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*Christus Victor Lutheran Church*

# **THE VENTURE**

May 2011

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

## **Who Knows Best?**

**TO:** Jesus, Son of Joseph, Woodcrafters Shop, Nazareth  
**FROM:** Jordan Management Consultants, The Solomon Building, Jerusalem

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the results through our computer but also have arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all the tests are included, and you will want to study each of them carefully. As part of our service and for your guidance, we make some general comments. These are given as a result of staff consultation and come without any additional fee.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale. We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus definitely have radical leanings, and they

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

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**Ministers**..... *All the members of CVLC*

**Church Staff**

**Pastor**..... The Rev. James Huffman

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**Parish Secretary**..... Pat Nestler

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both registered a high score on the manic depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right hand man. All the other profiles are self-explanatory. . . . We wish you every success in your new venture.



## ***From the Pastor . . .***

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The other day I saw a TV show on the history of the American fast food hamburger. They started with McDonalds and pointed out that the center piece of the development of McDonalds was that you would get the same burger at any McDonalds you went to anywhere in the world. A “Quarter pounder,” a Big Mac and the fries were always the same. With the exception of a few test markets, all McDonalds had the same menu. Everything was standard and it worked. Then along came Burger King and "Have it your way." The “flame broiled, have it your way burger" began to eat into McDonald’s market share. The competition gave rise to changes in menu, diversity, and an end to standardization, and now there were burgers made-to-order at McDonalds.

Now I understand why it takes longer to get my order at McDonalds and why the quality of “the assembled burger” varies from location to location. Efficiency, standard of quality and speed of service has been sacrificed for the "have it your way" desire of the public. I always expected Burger King to take a little longer to get my order to me and if I was in hurry took note of the waiting line. As I thought of our response to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of our lord the comparison of McDonalds and Burger King came to mind.

The Crucifixion and the Resurrection came to us exactly as the Father designed. I think if we could have the Crucifixion and Resurrection our way it would have been very different. Could it be that we would like to have Jesus our way all the way around. Going just a bit further with this, perhaps the living as “the body of Christ” and working together in mission as a congregation is difficult because we want it to be our way, when if it is the church, “the body of Christ” it is only what it can be when it is God’s way.

Having just gone through the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord it would be an excellent opportunity to really reflect on being a part of “God’s way” as God’s Church, as Jesus’ disciples and as the Body of Christ.

SHALOM –Pastor Huffman

## ***Ministers in God's House /MAY 2011***

### **8:00 am Schedule**

#### **Acolytes**

- 1 A Malina Scott
- 8 A Laurel Seibert
- 15 A Dominic Silha
- 22 A Jordan Dye
- 29 A Betty Lyles

#### **Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers**

- 1 LR Jeff Scott  
CA Pat Canada AM
- 8 LR Lydia Scott  
CA Kathy Huffman AM
- 15 LR Malina Scott  
CA Joan Wilson AM Calista Steven
- 22 LR Kathy Huffman  
CA Calista Stevens AM
- 29 LR Jeff Scott  
CA Lydia ScottAM

**Altar Guild:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Joan Wilson  
**Bread Baker for the Month** Judy Meade

#### **Greeters & Ushers**

- 1 G Calista Stevens U Betty Lyles
- 8 G Dominic Silha U Jordan Dye
- 15 G Mike Green U Pat Canada
- 22 G Betty Lyles U Mike Green
- 29 G Joan Wilson U Dominic Silha

#### **Offering Stewards**

- 1 Paul Sipe
- 8 Paul Sipe
- 15 Ann Redick
- 22 Ann Redick
- 29 Polly Quinn

**RE: MINISTERS IN GOD'S HOUSE**  
If you cannot serve on the date scheduled, please find a substitute and call the church office the *Tuesday before you are to serve* for the change to be published in the Sunday bulletin.

### **10:30 am Schedule**

#### **Acolytes**

- 1 A Julia Chappell
- 8 A Phillip Moen
- 15 A Lisa Lewis
- 22 A Alan Webster
- 29 A Sarah Johnson

#### **Lay Readers/Comm. Assistants & Assisting Ministers**

- 1 LR Sue Feltey  
CA Kathy Hopson AM Diana Hicks
- 8 LR Judy Meade  
CA Diana Hicks AM Cristen Chappell
- 15 LR Jane Leese  
CA Joyce Visconti AM Holly Zemke
- 22 LR Holly Zemke  
CA Bryan Chappell, John Moen
- 29 LR Kathy Huffman  
CA Bob Feltey, Holly Zemke

**Altar Guild:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Judy Meade  
**Bread Baker for the Month** Robyn Sipe

#### **Nursery**

- 1 Kathy Huffman, Alex Moen
- 8 Kathy Hopson, Alex Moen
- 15 The Websters
- 22 Laura & Tyler Reid
- 29 The Sipes

#### **Greeters & Ushers**

- 1 G Bryan Chappell U Bob & Lisa Lewis
- 8 G Bob & Lisa Lewis U Laura & Tyler Reid
- 15 G John Redick U Brigitte Cooke, Jacob Chappell
- 22 G Joyce Visconti U Harry & Joleen Propst
- 29 G Virginia Leese U Lauren Baker, Bryan Chappell

#### **Hosts After Worship 10:30 Service**

- 1 The Websters
- 8 The Zemkes
- 15 The Butlers
- 22 The Chappells
- 29 The Felteys

## Christian Camp?

by Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn



A group of mothers discuss their families' summer schedules. With school ending late; and starting early, a week or two for a family trip, Vacation Bible School at church and friends coming to visit, there are only a few precious weeks left open. One mother holds brochures from soccer camp, cheerleading camp, computer camp...and church camp. Clearly, because of time and money there will have to be some choices made.

Why choose Christian camp? Other camps boast improved skills in concrete, measurable areas: shots on goal, word processing and data entry, jumps and cheers that colleges use. Most offer practice drills and competition. All of that is fine and can be valuable, but it is easy to be fooled into thinking that secular camps teach "real-life" skills that kids can use, and Christian camps do not. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The skills that campers will learn at Lutheridge and Lutherock this summer are just as tangible and useful.

An 11-year-old boy prays out loud each night for a week with a group of friends his own age. The first night it is very hard, but by Friday it is easy. He finds himself really talking to God instead of worrying about what other people are thinking. That skill may be put to use at the supper table or in Sunday School class the very next week.

A teenage camper can't find her money and begins to accuse her cabin mates of stealing. The counselor invites all the girls to join hands in prayer and then they search the cabin together and the money is found. What will those girls do first the next time? One camper is difficult to tolerate. He is rude and selfish and uncaring others. The counselor sets limits for him and coaches better behavior again and again. But the counselor also coaches the other boys in the cabin, witnessing both in work and in action to the love Jesus has for this troubled youth. He encourages them to share their feelings honestly, but also invites them to grow in patience and compassion by treating the boy kindly despite his attitude.



### UP-COMING EVENTS AT CAMP AGAPE & KURE BEACH:

☛ Register for Summer Camp. The registration form is available on the web [www.agapekurebeach.org](http://www.agapekurebeach.org). It is our policy that no one be turned away from these camp programs due to lack of funds. Please pray for the campers, counselors, and support staff, that this will be a life changing experience with our Lord this summer.

☛ River of Hope lunch will be August 13th at Camp Agapé in the Woodlands Center. Festivities start at 11:30.

☛ Mini Van needed for our traveling Day Camp teams, and a gas or electric golf cart is needed.

**Contact Camp Agape:** 919-552-9421 E-mail: [agape@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:agape@agapekurebeach.org)

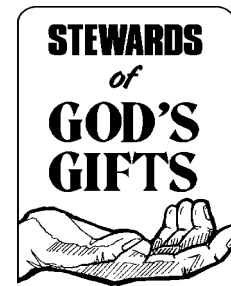
**Contact Kure Beach office:** -910-458-0783 E-mail: [kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org](mailto:kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org)

## Movie Night at CVLC

Keep the evening of Saturday, May 21 open. We will be having a movie night in the church basement. One movie will be for adults, and we will show another movie in the nursery for children. Popcorn will be provided . . . you will need to bring a drink and pillows (for those inclined to sit on the floor!) Arrive by 6:45 pm as the movie will start promptly at 7 pm. Watch the bulletins for more details!



### On Stewardship



During Lent and Easter we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us all. During Lenten Services Pastor has taught us about enhancing and increasing our prayer life in order to have a breakthrough we need to step out of our comfort zone. So I am asking you, during this season of devotion and sacrifice to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to God. It is not about Christ Victor meeting it's budget, but it is all about your being a faithful steward of what God has blessed you with.

Peace be with you,  
Denise Santeramo

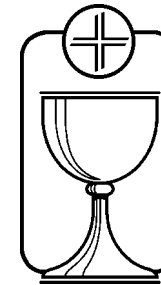


## Things Mom Would Never Say

"How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"  
"Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too."  
"Just leave all the lights on. It makes the house look more cheery."  
"Let me smell that shirt. Yeah, it's good for another week."  
"Go ahead and keep that stray dog, Honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."  
"Well, if Timmy's mom says it's okay, that's good enough for me."  
"The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."  
"I don't have a tissue with me...just use your sleeve."  
"Don't bother wearing a jacket—the wind chill is bound to improve."



### From the Altar Guild



The Altar Guild thanks Calilsta Stevens for supplying the Communion bread for the early service and Tammy Justice for bread for the late service. We also thank

Virginia Leese for supplying the Communion wine.



*Change of address . . .*

☛ Rick & Martha Kluttz, 355 Ribelin Road, Gold Hill, NC 28071.







## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **May Birthdays**

- 2 Carrie Butler
- 8 Ben Coughenour
- 9 Ralph Maddocks
- 10 Owen Maddocks
- 13 Harry Propst
- 14 Ellie Tunkel
- 21 Doug Stevens
- 23 Colleen Haithcock
- 25 Kiran Chikmath
- 27 Betty Lyles

### **May Anniversaries**

- 5 Jeff & Lydia Scott
- 6 Ralph & Jennifer Maddocks
- 21 Randal & Colleen Haithcock
- 29 Gary & Holly Zemke



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