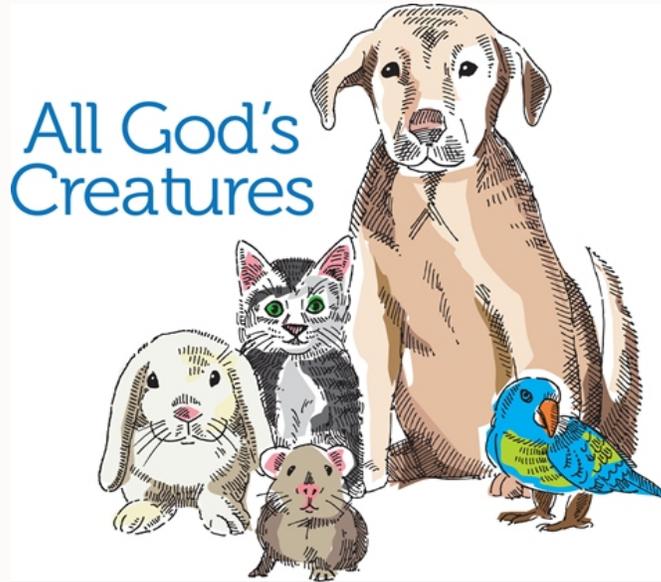


CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Voice May 2021

2021 Pet Fest and Blessing of the animals
May 8th 11:00 am—2:00 pm (see pages 9 & 10 for pricing)



The children's school Fund Raiser is in full swing see page 8 for details on how to participate.

Youth group gathering May 1, Youth Parent meeting May 12 see page 7 for details

VBS & Camp are on the horizon see page 7 for details

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

May 9, 2020

Happy
Mother's
Day



Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends.

Life is slowly but surely showing signs of the life we remember before Covid. I doubt that we will ever be fully back to what we once called “normal” and that isn’t a totally bad thing. It is good that we have been forced to consider, not just our health concerns, but those of others we encounter. This includes people we don’t even know and will never know the concerns they have. We are just more aware that a virus that seems to be nothing more than an inconvenience for some whose symptoms are light, can be deadly to someone else. The fact that there is little rhyme or reason to how it hits people has made us even more sensitive to keeping other’s safe.

We have come to understand the importance of paying attention to the personal space of others. I am one who has little personal space. For the most part, you can sit right next to me in any given situation, and it does not bother me in the least. I am weird like that. Most people have an unseen space around them. When someone comes closer than that space it makes them extremely uncomfortable. However, prior to covid, if someone was insensitive to that personal space the response of the one who was “invaded” was most often internal. With covid, personal spaces have become larger and the reaction to invading that space has become much more outward. It has made all of us a little more aware of asking to get closer to an individual without making assumptions that it is okay. This is a good thing.

The fact that we were forced to stay away from even the people closest to us has been a challenge. No matter how introverted an individual may be (a concept I have to work hard to understand), everyone needs the compassion and love that is found in the hug of someone important in their lives, or the opportunity to simply sit with someone and share their day. The longer this pandemic has gone on, the more obvious it has become that we have to find ways for even the most vulnerable, or those most concerned about the virus, to have in-person, social and spiritual interactions. The reality of the depression this pandemic has caused is every bit as real as the long term side effects of contracting the virus. As a church; the body of Christ, it is essential that we begin to think outside the box to assure that we have opportunities for everyone; members and non-members, to have a place to interact in which everyone involved feels safe. That is where I need your help.

A large part of our congregation has been vaccinated. This will go a long way to help everyone who gathers feel a bit safer in coming together in ways that are very similar to how we were together before Covid-19. I can’t tell you how cathartic it has been for my psyche to stand up in front of the altar and see many of you joining in worship in the sanctuary. Being the touchy feely sort of extrovert that I am, this is a very good thing. I know that there are many people who continue to have concerns about gathering with a larger group of people. I understand that this concern comes, at least in part, to the fact that there are strains of the virus, mostly in other parts of the world, but can easily find it’s way to the US, and the reality that many choose not to be vaccinated. I also understand that for those who are choosing not to be vaccinated, their concerns are for the unknowns that are out there about the long-term effects of getting these vaccines. I respect that.

My broad thought is that we need to plan gatherings for smaller groups of people who can meet outside if the weather is good, or can be moved into the sanctuary and spread out if the weather makes that necessary. My problem is determining what sort of gatherings would people, especially those most concerned about going out, would people be willing to come to? We would have to limit the gatherings for sure, and they do not have to be “Bible Study” related. Maybe it will be a group of people who want to play dominoes or bunko or some other game. Maybe there are some who would like to come and just have coffee and treats and talk. Maybe we have enough knitters and crocheters in this congregation who would love nothing more than to come together, knit and crochet away, and yack!

I am going to wait two weeks from when this newsletter goes out and see if I get any suggestions from you. Then, I will set up times for a few gatherings and post the safety measures we will take for these gatherings as well as how many people will be able to attend at one time. At that point, you will need to sign up for the group and come and enjoy. This will be the first step to providing in-person community for all.

Those who are continuing to be a part of our worshiping community through our live-streaming are every bit as much a part of this congregation as those who come in person. Life is just different now and we have to learn ways to be the church in this new time! If you have any other suggestions on how we might be able to provide opportunities for people to gather in an environment that feels safe, please do not hesitate to let me know. This truly is the issue that is the most concerning for me at this time. Let’s be the church together and walk into this new way of life with bold confidence and unity!

God Bless your Day
Pastor Tammy



Even though Easter Sunday was so last month, we are still in the Easter season until Pentecost. Jesus has not ascended into heaven yet and is still appearing to his disciples in person. I know that this time last year, we were still struggling with what pandemic meant and how long it would last. We were recording services, and the Pastor was splicing them together to give us a service that we could watch from our homes. Now we have the facilities to live stream the service or for people to be in the pews in person or watch it live on their computers or smartphones. I would like to personally thank all of you that donated money to pay for this capability because this allows us to choose how we want to worship without jeopardizing anyone's health.

The music groups have started up again and I may be biased, but the Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and the Main Street Messengers are doing really well. Trish is putting all groups through their paces, and Marianne is choosing really good music for the Praise Team. All groups could use more people. If you feel comfortable meeting in person, but masked and socially distanced, then all groups are practicing that as much as possible. Previously, the Bell Choir recorded their performance, and now they are playing in person during the service. The Chancel Choir is also performing in person starting May 2nd. Here is your cheat sheet for the different groups:

Bell Choir – 6 PM on Mondays in the sanctuary. We could use more people in this group to play more complicated pieces.

Chancel Choir – 6 PM on Tuesdays in the sanctuary. We could also use more people in this group so we can do more harmony.

Main Street Messengers – 9:15 AM on Sunday in the sanctuary. More voices are needed to do more harmony parts.

We need assisting ministers in person during the service, so if you would like to be one, please let me, Sandie, or Pastor Tammy know to get you on the schedule. Otherwise, I will be asking you as I see you if you would like to volunteer. We will offer training if you have never been an assisting minister before.

We would like to see more people in person during Sunday services. If you feel comfortable coming to the church in person, we have enough space to keep social distancing in mind.

Happy Easter and I hope to see you in church on Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Stacey Keener
Worship Committee Chair

Music Department

I recently read an article with encouraging words concerning worship during these unsettling times. The author said that “worship is the most important practice in our lives and in our church- giving praise to the one who created us. When we lead others in worship, we are practicing in the only activity on earth that will also be a part of heaven.” I was deeply touched by these words because I believe there will be music in heaven and lots of it. Music has given me so much comfort my entire life, and that is the reason I am honored to serve Him through music.

Serving with those who choose to commit their musical gifts is amazing. I realize it takes extra efforts to come to the church additional times for these rehearsals for heaven, but I totally believe the combining of our hearts and talents makes for a powerful time of praise and worship. Thank you to those who are bringing such joy through music like the Messengers, the Choir, and the Handbells. We encourage those of you who would like to try one of these groups to take that step forward and come join us. If you just do not know if you can do this, please contact me. I will personally meet with you and prove you do have a gift! I will even help you polish it until you are certain you can sing or ring!

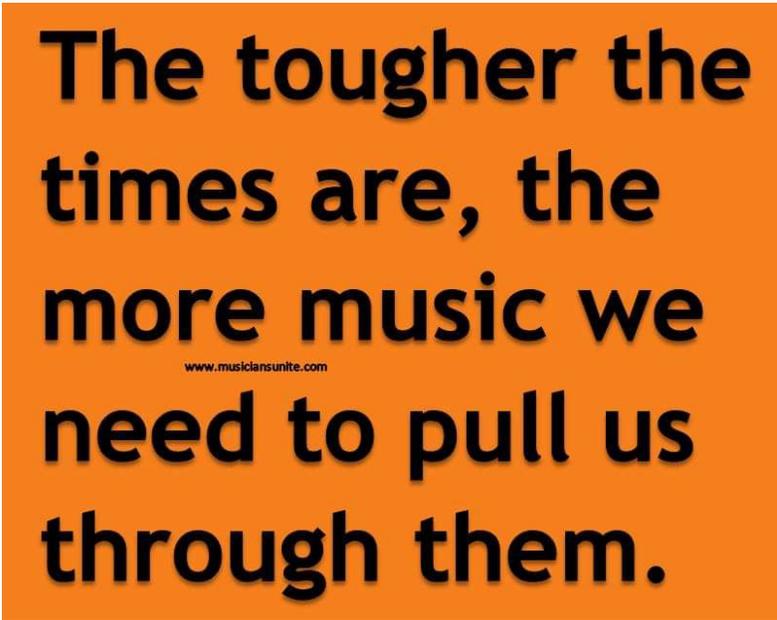
Speaking of ringing, I thought the Handbell Choir made Bach and God smile as they presented their prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”. We did have a lot of fun preparing this and are looking forward to playing Beethoven soon.

The Choir has also been making me smile bigger than ever with their preparations of songs from our new hymnal. You will be hearing them sing “Touch That Soothes and Heals the Soul”. With a title like that, please know that the selections we sing also have meaningful words and are heavenly mission statements presented through beautiful melodies and harmony.

We cannot forget those amazing Messengers. Rehearsals here are fun, and those contemporary worship songs always touch our hearts.

Please contact me if you would like more information or to request your favorite hymn or offertory to be presented. We are always listening!

Trish Fowzer (pfowzer@gmail.com)



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times are, the
more music we
need to pull us
through them.**

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We will have a youth group gathering on Saturday, May 1st at 4:00. We are going to start prepping our gaga ball pit so that we can get it set up soon! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messed up, as we will be staining the pit! After we get that taken care of, we will hang out and have dinner. Please let Jason Kutinac know if you plan to attend (jasonrrt97@yahoo.com or 225-236-8533).



Parents, we are going to have a meeting to discuss the direction our youth programs, including Sunday School, will go. I need your help and input to plan our future. We will have a meeting on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30 to collaborate.

Calling all knights! VBS will be July 11th-15th, and **we need volunteers!** We need an arts & craft leader, a recreation leader, and group leaders/group helpers (this would be a great opportunity for teen helpers). Let us know if you would like to help. Registration for VBS will open on May 15th. Cost is \$35 per child/\$70 per family. Children ages 4 (Pre-K) through 6th grade are welcome to join us! Registration will open on May 15th via our website. Please share the dates with family and friends!



Save the date! Christus Victor youth will be going to Lutherhill July 18-23! We have 9 kids registered so far. If any other kids want to join us, we would love to have them! Registration is open on the Lutherhill website. Please let Lisa Kutinac (LisaKutinac@hotmail.com or 225-236-6786) know if your child will be attending so that I can make sure they are included with our group. We do not have a group number for registration

If you have any questions about these activities or ideas for activities in the future, please reach out to Lisa Kutinac- LisaKutinac@hotmail.com or 225-236-6786.



What's happening at Christus Victor Children's School

Our spring fundraiser is in full swing! Families are trying to fill a calendar to "Make Our Day." Friends and family chose a day and make a donation. For example, if the donor chooses the 16th, they donate \$16. We are raising money to add new equipment to our playground, update the flooring in the classrooms, and get some new shelving for our classrooms. If any congregation members would like to "Make Our Day," the link to donate is www.tinyurl.com/CVCSMakeMyDay.

May 3rd – May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week! The school board has planned meals and treats for the teachers and staff throughout the week.

Our Pre-K class will have their graduation on May 25th. They have been working hard to show their families what Superheroes they all are!

CCISD's last day of school is May 27th. CVCS will begin its summer program on June 1st. We will have water play days, fun filled summer themed lessons, and hopefully a field trip or two for our older kids. We are enrolling now and have a few spots open!

We have a new employee! Charlene Garrison was a teacher with CVCS previously, and she has returned. We are so excited that she has joined our team!

The Bible verse for the month of May
Matthew 19:14 Jesus said "Let the children come to me."

Lisa Kutinac, School Board Preasident

Tebertha Henderson, Director



Annual "Pet Fest"

*At Christus Victor Lutheran Church's
Family Life Center located at
2098 W. Main Street in League City*

**Saturday, May 8, 2021
11:00 am—2:00 pm**

Blessing of the Animals at 11:00 am

Low cost vaccines and flea meds for dogs and cats, along with free veterinary advice from church member, Dr. Patty Parker D.V.M at Clear Creek Animal Hospital. You can contact her office at 281-326-5523 for any questions.

Pastor Tammy Sharp has graciously offered to perform the Blessing of the Animals Ceremony for our much loved pets at 11:00 am.

List of vaccines that will be available at the Pet Fest:



DOG RABIES	\$10
DOG DISTEMPER	\$20
BORDETELLA	\$20
LEPTOSPIROSIS	\$15
CAT RABIES	\$25
CAT DISTEMPER	\$15
FELINE LEUKEMIA	\$27



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For more info call: 281-326-5523

Canine Vaccines

Rabies \$10

DHPP \$20

(Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvo)

Bordetella \$20

Leptospirosis \$15

Feline Vaccines

Rabies \$25

FVRCP \$15

FELV \$27

Credelio Flea Pills

(Caine Flea Pills)

All Sizes – 6 month supply \$95

Revolution Plus

(Adult Cat Heartworm & Flea Protection)

5-22# - 6 month supply \$100.00

Revolution

3 month supply \$55

(Puppy/Kitten Heartworm & Flea Prevention)

Heartgard Plus

(Canine Heartworm Prevention)

0-25# 6 month supply \$36

26-50# 6 month supply \$46

51-100# 6 month supply \$56

Trifexis

(Canine Heartworm & Flea Prevention)

Must have a Heartworm test to purchase

All sizes – 6 month supply \$120

Heartworm Test \$30

Doris Chambers	05/04
Linden Brom	05/04
Elizabeth Blackman	05/05
Ruby Morrow	05/08
Pat Towner	05/09
Paula Towner	05/12
Sean Crowl	05/13
Sandie Price	05/16
Dan Crowl	05/19
Zechariah Short	05/23
Dura Dittmar	05/24
Xavier Hernandez	05/24
Xavier Hernandez, Jr	05/24
Andy Smith	05/24
Erin Smith	05/24
Connie Smith	05/24
Kyle Qualia	05/28
JoAnn Miller	05/29
Max & Seb Sessions	05/29



Happy Anniversary!

Dick & Laura Danielson	05/01
Karen & Xavier Hernandez	05/01
JoAnn & Wesley Miller	05/08
Don Birkelbach & Laurie Stockstill	05/13
Rick & Tammy Sharp	05/16
Jason & Lisa Kutinac	05/16



Health Concerns
(removed after 30 days)

Karl Klug (04/21)

Personal Needs
(removed after 30 days)

Bereavement
(removed after 2 weeks)

Serving in our Military

Michael Bredeson
Brandon Geiger
Spencer Karkosky
Noah Keener
Alysa Mann Meyer
Blake Meyer
Zach Wood

**Long Term Care/Medical
Treatments**
(remains until requested to be
removed)

Earl Armstrong
Marvin Bailey (6/19)
Steve Bivens
Diana Bredeson
Ashlynn Coury-Moseley
Letha Frederick
Patrick Geistman (03/21)
Bobbie Gibson
Elissa Gould-Schaut
Carolyn Hannum
Warren Harris
Jeff Mallios
Merl Matthewman
Ray Mitchell
Kathy Pulliam (03/21)
Irene Richmond
Marjorie Schaeferman
Patricia Meyer Schalla
Carol Schaut
Ken Schaut
Tom Sharp
Wanda Toedter
Nate Tupper
Cathy Vaughn

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.

May



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:15am Main St Messengers Practice 10:30 am Worship	No Bell Choir	6:00 pm Chancel Choir		6:00 pm Bible Study		11:00– 2:00 PetFest
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Happy Mother's Day 9:15am Main St Messengers Practice 10:30 am Worship	6:00 pm Bell Choir	6:00 pm Chancel Choir		No Bible Study		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pentecost 9:15am Main St Messengers Practice 10:30 am Worship	6:00 pm Bell Choir	6:00 pm Chancel Choir		6:00 pm Bible Study		
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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.]

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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, Stacey Keener 281-797-6775

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

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: Brad Loucas

OFFERING REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE

2021 Offering Needed: \$70,158.32

Current Offerings Received: \$ 49,883.20

Shortfall: \$20,275.12

Building Fund Offerings ytd: \$3,251.00

**Building fund loan balance: \$25,824.04
(as of April 11, 2021)**