



THE CURRENT

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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, May 6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Outdoor Worship Service at
Saluda Shoals Park, 11:00 am
Congregational Picnic following

Sunday, May 13

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship Service, 8:15 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 20

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Confirmation Sunday
Worship Service, 8:15 am
Breakfast, 8:45-9:15 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am

Sunday, May 27

Pentecost

Worship Service, 8:15 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship Service, 10:30 am
Worship Service, 4:24 pm

A Word From Pastor Linda Anderson

"Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my love, my steadfastness..."

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you have learned it...

2 Timothy 3:10,14

Timothy was a protégé

What do I mean by that? Well, the Apostle Paul is believed to have instructed and 'coached' Timothy in spreading the gospel; setting an example in teaching, preaching, and working with new Christians.

You know - like your Godparents did for you; and like you did with your Godson or Goddaughter. At least, you said you would do this. Remember the promises of Baptism? To pray for the child, to bring her to church, to place in those tiny hands the Sacred Scriptures, and to model for them the exemplary life of a Christian.

Now I know that some Godparents don't do as good a job as others, but the idea of guiding a young person into the full and faithful Christian life is not new. Nor is it easy. Nor is it always visibly rewarding. But when you have done a faithful job of it, *you really get to celebrate* when the child is ready to undertake this task herself!!

Confirmation, more appropriately called Affirmation of Baptism, will be celebrated at Christus Victor on May 20th. The students who have been preparing for this occasion are writing their Faith Statements this week. They will present those statements to me next Sunday (29th), and to the Congregational Council on May 13th. Whenever I tell Confirmands what should be included in their Faith Statements, it always causes

me to wonder what their parents' Faith Statements would look like.

Hmmmm... Take a moment and ponder this: What would you consider the most important statements of the Christian faith? Or, put another way, what teachings would you share with a friend who asked you what you believe?

Would you start with the doctrine of the Trinity -- Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?

...or the belief that there is only One God?

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

The history of God's people?

The story of Jesus' death? ...Or his birth?

Could you explain receiving Holy Communion?

What if they asked about cannibalism (body and blood)?

Would they need to know that the tomb was empty on Easter morning?

Should you mention that Jesus will "come again to judge the living and the dead?"

More to the point for a protégé – would they know how important the faith is to you, after being your friend for all these years? Can they see your faith in the way you live?? Have they learned anything about Christ from your friendship?

This past Sunday, the gospel reading reminded us that we are witnesses. It didn't say "You should be witnesses." It said "You ARE witnesses to these things." (Luke 24:48) In the same way that Paul was a witness to Timothy, you are a witness to those who look up to you; whether they are new to the faith, or younger adults, or high school youth, or little children, you have potential protégés all around you! And however you live, you are a witness!

Now don't get all uptight about how well you have done in witnessing so far – instead, take the time to think through what you would choose to say. Think about the best way for you to express your faith in words, and then jot that down. Read it again tomorrow, and then the next day, and maybe the next week. See if it really does express all that is most important to you.

You will have a whole new appreciation for the Faith Statements of our Confirmands on the 20th. And you will enjoy the celebration that much more!!

God's peace be with you!

Pastor Anderson

General Fund Statement of Activities

Year-to-Date March 2012

Income	\$79,286
Expense	\$(78,539)
Net Income	\$747
Year-to-Date Ministry Plan	\$90,131

Outdoor Worship, May 6, Saluda Shoals

Christus Victor's annual Outdoor Worship Experience will be Sunday, May 6 at Saluda Shoals Park beginning at 11:00 am. A pot-luck congregational picnic follows worship. Come join us and invite a friend as we gather at Red Bud Shelter to worship out in creation and for fellowship with our pot-luck congregational picnic.

South Carolina Synod Assembly 2012

May 31 through June 2, Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia. 2012 is the Twenty-fifth Assembly of the South Carolina Synod – ELCA and the 187th meeting of the Lutheran Church in South Carolina. We are celebrating the mission we share together of proclaiming the good news in Jesus Christ to all the world! Over the course of these two and a half days opportunities will abound for us to Deepen our Discipleship as we Dwell in the Word, Worship, Pray, Serve & Learn together as well as take care of the business matters of the Synod. It promises to be a busy and exciting Assembly. If you are interested in going and representing Christus Victor, please contact the church office.

SC Synod Gifts of Hope

Thank you so very much, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, for your support of the SC Synod Gifts of Hope program this past Advent season. Your 65 gift purchases resulted in a total of \$1,862.00 of hope for SC Synod organizations and companion synods that serve people in need.

The 2011 SC Synod Gifts of Hope program purchased 945 gifts for a total of \$21,509.00. These gifts will provide for daily needs, will build for the future and will bring joy to many people served by Carolina Lutheran Outreach Centers, Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia, Iglesia Evangelica Manantial de Vida, Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas, Lutheran Homes of South Carolina, Lutheridge + Lutherock Ministries, Inc., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, SC Lutheran Retreat Centers and the SW Diocese of Tanzania. Since its inception in 2005, gifts purchased for a total of \$177,489 have brought hope to thousands of people. "*Rejoice in hope...*" *Romans 12:12*

Lynn J. Helton, Resource Director, SC Synod ELCA

A Word from the Council President

I want to start by extending a formal welcome to our Interim Pastor, Linda Anderson. In her short time here, Pastor Anderson has been meeting and greeting individual members, attended council, staff and committee/team meetings, ministered to us, and put her personal touches on the pastor's study. I appreciate her energy and her pastoral style, and if you've not yet had the opportunity to spend a few minutes with her, I encourage you to do so. You'll find her to be warm and personable, as I have, and I'm sure our time with her in the coming months will be a blessing for all of us. Welcome, Pastor Linda, to Christus Victor!

I'm happy to report that the Call Committee is formed and has started their work. Frank Eargle, Tony Kochert, Whitney Livingston, Jean Sox, Kathy Strom, Fred Tate, Christy Wendland and chairman Sean Meade are an energetic and excited group and will do a fine job for us. You'll recall that their first order of business is to create the "congregational profile" that will describe the ministry of Christus Victor in terms of demographics, active members, the neighborhood surrounding the church, who we are as a congregation and more importantly it will describe where we want our ministry to go in the future. This is not a quick process, and the members of the Call Committee are committed to capturing in writing who we are and where we're called by God to be. As in most important work, the hardest part is in the preparation and creating the profile is definitely the hardest part of the job. Once we have a complete, accurate and descriptive profile, the (relatively) easy part of the process will begin - actually considering candidates to be our next pastor. The bishop's office and potential candidates will use our profile to match who we are with who the candidates are. The committee will meet potential candidates, both in personal interviews and in their home congregation or current call. We're still hopeful that we'll know where we're headed as far as extending a call to our new pastor by August. The process is a tried and true one, and it's not designed to work quickly - but it works pretty well.

Here's where you come in: the Call Committee has its collective impressions, memories, experiences, hope and dreams for Christus Victor and they come from a very representative cross-section of the congregation. They also have all of the information we gathered on March 25th at the congregational event where Pastor Mel Amundson led us in a discussion designed to generate important ideas for the Call Committee to con-

sider in its deliberations. What they may not have is your particular area of emphasis you feel we should pay particular attention to in the future. Is outreach something we need to work on as a congregation? Is our youth ministry where it should be? What is your opinion of our Christian education program? Seminary student and missionary support? Member care? Witness? Our collective opinion on these and a host of other topics will build our profile and lead us to call a pastor who is well equipped to help us grow in the areas important to us. This is a lay led congregation, and now more than ever will your opinions be important to getting us where we feel God is calling us to be. Contact any member of the Call Committee with any input you may have. Let your voice be heard.

In the mean time, Council will be considering some of the inputs and opinions gathered on March 25th. Some of those concerns will be best addressed by council and we'll be taking a good look at them in the coming months. As always, I'm interested in your opinions, thoughts and most importantly, your prayers and support. I remain humbled by your expression of confidence in me and I'm committed to doing a good job for you. I can't do it alone, and I can't do it without you. I encourage each of you to find a new area of ministry and get involved in it. Whatever you're doing for the congregation - keep doing it, but don't stop there. There's plenty to do and if you're not sure - just dig in somewhere and try hard. Others will help and you're not alone - or maybe someone needs some help getting their part done. If there's something you see that needs attention, then you might just be the best person to take care of that detail. It's your church and your congregation and your ministry; don't be timid in jumping in!



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

FOR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND
Peggy & Paul Johnston, Woody Lanning

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL
Larry & Becky Brown, Judy Dry, Lynn Eargle,
Marcie Gambrell, Betty Glover, Blanche Moss,
Eddy Mae Murphy, Lana Rosenbeck

Hannah Boatwright, *Jill Chapman's friend*
Floyd Bonds, *Cliff Bonds' father*
Denny Brown, *Patti Jo Grove's friend*
Denny Caldwell, *Patti Jo Grove's friend*
Georgia Cannon, *Randy Cannon's mother*
Thomas Crain, *friend of the Noblets*
JoAnne Eitzen, *Barbara Kleinrock's friend*
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*
Kaye Hieatt, *Barbara Chambers' friend*
Stacy Innabinet, *Tony Kochert's friend*
John Lackey, *Barbara Kleinrock's son*
Betty Lowery, *Ericksons' friend*
Ann Miller, *Jim & Mary Nichols' daughter*
Linda Miller, *Janet Robinson's friend*
William Murphy, *Eddy Mae Murphy's ex-husband*
Pat Nigey, *Gloria McSorley's friend*
Pastor Paul Pridgen, *Ericksons' friend*
Shawn Rinehart, *Betty Glover's nephew*
Joseph Ryan, *Rich Burke's brother in law*
Dawn Smith, *Betty Glover's niece*

Youth Gathering Update - The youth would like to thank everyone who donated items for our yard sale on April 14th. We were able to raise close to \$900 for our trip to New Orleans. There's still time to invest on the board outside the youth room if you have not yet invested. Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as we prepare for our trip July 17-22. Drew Yoos, Johnna Metzler, Tina Kneisler, Rusty Kehl, Samantha Adams, Caroline Amick, Daniel Amick, Anna Grace Bonds, Jonathan Cannon, Madison Cannon, Emily Edis, Savannah Edis, Amanda Kaiser, Rachel Kehl, Charlie Kimmel, Jon Kneisler, Suzy Noblet, Savannah Rhyne, Josh Taft

All chaperons going to New Orleans will meet after the confirmation reception on May 20th for a planning meeting.

Sharing God's Love - Sharing God's Love is low on several items and would appreciate donations. Items include: peanut butter and toiletries (dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, toilet paper). Also, letter carriers will be picking up food donations on their regular routes on Saturday May 12, and the donations from the 29063 zip code will be given to Sharing God's Love. We are grateful for the caring dedication of the Irmo carriers. This is a great boost to our needed summer supply. Leave your donations at the mailbox. Thank you for supporting Sharing God's Love!

Information Technology Committee

We are looking for several people to form a committee that would be responsible for keeping up with our office IT needs. This would involve computers, printers, networking, copier, etc. If you are interested, contact the church office.

Mickey Taber, *DeeDee Kehl's mother*
Barbara Vinson, *Pastor Linda's daughter-in-law*

IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

FOR A SPECIAL MEASURE OF YOUR GRACE
For the friends and family of Karen Hays, who passed away, *Judy Dry's cousin*
For the friends and family of Michael French, who passed away, *Dan Chambers' nephew*
For the friends and family of Bootsie Trubiano, who passed away, *Judy Livingston's mother*
For the friends and family of Tammy Parker, who passed away, *Brenda Counts' friend*
For the CVLC Call Committee and Church Council
For those who have lost their jobs and are searching for jobs
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

Upcoming Events

- + Outdoor Worship, 5/6
- + Operation Inasmuch, 5/19
- + SC Synod Assembly, 6/1-3
- + Vacation Bible School, 6/24-6/28
- + National Youth Gathering, 7/17-22
- + Surf Camp, 8/5-8

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 at 781-5236 or Patti Addison at 732-3828.

May 21, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot (Barbara H., host; Kathy, facilitate)

Church Council Meetings

Church Council meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm in the conference room until further notice. The next meeting is May 13 at 7:00 pm.

Flower Chart

The 2012 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. The price is \$31 per vase. Open dates are: June 10 & 24, July 29, August 5 & 19, September 9 & 30, October 7, 21, & 28, November 11, 18 & 25, December 2, 9, & 16.

Yarn Spinners

The Yarn Spinner group will meet on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. at the home of Barbara Kleinrock. Call Barbara for more information.

Call Committee Update

After reviewing congregational input from The Spirit-led Time of Renewal, the Call Committee will begin working on a Congregational Profile that will help to match Christus Victor with pastoral candidates. Please pray for wisdom for the Call Committee and that God will be preparing our congregation and future pastor for one another.

May Birthdays

01 Eric Strom	11 Lacey Chapman
03 Jason Rawl	11 Kyle Taylor
04 Todd Gibson	12 Joan Adams
05 Jo Fletcher	13 Seabrook Polk
06 Mike Stoudenmire	14 Peg Kollmann
07 Mark Lybrand	15 Caleb Doty
08 Johnna Metzler	15 Patrick Keaton
09 Shelly Kendrick	18 Leah Doty
09 Judy Rowe	19 Jared Greene

Operation Inasmuch

Everyone is welcome to join us at the church on May 19th for Christus Victor's Operation Inasmuch. Please use your bulletin inserts to sign up for a project to take part in. We will begin the day with a worship service at the church at 8:30. Don't forget about the collection items in the Narthex.

End of the Year Celebration

All youth and their families are invited to a party on Lake Murray to end our year together. The party will be at the home of Gray and Charlotte Amick from 2:00-6:00 on June 3rd. Each youth should bring a side item, dessert, or drink to share.

LCY Convention

All youth 7th-12th grade are encouraged to attend this Summer's LCY Convention June 15-17 at Newberry College. This will be a culmination of our year in LCY with some small groups, worship, songs, and celebration. Let Drew know if you are interested in attending.

Vacation Bible School!

VBS Registration is underway! Our theme this year is Adventures on Promise Island. Each day kids will learn more about the promises of God from the Bible. This year, VBS will run from 5:30-8:10 on Sunday June 24- Thursday June 28th. We will start each night with a meal together. To register, please fill out a form in the narthex. If parents are interested in volunteering with any aspect of the week, please let Drew know. Also, get the word out by inviting friends and family to join us for VBS this year!

Relay for Life

2012 American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Chapin-Irmo, Dutch Fork High School, 1400 Old Tamah Road, Irmo, SC, May 4 - 5, 2012 7 pm - 7 am. The Relay Opening Ceremony and first lap begin at 7 pm and the Survivor Reception follows. Contact Sydney at 345-1654 or Sydney@hbaweb.com to pre-register and to get more information or register online at www.relayforlife.org/chapinirmosc.

19 Fred Tate	26 Joshua Chambers
20 Jeffrey Metzler	26 Michelle Metzler
20 Jake Stoudenmire	27 Anna Grace Bonds
22 Kyle Stoudenmire	29 Anna Fletcher
23 Jennifer Coleman	30 Aden Johnson
24 Tristin Lail	31 George Edis
25 Carson Atkins	31 Laura Griffis
25 Jennifer Johnson	
25 Frances Mills	

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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