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Christus Victor Lutheran Church

THE VENTURE

July & August 2006

Mission Statement: We are children of God called to be the light for others
 to know the Grace of God through Jesus Christ.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.....Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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A Psalm of Summer

*"Now it came to pass that spring turned to summer again.
 God's people raised their voices and said:
 Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home;
 He maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag;
 He leadeth me down the interstate each weekend.
 He restoreth my suntan;
 He leadeth me to state parks for comfort's sake.
 Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no
 reprimand, for thou art with me;
 My rod and reel they comfort me.
 I annointeth my skin with oil, my gas tank runneth dry;
 Surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends this summer,
 and I shall return to the House of the Lord this fall.
 But then it is hunting season and that is another psalm."*

See you in church . . .

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



I have a friend that was diagnosed with cancer two years ago. After consultations with specialists, he started a course of treatment that included radical surgery, radiation and an experimental form of chemotherapy. From the start he was aware that no part of this treatment was going to be easy or pleasant, nor was there any guarantee of “cure.” In fact the expected result would be around two years of remission. Despite the limited expectation of success my friend immediately started the course of treatment. Although there were times he questioned his decision, he was committed and endured. He is currently in remission.

We are born and live a world flawed and fouled by sin. It is part of us and like cancer will bring us death. God could not abide watching us self-destruct and chose to reach out to us with the gift of His son. This gift of life is open to us. Our baptism makes us His children. As we live and grow in faith and in community with others we are the living “Body of Christ”, the church. Now living as the church, the children of God may be the “cure” to sin and death but it is often not easy, pretty, neat, orderly or pleasant. Now we aren’t talking about remission but a real and permanent cure for sin, SALVATION, eternal life. Are we as committed to being cured as my friend was to seek remission?

God has loved us, given His son for us and sent us into the world to share this cure, not alone but with others who have also experienced His grace. It is not easy as sin still opposes God and those who believe. This enemy makes our mission difficult and distracts us from living like we are recipients of the grace of God that gives us life. If we are willing to endure the torment of surgery, radiation and chemotherapy for a few years what are we willing to do and endure for the gift of eternal life?

SHALOM,

Pastor

Ministers in God's House /July 2006

8:00 am Schedule

Acolytes

- 2 A Jordan Dye
- 9 A Malina Scott
- 16 A Kathy Huffman
- 23 A Jason Seibert
- 30 A Jordan Dye

Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 2 LR Eileen Morgan
CA Kathy Huffman AM Eileen Morgan
- 9 LR Lydia Scott
CA Betty Lyles AM Vicki Vincenti
- 16 LR Calista Stevens
CA Eileen Morgan AM Vicar Denise
- 23 LR Kathy Hopson
CA David Seibert AM Eileen Morgan
- 30 LR Kathy Huffman
CA Vicki Vincenti

Altar Guild: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Calista Stevens

Ushers & Greeters

- 2 U David Seibert G Eileen Morgan
- 9 U Joan Wilson G Vicki Vincenti
- 16 U Vicki Vincenti G Kathy Hopson
- 23 U Betty Lyles G Ken Hopson
- 30 U Ken Hopson G Betty Lyles

Offering Stewards

- 2 Carrie Butler
- 9 Polly Quinn-Miller
- 16 Polly Quinn-Miller
- 23 Paul Sipe
- 30 Paul Sipe

RE: MINISTERS IN GOD'S HOUSE

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10:30 am Schedule

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- 2 A Thomas Herring
- 9 A Jacob Chappell
- 16 A Kim Coughenour
- 23 A Thomas Herring
- 30 A Jacob Chappell

Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers

- 2 LR Kim Coughenour
CA Joyce Visconti AM Diana Hicks
- 9 LR Scott Justice
CA Carrie Butler AM Cristen Chappell
- 16 LR Virginia Leese
CA Bryan Chappell AM Vicar Denise
- 23 LR Jennifer Maddocks
CA Kim Coughenour AM Ben Coughenour
- 30 LR Jim Martin
CA Diana Hicks AM Kate Martin

Altar Guild: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Diana Hicks

Nursery

- 2 Robyn Sipe, Elizabeth Webster
- 9 Bryan Chappell, Virginia Leese
- 16 Nancy-Anne Potts, Laura Reid
- 23 Jeff & Pam Stevens
- 30 Jeff & Pam Stevens

Ushers

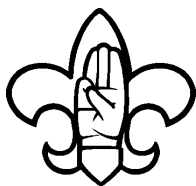
- 2 Helen Frederick, Barbara Hallan
- 9 JoAnn Scott, Kathleen St. Lawrence
- 16 Harry & Joleen Propst
- 23 JoAnn Scott, Kathleen St. Lawrence
- 30 Carrie Butler, Bryan Chappell

Greeters

- 2 Harry & Joleen Propst
- 9 Rocky & Joyce Visconti
- 16 Jeff & Pam Stevens
- 23 Mary Bateman, Carrie Butler
- 30 Elizabeth Webster, Pat Canada

Hosts After Worship

- 2 Kathleen St. Lawrence
- 9 Kim Coughenour
- 16 Pam Stevens
- 23 Joyce Visconti
- 30 Elizabeth Webster



Join Cub Scouts!!!

**Thursday, September 7 — 7:00 PM
at Christus Victor Lutheran Church**

Parents, does your son like to... Make new friends? Try new, fun activities? Camp and learn new outdoor skills? Tell jokes, sing songs, act out skits? And have lots of fun? If so, you should find out what Cub Scouts has to offer!

September 7 is **Join Cub Scouting Night** for Pack 486. If your son is in the first through fifth grades, we'd love to show both you and him what Cub Scouting is all about! Cub Scout Pack 486 will be hosting **Join Scouting Night** at Christus Victor.

You and your son can learn more about Cub Scouting, see some of what Cub Scouts do, and meet and talk to Cub Scout leaders and some actual Cub Scouts! It should be fun and informative, and should take only about an hour.

For those interested in joining, we will register the boys as Scouts, assign them to Dens, and get organized for the upcoming Scout year. Cost for joining Cub Scouts is \$28.00 per scout, plus uniform. Come and join us!

Questions??? Please call Bob Radcliffe, Cubmaster, at 572-2769, or Cathy Willward, Pack Committee Chair, at 489-5423.

Summer Reading Suggestions . . .

Summer is upon us, and with it come great opportunities to do some reading! Many children are participating in summer reading programs, and what better way to set an example than to read a few good books yourself? Grab some light reading for vacation or pick up something a bit heavier to challenge yourself! Come by the sacristy and find the perfect book for yourself and your family. With this month's new arrivals, there is now even more to choose from. Here are a few of the new selections:

Children's Prayers From Around the World - Mary Batchelor

As the title says, this well-illustrated book contains short prayers from a variety of sources, both familiar and less-so. The prayers cover a number of topics and events and are grouped by subject, making finding just the right one simple.

The New Oxford Annotated Bible - NRSV with Apocrypha

An excellent choice for study or reference, this Bible provides useful notes alongside the text in an easy-to-read format, as well as a variety of essays, maps and other study tools.

3,458 Bible People & Places

Covering both the Old and New Testament, this book gives brief descriptions of the people and places of the Bible, including alternate spellings of names. It also gives pronunciations for all names listed, making it a valuable resource for lay readers.

Vicar's Voice

Dear Christus Victor Family,

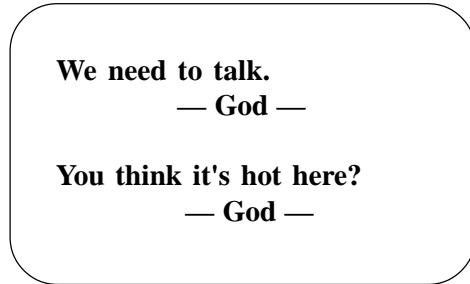
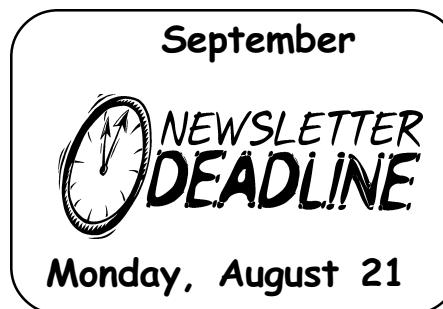
It is hard to believe that a year has gone by! What a year I have had with you! I have grown and learned so much. I have had the experience here of leading worship with three different worship settings, leading choir, teaching, working with committees, and much more. So much has happened in these settings that I can't write it all down.

My favorite part of internship was the internship project. Praying with you all was so very meaningful, as we shared together our joys and concerns. As you know, I love to write and arrange music, and setting part of the vespers to "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" was such a joy to me. All the lay participation of this service truly helped me see liturgy as "the work of the people." The mission trip was also a wonderful highlight, as my family and I experienced being in community with Christus Victor people and people at Koinonia Farm. Other highlights include the middle school sleepover and their skit, doing openings for Sunday School, kids singing in church, choirs, studying the Word, preaching, and most of all, sharing Holy Communion with you. I am sure I am leaving something out—so many good things have happened.

I also learned much by just talking to you all. Whether it was during fellowship time after church, phone calls, visits, or drop-ins at the office, getting to know you has been a pleasure. The strength of Christus Victor truly is in the people—the body of Christ who worship here. You know how to reach out to others and show that you care.

My last month here is July, and this is my last article for the *Venture*. I bid you a fond farewell and thank you for all that you have done to teach me. Thanks for allowing me the experience to learn about ministry in this special congregation. May God bless you, as you continue to grow in the Spirit!

Peace,
Vicar Denise



Women of the ELCA are Planning For the Fall . . .

The ladies of CVLC WELCA had a delightful fellowship at the June dinner meeting on Monday, June 12, 2006. We had many different and delicious salads and desserts that were shared by everyone.

The Women of the ELCA will resume our meetings on Monday, September 11 at the church at 7:00pm. We will continue our programs, "Act Now for the Lord." The September program leader will be Pat Canada and the hostess will be Joleen Propst. We will be making layettes for refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world. These gifts of Lutheran World Relief layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers. The program for Monday, October 9th will be, "Act Boldly with Self Control." Betty Lyles will be the leader and Barbara Hallan will be the hostess. On Monday, November 13th the program will be, "Act Boldly with Health." The leader and hostess will be Kathy Huffman. Our Dinner meeting will be on December 11th at the church. We look forward to seeing you at these WELCA meetings in the fall.

We have four ladies interested in the trip to Crossnore School to tour the facilities and take gifts for the children. The date for the tour is Friday, September 29, 2006. If you would like to attend please let one of the officers know so arrangements can be made.

- * Remember to keep supporting our on-going projects. These items are displayed on the WELCA table in the fellowship hall and special containers are provided to place your needed items.
- * Please remember to bring your pledge up-to-date. Contact Pat Canada if you need to know the amount you owe.
- * Remember your SECRET SISTER. New names will be drawn at the December Dinner meeting.
- * Remember to continue filling your THANK OFFERING BOXES. They will be collected in November.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH LAYETTE:

*Two shirts or Onesies *Two gowns or sleepers *Two receiving blankets *Four cloth diapers
 *One sweater *Two washcloths *Two diaper pins *One bath-size bar of gentle soap in its original wrapping. Gently used, clean items may be substituted for new ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used. Preferred styles of sweaters have buttons or ties down the front. Infant sweatshirts may be substituted for the sweater.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER AND JOIN US ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7:00PM AT THE CHURCH.

Nancy Pollard, President; Betty Lyles, Vice-President; Pat Canada, Treasurer; Joleen Propst, Secretary

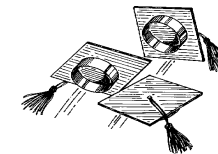
Around the Parish . . .



Directory Changes:

- ☐ Eileen Morgan, 725 Quiet Woods Place, Durham, NC 27712
- ☐ Barbara Carruthers, 86 Sylvan Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
- ☐ Mark & Krista Rogers, 355 Miller St., Christiansburg, VA 24073

Congratulations to Whitney Gilbert



who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill on May 14 with a degree in elementary education! She will be teaching at Chesterfield Elementary

School in Morganton, NC, this coming school year. Whitney is JoAnn Scott's granddaughter.

Council Meeting Highlights

June 2006



- ✓ The computer task force has been hard at work and it shouldn't be long before Pat has a new computer for the church office.
- ✓ Following the resignation of Tim Johnson at the end of May, we have already begun the search for his replacement. We hope to hire a new music director by the beginning of September.
- ✓ God Provides and We Respond: VBS is ready to roll! Please join us to celebrate God's Gifts on the following Thursday evenings at 6 pm: June 22, July 13, July 27, and August 10. This program is designed to be fun and inspiring for children and adults of all ages, so bring the whole family!

The Altar Guild gives thanks to Alexis Thompson for supplying Communion bread for the month of June.



May Record of Giving

	May Actual	May YTD	Five Month Budget
Monies Given	\$ 7,680	67,315	67,715
Monies Used for Ministry	<u>\$14,929</u>	<u>71,396</u>	67,715
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (7,249)	(4,081)	

Faith Practices — Give

The maturing disciple knows that everything belongs to God; we are merely caretakers and managers. In response to God's touch in our lives, we offer ourselves joyfully to others: our time, our talent and our financial treasures. God has blessed us abundantly, providing us with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all need from day to day (Luther's Small Catechism). In and through our baptism we receive and discover our spiritual gifts. The growing disciple finds ways to unpack and use those gifts for the sake of Jesus, the church and the world.

Knowing God has entrusted us with abilities and goods we ask. "How can we use these resources to love God?" Thus we do not waste time striving to be rich in things, but to be rich in love. The maturing disciple is also maturing in financial stewardship, understands the biblical concept of the tithe and is growing in sacrificial and joyful giving toward and beyond a ten percent response in all areas of life.

Part of the disciples job description is to give freely.

Thank You!

The Property Board, along with all coffee drinkers in the congregation, send our thanks to David Seibert for the new coffee maker. The top to the old coffee maker disappeared and making coffee with plastic wrap on top was getting pretty messy! Thanks, David!!

Christus Victor's 40th Anniversary Celebration



Please put September 9 & 10 on your calendar as a date to celebrate the first service held at CVLC. There will be a pig pickin dinner on September 9 at the church (see insert in this Venture to get your tickets for the pig pickin). On Sunday morning there will be one service at 10:30 AM. We will celebrate Rally Day with a breakfast prior to the service. The service will be followed by a light lunch. The lunch will be a variety of sandwiches, relish tray, fruit and beverages. We are asking people to bring a tray with their choice of foods.

Also, anyone having addresses of former members please either email them or give them to Nancy Pollard. Her e-mail address is nanap@mindspring.com You can also give them to Joleen Propst or e-mail to phjpropst@aol.com

In First Things First, Roger Merrill relates the story of a busy man who decided to landscape his grounds. He hired a woman with a doctorate in horticulture and emphasized to her the need to create a maintenance-free garden with automatic sprinklers and other labor-saving devices since he was too busy to spend much time on upkeep.

Finally she stopped and said, "There's one thing you need to deal with before we go any further. If there's no gardener, there's no garden!"

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- 20 Nancy-Anne Potts, Laura Reid
- 27 Bryan Chappell, Virginia Leese

Ushers

- 6 Jeff & Pam Stevens
- 13 Barbara Hallan, Helen Frederick
- 20 Carrie Butler, Bryan Chappell
- 27 Barbara Hallan, Helen Frederick

Greeters

- 6 Bryan Chappell, Barbara Hallan
- 13 Ralph & Jennifer Maddocks
- 20 Beth Miller, Nancy Pollard
- 27 Nancy-Anne Potts, Virginia Leese

Hosts After Worship

- 6 Judy Meade, Mary Bateman
- 13 Carrie Butler
- 20 Pat Canada
- 27 Cristen Chappell



July Birthdays

- 2 Tony Kluttz
- 5 Nathan Poore
- 5 Phillip Moen
- 6 Jim Martin
- 6 Kelsey Bennett
- 8 Suzanne Arnold
- 9 Elizabeth Webster
- 10 Kenny Butler
- 11 Robyn Sipe
- 15 Michael Bradshaw
- 15 Rachel Knight
- 16 Dorian Gothard
- 17 Kenneth Leese
- 17 Eric Arnold
- 19 Greg Peeler
- 22 Keith Leese
- 22 Jessica Quinn
- 23 Michelle Wilson
- 23 Ian Webster
- 23 Krista Rogers
- 25 Nancy Pollard
- 26 Kristin Seibert
- 26 Shannon Green
- 27 Helen Frederick
- 27 Walt James
- 28 Cody Green
- 30 Hans Bradshaw

July Anniversaries

- 19 Michael & Barbara Green
- 20 James & Kathy Huffman
- 31 Scott & Tammy Justice



August Birthdays

- 1 Riley Sipe
- 3 Will Vick
- 3 Steve Gothard
- 4 Chuck Trull
- 5 Al Bradshaw
- 6 Maria McDonald
- 14 David Seibert
- 17 Pastor Huffman
- 19 Eileen Morgan
- 21 Rocky Visconti
- 22 Steve Gothard
- 23 Joyce Visconti
- 27 John Moen
- 28 Julia Chappell
- 31 Judy Meade

August Anniversaries

- 12 Ken & Kathy Hopson
- 12 Niles & Virginia Leese
- 15 Ray & Susan Kelley
- 17 Jim & Kate Martin
- 18 Mark & Krista Rogers
- 19 George & Alexis Thompson
- 21 Rocky & Joyce Visconti