



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

September 2026

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✝ WORSHIP SCHEDULE ✝

Sunday, September 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, September 13

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, September 20

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Sunday, September 27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person/Virtual Worship, 9:30am

Faith Formation, 10:45am

Upcoming Events

- + Choir Practice every Wednesday
- + Labor Day-Office Closed, 9/7
- + Lunch Bunch, 9/8
- + Church Council, 9/8
- + CBS, 9/8, 15, 22, 29
- + Clergy Spiritual Group, 9/10
- + Girl Scouts, 9/13 and 20
- + WELCA, 9/15, 21 and 28
- + LMM, 9/19 and 22
- + Coffee & Games, 9/20
- + October Newsletter Articles Due, 9/20

GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES ENDING JULY 31:

1/1/26 – 7/31/26

General Fund Receipts: \$138,162
General Fund Disbursements: \$164,309
Year to Date Deficit: (\$26,147)

July 2026

General Fund Receipts: \$17,267
General Fund Disbursements: \$29,837
Monthly Deficit: (\$12,570)



Hi there church,

God's very first story in the Bible is the act of creation. God's Word is a creative word. God creates out of sheer joy, love, and delight in creating. God smiles and calls every particle, every cloud, every star, every plant, every creeping thing and animal, every little detail of the created world good. God calls you good. God calls all of it exceedingly good.

Christians throughout the world celebrate together how wondrous and magnificent all of the cosmos and creation is, how it is made holy through God's creativity, how precious a gift life and creation truly are. We celebrate on top of that, the presence of Christ in creation, that from the very beginning, Christ is present as God's Word that calls everything into being. We celebrate that Jesus is the Word that opens the way of eternity to humanity, and was the same Word that formed humanity into being. It's the same Love.

God's Word is a word of life and creation and joy and delight. Broken though humanity is, the Word of God will forever be the word of creation and salvation and enduring. God's first miracle is that there is something and not nothing. It's absurd, and silly, and beautiful, and joyous, and wondrous, and complicated, and vast, and this something-ness is touched by the Infinite, by the Divine, by the Holy. I hope that our new feast day Christ in Creation opens us up to the holy and joyous calling of caring for the creation God gives us, opens us up to the word that God is really speaking to you and about you, that you are loved and a delight to God.

Peace,
Pastor Michael



Greetings,

September will start slow and pick up later in the month getting us ready for a very busy October. We will be having a Hymn Study during Faith Formation on September 20, 27, and October 4. If you have a hymn (specifically, something from the ELW) that you would like to learn more about, please let me know. You can email me at rlarcovio@gmail.com or simply write the hymn on a piece of paper and hand it to me after service.

Please consider singing with the choir! It's a great time to join and we could really use more voices to allow our sound to match our worship: full and confident. Thank you to the choir and Mot for their hard work and commitment to making a joyful noise each week!

Blessings,
Robert



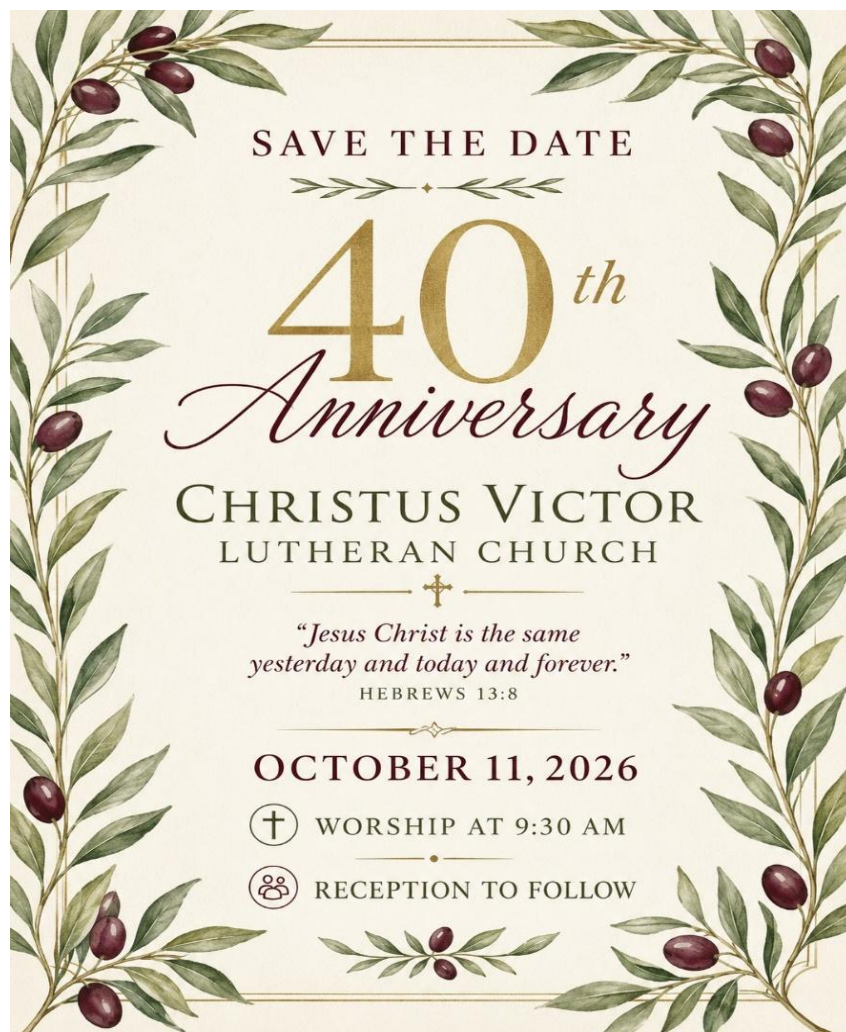
LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at Konnichiwa, 7420 Broad River Rd., at 11:30am on **September 8**. Please join us for fellowship, fun and good food. All are welcome!

Women of the ELCA

Please join us on **Monday, September 28th at noon for our in-person meeting**, including study and fellowship. Feel free to bring your own lunch and beverage.

Our **women's book club** meets in person in the church fellowship hall on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. 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 Monday, September 21st.** We will be discussing The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts. Please see Edna for copies of the book. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Patti Addison or Edna Anderson or Sheryl Myers.

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





A lot is happening at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, and we are grateful for the many ways God is continuing to work through our congregation!

A New Council Leadership Team

At our most recent Council meeting, Tony Kochert stepped down from his role as Council President. We are grateful for his leadership and are thankful that he will continue serving on Council as a voting member.

As Vice President, Brenda Counts was voted to serve as our new Council President, and Don Fairbanks was voted to serve as Vice President. We appreciate their willingness to step into these leadership roles and look forward to working together as we continue the ministry of CVLC.

We continue to work on our **2026 goals**, with a focus on strengthening our ministry both within our congregation and throughout our community. Among our goals are:

- Making prayer more central to all of our events and activities.
- Serving **50 organizations** throughout the year.
- Making **250 personal invitations** to worship, fellowship, service, and other opportunities at CVLC.

These goals give us opportunities not only to grow as a congregation, but also to share God's love with others in meaningful and personal ways.

Taking Care of Our Church Home

Another important item discussed at the Council meeting was protecting our church building from termites. We reviewed two companies and, after discussion, voted to move forward with **The Bug Depot** for our termite protection. The annual cost will be **\$395**, with an initial cost of **\$2,400**. We expect to have the termite bond in place before our next Council meeting.

Staff evaluations will also begin in **August** and will be completed by the end of **September**.

Mark Your Calendars!

We have an exciting season ahead at CVLC, with many opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and celebration.

August 30 – Feast of Creation

On August 30, we will celebrate our first-ever **"Feast of Creation"** worship service. This special service will give us an opportunity to celebrate God's wonderful creation and reflect on our calling to care for the world God has entrusted to us.

September 13 – Rally Day

Rally Day is coming! During Faith Formation, we will enjoy a time of fellowship with **brunch casseroles and fruit**. We hope everyone will come and join us as we begin another year of Faith Formation together.

September 26 & October 3 – Church Clean-Up Days

We will have two clean-up days this fall, on September 26 and October 3. There will be work to do both **inside and outside** the church. If you are able to come help, we would love to have you! Many hands make light work, and these days are also a wonderful opportunity to work together and enjoy one another's company.

October 11 – CVLC's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Perhaps the biggest celebration of the season will be our **40th Anniversary!** On October 11, we will celebrate four decades of ministry, worship, fellowship, service, and God's faithfulness to Christus Victor Lutheran Church. **Pastor Bill Eiwen** will be delivering the sermon, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to remember where we have been, celebrate where we are today, and look forward with hope to where God is leading us next.

There Is a Place for You!

As we look ahead, there truly is a lot going on at CVLC. Whether it is through prayer, worship, Faith Formation, community service, cleaning up our church, inviting a friend, or simply being present with one another, **each of us has a part to play in the life and ministry of Christus Victor.**

Thank you for your continued support, participation, prayers, and willingness to serve. We look forward to all that God has in store for CVLC as we move forward together!

Are you a **YOUNG ADULT**

searching for authentic community,
meaningful conversations, and a place to
grow in faith?

Gather LexCo

is a new young adult community forming in Lexington
County, centered on authentic relationships, faith, and
belonging.

We welcome people of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual
orientation, ability, background, and life experience.

ELCA-affiliated, open to ALL.

Whether you've been in church your
whole life, are exploring faith, or
aren't sure what you believe, you are
welcome here!



Come build this community with us!



CURRENT

Mike Abee, *friend of Jack Taylor, who has multiple health issues*

Donna Brown

Katie Carter, *granddaughter of Jesse and Abbie Gates, who was diagnosed with cancer*

Londa Delgado, *wife of Erika Dominick's friend/coworker, who suffered a stroke*

Diana Edis, *former member*

Herb Hickie, *friend of Bear Schroeder, who is having problems related to Parkinson's*

William J., *friend of Megan Schroeder, who was diagnosed with cancer*

Stan Kennedy, *cousin of Nathan Stalbaum, who has multiple health problems*

Noelle Klinger, *niece of Parker Dominick, who was diagnosed with Graves' disease, is pregnant and may not make term*

Linda Kriston, *who is recovering from surgery after a fall*

Fran Lee, *friend of Mot Caulder, who has respiratory issues*

Sarah McDonald, *Janet Robinson's daughter, who is recovering from surgery*

Elizabeth Meade, *a measure of grace as she works in China*

Laura Nix, *niece of Randy and Becky Cannon, who is recovering from successful surgery on a brain tumor*

Shirley Nix, *sister of Randy Cannon, who is recovering from surgery*

Neal Richardson, *cousin of Mary Ellis, who has stage 4 liver and colon cancer*

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, Edith Demass, Jesse Gates, Nancy Hulon, Marie Stapleton

A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE

For expectant parents, Peyton Cannon and Sean Brooks

For family and friends of Cathy Arrowood, *co-worker of Randy Cannon, who passed away*

For friends and family of Bonnie Houpt, *mother of Garnet Noblet, who passed away*

For veterans and those serving in the military

For law enforcement and first responders



4 Tom Dinney

5 Lana Rosenbeck

5 Jonah Wendland

6 Jesse Gates

7 Sharon Weber

7 Richard Hulon

8 Jennifer Coffey

8 Nan Ford

9 Sandy Reilly

18 Rosalie Price

27 Beth Stalbaum

27 Parker Dominick

SERVING SEPTEMBER 2026

September 6 - Pentecost 15

Council Member – Tony Kochert
Altar Guild – Lane Kochert
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Brenda Counts
Usher – Scott Johnson
Tellers – Rich Burke and Peyton Cannon
A/V – Tom Counts

September 13 - Pentecost 16

Council Member – Peyton Cannon
Altar Guild – Tom McCoy
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Mike Metzler
Usher – Rick Bracanovich
Tellers – Nathan Stalbaum and Robyn Westphal
A/V – Scott Johnson

September 20 - Pentecost 17

Council Member – Brenda Counts
Altar Guild – Christine Meade
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Suzanne Keller
Usher – Emily House
Tellers – Maie Hutchison and Suzanne Keller
A/V – Lane Kochert

September 27 - Pentecost 18

Council Member – Don Fairbanks
Altar Guild – Sandy Reilly
Lay Reader/Communion Assistant – Sean Meade
Usher – Rich Burke
Tellers – Mark Lybrand and Rich Burke
A/V – Rick Bracanovich

September 2026						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Choir Practice, 7pm	3	4	5
6 Pentecost 15 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	7 Office Closed 	8 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); Lunch Bunch, 11:30am; Church Council, 6:30pm	9 Choir Practice, 7pm	10 Clergy Spiritual Group, 9:30am-12:30pm (Library)	11	12
13 Pentecost 16 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation 11:15am Rally Day Lunch Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (fellowship Hall)	14	15 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); WELCA Zoom, 6:30pm	16 Choir Practice, 7pm	17	18	19 LMM, 8am
20 Pentecost 17 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation Coffee & Games, 6-8pm Girl Scouts, 2-3:30pm (fellowship Hall) 	21 WELCA Book Club, 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)	22 CBS, 8:15-11:45am (Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Classroom 8, Library, Youth Music); LMM, 6:30pm 	23 Choir Practice, 7pm	24	25	26 Becky Cannon, All day (Fellowship Hall)
27 Pentecost 18 9:30am In person/online service 10:45am Faith Formation	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 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