

# **The Victorious Voice** **July 2022**

**CHRISTUS**  
**VICTOR**  
Lutheran Church

The logo consists of the words "CHRISTUS" and "VICTOR" in a large, black, stylized font. A red cross is superimposed over the text, with its vertical bar passing through the letter 'I' in "VICTOR". A grey sword is positioned behind the text, with its hilt at the top right and its blade pointing towards the bottom left.

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***Thanks Be To God, who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ"***  
***(1 Cor. 15:57)***

**Don't just live...live victoriously!**



### **From Council President**

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we embark on a new journey in the life of Christus Victor Lutheran Church, I want to thank you for the confidence you, the congregation, have shown in the Call Committee and Council in calling our new Pastor.

As most of you probably know by now Pastor Walt Lichtenberger starts his ministry here on September 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm sure you are as excited as I am for us to start this new chapter in the life of our church. Hopefully many of you have had time to avail yourselves of the daily devotional put together by Pastor Lichtenberger for Pentecost. If not, please see the weekly email for the link.

I know many of us are struggling with inflation and rising costs of absolutely everything. While we are doing well from a budget perspective, please remember to give your offering on a regular basis as our costs are rising as well.

The Council has discussed at June's Council Meeting the creation of the Transition Team to assist Pastor and the congregation in creating a smooth transition to a new Pastor. Names will be announced shortly. We ask for your continued prayers for our church during this transition and also in thankfulness that we have Pastor LaCroix to lead us during this transition. Thank you again for allowing us to serve the wonderful members of Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

For the Council

John Butcher - President CVLC Council



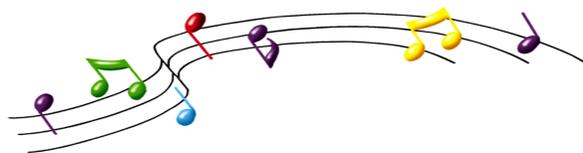
## Music Notes by Joyce Reitz, Director of Music



Well, June is passing us by so quickly and we now turn to July. I have a plan in the works for some special music on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then on July 17<sup>th</sup> I will have our small group sing during communion. They are all anxious to sing again, so that is the plan for now. Perhaps more later in the month or in August. With several of us on vacation in August, I am not sure about it at this point in time.

Things have been going well and I thank Pr. Gary for his input regarding the hymns I have picked I also, once again, want to thank everyone for their prayers. I am doing better and I feel good. Still will be awhile till completely healed. So, I do appreciate your continued prayers.

Until next month, keep a song in your hearts, Joyce



**Christus Victor has returned to two services  
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**



## **Worship Updates**

- Masks are optional at all worship services.
- Please sign up for Ushers, Greeters and Communion Assistants.  
**Sign up sheets are in the lobby.**
- We will offer bread / wine for communion with the option to use the pre-packaged communion sets if you so choose.



### **Sick or Hospitalized?**

Please tell us if you or someone you know in the congregation will be hospitalized or in need of a visit as we are not routinely notified by local hospitals when members are admitted. The office number is 597-1043. Prayer for one another is understanding love.

## Online Giving

We have had a number of questions about opportunities to continue contributing to CVLC when we don't attend services. One option is to mail your checks to the church (we have a secure mailbox) **15600 Tamiami Trail N., Naples, FL 34110**. Another option is to use our E-Giving program as follows:

Go to the CVLC website ([www.christusvictorfl.org](http://www.christusvictorfl.org)).

Click on "Give" (upper right)

Under "Two Ways to Enroll" click on "online"

Then indicate the amount you wish to contribute

Choose the frequency using the drop-down

Create your Online Profile so that you can easily return to your online account

Click on "Continue" at bottom left and follow the prompts.

You have the option of having the contributions come directly from your checking account (our preference), or you can make contributions via credit card (this option deducts at least 2.5% from your contribution before it gets to us).

If you have any questions or need assistance with setting up the account, please contact CVLC Treasurer (Doc) at 509-595-7399.





## Christmas in July

The Immokalee Friendship House is one of the shelters this congregation helps support through the Small Change Ministry and the Christmas Giving Tree. During the summer months, the Immokalee Friendship House struggles to meet the needs of its clients.

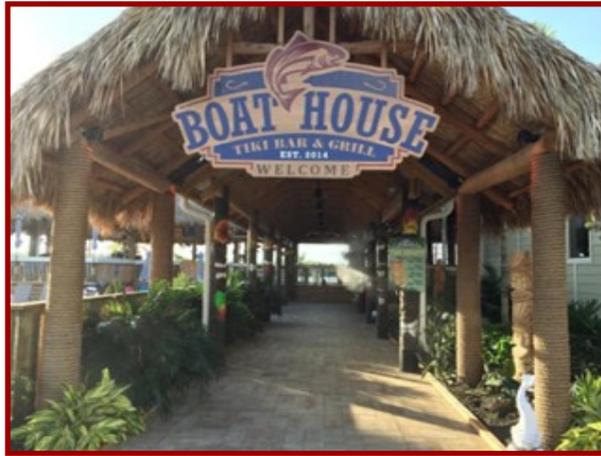
We have placed a Christmas tree in the Narthex as we celebrate Christmas in July, by collecting items for the Immokalee Friendship House.

Please participate in this program throughout the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please call the church office 597-1043.

Here is a list of the critical needs of the Immokalee Friendship House:

- Household items such as dishes, utensils, glasses, small appliances, pots, and pans
- Paper Products (paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue, paper lunch bags)
- Office Supplies (pens, pencils, paper clips, Scotch tape, stamps, binders)
- Canned Goods
- Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream
- Small Bars of Hotel Type Soap
- Small Bottles of Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste (small tubes)
- Q-Tips
- Diapers and Baby Wipes
- Sheets, Towels, Pillows (twin size), Comforters, Blankets, Washcloths (both bath and dish)
- Men's and Women's Underwear and Socks, especially sizes 32 through 36 waist for the men
- Children's clothing (preferably infants and toddlers)
- Men's jeans or work pants, sizes 32-36 waist
- Men's shoes (preferably work boots and athletic shoes)
- Women's and Children's shoes
- Pricing supplies, such as tickets, stickers, and pricing guns
- Bibles, especially in Spanish
- Bleach
- Cleaning supplies such as Lysol, Clorox Clean-up, and Windex
- Laundry Detergent (liquid)
- Trash Bags (13-gallon size)
- Mop Heads, Brooms, Brushes, Rags
- Phone Cards





## **Breakfast Club Social**

**\*\*\*\*\*Note Change\*\*\*\*\***

### **PAIRS 'n' SPARES**

**What: Dinner Out**

**Who: Pairs 'n' Spares Adult Fellowship (Singles & Couples)**

**When: Friday, July 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Boathouse Bar & Grill 17101 State Road 31 Fort Myers, FL 33905**

**Where to Meet to Carpool: Christus Victor Lutheran Church  
(if you'd like to carpool, please meet at the church)**

**Where to Sign Up: Narthex Bulletin Board or RSVP**

**Who to RSVP To: by July 13<sup>th</sup> [kimaolson56@gmail.com](mailto:kimaolson56@gmail.com) or 239-776-1655**

**What If Child Care Is Needed: Please let Kim Olson know.**





## **Peanut Butter & Jelly Day**

### **Monday, July 18th 10:30a.m.**

“As part of our ministry to 24 Cafe of Life Seniors, many Christus Victors members helped prepare meals and packed items on Monday, June 20 in the Christus Victor kitchen for pick up by Cafe of Life! This month’s menu included an entree (lasagna), salad, fruit, and dessert as well as personal and/or paper items for the seniors.

Each month (3rd Monday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.), volunteers (anyone can come!) compile a bag of food with a (pre-planned) freshly made meal like above, additional shelf-stable items such as canned vegetables, pasta, or peanut butter, and supplies like paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, or dish soap. In addition, volunteers make dozens of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the seniors—at each monthly session or dropped off in the kitchen earlier in the week. These items are all donated by Christus Victor members and/or purchased from Dollar Tree with funds from the Christus Victor senior ministry budget.

Much thanks to Bertha Chinn, Yvonne Eaton, Gisela Grindle, Lavinia Hall, Linda Hope, Becky Marries, Lil Millman, Kim Olson, Leslie Thompson, and Margery Winslett for preparing the meal, making sandwiches, and helping with bagging all the items. Also, thanks to all at Christus Victor who have dropped off plastic grocery bags, food and other supplies in the grocery cart in the Caring & Sharing Room.

Lety Santos of Cafe of Life, is very appreciative each month and shared happy faces of those receiving the help: **‘Our gratitude to your group of volunteers for taking care of our seniors and clients...Blessings!’**

Please reach out to Lavinia Hall ([lhall99940@aol.com](mailto:lhall99940@aol.com)) or paigegiannetti ([paigegiannetti@gmail.com](mailto:paigegiannetti@gmail.com)) if you would like to volunteer to prepare or donate any part of the meal in upcoming months or just come at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 18, to make sandwiches or bag items."



**Volunteers Linda and Lavinia smile in front of the Cafe of Life van after helping pack meals and supplies for 24 seniors.**



**Several CV participants help make dozens of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches the 3rd Monday of each month from 10:30-11:30 am in the CV kitchen.**

# Christus Victor



**Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.**  
**in the Adult Classroom in the Administration Bldg.**  
**All readers are welcome!**

July Book Club selection: *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore.

The glamorous world of a silent film star's wife abruptly crumbles when she's forcibly quarantined at the Carville Lepers Home in this page-turning story of courage, resilience, and reinvention set in 1920s Louisiana and Los Angeles. Based on a true story of America's only leper colony where thousands of people were stripped of their civil rights, branded as lepers, and forcibly quarantined.





Thank you to everyone who over the years has helped us decorate the church at Christmas and set up the Easter flowers. Your help has been very appreciated. We are now passing the torch on to someone else who might bring new ideas. Again thank you for helping make the church look beautiful for the Christmas season and Easter Sunday.

Armand and Nancy Linzmeyer



Anyone that may be interested in decorating the church for Christmas and ordering and setting up Easter flowers please contact the church office, 239-597-1043. Thank you!





**Matthew 25:35-40:** “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in.

I needed clothes and you clothed me.

I was sick and you looked after me.

I was in prison and you visited me.”

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and

invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you?

When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ “

Do you know of anyone in our Church Family who is in need or who would enjoy a home cooked meal? Anybody from the Church Family recuperating from surgery, illness, or grief at home? Who lives alone and would enjoy a meal prepared lovingly for you on occasion?

Well, our Church Family has a program entitled **Meals of Mercy** that will **HELP!** Not only will a meal be prepared with love by one of the volunteers, but it will also be delivered to the home of the person in need. This program is designed to feed and nourish all members not only by providing physical food, but by providing Spiritual food as well. Just imagine that while recovering, grieving, or living alone, someone caring for you and visiting you with a home cooked meal.

If you **know of anyone** or if you **are a person** in need, please contact the church office at 239-597-1043 or by e-mail [christusvictor@cvlcfl.org](mailto:christusvictor@cvlcfl.org) or contact Kim Olson, 239-776-1655 or by e-mail [kimaolson56@gmail.com](mailto:kimaolson56@gmail.com) (Please let us know if a special diet is necessary.)

**Meals of Mercy is in need of volunteers to make casseroles!! If anyone is interested in making a home cooked meal for those in need in our Church Family, please sign up in the narthex. Thank you!**





### **Caring & Sharing Room (Across from the Café)**

Don't forget to visit the Caring and Sharing Room to donate Books for Our Troops, donate clothing, take or leave a puzzle, and help the environment by recycling your used eye glasses, empty ink jets, can lids, cell phones and beverage lid tabs and place in bins in the Caring & Sharing Room. Thank you!



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Or you can go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), click "Get Started", and search for Christus Victor Lutheran Church. There are several churches with our name, so please make sure that you look for the one in Naples, Florida.

**THANK YOU !**

## Greetings from Babcock Ranch!

Just a note to say Thank You for your continued support. We give thanks to God for what the Holy Spirit is doing here in Babcock Ranch and we give thanks to God for your prayers and mission partnership. As we continue the Easter season on our way towards Pentecost, The Community Church continues to build momentum. Your support helps us to develop ministry and mission to serve people here in the ranch and in the surrounding area.

TCC continues to establish relationships with local nonprofit organizations and agencies so we can serve and learn together. I have attached a couple images so you can see what is happening here. Our next e-newsletter will be sent out this month, please let us know if any of your folks would like to be added to our mailing list. You are a blessing to God's church and we look forward with great excitement at what we will build together.

God's Peace, Pastor Matt Shapton

**Gaga Ball Pit!!  
The kids love  
this game!!!**



Babcock Ranch photos continued...



Babcock Ranch continued...



## Calling All Crafters!

**Christus Victor is continuing to provide items for nursing and memory care homes. You can help to bring kindness and happiness to someone's sunset years.**

Are you handy at sewing, knitting or crocheting, or quilting? You can help the less fortunate. Not a crafty person? Your donation of a monetary gift for supplies would also be greatly appreciated.

Items requested by the facilities are neck pillows, adult bibs, lap blankets, shawls, and memory activity mats. Materials (already cut for you) and directions are available in the Caring and Sharing Room for your convenience. There is also a nice selection of yarn.

Your finished projects can be returned to the Carin and Sharing Room located across from the Café. Thank you for helping the less fortunate with your time and talents. Happy Sewing/Knitting/Crocheting/Quilting to all!!

For more details contact Linda Hanson [lhsells@yahoo.com](mailto:lhsells@yahoo.com) 239-777-1128 or Sandy Goddard [sandygoddard@aol.com](mailto:sandygoddard@aol.com) 231-388-4377.



# HELP

*Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day. ...Sally Koch*

## **LET'S HELP THE COMMUNITY!**

There are many organizations we donate to that are in need of unexpired **canned food** items of any type!! Vegetables, Fruits, Soups, Meats, and Complete Meal Cans like Spaghetti or Beefaroni.

They could also use any type of full-size **Cleaning and Personal Care Products** you could donate.

Likewise, paper products like **Kleenex, Toilet Paper, and Paper Towels**.

**Items can be brought into the church during the week, or feel free to bring them on Sunday Mornings and put them in the Grocery Cart in the Caring & Sharing Room across from the Café.**

**Thanks so much for anything you can contribute!**

*The meaning of life is to find your gift.  
The purpose of life is to give it away. ...Pablo Picasso*

Thank you Stephen Stidinger for the wonderful and informative postings on the Christus Victor Facebook page!!! Now all the congregation has to do is . . .



AND



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**You Tube**™ Visit the Christus Victor YouTube channel to view our worship services. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGS9TN9p5QWOIMIE0mGCCdw>



Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser. You can also download the newly updated app for your IOS and Android devices. <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/category/daily-grace>



## Blood pressure is no joke!

We encourage **EVERYONE** to monitor your blood pressure. Make sure to get some exercise in your day and strive to eat as healthy as possible!

God wants us to treat our bodies like the temple they are.



**THE FOOD COLLECTION** for the month of July is Idahoan Mashed Potatoes. Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the Caring & Sharing Room and thank you for your continued support.

<h1>July</h1>		31 Bonnie McGill Bella Anderson	 <p><b>Happy Birthday</b></p>
1 Kay Hart	3 Teaker Harris	4 Darla Highley	
7 Bev Kroll	Ray Depew	8 Randy Highley	
9 Wayne Berger	13 Richard Thomas	14 Joanne North	
16 Linda Hanson	18 Carol Varady	21 Maryanne Rohloff	
Adam Feist	27 Martha Wunsch		

<p><b>A very Happy Birthday to each and every one of you! May the year ahead be filled with wonderful memories to cherish, and opportunities to serve God wherever He places them.</b></p>	<p><b>If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact the church office (597-1043) so we can change or update our records. Thank you.</b></p>
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# CVLC FINANCIAL REPORT

**thru May 31, 2022**

## General Operating Donations (Income) vs Operating Expenditures

	Operating Contributions	Operating Expenditures	Net Operating Income	Dedicated Contributions
May 2022	\$36,422.93	\$25,264.37	\$11,158.56	\$1,780.00
Year-to-Date	\$271,987.86	\$172,044.21	\$99,943.65	\$71,050.75
Previous YTD	\$292,713.90	\$191,503.64	\$101,210.26	\$32,967.28
YTD 2022/2021 (%)	-7.1%	-8.6%	-1.3%	N/A

## Selected Dedicated Fund Contributions

	May 2022	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
ELCA Hunger	\$705.00	\$6,813.00	\$8,325.00
Additional Pastor	\$190.00	\$950.00	\$1,615.00
Victory Park	\$715.00	\$2,438.75	\$890.00
Missionary Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disaster Relief	\$30.00	\$440.00	\$600.00
Memorials	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$350.00
God's Work Our Hands*	\$40.00	\$1,692.00	\$13,870.00
Fund for Leaders	\$0.00	\$1,075.00	\$0.00
Endowment Principal	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$325.00
Senior Assistance	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$1,675.00
Youth Related	\$100.00	\$916.00	\$720.00
*Babcock Ranch			

In Christ, Richard H. Dougherty, Treasurer

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES



**for August  
is July 20<sup>th</sup>**

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***SHARING CHRIST THAT ALL MIGHT LIVE VICTORIOUSLY!!***

**Sunday Worship Services** – 8:30a.m & 10:45a.m. through January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00a.m.; 9:30a.m. & 11:00a.m. beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>

**Church Office Hours** – Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Friday Office closed

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