

Christiania Newsletter

January 2021

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions found on page 8)

Wednesday, January 6

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions found on page 8)

Wednesday, January 13

Annual Reports Due

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study Online-Zoom

Sunday, January 17

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship/Communion
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions found on page 8)

Wednesday, January 20

9:30 a.m. CLCW
1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
1:30 p.m. Curbside Communion
5:00 p.m. NDCB
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 24

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Worship on YouTube (instructions found on page 8)

Wednesday, January 27

1:00 p.m. Midweek Pause Online
5:00 p.m. Nitty Gritty Church Band
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Online-Zoom
7:30 p.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Indoor Worship
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For these of our Congregation:

Bridget Anderson ... Crisa Silverness ... Scott Mischke ... Marjorie Tonsager
Margaret Corrigan ... Ellie Panek ... Melissa Hanson ... Bob Jacobson
Susie Stiehl & family ... Cindy Hildreth ... Carol Garant ... Tony Burnham
Sandy Erickson ... Carl Bahnsen ... Sharon Syverson ... Ardis vonFischer

For all those working on the front lines fighting against the COVID-19 virus:

Alex Krenz

For those who also need healing:

Dylan Hart, nephew of Rob & Carol Metz	Linda Dorn, friend of the congregation
Emmet Peterson, grandson of Mary & Warren Peterson	Lee Jacobson, brother of Bob and Arlene Jacobson
Phil Strom, friend of Doc Aaker	Eunice Bue, mother of Jody Wilkins
All the residents of Emerald Crest in Burnsville	Palo Petersen, son of Linda Costa
Mary Klockeman, sister of Karla Schrader	Clarice Robertson, Kim Robertson's mom
Brittany Dawson, future daughter-in-law of Sherri & Mike Mohn	Susan and Mike Khoury, friends of Clausen's and Eckdahl's
Michael Ford, friend of Lori & LeRoy Clausen	Dan Slater, friend of Andy Nelson
Wynn Ostlie, brother of Joanie Eckdahl	Corrine Manship, friend of Sandy Cross
Chris Saunders, brother of Tia Burnham	Lynette & Ron Lindmark, sister & brother-in-law of Bonnie Lindquist
Asher Woodard, son of a co-worker of Dick Panek	Mark Dorn, friend of the congregation
Gary Hunt, friend of LeRoy & Lori Clausen	Wes Fausch, father of Adam Fausch
Amy Bement, friend of Lori Clausen	Mark Jacobson, nephew of Bob & Arlene Jacobson
Mike Nordman, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen	Dwayne, friend of Geeg and Steve Aaker
Jennifer, NJ cousin of Alan Ritchie	Michelle Tannehill, cousin of Karen Lundeen-Fontaine
PriCilla Bjorklund, close friend of Cathy Breyer	Chuck Crosby, friend of Lori & Mark Rogers
Greg Jeffers, brother-in-law of Becky Ruen	Norman Tempel, father of Scott Tempel
Justin Storlie, son of Joan & Ritchie Storlie	Brayden, son of Deanna Opere & Mike Glover
Mike Bean, friend of Dick & Ellie Panek	Philip Tupa, Linda Tupa's son
Vickie Hall, sister-in-law of Donna Silverness	Manda Warren Madvig, friend of members
Megan Taylor, relative of Lori Clausen	Brian, son of George Kasper
Brian & Denise Neisen, friend of Lori Clausen	Leila Eagan, mother of Dianne Bergum
Matthew Ames, son of Alan & Fayette Ames	Jeffrey, nephew of Denise & Bill Kanfield
Benjamin Velasquez, friend of Matt & Stephanie Steinbron	Annie, friend of Lori Rogers
	Kathy, mother of Rachel Fausch

In Military:

Mitchell Wicklund (Jerry & Audrey's grandson); Andrew Johnston (Denise Kanfield's nephew)
Brenden Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' nephew); Josh Dennehey (John Dennehey's son)
Christian Weidling (Sherri & Mike Mohn's nephew); Max Baker (Sandy Cross' grandson)
Billy Hukka (Beth Hukka's son); Miguel Nuno (Arcadio Gutierrez and Tania Drexler's nephew)
John Rogers (Mark & Lori Rogers' son); Mark Langreck (Dona Jo & Lee Braun's nephew)

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FROM SENIOR PASTOR JON RHODES

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Happy New Year people of Christiania!

I'm still celebrating Christmas and what a glorious celebration it was. In Christ's birth our messiah, who is light, illumines a dark world. The gospel of John reminds us, ***The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it*** (John 1:5).

Remembering Christmas isn't a two day event but, rather, a celebration of twelve days keeps me from moving too soon to what's next. The Twelve Days of Christmas marks the time between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi (the wise men); beginning Dec. 25 (Christmas) and running through Jan. 6 (Epiphany).

So many things were different this year, often including online components for church, family gatherings, and shopping. Change has provided recurring opportunities to practice flexibility with one another and trust in God's provision.

In this year's telling of the nativity story I was cognizant of how often the command "Do not be afraid" was shared by the angels directing God's work. In the gospel of Luke we hear the angel Gabriel sharing God's plans for her life and offering this encouragement to Mary: ***"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God..."***(Luke 1:30).

Matthew's gospel shares a similar word from an angel to Joseph: ***"...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins"*** (Matthew 20b-21).

The angels begin with, "Do not be afraid," then share God's plans with both Mary and Joseph. Isn't this a word we need now—a word, perhaps, for 2021? Do not be afraid. I'm thinking a conversation with an angel might be a bit disruptive. I hope I'd be open to it and know the word was of God. But I really believe that *Do not be afraid* is the word we need to hear today. There is plenty to be afraid of in

the world: COVID-19; cancer; a poor economy; poorly performing investments; lack of savings; a health crisis; death; financial ruin; loss of a job/relationship; loss of safety; not getting what we deserve; loss of security; food insecurity; being made a fool of; crime committed against us; ID theft; violence; and even someone treating us poorly/wrongly.

Really, the list is endless—there is plenty to be afraid of—but God has provided a new way; a safe path in the midst of danger. Jesus Christ, the messiah, is our safe path. The one for whom we've been waiting.

The Bible has a lot to say about fear. Basically, it describes two paths: the path of fear and the path of trust. God is the solution to the problem of fear. Here are a couple of the Bible's powerful proclamations against fear:

do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

"Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever..." (Revelation 1:17b-18a)

One of my favorite hymns is a simple one we always sang to close each camp chapel service. Written by poet, Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932), "I Will Not Be Afraid," was a confident expression of faithful living. Evidently, author Flint was burdened deeply with physical challenges including painful arthritis. It appears suffering brought her into a deep and abiding relationship with God. Here is the simple verse we sang as we departed worship:

I will not be afraid;
I will not be afraid;
I will look upward,
And travel onward,
And not be afraid.

God is, indeed, doing a new thing. These lyrics express a good and right approach to the dangers we are confronted by. I will not be afraid, friends, and I hope you'll join me in drawing into deeper love and trust of our newborn king, Jesus Christ.

God loves you and so do I!

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My year as Executive Council President is coming to an end. To say the least, the past year was not what I or anyone else expected it would be. In early March, the pandemic required us to completely close the church with no advance notice. The Executive Council wrote and approved a COVID-19 Response Plan and we began to meet and worship again; first in cars, then outside, and eventually back inside the building. While quite a few churches never reopened for in-person worship, I believe we found the right mix of operating as normally as possible while providing as safe an environment as possible. Many of you were involved in the re-opening decisions, and I sincerely thank you. I want to especially thank the Re-Engagement Committee who helped make decisions about how we could reopen and operate safely, the Worship Team who found a way to make worship possible each and every week, a group of technologically gifted members who came together to produce high quality online services, and our staff who demonstrated creativity, flexibility, and cooperation. I also want to thank the Executive Council for their commitment and dedication. They made several difficult decisions this year and they did so in a careful and thoughtful manner. Finally, I want to thank each of you for the time and talent you contributed to God's plan at Christiania this year. As we begin 2021, let's follow Pastor Jon's example and pause, pray, and listen for what God will be calling us to do in the coming year.

Executive Council Update

The Executive Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. At the meeting, the Council did not recommend any formal changes to the COVID-19 Response Plan. Council members also heard a report from the Nominating Committee. The Council reserved most of the meeting to review the church finances for 2020 and discuss the budget for 2021. The 2021 budget will be approved at the January Executive Council Meeting and at the January 31, 2021 Annual Meeting.

Rob Metz
Council President

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to be readers for the 9:00 indoor and 10:00 a.m. online worship services. If you are available for either, please contact Madalyn Petersen at madandpete@gmail.com

We are also looking for:

Ushers, greeters or anyone interested in filming a short welcome/departure video. If you are interested, please contact Bob Monio at Robert.monio@gmail.com or Daryl Rieck at rieckda@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIANIA'S ANNUAL MEETING

Will take place on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The time of the meeting is yet to be determined.

This year, you may choose to attend the Annual Meeting in person or on Zoom. **If you plan to attend the meeting on Zoom, our constitution requires that you register at least 10 days before the meeting. The last day to register to attend the meeting on Zoom will be Thursday, January 21.**

You can register by leaving a message for Carri Tuma at (952) 461-2283 or emailing her at office@christianialutheranchurch.org. If you register to attend by Zoom, Carri will email you the Zoom link once the time of the meeting has been determined.

BOOK CLUB

January's book is "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. We will be meeting on January 27 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a bag lunch, and something to drink coffee is not furnished. For more info call Arlene Jacobson at 952-461-2229.

QUILT TYING PASS IT ON QUILTS

Attention: Quilters and anyone willing to help fulfil this need.

The quilting group is going progressive. That means we will be doing the different steps of construction at home and passing the quilt on for someone else to do the next step. There are basically four steps and only the last step requires sewing by machine. You can do this!

Step 1 – Layering the backing, batting and top together with fastening with yarn. This takes a large space and a quilt frame or large work surface.

Step 2 – Cutting the yarn and tying it in square knots.

Step 3 – Pinning the edges for the finishing step.

Step 4 – Sewing the edges by machine.

We hope to return to quilting at church but passing the quilts on for different jobs will allow more people to help in the production. The tops measure about 60"x80". Our tops are donated by members or friends of the church. Thrivent has provided funds for batting and thread. All materials will be provided. If you would like to help, please call Linda Otto (952-469-8561) or Sharon Buckley (612-581-5739). Let us know how you want to help. The CLCW quilts go to local shelters and Project Joy in Northfield. In the past, we made 36 – 40 quilts a year. Let's keep or exceed that number in spite of the gathering restrictions.

ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE JANUARY 13!

Attention: All commission chairs, council secretary, staff, organization and special committee chairs/secretaries, and treasurers - please have your 2020 report information submitted by January 13 to be included in the Annual Report.

The Annual Report will be available on January 24 to read in preparation for our Annual Meeting on January 31.

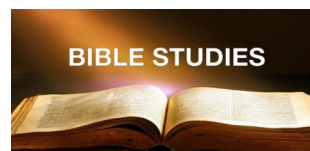
If you are not sure if you are responsible for a report, contact Carri in the church office.

—Thank you!—



CHRISTIANIA LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN January 20 at 9:30 a.m.

We begin our morning with fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. and continue with the business meeting at 11:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter. Come join us for the Bible Study or the whole morning. Our Bible Study is taken from the "Gather" magazine. To subscribe to this magazine go to www.gathermagazine.org and follow the prompts to Augsburg Fortress where you will fill in the necessary information, or call 844-409-0576. The cost is \$19.95 for one year (10 issues).



BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

Women's Bible Study:
January 12 & 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference
Contact Cheryl Bahnsen at bahnc12@aol.com
For more information

**Christiania Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)
Bible Study:**
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon

Men's Bible Study:
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Video/Telephone Conference w/Pastor Jon



A word from our Director of Faith Formation Joe Jorgensen

It is a common understanding that much of our faith journey is built on how we practice faith at home, school, and work. Over the next several months I plan to use this space to share some ideas for faith practices you might try in your home. This month we celebrate the start of a new year. A great way to get the year off to a great start is by modeling Christ's love through random acts of kindness. Here is a list of 12 ideas for you to try. I would love to hear how you choose to use this resource and how it impacts your family. May God richly bless you that you may be a blessing to others. ~Joe

12 Random Acts of Kindness

- #1: Make a card for someone in your neighborhood and deliver it.
- #2: Do a chore without being asked or one that is not your normal chore.
- #3: Share something with a friend.
- #4: Give compliments to every member of your family.
- #5: Tell or read a story to someone.
- #6: Hold the door for someone.
- #7: Fill a bag full of clothes to donate.
- #8: Donate food to your local food shelf.
- #9: Let someone else in the line go in front of you at the grocery store.
- #10: Leave kind notes in the parking lot on the windshields of cars.
- #11: Record your child singing a song and send it to somebody who really needs it.
- #12: Shovel your neighbor's sidewalk.

How to find Christiania on YouTube:

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

3. In the search bar, type "Christiania Lutheran Church ELCA" and press enter.
4. Look for the search result that contains the Christiania logo and click on it.

5. If you have a YouTube account, click "Subscribe" to receive notifications about future video postings. 

Children, Youth, & Families



Sunday School lessons will resume online this month. Lesson videos will be available on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The video link and related activity pages can be found on the Sunday School webpage:

www.christianialutheranchurch.org/sunday-school. If you have any questions, contact Joe at 952-461-1239.

Upcoming lessons:

- 1/3: CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 1/10: Jesus' Baptism
- 1/17: The Disciples
- 1/24: The Lord's Prayer
- 1/31: The Woman at the Well



Classes will be held via Zoom each week, and videos of lessons will be posted on YouTube for those who were unable to attend live. For the latest details, visit the confirmation webpage: www.christianialutheranchurch.org/confirmation or contact Joe with questions.

Upcoming lessons:

- 1/6: (6/7) Review Activity
(8/9) Review Activity
- 1/13: (6/7) Parables: Sheep & Goats
(8/9) Serving through Vocation
- 1/20: (6/7) Last Supper
(8/9) Theology of the Cross
- 1/27: (6/7) Crucifixion
(8/9) Connecting w/ God thru Prayer



Jan. 3: Among Us via Zoom

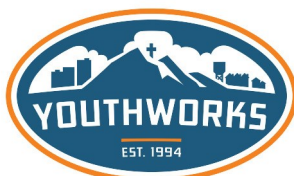
Middle School and High School youth are invited to gather over Zoom from 6:00-8:00 pm.

The Zoom link can be found on the website at www.christianialutheranchurch.org/youth-events



Family Ski/Tubing Event

Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, our winter retreat is being replaced with a family ski/tubing event at Buck Hill on February 13, 2021 from 1-3 pm. Contact Joe or check the church website for more information.



Our next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2020 Youth Holiday Bake Sale through orders, donations, etc. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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January's Food Shelf:



We are collecting **SOUPS, STEWS & CHILI ETC.** for the food shelf this month. Donations can be placed in the baskets at either entrance. Thank you for your contributions

Attention Thrivent members: right now is the best time for action! Your 2020 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2021. You must do this each year; previous designations are only good for that time.

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars[®]. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership.

Generosity is important to Thrivent and its members. Thrivent Choice[®] provides a platform for members to have a financial impact on the causes and nonprofits they care about. More than 40,000 churches and nonprofits are enrolled in the program, and it keeps growing! Choice Dollars may be directed to Christiania or many other charitable and secular organizations. Thrivent is always accepting recommendations for new charities to receive these donations.

You can direct your Choice Dollars online or by calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836. Have your member ID number available, which is on all documents and on your year-end statements.

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