



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 2025

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Worship Schedule

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, April 13

Passion/Palm Sunday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 7:00pm

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 20

Easter Day

Sunrise Service, 7:00am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Sunday, April 27

Second Sunday of Easter

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am



Maundy Thursday

Stripping of the Altar

Thursday, April 17

7:00pm

In-Person/Virtual

Good Friday

Friday, April 18

7:00pm

Tenebrae, Service of Darkness

In-Person/Virtual

Easter Day

Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service at Lake Woodcross, 7:00am

In-Person/Virtual Worship 9:30am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir practice, every Wednesday
- + CBS, 4/1, 8, 22, 29
- + Breakfast, 4/6
- + Girl Scouts, 4/6, 27
- + Lunch Bunch, 4/8
- + Church Council meeting, 4/8
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 4/10
- + Coffee & Games, 4/13
- + Wine and Word, 4/14
- + LMM, 4/19, 22
- + Christian Ed, 4/21
- + WELCA, 4/21, 28
- + Newsletter Articles Deadline, 4/20



Hi there church,

Serve 40 organizations in 2025.

Why make goals like this in the first place?

There are lots of reasons to set goals! As the team drew these goals up this year, we were excited when we thought about how goals like this can help focus the energy and creativity of everyone here at CVLC toward accomplishing something. Having specific, measurable goals clarifies what we're all trying to do together, and at the same time opens up possibilities for teams, groups, and individuals to make it their own. These goals and our striving to accomplish them serve to strengthen our discipleship, give us the means to tell the stories of what God is up to here, and can give us a sense of motivation and accomplishment to do the work God calls us to.

Why the number?

It's tangible and achievable. Just going off of last year, between our groups of youth, women, and men's ministry, as well as the things we do together as a congregation, we were well on our way to achieving this goal last year. We have a number that helps us stretch!

Why this goal?

When we pay attention to who we are in relationship with, good things happen! Organizations that we serve are people that we serve, and they are relationships that we form. And when a congregation is paying attention not to its resume points but to the relationships with the organizations and actual neighbors that we form and strengthen, potential for new and exciting paths forward emerge.

What can I do?

Whatever group you're a part of, keep track of the organizations that you have served, worked alongside with, volunteered at, and the like.

How are we keeping track of these goals?

In the fellowship hall, we have 2 posters with goals #2 and #3 with blank lines for the number set. Once your group has done this, write it down on one of those posters! If you're keeping track of inviting people (our #1 goal for 2025), take one puffball and put it in the big glass container. Write on those posters when you've served!

Peace,
Pastor Michael



HOPE FOR HOLY WEEK

As you travel with Jesus through Holy Week, don't lose heart. He is your Palm Sunday King. He will always come to you and give you the best of what he has to offer because of his humble attitude and his devotion to his mission.

When you see this Savior who personally cares for you, you can't help but join the believers of old to give to the Lord your best and most precious treasures of your heart and life, and then to join with all believers saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

—Peter Sulzle



Greetings!

As we continue our journey through Lent, we look forward to Holy Week and Easter and as always we try to provide music appropriate for the occasion. Our Passion/Palm Sunday service will take place on Sunday, April 13. We will begin (weather permitting) by processing into the sanctuary from the parking lot, waving palms and singing All Glory, Laud, and Honor. Once in the sanctuary we will continue our service with a reading of the Passion and the hymns and offertory will reflect that shift.

For those who are able to attend, we will also have our traditional Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. Maundy Thursday will end with the stripping of the altar and we will pick back up with our Tenebrae Service on Good Friday where we will once again be joined by our friends, the Capital City String Quartet.

Then with Resurrection Sunday we will change our Setting of the Liturgy to one more fitting for the occasion.

My heartfelt thanks as always to the choir and to Mot for late Wednesday rehearsals as we prepare music offerings and to all who work to make this season special.

Blessings,
Robert



Our 2025 goals are posted in the fellowship hall.

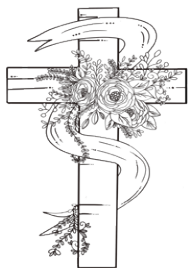
- Make 250 personal invitations to any CVLC community or group in 2025.
- CVLC will be an inviting and visible presence in 50 community gatherings in 2025.
- Serve 40 organizations in 2025.

Please put a pompom in the fish bowl each time you make a personal invitation to any CVLC community or group. Please write on the posters! They are meant to be interactive! Let everyone know where CVLC has been active in the community and with what organizations. It will be exciting and fun to see the posters fill up with the activities we are involved with!

The MORE Justice Rally will be held Monday, April 7 at Shandon Presbyterian Church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up if you plan to go and would like to learn more about MORE Justice.

Also, The 2025 South Carolina Synod Assembly will be held June 12-14, 2025 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center. Please let Pastor Michael or a council member know if you'd like to be a delegate.

Your in Christ,
CVLC Council



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: On Easter morning, we will be flowering the cross, which will be on the portico at the main entrance doors, at 9:15am. Please bring your flower offering and decorate as you enter the Narthex.

LUNCH BUNCH



LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at Konnichiwa, 7420 Broad River Road, Irmo at **11:30am** on **April 8**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food.

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING FEBRUARY 29:

1/1/25 – 2/28/25

General Fund Receipts: \$35,141
General Fund Disbursements: \$47,995
Year to date deficit: (\$12,854)

February 2025

General Fund Receipts: \$16,125
General Fund Disbursements: \$19,379
Monthly deficit: (\$3,254)

Women of the ELCA

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 28 at noon.**

Our next monthly Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 pm. We are using the book entitled 50 Women Every Christian Should Know: Learning from Heroines of the Faith by Michelle DeRusha. We will be studying Mary McLeod Bethune, Faye Edgerton and Edith Stein. 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 6:30 pm. 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 20 at the home of Jean Sox.** The book is The Caretaker by Ron Rash. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti, Jean or Edna Anderson.

Save the dates! **Our annual women's beach retreat is scheduled for January 23-26, 2026.** More information will be available in the Fall.



Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 16 - Thursday, June 19. Hosted at Scott and Emily's gym. More details to come.



Outdoor Worship Service, May 4, 2025

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

Brenda Counts, *who is recovering from surgery*
Lita Hendrick, *friend of Janet Robinson, who has multiple serious illnesses*
Sue Jungman, *friend of Doni Schroeder, whose daughter, Shayla Richardson, passed away*
Jack Malloy, *Scott Malloy's father, who is recovering from surgery*
Lisa Menard, *step-mother of Robyn Westphal, who is continuing to battle lung cancer*
Bill Nix, *Randy Cannon's brother-in-law, who was recently diagnosed with cancer*
Helen Oyer, *Don Fairbanks' mother-in-law of Auburn NY who is in the hospital for wound care and congestive heart failure and undergoing physical therapy*
Dee Phillips, *friend of Janet Robinson, who is suffering with multiple illnesses*
Lynn Smith, *friend of Doni Schroeder, who has been diagnosed with 2 cancers in last 4 months*
Bee Stoudenmire, *who is suffering with health issues*
Joe Stoudenmire, *who is suffering with health issues*
Laura Vinson and family *as they care for Laura's mother, Mary E. Swanson, who now lives with them*

HOMEBOUND

Marie Marszalek, Eddy Mae Murphy, Lana Rosenbeck

CONTINUING

Rich Burke, Molly Chamberlain, Heather Davis and sons, Nancy Hulon, Sharon Weber

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For family and friends of Sarah Harmon, *friend of Erika Dominick, who passed away*
For family and friends of Gloria Suppa, *friend of Patti Jo Grove, who passed away*
For veterans and those serving in the military
For law enforcement and first responders



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| 5 Solana Taylor | 20 Bob Swanson |
| 7 Craig Calvert | 25 Emily Weidensee |
| 14 Leah Chapman | 27 Linda Kriston |
| 18 Marie Bracanovich | 30 Charles Weber, Sr. |

SERVING APRIL 2025

April 2 - Lenten Mid-Week Service

A/V - Lane Kochert

April 6 - 5 Lent

Council Member - Becky Cannon
Altar Guild - Suzanne and Reagan Keller
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Reagan Keller
Usher - Emily House
Tellers - Marie Hutchison and Suzanne Keller
A/V - Scott Johnson

April 9 - Lenten Mid-Week Service

A/V - Rick Bracanovich

April 13 - Passion/Palm Sunday

Council Member - Marie Bracanovich
Altar Guild - Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Marianna Wilbur
Usher - Rick Bracanovich
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Steve Westphal
A/V - Tom Counts

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mike Metzler
Usher - Scott Johnson
A/V - Lane Kochert

April 18 - Good Friday

Lay Reader - Katrina Davis
Usher - Tony Kochert
A/V - Scott Johnson

April 20 - Easter Day

Council Member - Dermon Sox
Altar Guild - Laura Vinson
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts
Usher - Nathan Stalbaum
Tellers - Suzanne Keller and Nathan Stalbaum
A/V - Lane Kochert

April 27 - 2 Easter

Council Member - Lane Kochert
Altar Guild - Robyn Westphal
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Dermon Sox
Usher - Emily House and Lily Downs
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Peyton Cannon
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

◀ March		April 2025					May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);	2 Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	3	4	5	
6 5 Lent 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts 2-3:30pm	7	8 CBS, 8am-2pm (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	9 Dinner, 5:45pm Service, 6:30pm Choir Practice, 7pm	10 Clergy Spiritual Group 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	11	12	
13 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation 	14 Wine & Word, 6:30pm	15	16 Choir Practice, 7pm	17 Maundy Thursday 7pm in person/online service	18 Good Friday 7pm Tenebrae Service 	19 LMM, 8am	
20 Easter Day 7:00am Sunrise Service 9:30am In person/online service <i>He is Risen</i>	21 Christian Ed. 6:30pm; WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm	22 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); LMM 6:30pm	23 Choir Practice, 7pm	24	25	26	
27 2 Easter 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Girl Scouts 2-3:30pm	28 WELCA, noon	29 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music);	30 Choir Practice, 7pm				

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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