



THE CURRENT

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The People of Christus Victor, ministers

The Rev. Will Rose, pastor

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“Whoever believes in Me, streams of living water will flow from his heart.” John 7:38

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Services, 8:15 & 10:30 am

Breakfast, 8:45-9:15 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Services, 8:15 & 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Worship Services, 8:15 & 10:30 am

Breakfast, 8:45-9:15 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Worship Service, 7:00 pm

Holy Communion

Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Services, 8:15 & 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

+ A Word From Pastor Will +

Words can not express how thankful I am that I was able to be your pastor for seven years. I wish I could sit down with each one of you individually to share with you how much you mean to me and my family. I wish I could look each of you in the eye and share with you the gifts you have for ministry and how you can continue to bless the wonderful family of faith gathered at Christus Victor. As I have shared before, I am a better pastor and more committed to my discipleship with Jesus because of each of you. A way you can express “thank you” to me is to remain committed to the ministry that is happening at Christus Victor. I know change is hard and not knowing what the future may hold is unsettling, but there is no doubt in my mind or heart that Christus Victor will be taken care of. You are in good hands with our South Carolina Synod office and most importantly you are in the mighty hands of our loving and grace filled God. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for you in the months and years ahead.

My last Sunday with you will be February 12th. I hope that you will be able to join us on that Sunday as we worship together and give God the glory for all that God has done in our midst as partners in ministry. I also hope you can join us for the potluck dinner after worship that Sunday, rumor has it there will be fried chicken and diet Mountain Dew. After Feb. 12th I will not be your pastor anymore and I can not come back to do funerals, weddings, or other pastoral duties. It is

time for the next chapter in the life and ministry of Christus Victor. While I may not be your pastor, I will always be your brother in Christ and partner in ministry. Our bond and unity in Christ is something we will never lose.

As many of you know, over the last 5 years our girls have attended the Columbia Jewish Day School. It has been such a blessing to see them grow in their school work along with them immersed in the Jewish culture and the Hebrew language. This experience has helped us feel even closer to Rabbi Jesus. Even though I took biblical Hebrew in seminary, both Hannah and Ella know more Hebrew than I do. When we shared with their school that we are moving, the principal of the school, Rabbi Meir, reminded us that the Hebrew word *shalom* not only means “peace be with you”, it is also a word that can mean both “hello” and “goodbye”. So to you and the whole people of God at Christus Victor I say, “Shalom”... wishing you *well-being, safety, health, prosperity, wholeness* and *peace*, having faith that God will accomplish this. But also, by using this word in saying “goodbye,” it comes with the hope that we will say “hello” one day soon. Until our paths cross again... *shalom*.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Will Rose

A Word From the Church Council President

As you all know, Pastor Will's last Sunday with us is February 12th. Adults are invited to a gathering at Pine Island on Friday, February 10 at 7:00 pm. Sign up in the narthex. Additionally, you and your family are invited to a covered dish lunch celebration to be held after the 10:30 service that day to celebrate Pastor Will's mission with us. Between now and then is a time for us to reflect on what Pastor Will has meant to us.

I've had conversation with the Bishop and the synod is ready to aid us in our call process. The Bishop is familiar with us, has worshipped with us and intends for this congregation to continue to be the vibrant, growing, loving congregation we know it to be.

We have a Supply Pastor lined up for February 19th and 26th and I hope this person will be our Interim Pastor for the duration of our Call process, but we'll decide that later. Our Interim Pastor will lead Sunday services and have 20-30 hours per week in office hours and will be our Pastor until we call a permanent Pastor.

The Bishop's office will come to the February council meeting to talk us through the call process. The council will soon form a Call Committee that will do the actual research, evaluation and recommendation for a new Pastor.

The plan is for us to have an early March Congregational Event, probably a Sunday or Wednesday evening with a meal that will be led by the Synod Office to begin our congregational conversation: Where is God leading us as a congregation; where do we want our ministry to go in the future, and just exactly who are the people that call themselves Christus Victor Lutheran Church? Being able to put this on paper will allow us to better evaluate potential pastors and will allow interested Pastors to evaluate whether they feel they would be a good fit for us.

The Call process is a GREAT opportunity for us to take a good look at our ministry, to put some things down and to pick up some new things is one way I've heard it put. It's a time for change and renewal and self-reflection and it's healthy.

It's reasonable to think we'll have a good idea where we're headed in the call process by August. This is an attractive place – our location, people, history of growth, stability and the fact that we don't have any real big issues amongst us. The Bishop told me to expect the very best candidates for our consideration.

A favorite prayer of mine is the Lutheran Prayer for Courage. I'm very confident that the coming call of a new pastor will be a healthy period of growth at Christus Victor and I'm excited to be a part of it. I don't feel the need for courage for that – but it's a big scary world out there, and courage is needed for us to do our Christian work in the world.

Lord God,

You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, and through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Christ,
Mike Metzler

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

Peggy & Paul Johnston

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Larry & Becky Brown, Judy Dry, Betty Glover, Eddy Mae Murphy, Trevor Nickel, Lana Rosenbeck

Floyd Bonds, *Cliff Bonds' father*

Dawn Boyd, *Barbara Kleinrock's friend*

Georgia Cannon, *Randy Cannon's mother*

Brenda Dye, *Lynn Eargle's mother*

Bennett Ford, *Ralph Ford's father*

Lillian Gibbes, *Kocherts' friend*

Anna Lea Gordon, *Ginger Stoudenmire's mother*

John Gray, *Patti Jo Grove's friend*

Wayne Haltiwanger, *family of Barbara Kleinrock*

Karen Hays, *Judy Dry's cousin*

Kaye Hieatt, *Barbara Chambers' friend*

Stacy Innabinet, *Tony Kochert's friend*

Kay Kester, *Tony Kester's mother*

John Lackey, *Barbara Kleinrock's son*

Betty Lowery, *Ericksons' friend*

Ella McDonald, *Janet Robinson's granddaughter*

Ann Miller, *Jim & Mary Nichols' daughter*

Linda Miller, *Janet Robinson's friend*

William Murphy, *Eddy Mae Murphy's ex-husband*

Jennifer Neal, *Cindy Morton Rose's friend*

Mary Ann Nelson, *Cyndi Nelson's mother*

Pastor Paul Pridgen, *Ericksons' friend*

Joseph Ryan, *Rich Burke's brother in law*

IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For the friends and family of Pat Lester, who passed away

For the friends and family of Nancy Collins, who passed away, Robyn Westphal's grandmother

For the friends and family of Francis Morris, who passed away, Barbara Kleinrock's father

For those who have lost their jobs and are searching for jobs

For Pat Morris, *Barbara Kleinrock's step-mother*

For Crossroads, Breath of Life, SC Lutheran Mission Churches and for Spring of Life and Christ the King Lutheran, SC Synod's Hispanic Mission Churches

For students at LTSS as they seek to discern God's call and grow in their discipleship

FOR OUR ENEMIES AND FOR RECONCILIATION

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of all creation, bring your peace to all places and hearts that hunger for it. Bring understanding and peace to the descendants of Abraham, especially Jewish people, Muslims and Christians, that we may live together in harmony and work on behalf of the poor. Amen

LifePoint 4th Annual Benefit Auction

This year's event will be held on Thursday, March 29th at the Columbia Marriott. We are excited to have new sponsors and new donors, so you will have an opportunity to bid on many exciting items. Come witness a 'Live Painting' event, too!! Watch for more information to come. To donate or sponsor, please contact sirenos@windstream.net or nccwoody@hotmail.com.

February Birthdays

1/31	Dave Solt	2/09	Jim Nichols	2/18	Rhiannon Eargle	2/25	Sarah Livingston
2/02	Daniel Amick	2/12	Randy Cannon	2/18	Kathryn Korn	2/26	Charlotte Amick
2/02	Sheryl Myers	2/12	Ethan Cox	2/19	Phyllis McCulla	2/26	Amanda Goforth
2/04	Woody Lanning	2/15	David Oliver	2/20	Mary King	2/27	Matthew Doty
2/05	James Davis	2/16	Heather Googe	2/21	Tami Allen	2/27	Kellee Griffis
2/05	Ed Howard	2/17	Lynette Burke	2/23	Patti Addison	2/27	Edwin Weber
2/05	Dennis Smith	2/18	Debra Brown	2/23	Caroline Davis	2/28	Leigh Bebbler
2/06	Christian Meetze	2/18	Elliott Calvert	2/23	Mike Metzler	2/28	Chad Thomas

Upcoming Events

- + Wild Women's Weekend, 2/3-5
- + Youth Ski Trip, 2/3-5
- + Farewell Party, 2/10
- + Farewell Lunch, 2/12
- + Mardi Gras Dinner, 2/21
- + Ash Wednesday, 2/22
- + Maundy Thursday, 4/5
- + Good Friday, 4/6
- + Easter Festival, 4/7
- + Easter Sunday, 4/8
- + NYG Yard Sale, 4/14
- + Youth Sunday, 4/21
- + Vacation Bible School, 6/24-6/28

Church Council Meeting Change

The Church Council Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 14 has been moved to Monday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the conference room.

Flower Chart

The 2012 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. Please sign up to sponsor flowers. The price will be going up to \$31 per vase in 2012.

Women's Book Club

The CVLC Women's Book Club welcomes new members, so if you are interested in joining our group, please contact Jean Sox or Patti Addison.

February 20, *A Secret Gift* by Ted Gup

(Jean, host; Debra Stevens, facilitate)

March 19, *The Black Tulip* by Alexander Dumas

(Kathy, host; Nancy, facilitate)

April 16, *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat*

Tillman by Jon Krakauer

(Patti, host; Penny, facilitate)

May 21, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca

Skloot (Barbara H., host; Kathy, facilitate)

June 18, *True Compass: A Memoir by Edward Kennedy*

July 16, *Still Waters* by Jennifer Lauck

August 20, *The Time In Between* by Maria Duenas

September 17, *He, She, It* by Marge Piercy

October 15, *Imaginary Jesus* by M. Mikalatos, G. Barna

November 19, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

December 17, *Making Rounds With Oscar: The Extraordinary Gift of an Ordinary Cat* by David Dosa

January 21, 2013, *Every Man a Tiger* by Tom Clancy

Blood Drive

Please save the date for the Christus Victor Church and Grace UMC Blood Drive, Saturday, February 4th from 9:00am- 2:00pm at Grace UMC Sanctuary. The American Red Cross SC Region inventory is dropping dramatically as a result of low collection days around the holidays. In an effort to continue to maintain SC hospital orders the American Red Cross needs our help. Please visit www.givelife.org and enter (GraceColumbia) for the sponsor code to schedule your appt. or call Julie Davis.

Did you know...

- SC American Red Cross Region must collect 500 units a day to meet the needs of SC Patients
- We need NEW donors in order to maintain our blood supply. Our regular donors cannot continue to do this alone.
- If you live to 72 you most likely will use a blood product in your life time.
- You can donate blood every 56 days
- One unit of blood can potentially SAVE 3 LIVES!

Thank you in advance for being a blood donor.

Wonderful Wednesdays in February

February 1 & 8:

Adult Bible Study on the book of Ephesians with an exploration on "how to use the Lutheran Study Bible".

"Pick up! God's Calling" Our youth winter Bible study will focus on call stories in the Bible including calls of Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Mary, and the disciples. We will also learn about how God might be calling us, talking about vocation and discernment.

February 15:

The youth will be winding up their fall Bible study and ending with a worship service. Adults are invited to join them if they would like.

February 22:

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm

Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes

No other Wednesday night activities will be held.

February 29-March 28:

Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers , 6:30 pm.

Supper, 6:00; Children's Choir, 6:30

Adult Sunday School Classes

Fellowship Hall: *Studying the book of Hebrews*, taught by Jeff Callier. Conference Room: *The Meaning of Marriage* a class led by Sean Meade using Timothy Keller's new book *The Meaning of Marriage*.



VBS News!

Mark your calendar for VBS 2012 which will be held June 24-28. Our theme for this year is "Adventures on Promise Island." In the coming months, we'll have more information about times and activities. We will also begin to look for volunteers in several different areas. If you have an interest in helping with VBS this year in any capacity, please let Drew know.

Summer Camp

Each year, Christus Victor has selected a week that we send several kids to camp at Lutheridge and Lutherock! This has been a highlight of children's summers for several years. Having many kids go at once is nice because parents can arrange carpools and children can attend camp together. This week usually revolves around confirmation week, but since we have no youth going to confirmation camp this summer, it is up to the congregation to decide what week of camp is best. The deadline for early registration (with discount) is March 12th. We can also arrange some group discounts by registering together. More information about camp will be shared during the Sunday School hour on Feb. 26th, including information about scholarships. We will also use that time to discuss weeks that people have already registered for camp and how we can arrange carpools.

Youth Gathering Update

The high school youth who are going to New Orleans would like to thank everyone who came and supported our pancake breakfast last month. Our fund raising efforts are going well thanks in large part to our great investors. The investment board still has some open spots left, don't miss this opportunity to invest in our youth! Below you'll see a list of our current investors. We recognize that there are several people who have donated anonymously and we would also like to thank them to. If you invested money and simply forgot to sign your name, please go back and do so, so we'll know to invite you to the shareholder's dinner.

Thank You:

Jim and Mary Nichols

Jack and Pat Erickson

Laura Vinson

Debra Greene

Charles and Sharon Weber

Jenny Spearen

Tony and Lane Kochert, Zack, and Jessie

Will and Cindy Rose

Mardi Gras Dinner

The youth attending the Gathering would also like to invite the whole congregation out to dinner on February 21 at 6:00 for a Cajun feast to celebrate Mardi Gras. We will provide the meal and entertainment as we share with you information about the National Gathering and what our expectations are for the trip!

Ski Trip

Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers February 3-5 as we ski at Wolf Laurel Ski Resort near Lutheridge. We hope for a weekend of great weather, fun times, and no injuries.

February Youth Schedule

Feb 3-5 Ski Trip @ Lutheridge

Feb 17-19 11th and 12th Grade LCY Retreat

Feb 21 Mardi Gras Dinner

Feb 25 Paintball (High School)

Children's Ministry Schedule

All times after church unless indicated

2/26/12- God Squad Snow Day

3/4/12- Jesus Kidz Faith Milestones

3/25/12- (GS) Butterfly Garden

4/7/12- (ALL) Easter Festival *Saturday

4/29/12- (JK) Life Size Board Games

5/20/12- (ALL) Visit Harborchase

FAREWELL & Godspeed

Adult Party

Friday, February 10, 7:00 pm

Pine Island

Low Country Boil

(potatoes, sausage, corn and shrimp)

Bring your own beverage

Sign up is required

Sign up sheet is in the narthex

A free will offering will be taken

Farewell Lunch

Sunday, February 12

after the second service

Pot luck lunch

Fried chicken will be provided

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, founded in 1986, is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Set in the dynamic Harbison/Irmo area of central South Carolina, it has grown into an active lively Christian fellowship. At the heart of our ministry is the desire to bring the light of Christ to those who live and work in the community.

There are many opportunities for spiritual growth and nurture at Christus Victor. Our ministry programs provide opportunities for worship, learning, service and fellowship so that all might be strengthened in faith and might grow in Christian discipleship. If you are looking for a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ in a lively congregational setting, we invite you to make Christus Victor your church home.

Lutherans are Christians who comprise the largest Protestant denomination in the world. As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach:

Jesus Christ is Lord of all life.

We are all sinners in need of God's love and grace.

We are saved by the grace of God through faith in Christ alone, apart from our works.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God and the authoritative source and norm of the church's proclamation, faith and life.

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and is the primary expression of God's love on earth. It is a people created by God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative and redeeming work in the world.

We celebrate two sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, as the God-given means for penetrating our lives with love and grace.

Worship - Two worship services weekly, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion shared at both services each Sunday; Mid-week services during Lent; Children's sermons weekly; Children's church weekly; Adult, and children's choirs

Learning - Sunday School for all ages; Vacation Bible School; Confirmation instruction

Fellowship - Congregational fellowship events; Groups for men, women and youth; Neighborhood shepherding groups for care and nurture; Small groups for personal growth in faith and fellowship



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