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As we all do our part to “shelter in place” the church office and building will be closed. Staff will continue to serve, our email addresses and phone numbers are listed on the back page.

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

April 2020

We start with Christ in our serving, in our caring, in our growing

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DATED MATERIAL

www.ChristianaLutheranChurch.org

Look for updates on our homepage (christianialutheranchurch.org), our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/christianialutheran/>) and by congregational email (Constant Contact).



If you find yourself with some spare time in the coming weeks, and are interested in exploring the music of our hymnal, please join me live on Christiania's Facebook page where I will present historical context on familiar and unfamiliar hymns. We will conclude each session by singing the hymns together! (Don't worry, no one else can hear you.) If you are not on Facebook, these videos will be posted on Christiania's website, just like the worship services of the past couple of weeks have been. I might even take hymn requests for future videos in the comments or by email! The scheduled time for each video will be posted on Facebook at least a few days in advance and will likely occur at regular intervals. I can't wait to see you there!

Blessings of peace and health,

Dr. Matt

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CORONAVIRUS?
CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MDH (Minnesota Department of Health): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

General MN Health COVID –19: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Reference to the size of gatherings: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/communities.html>



CDC (Centers for Disease Control): <https://www.cdc.gov/>

WAYS TO CONNECT

WORSHIP

- Wednesday, April 1: 7:00 p.m.** Zoom (instructions on pages 6 & 7)
- Palm Sunday, April 5: 10:00 a.m.** Facebook Live (instructions on page 5)
- Youth Group: Sunday, April 5: 6:00 p.m.** Zoom
- Maundy Thursday, April 9: 7:00 p.m.** Facebook Live
- Good Friday, April 10: 7:00 p.m.** Facebook Live
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11: 7:00 p.m.** Facebook Live
- Easter Sunday, April 12: 10:00 a.m.** Facebook Live
- Worship Sunday, April 19 & 27: 10:00 a.m.** Facebook Live

BIBLE STUDIES

- Tuesday Bible Study: 8:00 a.m.** Conference Call w/Pastor Jon (instructions below)
- Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.** (Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at bahncl@aol.com for more info.)
- Thursday Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.** Conference Call w/Pastor Jon
- Men's Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month: 8:00 a.m.** Zoom w/Pastor Jon

To join a study, contact the church office or Pastor Jon and give him your phone number.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON RHODES



Here we now find ourselves, a couple weeks in to our new routines caused by Coronavirus. No doubt it has been challenging and disruptive for all of us in a variety of big and small ways. I've noticed our flexibility and adaptability, I've noticed great care of the other, and our willingness to try new things. I'm happy to report we are still being the church. Congratulations--and thanks.

I've experienced some deep sadness and despair which I understand to be my experience of loss and processing of grief. It's normal. Keep looking out for one another and keep connected in whatever ways you can (i.e. phone, text, mail, email, etc.). And don't hesitate to reach out to share the burden in prayer and conversation. I'd love to hear how you're doing and where you see needs in the world.

Our worship, ministries and programs continue-but not in a physically present, face-to-face way. There are many challenges with adjusting to new technology. This special edition of our newsletter is an attempt to help more become connected. If you're finding it difficult to connect please let us know. In light of some important new phrases for this time (i.e. "social distancing" and "shelter in place") I'm happy to report, not only are we being tested but we are meeting the challenge and being Christ's church. Well done--I'm proud of you.

Using our God lens you may also notice some hopeful signs of God's presence and new life. Let's share these as our *Lenten Litany* suggests, "Your testimony becomes the good news someone else has been waiting to receive." Take comfort in the prophet Jeremiah's words: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Jon

A MESSAGE FROM ROB METZ COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Christiania Executive Council met on March 10, 2020. At the March meeting, the Executive Council learned more about the work of the Safety Team, the audit process, and the work of Urban Ventures. At their April meeting, the Executive Council will most likely focus a majority of their time discussing Coronavirus related issues.



"It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." Matthew 13:32

My theme for this month is how small things can make a big difference. There is a paved path in my neighborhood that many people use to walk, jog, and bike. Carol and I use it a lot, as do many others. About a week ago, two neighbor girls began leaving positive messages, written in chalk, on the path each day. The messages change daily, and offer words of hope and encouragement to the many people who use the path.

These daily small signs of encouragement have caused me to think about what I could do to help others. I am quite sure they have impacted many others who use the path in the same way. Who knows what good works have occurred because of these simple messages? The smallest seeds become trees.

As we make plans and take action to maintain and even increase the impact Christiania has on its members and neighbors during this Coronavirus interruption, let's keep in mind that every small thing we do will make a difference in some way, to someone, somewhere.

Rob Metz - Council President



How to connect to Zoom via smartphone for the first time:

The first time you connect your smartphone to Zoom you will need to download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app. Allow 5 minutes for this process.

1. Open your device's app store.
2. Search for Zoom Cloud Meetings. Look for this icon  to be sure you get the correct app.
3. After it is installed, open the app and enter your name and any other information you like.

How to join a Zoom event via smartphone app:

We will use Zoom for meetings, some Bible studies, and occasional worship services.

1. Find the link for the Zoom event; this link will be sent via email.
 - a. If you have not already installed the software, you will be prompted to do that now.
 - a. You may also need the meeting code, which can be found with the link.
2. You will be asked if you would like to use Device Audio or Dial In. It is recommended that you select Device Audio.
3. Once you have made your selection you will be connected to the Zoom event.

How to join a Zoom event via telephone:

You may choose to participate in meetings and/or worship using your landline telephone or basic phone.

1. Find the Zoom event information. For meetings, this will be sent via email. For worship services via Zoom, find the information on the Worship Videos page of our website.
 - a. There will be one or more phone numbers listed. They are typically long-distance numbers so you may be subject to charges depending on your phone plan.
2. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number followed by the # sign. (*This is usually a 9, 10, or 11-digit number; it will be included in with the Zoom information*).
3. Follow the audio instructions to join the Zoom event.

How to connect to Zoom via computer for the first time:

The first time you connect your computer to Zoom you will need to download some software. Allow 5 minutes for this process.

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.) 
2. In the address bar, type <http://zoom.us/test> and press enter. This will test your computer to make sure it can support the program and then prompt you to install the software.
3. The first time you connect, it will likely ask for your name and email. (You do NOT need to set up a zoom account to login to a zoom meeting.)

How to join a Zoom event via computer:

We will use Zoom for meetings and some Bible studies.

1. Find the link for the Zoom event; this link will be sent via email.
 - a. If you have not already installed the software, you will be prompted to do that now.
 - b. You may also need the meeting code, which can be found with the link.
2. Just before you get into the zoom meeting room you are asked about audio and how you are going to **listen in** to the meeting. Below is a typical screen with the options for audio.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. If your computer is equipped with speakers and a microphone, you can click on "join with computer audio."<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. You can test your computer audio settings by clicking on "Test speaker and microphone." | OR | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. If your computer is not equipped with speakers and a microphone, you may call in on your phone while watching on your computer screen. To do this, click the "Phone Call" tab at the top and it will tell you the phone number to call in. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Once you have made your selection you will be connected to the Zoom event. | | |

Ways to continue your donations:

1. **Through Your Bank** - You can set-up an automatic donations through your bank. Your bank will mail a check from your account directly to Christiania. (You will need to contact your bank to make arrangements.)
2. **Mail** - Donations can be mailed directly to Christiania Lutheran Church, 26691 Pillsbury Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044.

3. **Black Mail Box** - If you wish to drop off your donation, there is a black mail box located to the right of the main doors.



4. **Vanco** - Is online electronic giving. Start the sign-up process from the front page of our website. Click on "How Do I"



next click on "Give To Christiania"



from there you can click on "Online Giving"



you will be transferred to a new page you will need to "create an online profile" then you can sign-up for a "one time donation or recurring donations."



Pastoral Care and help, Baptisms and Funerals

In light of the suspension of face-to-face ministries, please contact Pastor Jon 952.461.2283 for all your pastoral care, help and sacrament needs. At this time we plan to share the Holy Supper when we are able to worship physically

Sign up to receive, Congregational and prayer chain emails

How to sign up for Constant Contact through the church website:

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.)
2. In the address bar, type www.christianialutheranchurch.org, and press enter.



3. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Find the link "Sign Up for Constant Contact."



4. Complete the form and submit.

You may also sign up for Constant Contact by calling Carri in the church office at 952-461-2283

How to find worship videos on the church website:

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.)
2. In the address bar, type www.christianialutheranchurch.org, and press enter.

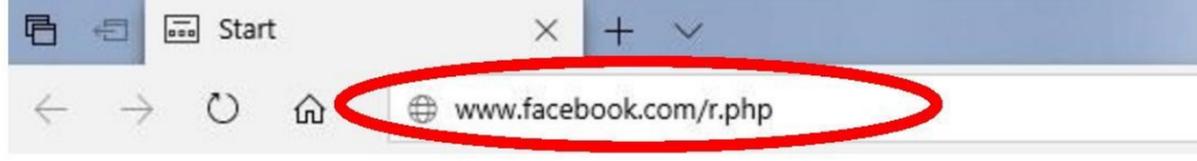


3. Find the button "Worship Videos" which is just below the church logo.



How to create a Facebook account:

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.)
2. In the address bar, type www.facebook.com/r.php and press enter.



3. Enter your name, email or mobile phone number, password, date of birth and gender.
4. Click **Sign Up**.
5. To finish creating your account, you need to confirm your email or mobile phone number.

How to find Christiania on Facebook:

1. Sign into your Facebook account.
2. In the address bar, type www.facebook.com/christianialutheran and press enter.



3. Just below the cover photo is a gray "Follow" button. By clicking this button, you will be notified every time something is posted, including live videos.

Facebook Live

4. On the left side of the screen is a list of links. Click on Video to find previous worship services and other shared videos.

