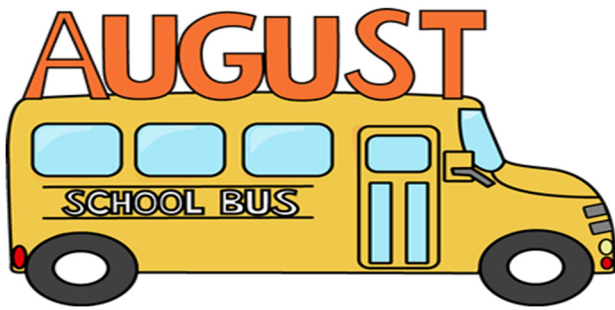
Once you're logged on, you will need to link your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card to your account.

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.



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	3 5:30 pm, Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	4	5 No Bible Study	6	7	8
9 9:15 Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship	10 5:30 pm, Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	11	12 11:00 am Bible Study	13	14	15 Quilt & Stitch 9 am—Noon
16 9:15 Praise Team Practice 10:30 Worship Blessing of the Backpacks	17 5:30 pm, Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Bell Choir	18	19 11:00 am Bible Study	20	21	22
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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

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...28-332-2821 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 (07/31/2026)

2026 Offering Needed: \$95,718.00

Current Offerings Received: \$ 79,852.48

Shortfall: \$ 15,865.52

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$ 3,770.00