

# Christus Victor Lutheran Church

## SEPTEMBER VOICE 2018

**To bring the life, love and teachings of Jesus Christ to today's world!**

Hello Christus Victor Family and Friends!

The new school year has started. We have hired a new Music Director/Organist!!!!!! Welcome Trish Fowzer! (Be sure to read her article just after this one). It is all about new beginnings. With new beginnings comes new excitement AND new anxieties. In the case of Christus Victor the anxieties may be intensifying! Some recent anxieties for some, as I have learned, are our worship space, which did not seem significant to me, have been the cause of some people feeling a little overwhelmed. So, what better time than now to address a few things.

Here is a word that you may not have heard in the church, or anywhere else for that matter. **ADIAPHORA!** In Christianity, "**adiaphora**" are matters not regarded as essential to faith, but nevertheless as permissible for Christians or allowed in church. In the Formula of Concord (One of the writings included in the Book of Concord, a major staple for Lutheran Clergy), "adiaphora" is defined as rights that are "...neither command nor forbidden in the Word of God". The word literally means "Things indifferent". This concept seem pretty black and white to me, and yet, I am coming to the realization that it is not quite so. One article I read at <http://www.intrepidlutherans.com/2011/03/more-definitive-definition-of-adiaphora.html>, goes a bit further, and reminds us of Paul's writings that while things may be permissible as a freed child of God, not all things are good. In this reminder is the idea that, while doing one thing or another is not forbidden, or required by scripture, we also must consider how that same thing either draws a person to hear and receive the word of God or, perhaps, distracts someone from hearing the word of God. And this is where the challenge of the church, and more specifically, the challenge I am facing, comes from. What is essential to providing Christ centered, meaningful worship for one person can be a distraction to someone else. I believe this dilemma is at the center of the struggles mainline denominations as a whole are experiencing. It is what has been experienced for centuries as times and culture have changed.

As worship services began to be lead in the various languages of the people throughout the world, I am sure that there were many who felt like they were not really worshiping because of the change. I know that even in my lifetime, I have heard a few individuals say that worship should be done in Latin. I think we can all agree that this change was necessary, but I am certain it also was a bit of a road block for some worshipers. The same is true as churches opened ordination up to women, and I think we can all think of other examples of changes that may have been necessary, and yet, for some in the church each and every one of those things was very significant. And so, as we move forward as a church, we have to deal with the realities of the culture in which we now live. How do we continue to be relevant to the people who are in our community (not just the people who worship every Sunday), and not lose our Lutheran heritage? This is actually a topic many books have been written about, and I am certainly no expert. However, there are a few questions that I think we all need to be asking ourselves as we consider where our church is heading in the very near future.

What is meaningful to you when you are in worship? AND....WHY?

Consider the worship space. Consider the various parts of worship. As you answer these questions, it opens up the opportunity to begin to discuss what things touch us, and add to our faith, and what things are just important because they are familiar. It isn't bad that we feel like certain things or certain ways of doing things are important unless it is only important because you like it or it is the way it has been done before and you don't like change.

The Worship committee is working very hard to do whatever we can to enhance worship for those who attend worship on a regular basis, while making sure that people who may have never been in a Lutheran Church, or any church for that matter, feel welcomed and included in worship. Knowing the importance and the deep meaning of traditions, we are always considering how any changes could hinder worship. No change is made simply because we do not like something. Sometimes it is practicality, and sometimes it is because things don't belong where they are. We want our worship space to be inviting and for everyone and draw our focus for worship to Christ whom we worship. These are ever changing times in our society and in our church. We want to continue to be a church that is relevant to the community we are in and that assures that our Lutheran theology and traditions are honored. That is a never-ending struggle, but this struggle may be the very thing that assures that our worship continues to be focused on the Holy Trinity that claims us as children of God, and commands us to be the hands and feet of God in this ever-changing world.

I look forward to a continued dialogue concerning our worship space, styles and music as we, guided by the Holy Spirit, discover the best way for Christus Victor Lutheran Church to continue to be the church God continually calls us to be.

God bless you all,

Pastor Tammy



# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As many of you have heard already, the church has hired a new Music Director, Patricia “Trish” Fowzer. Trish will, not only, play for our services on Sundays and other occasions, but she will also direct the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir.

I would like to thank the congregation, and especially the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir members, for letting me be their director for the time I have been with them. Music is a big part of my life and I could not let this church be without music for too long. I now know what it takes to be a director and, now that Trish is here, I can now be a member again. I will make sure that there is a smooth transition between Trish and me, and I hope you give her the support you gave me over the years.

So when the first practices will be and is up to Trish, so what I put in last month’s Voice no longer applies. I do plan on singing and playing bells as my schedule allows so I will still be involved in music. I feel like Pastor Tammy, in that a big weight has been lifted from my shoulders. I also feel that both choirs are in good hands with Trish. So now would be a good time to join any of our choirs, including the Praise Team, to share your musical talents with the congregation. Once things get organized, times for practice will be announced. Until then, know that Trish will be the person to ask about that stuff. I am so looking forward to singing and ringing again.

**Stacey Keener, Bell Choir Director**



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

### PATRICIA “TRISH” FOWZER”

I look forward to being a part of the music program of this church. My first goal is to bring the joy of music to each rehearsal and to honor Christ, our Savior, with the most beautiful music we can make as soloists, instrumentalists, choirs, and as a congregation.

I heard several very good voices Sunday morning during worship, and it is my greatest hope that many of you will join us in one of our choirs. Rehearsals begin next Tuesday. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these musical groups because I can promise that you will indeed find joy, enrichment, stress relief, and good fellowship, as we praise God in song.

I will always be mindful of your time. Our rehearsals will start on time and end on time.

Sending musical blessings your way,

Patricia “Trish” Fowzer



## Quilting!

September 8th  
9-12 Noon W/Lunch  
Sewing experience not necessary!  
Great Fellowship!  
Everyone Welcome!



Pastor Tammy is leading a bible study every Thursday at 6 pm on Proverbs.

Don Barnhill is leading a bible study every Sunday morning at 9 am on the Book of Ephesians and every Friday at 1 pm on the Book of John.

Come join us as we study the word of our Lord.

Chancel Choir  
practice Tuesdays

At 7:00 pm



Practice Tuesdays

At 6:00 pm

Thank you to Stacey Keener for stepping up to lead our Bell and Chancel Choirs for the past year!

Also, to Maryann Citraro for leading the Main St. Messengers for the past year and giving us a variety of music!

And last, but certainly not least, Mary Ann Headley for providing us with beautiful pianist accompaniment required for our worship service!

They all did a fantastic job and it is truly appreciated!

Main St. Messengers  
Praise Team

Practice Sundays

At 9:00 am



## Happy Birthday!

Jo Beth Collins	9/1
Alexus Guajardo	9/1
Kari Walker	9/3
Brianna Towner	9/4
Hunter Miller	9/5
Kendell Guajardo	9/17
Robert Collins	9/18
Danuta Meyer	9/22
Wesley Miller	9/22
Tiffany Teleisha	9/25



Let's fill the Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) basket in the narthex each month!

**The Outreach Committee has decided that diapers and wipes will be the mission for Christus Victor Church until further notice.**

## Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Doris Coury	9/4
Dwight & Dura Dittmar	9/6
Eric & Christine Parizo	9/8/16
Bill Boatwright & Andre Massey	9/29



*Thank You!  
to the following for our  
August flowers!*

*Ruby Morrow  
Sara & Jeremi Smart  
Doris Coury  
Dick Danielson*



## *Christus Victor Children's School*

We have officially started the new school year at CVCS. The teachers have worked very hard to prepare their classes. We are eager for the children to begin to learn new and exciting things.

CVCS is blessed to have such a wonderful and dedicated group of teachers leading the classes.

**The school will be closed on Labor Day Monday, September 3rd.**

*"Children are our most valuable resource."  
Herbert Hoover*

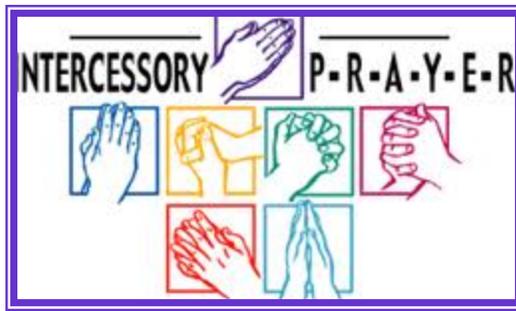
*Tebertha Henderson  
School Director*



**God's Work  
Our Hands**

**2018**

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<b>2 “Tools of the Trade”</b>  9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 am Main St. Messengers Practice 10:30 Worship <b>Council to follow worship</b>	<b>3</b> Happy Labor Day! School & Office Closed   <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Bell Practice  7:00 Choir  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6 pm Bible Study	<b>7</b>  1 pm Bible Study	<b>8</b> 8 am Men's Group Cross & Crowns  9-12 N Quilting  
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**Health Concern**

Lisa Falls (7/18)  
 Terry Henske (7/18)  
 Willa (niece of Children's School Parent) (7/18)  
 Ken Schaudt (7/18)  
 Jay Citraro (7/18)  
 Chad O'Dell (7/18)  
 Nedra Baker (8/18)  
 Mary Ann Headley (8/18)  
 Candy Rivera (8/18)

**Personal Needs**

**Bereavement**

For the family of Randy Corrop (8/18)

**Serving in our Military**

Michael Bredeson  
 Blake Meyer  
 Timothy Whitehead

\***Asterisk:** Status confirmed, but not address

**Term Care/Medical Treatments**

Wanda Toedter  
 Bob Coursen  
 Tom Sharp  
 Nate Tupper  
 Berthea Meyer (8/18)

**Please note!**  
**When a prayer request arrives marked confidential it is not placed on the published prayer list.**  
**Pastor Tammy will pray for the request.**

## **Christus Victor Lutheran Church....281-332-6847**

**Vision Statement:** "Proclaiming God's Word and Nurturing a Living Faith Through Jesus Christ"  
**Sunday Worship with Children's Church:** 10:30 am

### **Church and School Contact Information :**

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**Tammy's Office Hours:** 9 am until 4pm Monday thru Thursday. [Friday...out of office.]

**Church Office Hours:** 9 am until 4 pm

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### **Christus Victor Congregation Ministers**

#### **Church Council Members:**

Council President: Sara Smart

Council Vice President: Tracy Campbell

Council Secretary: Vanessa Zambrana

Church Treasurer: Carol Vykukal

Financial Secretary: Laurie Stockstill

Property: Jeremi Smart

School Board President: Sara Smart

Outreach: Diana Bredeson

Education: Vacant

Worship: Ruby Morrow

Parish Life: Paula Towner

Stewardship: Brad Loucas

