



# THE CURRENT

CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Experiencing Christ Together Through Love and Service*  
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

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## ✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

**Sunday, June 7**

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Breakfast, 8:45am

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

**Sunday, June 14**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

**Sunday, June 21**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

**Sunday, June 28**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

## Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + VBS, 6/1, 2, 7, 8 and 9
- + Worship and Music, 6/1
- + Breakfast, 6/7
- + D&D, 6/7
- + Lunch Bunch, 6/9
- + Church Council, 6/9
- + WELCA, 6/15, 16 and 22
- + LMM, 6/20 and 23
- + July Newsletter Articles Due, 6/20
- + Coffee & Games, 6/21
- + CBS, 6/30

## GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING APRIL 30:

1/1/26 – 4/30/26

General Fund Receipts: \$75,037  
General Fund Disbursements: \$93,261  
Year to Date Deficit: (\$18,224)

April 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$18,285  
General Fund Disbursements: \$24,086  
Monthly Deficit: (\$5,801)



## FROM THE PASTOR

Hi there church,

A group of 4 CVLC members and 8 people from the community gathered this past month to play Dungeons & Dragons. The story we played through was a group of villagers who needed to defeat a dragon that was terrorizing their village. I played a character whose weapon was a bow and arrow. My turn came to attack the dragon. I rolled a 2, which is a very bad roll, which meant that my character was not going to contribute anything to battling against this dragon.

The game manager, Wil Meade, saw I rolled a 2 and then described how the story would go. He said my character Percy, emerged from the inner cavern and when he came face-to-face with the dragon, yelled "THAT'S A DRAGON!" and his arrow went flinging wildly into the darkness. I laughed along with everyone. It was genuinely a great moment. Failure just became part of the story, and funny enough, made the story that much more interesting. So, while I didn't contribute to the battle, my foible contributed to the story.

Gaming and the act of playing can teach us a lot about how to be the church of Jesus today. I often imagine God's voice in Genesis 1 as playful when creating. A smile and a, "That's good!" after light and darkness, skies and seas, land, creatures and swarms, plants and humans, all a result of a playfully creative God lovingly whipping up where the story goes next.

As individuals and as church together, we're continually creating and crafting where the story goes next. Sometimes we roll a 2; sometimes we just survive; and sometimes we fell the dragon. No matter what, church, never lose the sense of play when crafting your part of the story of Jesus.

Peace,  
Pastor Michael

## THE QUIET POWER OF FAITHFULNESS

The greatest forces in the universe are rarely spectacular. Gentle summer showers often do more lasting good than hurricanes, though they draw little attention. The world depends on the faithfulness, loyalty and dedication of countless people whose names are never known.

Every life, no matter how humble, has a role in shaping a better world and a more beautiful tomorrow. It is easy to overvalue what seems impressive and underestimate what appears ordinary. Yet lasting change is most often built through quiet commitment, patient service and faithful hearts doing what matters most, day after day.



Greetings,

As we enter into the summer months, the choir will continue providing musical leadership for our worship services. If you've ever considered singing with us, the summer is a great time to try it out. Since people tend to travel, I try to pick music that is more accessible and that can be picked up quickly in a rehearsal or two. There will also be weeks where there is no choral anthem (offertory) so the choir will just be responsible for leading the hymns. It really is a good and welcoming group. When you sing with a choir for long enough, those people become your family, and this is a family that always has room for more.

Blessings,  
Robert

## Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

We had 15 lovely women attend our half-day retreat at the church on Saturday, May 9. Our program was a video study entitled "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton. A huge thank you to Becky Cannon, who led the group discussions, and all who participated.

Please join us on **Monday, June 22 at noon for our in-person meeting**, including study and fellowship. Feel free to bring your own lunch and beverage.

Our women's **Zoom book group** is reading **No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear)** by **Kate Bowler**. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. **Our next meeting will be on June 16** and we will discuss Chapters 9 and 10 and wrap up this book. If you plan to attend, please contact Patti at [patti.addison@gmail.com](mailto:patti.addison@gmail.com) or (803) 331-6066 and she will send a Zoom link several days in advance of the meeting.

Our **women's book club** meets in person in the church fellowship hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Everyone brings an appetizer, dessert, or (non-alcoholic) beverage to share, and we have an assigned book and facilitator each month. **Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 15.** We will be discussing **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by **James McBride**. Please see Edna if you would like a copy of the book. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti or Edna or Sheryl Myers.

Our annual women's beach retreat is scheduled for January 15-17, 2027.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** The Lunch Bunch will meet at El Jimador, 1072 Lake Murray Blvd. (by Carolina Fine Jewelry), at **11:30am on June 9**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food. All are welcome!

# Vacation Bible School

Free to the Public!

June 1 & 2

June 8 & 9

10AM-12PM



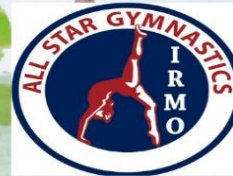
**Come learn about Jesus!  
His love and all he does for  
us through stories, games,  
snacks, and crafts!**

Inclusive program for all ages and abilities!

Register by calling: (803)561-9682

At All Star Gymnastics  
4046-D Fernandina Road  
Sponsor: Christus Victor  
Lutheran Church

Camp available before/after for a fee



We have big plans for VBS. Come start the summer with a VBS splash. **June 1 and 2** all are welcome to All-Star Gymnastics from 10am-Noon. On **June 7** we will have a summer carnival with water bounce houses at the church. Then we will return to the gym for **June 8 and 9** from 10am-Noon. Come join the fun. We hope to have everyone at the carnival.



## CURRENT

Cathy Arrowood, *co-worker of Randy Cannon, who is undergoing treatment for Melanoma*  
Dave Campbell, *high school friend of Don Fairbanks, who is undergoing cancer treatment*  
Londa Delgado, *wife of Erika Dominick's friend/coworker, who suffered a stroke*  
Richard Derrick, *brother of Judy Rowe, who suffers with Parkinson's*  
Claude Galarneau, *father of Suzanne Young, who is recovering from hip surgery*  
Herb Hickle, *friend of Bear Schroeder, who is having problems related to Parkinson's*  
Lindsey Hoyle, *daughter of Don Fairbanks, who is getting her life in order*  
William J., *friend of Megan Schroeder, who was diagnosed with cancer*  
Sylvia Jackson  
Sarah McDonald, *Janet Robinson's daughter, who is recovering from surgery*  
Joanna Murphy, *sister-in-law of Don Fairbanks, who is undergoing cancer treatment*  
Laura Nix, *niece of Randy and Becky Cannon, who is recovering from brain tumor surgery*  
Shirley Nix, *sister of Randy Cannon, who is having some medical issues*  
Neal Richardson, *cousin of Mary Ellis, who has stage 4 liver and colon cancer*  
Marie Stapleton, *friend of Janet Robinson, who has medical issues related to arthritis*  
Mary Sundvold, *cousin of Doni Schroeder, who has been diagnosed with cancer*

## HOMEBOUND

Marie Marszalek, Eddy Mae Murphy, Lana Rosenbeck, Joe and Bee Stoudenmire

## CONTINUING

Crystal Blackwell, Josh Chambers, Nancy Hulon

## A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For expectant parents, Peyton Cannon and Sean Brooks

For veterans and those serving in the military

For law enforcement and first responders



1 Madison Bashir	8 Lane Kochert	17 Rick Bracanovich	21 Ellie Arcovio
1 Analiese Price	8 Lora Price	17 Sam Noblet	24 Reid Taylor
1 Payge Humphreys	9 Susan Fairbanks	17 Scott Westphal	28 Sean Reilly
2 Scott Malloy	10 Katrina Davis	20 Ann Westphal	29 Dennis Grove
3 Dylon Smith	13 Sandra Dickert	21 Caleb Dominick	

# *SERVING JUNE 2026*

## **June 7 - Pentecost 2**

Council Member - Don Fairbanks  
Altar Guild - Sandy Reilly  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Tom Counts  
Usher - Rich Burke  
Tellers - Marie Hutchison and Suzanne Keller  
A/V - Rick Bracanovich

## **June 14 - Pentecost 3**

Council Member - Nathan Stalbaum  
Altar Guild - Robyn Westphal  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Mary Ellis  
Usher - Nathan Stalbaum  
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Nathan Stalbaum  
A/V - Tom Counts

## **June 21 - Pentecost 4**

Council Member - Peyton Cannon  
Altar Guild - Mary Ellis  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Suzanne Keller  
Usher - Tom McCoy  
Tellers - Suzanne Keller and Peyton Cannon  
A/V - Scott Johnson

## **June 28 - Pentecost 5**

Council Member - Becky Cannon  
Altar Guild - Emily House and Lily Downs  
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant - Brenda Counts  
Usher - Emily House  
Tellers - Mark Lybrand and Robyn Westphal  
A/V - Lane Kochert

June 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> VBS, 10am-noon; Worship & Music, 5:15pm	<b>2</b> VBS, 10am-noon	<b>3</b> Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Pentecost 2</b> 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation; VBS Carnival, 11:30am  D&D, 6-8pm	<b>8</b> VBS, 10am-noon	<b>9</b> VBS, 10am-noon; Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	<b>10</b> Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Pentecost 3</b> 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation  	<b>15</b> WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	<b>16</b> WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> LMM, 8am  
<b>21</b> <b>Pentecost 4</b> 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation  Coffee & Games, 6-8pm	<b>22</b> WELCA, noon	<b>23</b> LMM, 6:30pm	<b>24</b> Choir Practice, 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost 5</b> 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> CBS, 9-10:30am (Library)				



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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 weekly at 9:30am with Holy Communion received each Sunday; 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