

August 2026



## Christ the Victor Lutheran Church

*Discover A Place To Belong*

60 Years of Serving the ELCA & Victoria

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OFFICE HOURS: 8AM - NOON, MONDAY - THURSDAY

Grace and peace to you from the one who was, who is, and who is to come. July was certainly a busy month. Many of us traveled, and thanks be to God we returned safe and rejuvenated by our time away. July afforded me many opportunities to reflect on my calling. Not just the call to ministry, but my calling to the people of Christ the Victor Lutheran Church and the City of Victoria. You may be surprised to see Victoria noted as part of my call to serve CVLC, but as your pastor I am called to the city/community in which we live as well.

During my time in Indianapolis at the Rostered Ministers' Gathering one of the keynote speakers shared this quote from David M. Chavis and Kien Lee, *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, "Community is not a place, building, or organization. It is a series of relationships where needs are met. Churches can be contexts for community formation but are not communities themselves." This challenged, and continues to challenge, my concept of who we are as Church. As I continue to ponder this statement what has been revealed to me is church cannot become an island. Meaning, if we consider ourselves (the Church) as a community how are we then able to grow. You may say, "That's simple Pastor, we grow through relationship." How well has that worked for us historically? The Church continues to divide and separate. The Church continues to isolate thinking each ideology and understanding of the Gospel is the only one that is correct, thereby the only way into the Kingdom of Heaven. Don't get me wrong, some congregations and denominations successfully cooperate and coexist, but it is not the standard. So, we must stop thinking of ourselves as a single community and begin thinking of ourselves as a place to connect and grow communities. This is what you as a congregation agreed to do when you decided to open this campus to community partners to better serve the underserved in Victoria, and this is why I am called as your pastor to the city as well.

The journey to create community here at CVLC is far from over, in fact, it has just begun. It is easy to become frustrated and discouraged with the progress you see, or do not see, happening currently. Take heart, dear Siblings, and remember we are on God's timeline. Within the coming pages you will find an update on our progress meeting with potential community partners, please take time to read that as well.

As we prepare to send our littles, teachers, and professors back to school I hope this glimpse back at the previous month gives you hope for the road ahead.

May we all be excited for the lessons God will reveal to us as we journey out into the community classroom. May God bring us back into the Church with a better understanding of how to facilitate community in our city and in our world.

The peace of Christ be with you all,

Pastor Johnene



## It's Not To Late!

Our rummage sale is planned for

August 7th & 8th

If you would like to help or serve

On the team

Please contact Debbie Black

## If you have items to donate:

We have already begun to organize the rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your things in, and if you are able, please match your things with like items. Clothing with clothing, holiday with holiday, etc...

If that is too much for you, kindly put them in room 10.

It would be a blessing if you brought

Christ's Kitchen is collecting blank Christmas cards.

These will be distributed at prisons, so inmates can send out cards to their families.



# Schedule For August

If you switch with someone, please contact Linda Crisp @ 361-649-9645

| Date        | Assisting Minister | Ushers                                  | Tellers                      | Altar Guild | Acolyte           |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>2nd</b>  | Lynn Frazier       | Roy Kuester<br>Paul Morrison            | Roy Kuester<br>Paul Morrison |             | Roy Kuester       |
| <b>9th</b>  | Duane Woods        | Sharon Bednorz                          | Joe & Linda Crisp            |             | Kaycee Richardson |
| <b>16th</b> | Harold Crater      | Brittney Stange-Smith<br>Hillery Stange | Barbara & Weldon Nilsson     |             | Eva Smith         |
| <b>23rd</b> | Joe Crisp          | Joe & Linda Crisp                       | Joe & Linda Crisp            |             | To be determined  |
| <b>30th</b> | Jan Oldfather      | Joe & Linda With Mark & Tiffany         | Barbara & Weldon Nilsson     |             | Joe Crisp         |

# August

Adult Sunday School 9:00am + Sunday Worship 10:00am = AA Meets & 7:00pm on Mon. Thurs. and Sat.

| Sunday                                     | Monday                                              | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                | Thursday                | Friday                                      | Saturday                        |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                     |                                    |                          |                         | Office<br>Closed                            | 1                               |
| 2                                          | 3<br>God's Gals<br>6:15pm<br>Carol's<br>house       | 4<br>Morada<br>Bible Study<br>10am | 5<br>Rummage Sale Set Up | 6<br>Pericope<br>9:30am | 7<br>Office<br>Closed<br>2 Day Rummage Sale | 8                               |
| 9                                          | 10<br>Fishers of<br>Men at La<br>Hacienda<br>6:15pm | 11                                 | 12                       | 13                      | 14<br>Office<br>Closed                      | 15<br>Morada<br>Worship<br>11am |
| 16<br>Passages<br>following the<br>service | 17                                                  | 18<br>Bible Study<br>10am          | 19                       | 20                      | 21<br>Office<br>Closed                      | 22                              |
| 23                                         | 24                                                  | 25                                 | 26                       | 27                      | 28                                          | 29                              |
| 30                                         | 31                                                  |                                    |                          |                         |                                             |                                 |

# CVLC

DRAWING OCT. 18, 2026

Person that sells the  
most will receive a  
**\$100 HEB Gift card!**

1 ticket for \$5.00

5 tickets for \$20.00



Blue & White Queen Sized Hand-  
made Quilt

Must be picked up

By Nov. 2, 2026

Crocheted Quilt

Wild Flower Handmade Quilt 54" x  
49"

**\$500 Visa Gift Card**

**\$100 Walmart Gift Card**

**\$100 HEB Gift Card**

**\$100 HEB Gift Card**

**\$50 Walmart Gift Card**

**\$50 HEB Gift Card**

**\$25 Target Gift Card**

**\$25 Target Gift Card**

**Yeti 3 pc. Package: Day Trip, Silo &  
Rambler**

**Hoot Hollow, PA 11"x14" Canvas  
Print**

Crocheted Quilt

Coca-Cola Collector's Series Bundle in-  
cludes: Milkshake Maker, Air Pop-  
corn Popper, Ice shaver and Hotdog  
Toaster

**ESP Monster Viper-10 Electric Guitar,  
promotional made for Coca-Cola**

**Estate Yellow Gold & Ruby Ring size 8  
1/4 Woven Design**

**Estate Yellow Gold J-hoop Earrings with  
Cluster of sparkling round brilliant dia-  
monds**

Crocheted Quilt

**19" Sterling Silver "Fallen Cross" pen-  
dant with 10 round black diamonds .07**

## Special Offerings for August - Hospice of South Texas



At Hospice of South Texas, our mission is simple: to enhance the quality of life for our patients and their families through compassionate, comprehensive care. We address not only the physical needs of our patients but also their emotional, social, financial, and spiritual well-being. Our promise—Love. Comfort. Support.—guides everything we do, ensuring that each individual receives the care they deserve with dignity and respect. We envision a community where hospice and palliative care are accessible to all, providing comfort for the living, peace for the dying, and solace for the grieving.

If you would like to give a special offering to Hospice of South Texas, please write that on your check of offering envelope.

## Just One Item

### ***Just One Item – Fruit Cups***

When you are grocery shopping this month, could you pick up *just one item* for VCAM? During July we will be collecting peanut butter.

So, add *just one item* to your cart to help our neighbors in Victoria. There is a VCAM tub in our narthex.

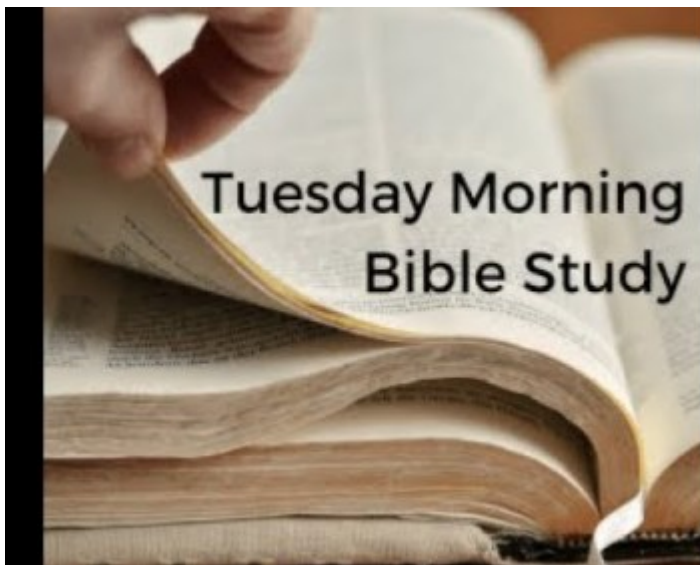
## August Birthdays

5th - Nancy Gonzales

8th - Marie McCoy

25th - Landon Mayer





On the **First Tuesday** of  
The month we will meet in the chapel  
**at Morada** 10am  
9606 NE Zac Lentz Pkwy  
3rd Tuesday we will meet  
in our Library at 10am

### **“God’s Gals”**

Will meet at 6:15pm on Aug. 3rd

at Carol Van Metre’s



Will meet on Aug. 10th  
At La Hacienda 6:15 PM

### **For Home Communion**

Please contact Pastor Johnene  
At 361-433-6624





Several of you have asked how the resource hub community partnership search is going. Well, I have had several meetings with potential partners who need donated space. Unfortunately, we cannot provide donated space at this time. There have been some potential partners who have voiced interest in utilizing space here, but I have not been able to meet with them due to scheduling conflicts on each side. Also, Jan and I have spoken and met with a potential partner who is excited to share space with us but is waiting to secure funding. This potential partner also asked to share our information with others in the community who are looking for space. So, all this to say continue praying that God sends us the best potential partners for the benefit and betterment of our community.

**Passages Support Group - *for life's changes***

( formerly CVLC Grief Support Group)

*Our group is not just for those who have lost loved ones)*

**Join us on August 19th following the service in the Friendship Room.**

*It is also about grieving life changes and finding healing.*

*You are never alone, we have big shoulders.*

A light lunch will be served.

# RUMMAGE & RAFFLE SALE

*Great Finds! Great Prizes! Great Cause!*

## WHERE:

Christ the Victor Lutheran Church  
202 Stanly  
Victoria, Texas 77904

## BUILDING:

Fellowship Hall  
(Located behind  
the church)

## DATES & TIMES:

Friday & Saturday  
August 7 & 8, 2026  
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES!**

Prizes  
to be drawn  
October 18,  
2026

**JOIN US!**

*Something  
for  
Everyone!*

*Shop • Win • Support Our Community!*



**Our Special Emphasis for September**

**Will be**

**God's work. Our hands.**

The special offerings collected during the month of September  
will be used for; God's work. Our hands.

CVLC will make purchases from ELCA Good Gifts

To serve our global community.

**ELCA  
GOOD  
GIFTS**



# Scripture Readings for August

| Date        | First Reading        | Psalm                   | Second Reading           | Gospel              |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2nd</b>  | Isaiah<br>55:1-5     | Psalm<br>145:8-9, 14-21 | Romans<br>8:1-5          | Matthew<br>14:13-21 |
| <b>9th</b>  | 1 Kings<br>19:9-18   | Psalm<br>85:8-13        | Romans<br>10:5-15        | Matthew<br>14:22-33 |
| <b>16th</b> | Isaiah<br>56:1, 6-8  | Psalm<br>67             | Romans<br>11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew<br>15:10-28 |
| <b>23rd</b> | Isaiah<br>51:1-6     | Psalm<br>138            | Romans<br>12:1-8         | Matthew<br>16:13-20 |
| <b>30th</b> | Jeremiah<br>15:15-21 | Psalm<br>26:1-8         | Romans<br>12:9-21        | Matthew<br>16:21-28 |



**Church Family, please know that you are loved, and prayed for every day! If you have special needs or are in need of prayer, please contact:**

Pastor Johnene at 361.433.6624 or email her at: [pastorjohnene@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohnene@gmail.com)

If you are unable to reach Pastor Johnene, in an emergency please call Jan at 361.652.0294

**Retirement Living:** Irene Martin, Lynette Klages, Randy Lamprecht, Marie McCoy, Janet Thamm, Joyce Teinert, Marilyn Jaster, Karen Peterson, Paul Kelm, Liz Schneider, Harvey & Shirley Spies

**Homebound:** Ronnie Painter

**CVLC:** Congregation - Council Members - Altar Guild - Mutual Ministry - God's Gals - Fishers of Men - LaPaz - Choir - Laurel Graham - Jan Oldfather - Pastor Johnene

### **Healing & Comfort**

Debbie McClanahan  
Nancie & Travis Mayer  
Dee Dee Patterson  
Bill & Lois White Sr.  
Ronnie Painter  
Barbara Pickard  
Dan Zellmer  
Felix Perez  
Jonie Donohue  
Stan Schweke  
Renee & Bill Hassel  
Chuck Van Metre  
Dennis Renken  
John Vomhof  
Madison Chandler  
Barbara Nilsson  
Connie Mouton  
Marianne Gilman  
Jaxon Martinez

### **Prays for the families of**

Joycelyn Onken and  
Thomas Kahlich  
Brother Gary Moses  
Susan Fossati Elliott



**We are looking for someone to take over our prayer requests.**

**If you feel this would be a good fit for you, please call the office.**

**Please help us keep this list up to date:  
Church office: 361.575.4363 or  
[christthevictor@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:christthevictor@suddenlinkmail.com)**

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