



THE CURRENT

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

The People of Christus Victor, ministers
Rev. Michael Price, Pastor

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

April 2024

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir practice, every Wednesday
- + Breakfast, 4/7
- + Greg Moore IPAN, 4/7
- + Girl Scouts, 4/7, 21
- + Wine and Word, 4/8
- + CBS, 4/9, 16, 23
- + Lunch Bunch, 4/9
- + Church Council meeting, 4/9
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 4/11
- + Parish Life, 4/14
- + Christian Ed, 4/15
- + WELCA, 4/15, 16, 22
- + LMM, 4/20, 23
- + Newsletter Articles Deadline, 4/20
- + Supper Club, 4/23

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING FEBRUARY 29:

1/1/24 – 2/29/24

General Fund Receipts: \$35,712

General Fund Disbursements: \$50,995

Year to date deficit: \$(15,283)

February 2024

General Fund Receipts: \$16,360

General Fund Disbursements: \$22,140

Monthly deficit: \$(5,781)

FROM THE



PASTOR

Hi there church,

Death has been defeated because Jesus Christ is risen! This is the great Easter proclamation, and one I celebrate with you and all the faithful this holy season. It is especially poignant for my family as we grieve the loss of a mother, wife, and nana, and at the same time rejoice that she rests in the care and presence of her God and Savior, and she is one with the great cloud of witnesses. There has been and will be much grief, but I have been astonished that equal to the grief is thankfulness and rejoicing. This is, I believe, because we believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

This faith in the future that rests in God's hands has been won by Christ the Victor (Christus Victor), the title of an atonement theory long held by the early and pre-Middle Ages church. In America, the predominant atonement theory has been what's called "penal substitution," Christ's death on the cross is a legal offering that satisfies a God who cannot be unjust in forgiveness. On the other hand in Christus Victor atonement theory, Christ's death is a decisive victory in the war against death and evil by what amounts to a contractual loophole wherein the Devil loses power over humanity because the Evil One puts the New Human (Jesus) to death, and Jesus then destroys death, the only stranglehold evil had. The devil gets pranked, and the Godhead reconciles with the world.

Whatever kind of atonement theory a church body or an individual may subscribe to, the truth remains that Jesus' resurrection flips the story around, and opens a road never before travelled. The faithful dare to believe that even if tomorrow never comes, tomorrow will surely come. Such boldness in faith and proclamation means an undermining of what makes us afraid, angry, and sick. And that means we're free, free to live as God intends us to live: wondering at life, striving for justice and kindness, and not shying away from truth.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Peace,
Pastor Michael

A WAKEUP CALL

God — let me be aware.
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,
Just getting somehow safely through the days,
Not even groping for another hand,
Not even wondering why it all was planned,
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God — let me be aware.

God — let me be aware.
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines, understands.
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please — keep me eager just to do my share.
God — let me be aware.

—Miriam Teichner



I appreciate everyone who helped make the Lenten season a time of reflection and introspection, whether through help with the meals, or the midweek services, or the musical offerings.

Thank you also to the Worship and Music team without whom worship as we know it would not be possible. They take care of a multitude of things which often go unnoticed but which are absolutely essential to making things run smoothly at Christus Victor. Know that your efforts are appreciated!

If anyone has feedback on our midweek services, good or bad, I would love to hear it! This is something that we would like to continue to use in the future so if there is anything you enjoyed or if you have any suggestions for how to modify it, we welcome those!

Thank you to Mot and the choir for the work involved to prepare for Holy Week. Beginning on Easter, we will be switching to Liturgical Setting 10 out of the ELW. This is a joyful setting that uses familiar hymn tunes and I feel it is appropriate for the Easter season and beyond.

Blessings,
Robert



Greetings CVLC Members,

Mission/Vision/Core Value flyers were handed out at service on

March 17. We hope people will take time to offer their opinions and insights. Council and a committee will compile and analyze the feedback/results of the survey. Ultimately, this will help Council with the task of clarifying our mission statement, which will be used to guide our efforts. The information on the flyers will also be sent out as a PDF file in the online bulletin. These surveys will be collected through Easter.

Time and Talent surveys were also handed out and will continue to be collected through Easter. All of us have God-given gifts and talents that are unique to each of us. No one has the same collection of gifts that you have, so you are encouraged to join or help a ministry team in order to share your unique set of gifts.

Laura Vinson has created a new bulletin board and placed it on the wall near the Fellowship Hall. The board highlights Council Meeting minutes and congregation finances. Please take a moment to check out what Council members are up to.

Peace be with you!
2024 Council



Upcoming Events

- April 7 - Youth Faith Formation
- April 14 - No Youth Faith Formation but there is Confirmation class at St. Andrews 12:30-2pm
- April 21 - Faith Alive Retreat Weekend (No Youth Faith Formation)
- April 28 - Youth Faith Formation and Confirmation Class (last one)
- May 5 - Youth Faith Formation
- May 12 - Youth Faith Formation (Mother's Day)
- May 19 - Confirmation

Women of the ELCA

We have booked the dates for next year's beach retreat so hold the dates – February 7-9, 2025. More information will be coming later in the year.

All women of Christus Victor (and guests) are welcome to join us on the 4th Monday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall for study and fellowship. Meetings are BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch and beverage) and are limited to one hour to allow those who work to squeeze it into their lunch hours. (Feel free to come a few minutes late or leave early if you need to.) The next meeting will be Monday, April 22. Program content is to be announced.

Our next monthly Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30pm. We are using the book entitled 50 Women Every Christian Should Know: Learning from Heroines of the Faith by Michelle DeRusha. If you are interested in joining us and have not been receiving the Zoom link each month, please let Patti know at patti.addison@gmail.com or 803-331-6066.

Our women's book club (separate from the WELCA group in the previous paragraph) meets in person at a member's home or a local restaurant on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone brings an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share and we have an assigned book and facilitator each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 15 at 6:30pm. Our next book selection is The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Patti, Edna Anderson or Jean Sox.

If you are not receiving periodic emails from Patti regarding WELCA events, please send her a message at patti.addison@gmail.com or contact the church office and let Judy know.



Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 24 - Thursday, June 27. Hosted at Scott and Emily's gym. More details to come.



Outdoor Worship Service, May 5, 2024

Worship at Saluda Shoals - Redbud Shelter - 11:00am

Potluck Picnic follows Worship

Service and Potluck Picnic will be held in the shelter

Please bring a side dish or dessert

Main dish, drinks and paper products will be provided

There will be **no** worship services at the church and no online service available.



CURRENT

Nancy Hulon, *who is undergoing treatment for cancer*
Bee Stoudenmire, *who is suffering with multiple health issues*
Joe Stoudenmire, *who is having mobility issues*

HOMEBOUND

Eileen Dean, Marie Marszalek, Eddy Mae Murphy, Lana Rosenbeck

CONTINUING

Dale Bryant, Rich Burke, Kelly Danias, Kynslee Davis, Emily Lyles, Laurie McGraw,
Nolan McKinley, Mercedes Moody, Amy Morrison, Elena Price

IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For family and friends of Pat Erickson, *who passed away*
For veterans and those serving in the military

FOR OUR ENEMIES AND FOR RECONCILIATION



5 Solana Taylor
7 Craig Calvert
14 Leah Chapman
18 Marie Bracanovich

20 Bob Swanson
23 Natalie Keaton
27 Linda Kriston
30 Charles Weber, Sr.

SERVING APRIL 2024

April 7 - 2 Easter

Council Member - Kathy Patnaude
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Judy Rowe
Usher - Rick Bracanovich
Acolyte -
Tellers - Robyn Westphal and Rich Burke
A/V - Scott Johnson

April 14 - 3 Easter

Council Member - Peyton Cannon
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts
Usher - Scott Johnson
Acolyte -
Tellers - Steve Westphal and Mark Lybrand
A/V - Lane Kochert

April 21 - 4 Easter

Council Member - Lane Kochert
Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Reagan Keller
Usher - Rich Burke
Acolyte -
Tellers - Rich Burke and Peyton Cannon
A/V - Lane Kochert

April 28 -5 Easter

Council Member - Don Fairbanks
Altar Guild - Jill, Lacey and Leah Chapman
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Randy Cannon
Usher - Emily House
Acolyte -
Tellers - Nathan Stalbaum and Robyn Westphal
A/V - Tom Counts

◀ March	April 2024						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 Choir Practice, 7:00pm	4	5	6	
7 2 Easter 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am in person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation; Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm; Greg Moore IPAN, 3pm	8 Wine & Word, 6:30pm	9 CBS, 8:15am-2:00pm (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	10 Choir Practice, 7:00pm	11 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	12	13	
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21 4 Easter 9:30am in person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation; Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm	22 WELCA, noon (Fellowship Hall)	23 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Supper Club, 6:00pm; LMM, 6:30pm	24 Choir Practice, 7:00pm	25	26	27	
28 5 Easter 9:30am in person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	29	30					

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Christus Victor Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. 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 - Worship service with Holy Communion each Sunday at 9:30am; Children's sermons and children's church each Sunday; Mid-week services during Lent and Advent

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

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